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We have just received the most artistic, best constructed and easiest acting line of builders' hardware ever brought to Salem direct from the

Yale & Towne Manufacturing Co.

This line includes locks, sash lifts etc., and the Yale Burglar Proof Sash Locks The strongest and safest sash fastener made.

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Investigation Continues

Naval Expert Opinions on the Maine Disaster.

The Maine's Forward Magazine Found in Good Condition.

HAVANA, Feb. 24.—As the investigation into the cause of the disaster to the Maine progresses the opinion that the explosion was the result of treachery appears from the reports of newspaper correspondents to be gaining ground.

Details of the Investigation. NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—A Herald dispatch from Havana says: The further the inquiry into the causes that led to the Maine disaster proceeds the more remote appear the chances that any evidence will be discovered to show that the disaster was due to an accident.

One important discovery made was the position of the bodies found in the wreck, 100 of which were floating about in the torn compartments. A full score of these were examined by my informant.

Before the explosion the 10-inch magazine was located on the starboard side, forward and beneath the forward turret. What is left of the magazine seems to have been driven toward the port bow in a diagonal and upward direction.

The theory of the two explosions is borne out by the testimony of Senor Antonio Cabalero, a tobacco dealer of Havana. Senor Cabalero was crossing the bay in a ferry-boat at the time of the explosion.

Spaniards Danced in Glee. NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Engineer Albert Holdsworth and Assistant Engineer Ladrow, of the British ship Olive-dene, which has just arrived from Havana, say that on the night of the Maine explosion they with some others were ashore.

While they stood watching, some breathless Spaniards hurried down the pier bearing fragments of the Maine's payrolls. They said they had picked them up on a bill back in the country from where the Maine lay.

army officer aboard demanded that the captain of the ferry-boat should head about and go to the rescue. The ferry captain's hatred of Americans was so great that he refused.

Magazine Intact. NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—A Tribune dispatch from Havana says: The statement that divers have penetrated the forward part of the Maine and found nothing in the magazine there to indicate an explosion, seems to be verified.

The point has not yet been reached where a definite opinion can be formed regarding submarine mines. Outside opinion has been brought forward regarding the construction of such a system, but it has not been sifted.

Spanish officials were surprised at the firmness with which the Washington administration declined to admit them to a share in the investigation.

General Rivera Shot to Death. HAVANA, Feb. 24.—A hot engagement is just reported in Rosario, Pinar del Rio province, between the combined Spanish forces and the Cubans, under General Diaz.

Special Train for Lee. NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—Although the state department denies the report that General Lee is coming to Jacksonville, Fla., to confer with ex-Secretary of War Proctor, the report is so persistent in Jacksonville, according to a Press special, that it is believed there.

Preparing for the Worst. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Commanders of detachments of the marines at the navy-yards have been instructed to prepare their men for departure to distant points and for duty on ships at a moment's notice.

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Information of the murder of the negro postmaster and his child, at Lake City, N. C., and the burning of his office came to the postoffice department in a dispatch from Inspector Williams, in that district.

The postoffice department has offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest and conviction of the persons who burned the postoffice and a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the person who murdered the postmaster.

Off for Key West. NEW ORLEANS, La., Feb. 24.—The cruiser Marblehead weighed anchor this morning and sailed for Key West, where she will join the North Atlantic squadron at Dry Tortugas.

The Outlook Not Promising. NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—A Tribune dispatch from Havana says: The outlook in Cuba does not grow more promising.

Buy Alum at druggists, and baking powder at grocers. Use the alum externally; put the baking powder in your cake.

News In Congress.

Morgan Resolution Offered as a Substitute to Consular Bill.

Morgan Opposed the Measure in its New Form.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Allen offered the Morgan Cuban belligerency resolution as an amendment to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill.

Hale gave notice of a point of order against the amendment. Morgan, in opposing Allen's amendment, said: We have no right to make a declaration of this in this way.

Referring to the Maine disaster and the investigation now going on, he said: "It would not be right to force the question now. If the senator from Nebraska wants to vote for a declaration of war let him bring it in and state the grounds on which he (Morgan) would vote for such a resolution, but I will not vote for a declaration of war against Spain in disguise. I want the challenge made and pinned up in an honorable way."

Teller said that he had come to the conclusion that recognition of belligerency was an executive act, and that congress could do was to express an opinion.

Senator Allen has introduced a resolution for a senate investigation into the affairs in Cuba.

An amendment to the sundry civil bill by Kitchin, of North Carolina, to strike out the appropriation for detection of violation of the internal revenue laws was carried in the house.

STARVATION CONTINUES. Thousands of Concentrated Starving in Matanzas. SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Feb. 24.—(Correspondence Associated Press.)—While the United States cruiser Montgomery was at Matanzas recently a board of officers was appointed to inquire into the condition of the people in that province.

Although the exact terms of the report are not known, it may be said that in substance it sets forth that there are 14,000 people absolutely without food and clothing within the city limits.

Spain Will Never Sell Cuba. NEW YORK, Feb. 24.—A dispatch to the Herald, from Madrid, says: As the question of the purchase of Cuba is again being pushed in Washington it may be of interest to state on the highest authority, that Spain will never, no matter what government is in power, consider any such suggestion or any compromise in Cuba beyond the broad measure of autonomy drafted by the liberal government. This is an irrevocable decision.

W. B. Corsets—The pink of perfection—Three newest shapes in the short corset just received.

NEW dress goods. NEW silks. NEW wash goods. NEW ribbons. NEW laces. NEW embroideries. NEW skirts. NEW outings. NEW hosiery. NEW linens. NEW waists. NEW collars and cuffs. NEW ties. NEW white goods.

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STATE HOUSE NEWS.

The Portland Social Turn Verein Krankenkasse was incorporated. The organization has for its objects mental and physical development and the cultivation of social brotherhood.

The governor has restored to citizenship three residents of Eastern Oregon, to-wit: Albert Prescott, Clarence Prescott and Wm. Osborne.

The Columbia River and Puget Sound Navigation company, appellant vs. the Vancouver Transportation company and George C. Sears, respondents, appeal from Multnomah county, argued and submitted.

This is an action brought for the recovery of damages for the alleged wrongful seizure and detention of the steamer "Ocean Wave."

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MORE YEW PARK BURGLARIES.

Attempt to Secure Money by the Hobo Element. The association of hobos that holds forth at the old lumber sheds in Depot addition has again gotten in its work. Last night the front door of the Yew Park Grocery was broken open, but nothing is missed. As no money is left in the place there was nothing but goods and that involves too much risk.

This camp of hobos is becoming a menace to that part of the city, as there are constantly a number couped there. Their fire has not gone out since last fall, and at times there are as high as 25 boarders in camp.

Entrance to the Yew Park Grocery was gained by prying open the front door of the building by means of a chisel. The proprietors have thus far failed to discover any thing missing.

The Y. M. C. A. Banquet. It may not be generally understood that those eligible to attend the membership contest banquet tomorrow night, are only the members of the Ladies Auxiliary (this includes all ladies who have paid \$1 each); the members of the Y. M. C. A. in good standing; and all those who have subscribed to the support of the association. Tickets of admission will be given to all entitled to attend, upon application at the secretary's desk, or at the door tomorrow night. If convenient send, or call for your ticket during the day.

Rate War. CHICAGO, Feb. 24.—The Union Pacific road has decided not to take any part in the transcontinental rate war. It issued a notice that, after considering the matter, it has decided not to use cut rates through the Missouri gateways. This action on its part will tend to strengthen the situation materially. Other roads will now be less inclined than ever to allow the war to spread beyond the territory in which the Canadian Pacific is an active competitor.

SALEM MARKET. Wheat—68c. Oats—30c. Apples, 30c/40c in trade. Hay—Baled, cheap, \$9.20. Flour—in wholesale lots, \$3.50; retail \$3.75.

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39c. Your choice of some late nobby and up-to-date scarfs. See center window.

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