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One of the most interesting experiences of the United States troopers is that of the Yosemite reservation...

Houlton, the shire town of Aroostook County, Me., is, declares the New York Sun, one of the most remarkable of border settlements...

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IN OTHER SKIES.

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MR. WILKENNING'S HOBBY.

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"I've got money enough," he said, "but you're an active, energetic man. What will you do with it when you have no business to attend to?"

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FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

Something Interesting About the Co-Operative Stores. How the Plan is Successfully Carried Out in England, and Its Adaptability to This Country.

Senator Stanford, of California, introduced a bill in the Senate last Tuesday to provide for more money in circulation.

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THAT AWFUL WRECK.

Heartrending Scenes at the Wreck. The Unfortunates Were Pinned Down and Scalded to Death.

New York. [Special.]—The accident which occurred on the New York Central railroad at Hastings-on-the-Hudson has proven to be much greater than stated by reports received.

The accident was due to carelessness of a brakeman, Albert E. Herrick, of the Buffalo express, which was lying still beyond Hastings. Herrick fled and has not yet been found.

PLANS OF VIRGINIA'S CREDITORS.

A Surrender of Defaulted Bonds Proposed in Place of a Cash Deposit.

New York City. [Special.]—Frederic P. Olcott, William L. Bull, Henry Budget, Charles D. Dickey, Jr., Hugh R. Garden, and John Gill, the committee of Virginia bondholders, met here Saturday.

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The South's Progress.

While the low price of cotton and iron naturally has a depressing influence upon the general trade of the South and restricts collections, there is no danger of this section not sharing in the prosperity and activity which promise to make 1892 a year of great development throughout the entire country.

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Rails Spread and 17 Persons Were Injured.

ATLANTA, Ga. [Special.]—Vestibule train No. 11 on East Tennessee railroad going South ran off the track in a cut near Williams Station, seventeen persons were injured, but none fatally.

The accident was caused by the rails spreading. Four cinders were derailed. Fifty feet beyond the cut was a trestle. The train was almost on the brink of it when it ran off.

EXPLOSIVES FOR THE NAVY.

HOW THE AMMUNITION FOR OUR WARSHIPS IS PREPARED.

Loading the "Tanks" for the Six-Inch Guns and the Eight-Inch Rifles—Powder in Boxes.

Inside the damp and gloomy casemates of the old water battery at Fort Wadsworth a force of experienced men has been kept hard at work the past few weeks preparing the ammunition for the war ships fitting out at the various navy yards.

On entering the fort one ascends several flights of winding stone steps between walls of gray stone and under a stone ceiling. One could almost imagine himself in some historic fortress or prison built during the medieval ages.

On what corresponds to the third floor, one encounters long piles of wooden boxes. These are all empty, but when received here from Wilmington, Del., they contained brown prismatic powder. Hundreds of tons have been used in the past four months.

For the eight-inch rifles the tanks used, of course, are not so large, and the weight of the projectile is 250 pounds. Only a small quantity of this powder has been prepared at the fort, the only ships of this caliber being the Baltimore, Chicago, Atlanta and Boston; in all only twelve guns.

Most of the work is for the six-inch rifles, with which every cruiser of our navy is armed. Each ship has from one to twelve of these, and the quantity of ammunition expended in target practice and that needed by new ships going into commission keeps the men at the magazine busy the year round loading.

For this purpose the powder charges are of two kinds, the full weight being forty-six pounds, and what is called the reduced charge for use at target practice being thirty-three pounds.

The gummer and his assistants at Fort Wadsworth do not manufacture any of the powders, forge any of the shells or make any of the powder tanks and fuses, but the work of putting them together keeps them busily employed. Handling powder may be a dangerous occupation, but great care is exercised there and it is not often that an accident of any kind is reported.