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DISTINCTLY AMERICAN.

Shut up shop tomorrow, go to church, eat a good dinner, and at all times of the day be thankful you are living under the most enlightened government on the globe. Americans have more causes for thanksgiving than the people of any other country, but it is doubtful if at all times the debt of gratefulness is remembered.

In the early part of the present century the day was not so universally observed as now, though the people of the New England states still preserved the Thanksgiving custom of their forefathers. President Lincoln in 1863 gave a new impetus to Thanksgiving day by the issuance of a proclamation commanding the American people to show their gratitude for the success that attended the Union cause.

REPUBLICANS AND THE SENATE

There are indications that the republicans will organize the senate, and that they will do it without any populist aid. Senator Chandler, it will be remembered, wanted a deal with the populists on this question, which would give the combination five or six majority.

After the Utah members take their seats, however, the republicans will have forty-five senators, or just half the whole number, and it is understood that Jones of Nevada will voluntarily lend them a hand in the organization, and thus give them a majority.

sponsibility without having power. This condition would be unsatisfactory at any time; but now, on the eve of a presidential election, it will require skill to prevent it from being especially burdensome and embarrassing.

Speaker Reed is expected to steer congress—the senate as well as the house—through the dangerous places until after the election. He is an aspirant for the candidacy, and for his own welfare, as well as for that of his party, he will be anxious to keep the party out of trouble in the coming session.

The annual meeting of the New York State Bankers' Association was held in New York last week, and several papers were read and discussed. Ellis H. Roberts, ex-deputy United States treasurer, said, among other things: "There is just now considerable discussion as to what congress will do about the financial question."

The business men of Portland are complaining that the low rates to San Francisco are injuring their trade. Idle people in San Francisco are coming to Portland seeking employment, and Portland people are going to San Francisco to buy Christmas presents.

Some time ago the Hood River Glacier brought out the name of Mr. John Michell for congress, and the suggestion was commented upon extensively by newspapers throughout the state.

Early Days of Fort Dalles Recalled.

In yesterday's dispatches was announced the death of Captain Thomas Jordan, at one time in the regular army, and later in the Confederate service.

The death of Captain Jordan should be of more than passing interest to us in this vicinity, he being quarter-master at the post of Fort Dalles during the erection of the building which succeeded the first log huts that were temporarily put up.

Along with this, the horses of the cavalry regiment turned the sword of the native grass growing on their exercise ground into a desert, which increases yearly. But this was not the fault of Capt. Jordan, nor was he to blame for the charge of extravagant expenditure which was often brought against him.

dog, which was in some way caught among the old timbers.

Capt. Jordan had fine taste in building, and Uncle Sam is supposed to have a long purse, and so it was that we boasted of as picturesque a collection of officers quarters as could be found the world over.

The buildings are about through with their usefulness; the builder is at rest; the parade ground is cut up into town lots, and grow reeds and chrysanthemums.

COMMENT FROM OREGON AND WASHINGTON EDITORS.

Eugene Register: Salem, with the enterprise characteristic of the town, will probably soon re-build the woolen mill. It is to be hoped, at least, that Eugene was in re-building her flouring mill.

Walla Walla Statesman: From present indications the fruit-growers' convention, which is to meet in this city on December 10th, will be a gratifying success. A large attendance is promised from many points in Washington, Oregon and Idaho.

Puyallup Commerce: Retrospecting the year and its results, there are suggestions that the barns are filled to fatness with golden grain, and the hope and promise of better things are potent. There are those who sorrow, because from the beginning the laughter of the joyful has rung out amid the cry of hearts made desolate.

SALEM-LA GRANDE-ARLINGTON.

Salem Statesman: You do your part. Don't wait for your neighbor to do his. If this latter had always been the rule of action we would still all be monkeys hanging by our tails from African gum trees.

La Grande Chronicle: The Commercial club is meeting with far more encouragement than was at first anticipated. All of the leading business men of the city have taken hold of the affair with a will and the Athletic club has nobly responded to the recent heavy assessment and put up their five hundred dollars.

Arlington Record: Mr. Jas. W. Smith has a fine grove situated on the road just south of town which he will donate to the city to be fitted for and used as a park provided the city will enter a contract to use it for that purpose.

For Home-seekers.

An effort is being made to reclaim some of the arid lands between Celilo and Umatilla. A large tract of fine land has been opened up by the Bailey Ditch Company, which has about nine miles of ditch completed, and water covering about 2000 or 3000 acres.

No more BOILS, no more PIMPLES! Use Kinersly's Iron Tonic. The Snipes-Kinersly Drug Co., Telephone No. 3.

Pasture's Carefulness.

Once when Pasture was dining with his daughter and her family at her home in Burgundy he took care to dip in a glass of water the cherries that were served for dessert and then to wipe them carefully with his napkin before putting them in his mouth.

The German Canary Trade. It is not at all generally known that Germany carries on a very large trade in the rearing and exporting of canaries, and that the largest establishment in the world for the breeding of these creatures is situated within the domains of that empire, away up among the Hartz mountains of Prussia.

A Compliment to His Host.

The German emperor is a master of little surprises quite other than those which occasionally fetch his troops out of bed in the middle of the night when they least expect it.

Their Signatures.

In one of the fashionable "Kurorte" on the Rhine, reports a writer in the Realm, he came across some queer entries in the visitors' book of the principal hotel.

Watches Smuggled in Milk.

The French customs authorities on the Swiss frontier have detected a novel and ingenious swindling device. Watches were sent across the border, sealed up in cans of condensed milk.

Rabbit fur, when used for hats, is first carefully "plucked," that is, the long hairs are pulled out. Formerly this process was done by hand, now a machine accomplishes the same result.

WOMEN'S FACES

Like flowers, fade and wither with time; the bloom of the rose is only known to the healthy woman's cheeks. The nervous strain caused by the ailments and pains peculiar to the sex, and the labor and worry of rearing a family, can often be traced by the lines in the woman's face.



Some suggestive details concerning the early education of the German emperors have recently been made known. It seems that William II. had in early childhood a tutor who was a captain of the guards.

Must Not Criticize the Emperor.

Not long ago a Leipzig editor was sentenced to five months' imprisonment for criticizing one of Emperor William's speeches.

CURED BY SUN BATHS.

Happy Recovery of a Paralytic Through a Resort to Exposure. The liveliest passenger on board the steamship City of Peking was Humphrey Kendrick, of Los Angeles.

When Kendrick found that he had lost control of his limbs he determined to spend all the money he had to get relief. It was easy enough to tell what had brought the paralysis upon him, for the first stroke came soon after he had a bad tumble on horseback.

For many months during that hottest of hot summers Kendrick engaged in a most unique attempt to regain his health. For days at a time he would lie positively stripped to the skin in the hot sand on the seashore of Japan.

ONE OF NATURE'S PHENOMENA.

A Bore's Semi-Annual Visitation at Chekiang, China.

Twice a year—at each equinox—the famous tides of the Tsien Tang river, that flows from the borders of Kiangsi, Fukien and Chekiang to Hang Chow bay, attain their greatest height; and a bore of sometimes over 40 feet in height sweeps irresistibly up its shallow and funnel-shaped estuary, often producing tremendous havoc to the surrounding country—hence its name, "moneydike."

A NOVELIST'S BLUNDER.

Forgot He Had Killed Off a Character—Had to Resuscitate Him.

A great master of the art of throwing off stories by daily installments was Ponson du Terrail. When he was at the height of his vogue, he kept three running at the same time in different papers.

Imperial Education.

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ANEMONE.

What have I done for thee, Thou dear anemone, That thou shouldst yield to me Thy whole year's dower? What cloudy days and blue, What nights of star and dew, We both have traveled through To greet this hour!

Lake States.

It is usual to class as the lake states of the union only those that border upon one or more of the great lakes, but there are many other states that may be properly so called.

Ben Butler's Wit.

As a lawyer Ben Butler was always ready with a witicism, even at the expense of the presiding judge. Once he was retained as counsel for the plaintiff in a libel suit against a certain Boston newspaper, and during the cross questioning of the publisher, the general sought to bring out that the paper was not a strictly first-class sheet.

How Contagion is Carried.

A physician in a country village has lately given his medical brethren some additional instances of the ways in which contagions are spread that should make us all thoughtful.

Peculiarity of the Mocking Bird.

The most remarkable thing about a mocking bird is its way of laying out a range. In the autumn it goes south and establishes itself on a piece of ground that will yield berries and other food enough to last until the following spring.

Nasby's Accommodating Lecture.

That satirical lecturer, the late David R. Locke, better known as "Rev. Petroleum Vesuvius Nasby," had a device by which he saved time and brain. He himself once confessed to us, says the New York Sun, that when a lyceum committee from any place called upon him to engage his services, and asked what he would lecture about, he always told them to take their choice:

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