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A Big Thanksgiving Melon.

The Wells-Fargo stockholders have reasons to be thankful to the patrons of that company and to its officers, and the latter can be especially thankful. For another enormous Wells-Fargo melon, in Wall street praesology, has been cut, a melon whose actual cash value is \$24,000,000 or three times the capitalization of the company. It has also trebled its capital and offered the new stock of \$16,000,000 to present stockholders at par. All of which is very fine for the stockholders, and a reason for enjoying their Thanksgiving.

Yet this concern that makes such an enormous amount of money has little tangible, assessable property. Its chief assets is its contract with the railroads, which own all the means of transportation. But the railroad people and the different express companies' people are largely the same, so that their business arrangements "are all in the family." These great profits are due to the fact that the express companies, which divide up the territories of the country among them so as not to compete, and which maintain an agreed scale of prices, are a monopoly. There being no parcel post in the country, as there is in every other civilized country, these companies furnish the only means of carrying parcels, which has grown into an enormous business, and they can and do charge whatever price they please for their service—and they naturally please to make the prices very high.

The way to break up this great monopoly and give the people a cheaper service is to establish a parcel post, as all other countries have done. No other government would allow its people to be subjected to such exactions. The people need the parcel post and most of them favor it but they will not get it at the hands of this congress. The way to get it is to elect different congressmen, men who will not follow Cannon and Aldrich, but who will act for the peoples' interest.

Donations to the Boys and Girls Aid Society of Portland, Oregon.

High School	\$5.60
Eighth Grade, Mrs. Nellie Bullard	4.25
Eighth Grade, Miss Ruth Bush	3.25
Seventh Grade, Miss Susan McIlroy	2.50
Seventh Grade, Mrs. Elizabeth Shoemaker	1.55
Sixth Grade, Miss Effie Billings	1.10
Sixth Grade, Mr. Manuel Snyder	1.35
Sixth Grade, Miss Kathryn Woodruff	1.20
Fifth Grade, Miss Susan Fisher	1.25
Fifth Grade, Miss Mollie Snyder	2.05
Fifth Grade, Miss Edith Bork	3.10
Fifth Grade, Miss Madge Brown	0.00
Fourth Grade, Miss Lottie Wall	1.15
Fourth Grade, Miss Nellie E. Young	1.16
Third Grade, Miss Blanche Clark	1.70
Third Grade, Miss Elizabeth Bunnell	1.22
Third Grade, Mrs. C. O. Thomason	.20
Second Grade, Miss Dora Denning	3.40
Second Grade, Miss Gertrude Beaver	1.90
First Grade, Mrs. Stella Ingle	3.63
First Grade, Mrs. Nellie G. Neill	1.85
TOTAL	\$43.46

Robert S. Lovett, the successor to Harriman, while in Spokane this week, was emphatic in his assertion that his system would spend millions of dollars in extension and improvements of the railroads in the state of Oregon and Washington. This means much commie from a man who has the power to accomplish what he desires. Oregon is certainly entering upon a new era and instead of practically one line touching the northern boundary and one on the western coast, the great interior, which for the lack of transportation has been held back for many years, will soon have an outlet for their products.

Those who have wood in the mountains are waiting for it to freeze up so they can get it to market.

Several papers in the state are calling attention to the methods employed by the traveling grafting opticians. This is one of the prices the people have to pay for living in a new country: Many of our readers will remember how the grafters worked during the Lewis & Clark fair in Portland. The papers were full of it and the exposition management threatened to cancel their concessions and drive them from the grounds. In older communities this graft is not so easily worked for the people find out that their interests are much safer in the hands of their established home people than it is to go to the big cities or patronize wandering canvassers. We are just beginning to wake up in this vicinity and we doubt if there are many more \$25, \$35, \$50 and \$95 spectacle customers to be found by the smooth traveling artists. Occasionally there will be, for there always are a few who would rather pay some outsider two or three prices than they would their established homepeople.

Did you ever consider the question regarding the exceptionally fine talent that La Grande possesses? If not it will be a ninspiration to you to give the matter a few moments of thought. In our little city you will be surprised to note the high character of trained minds we have in the various lines of art and science. It matters little what is desired we have willing hands to respond to every call, who are a credit to themselves and our city.

Dollar wheat was one of the Thanksgiving events which was duly appreciated by those who were fortunate enough to hold their crops. This is one of the exceptions to the general rule hich the records show that those selling their crops as soon as harvested one year with another received the best prices.

President Taft, the biggest President that ever graced the executive hair, had on his table Thanksgiving day the largest mince pie ever baked in the United States. It was 25 inches in diameter, three inches thick and weighing 50 pounds, presented by the bakers of Newark, N. J.

The potato market in this county this year is very weak, prevailing prices have not ruled as low in many years. Growers are not discouraged however, trusting for better things in the near future. There is a large crop in the valley and the quality is first-class.

Thanksgiving was more generally observed this year by the residents of La Grande than for many years. It was one of those quiet, comforting days wherein everyone enjoyed the occasion without th usual strenuous life that so often make our holidays laborious in the extreme. There was a sufficient diversion of things going on to give every one an opportunity to spend a day just as they most desired.

The La Grande ball players Thursday once more demonstrated that they were as good losers as they are winners. Often the latter is the most difficult.

Up and in
and get a deal
Prices ed down
These are facts
We don't a

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