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MOODS ARE RIGHT.

Throughout the length and breadth of this great land, people of all creeds are in a mood today to return thanks for the good things that come to them from the hands of a bountiful Father.

For some, the yield in grain and fruit will be the greatest blessing; for others the successful issue of a not enterprise; for others the return of health, the finding of a good position or the raising of a mortgage.

These are individual blessings and are for the one affected the greatest occasion for thanks.

In a broad national way, the country has prospered in an unusual manner. Business has increased wonderfully; steel mills have more orders than they can fill; railroads are short in cars to handle the unusual crops, and the wheels of industry are spinning over time in spite of the presidential election.

For Democrats the overthrow of the Republican regime, is one of this year's achievements. 16 years of silent looking on whilst the Republicans were gobbling up all the government pies, with just a handout occasionally to make them the hungrier, is enough to make even the most phlegmatic disciple of Jefferson and Jackson get down on his knee cap and thank the Lord for the entrance into the promised.

To the adherents of Hamilton the saving grace of defeating the head of a new party must be number one on the side of half loaf blessings. To the head and leaders of a new party, the polling of an immense vote will be an incentive to thank the Ruler of the universe for staying off ruin, and inspiring the party in power with the fear of defeat four years hence.

In a negative way, all who have seen the actualities of war, or who possess sufficient imagination to picture to themselves the evil consequences of conflict will have abundant reason to thank the Ruler of Destinies for preserving this nation. No gruesome spectre of death in the nature of pestilence or epidemic, swung a destructive scythe among us. Local accidents and unruly elements have visited sections of the country, but abundance of help from all parts of the union, generously contributed have quickly healed all wounds and alleviated suffering.

Appreciation to be very effective should spend itself on those whose efforts aid us and keep us from want. In this liberty-loving country of ours where parental control is losing ground, the young are prone to forget that we owe life to father and mother. It's a homely thought. But only after the young themselves are compelled to shoulder the burdens of parenthood, does the immensely tedious duty of guiding young minds and reinforce itself upon them and compel them to thoughts of grateful retrospect and sincere thanks. A feeble old mother, whose energy spent itself in an effort to rear a useful citizen, cannot but be the object of grateful consideration. An aged father, whose

calloused hands and gnarly finger-joints were ever sacrificed to the stern duty of supplying the needs of children, must be the object of respect and veneration.

Hot tears shed at their grave will not compensate them in the Great Beyond for love's labor. Noble sentiment produces the best results when timely spent.

HEAVY DEBATE FOR EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS.

Tomorrow afternoon the youthful minds of the eighth grade girls of one of the local schools will grapple in deadly contest to determine whether civilization owes more to the sword or more to the spade. Each side is willing to concede that without the spade, the sworn would be swinging in the lusty arm of some romantic knight, shielding and vindicating the honor of some fair damsel. The Spades contend that when men and women are busy digging, contracting sore backs, blistering hands and making Mother Earth whether or no, contribute to the keeping together of body and soul,—they will forget all about the sword, until rust, red eating rust, consigns it to the junkheap or the museum of curiosities.

If these ambitious Athenians forget the fact that sword and spade typify two widely different fields of activity—that warfare, symbolized by the common weapon of defense, the sword and constructive activity in producing things for consumption is allegorized in the spade—the Spades are bound to win, because there are long spades and short spades, round ones and flat ones, everywhere in evidence.

Swords are the equipment of cavalrymen and lodgemen and are less seldom seen. In the former instance they are deadly weapons, when rightly handled (which is an art) in the latter they are mere ornaments.

Allowing that these mighty debaters will be able to see in the sword the surgeon's knife, the nurseman's pruning shears, and all kinds of instruments used for cutting away tumorous growth, vicious practices in a physical and moral sense, not forgetting the great guns of destruction used in actual warfare for the purpose of equalizing selfish tendencies grown to a mighty volume, the Spades will realize that putting a double edged sword in the hands of the Goddess of Justice, means as much, and always will mean as much, as the balance in her other hand. They will not feel so cocksure about the outcome of the debate, unless they buy off the judges.

The subject is a big one and has warmed the biggest minds of philosophers. The youthful participants who are for Spades are the Miss C. Ethel Vitez, Belva Hamilton and Ethel Thomas. The contenders for the sword are the Misses Mary Newlin, Dorothy Meyers and Irene O'Connell.

A letter appearing in the Y. M. C. A. column today tells the story of why such an organization is needed in La Grande and draws a complete illustration of the benefits derived from a thorough-going Y. M. C. A. Almost every city the size of La Grande now has such an institution. Doubtless when the time comes to promote a home for the present organization in La Grande those in charge will be surprised with what ease the result is accomplished. For a time La Grande had no public library. It took one man—a newcomer, by the way—to add the final touch that started the enterprise and now the city library is a going concern and well patronized. The same will probably prove true with a Y. M. C. A.

REFLECTIONS ON THANKSGIVING DAY.

Many of us get the inspiration to return thanks after the donor is dead. Distance perhaps give the proper perspective but cultivating proper appreciation at the time of exchange of gifts is a laudable ambition.

Too much turkey and cranberry sauce may be followed up by a prayer for deliverance from stomach rebellion and gout. Extreme meet and variety is the spice of life. Virtue lies midway.

All nations and all tribes include gastric indulgence as one form of celebrating. The litany of eatables is abbreviated for different persons. For the poor and humble it is short and consists principally of one snatch of the Lord's prayer: Give us this day our daily bread and potatoes.

The man who hates you, reviles you and then exhausts his vocabulary to express his contempt of you and your arts, is doing you a favor. If nothing else he is advertising you. Return thanks for it, for it will test your Christianity and big-heartedness.

Past Records of Big Teams Playing.

- Cornell-Pennsylvania. 1893-Pennsylvania 50-Cornell 0. 1894-Pennsylvania 6-Cornell 0. 1895-Pennsylvania 46-Cornell 2. 1896-Pennsylvania 32-Cornell 10. 1897-Pennsylvania 4-Cornell 0. 1898-Pennsylvania 12-Cornell 6. 1899-Pennsylvania 29-Cornell 5. 1900-Pennsylvania 27-Cornell 0. 1901-Cornell 24-Pennsylvania 6. 1902-Pennsylvania 12-Cornell 1. 1903-Pennsylvania 36-Cornell 0. 1904-Pennsylvania 24-Cornell 0. 1905-Pennsylvania 6-Cornell 5. 1906-Pennsylvania 0-Cornell 0. 1907-Pennsylvania 12-Cornell 4. 1908-Pennsylvania 17-Cornell 4. 1909-Pennsylvania 17-Cornell 6. 1910-Pennsylvania 12-Cornell 6. 1911-Pennsylvania 21-Cornell 9. Pennsylvania State-Pittsburgh. 1904-Pittsburgh 22-Penn State 5. 1905-Penn State 6-Pittsburgh 0. 1906-Penn State 6-Pittsburgh 0. 1907-Pittsburgh 6-Penn State 6. 1908-Penn State 12-Pittsburgh 3. 1909-Penn State 5-Pittsburgh 0. 1910-Pittsburgh 11-Penn State 1. 1911-Penn State 3-Pittsburgh 0. Brown-Carlisle. 1897-Brown 18-Carlisle 14. 1898-1908-No games. 1909-Brown 21-Carlisle 8. 1910-No game. Arkansas-Texas. 1903-Texas 15-Arkansas 0. 1904-No game. 1905-Texas 4-Arkansas 0. 1906-Texas 11-Arkansas 0. 1907-Texas 26-Arkansas 6. 1908-Texas 21-Arkansas 0. 1909-1910-No games. 1911-Texas 12-Arkansas 0.

Resolution.

Be It Resolved, That the recorder of the city of La Grande be, and he is hereby authorized to give ten (10) days notice by publication in the La Grande Evening Observer and by posting notices thereof in three (3) public places in each ward of the city, of the general election to be held in said city and that the following officers are to be elected at said election:

- One mayor.
One recorder.
One treasurer.
One chief of police.
One councilman from the first ward.
One councilman from the second ward.
One councilman from the third ward.
One councilman from the fourth ward.

Be It Further Resolved, That the polling places designated for said election, and the judges and clerks appointed to conduct said election are as follows:

First ward: Polling place, court house; Judges, Don Turner, Hall Kane and W. N. Monroe. Clerks, Ed Kammerer and W. A. Worstell.

Second ward: Polling place, city building; Judges H. W. Stoner, Clay Ellsworth and O. E. Coolidge; Clerks, Geo. Lamoureux and C. L. Mackey.

Third ward: Polling place, 1907 3rd Street; Judges, J. M. Hirtz, C. C. Pennington, W. D. Grandy; Clerks, Howard Davis and Will Hamilton.

Fourth ward: Polling place, Galdea's store; Judges, John Ladd, J. Logsdon and E. S. Miller; Clerks, W. A. Thompson and J. M. Kochenauer.

Be It Further Resolved, That said election be held on Monday, the 26th day of December, 1912.

Adopted by the council November 20th, 1912. N. J. MANSAGER, Recorder.

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FOOTBALL 2:30 TODAY La Grande High vs. La Grande Alumni

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We Now Have Loaned \$700,000.00
La Grande National Bank
Capital \$100,000.00. Surplus, \$120,000.00. Resources, \$1,110,000.00
FRED J. HOLMES, President. F. L. MEYERS, Cashier.
W. J. CHURCH, Vice President. EARL ZUNDEL, Ass't Cashier.