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THANKSGIVING.

Thanksgiving day has come and gone, and to many, perhaps most of the people in the United States, it had a broader significance than ever before.

One of the best signs of the times is, that from all parts of the Union we hear of the wages of laborers and mechanics being raised voluntarily by their employers.

The Cuban question, under the splendid management of McKinley, is in a good way to settle itself, and there is no doubt it will finally be settled by the entire independence of the island.

The assessment and taxation laws of Oregon are crude, unwieldy and in many respects unjust. Legislation on this matter is the crying need of the State.

The annexation of the Hawaiian Islands is an assured fact. Two-thirds of the senate will vote for it, according to a poll of that body by the administration.

A fire in the city of London, England, last Friday, destroyed \$15,000,000 worth of property. Over 100 engines were engaged in putting it out, and 1000 policemen formed a cordon to keep back the crowd.

The Lincoln County Leader comes to hand as a semi-weekly. The Leader takes high rank among the county papers of Oregon, and this is evidence of its success.

Among those talked of for prosecuting attorney of this district are, D. L. Watson, Jr., of Coos, L. T. Harris, of Lane, Geo. M. Brown, of Douglas, and J. Fred Yates, of Benton county.

Principles do not count for anything with people and papers of the yellow kid variety; it is the offices they are after.

The O. C. & E. R. R.

Below is an extract from a letter written by A. B. Hammond, the owner of the O. C. & E. R. R. It was published in the Corvallis Times of Wednesday last, from which paper we clip it, and it contains valuable information about the road.

The Southern Pacific does not own a single share of stock in the Oregon Central & Eastern Railroad Company. The fact that we have already expended a large amount of money in the building of bridges and other betterments on the Oregon Central & Eastern should be sufficient proof to show that the road was going to be operated on its merits, and as a competing line.

The one hundred and forty-one miles of road now in operation is in very good condition, and if the work at Yaquina is finished as originally intended, the road will no doubt be extended across the mountains into Eastern Oregon, and will develop a vast agricultural country that is now almost inaccessible and make it tributary to the Willamette Valley.

A Plow Harness, traces 2 1/2 inches wide, (not scant 2 1/2), three link toggles, with a folded pad that don't hurt a horse's back, with turn up billets same as on Concord pads; 3/4 bridles and lines and snaps; Concord collars, breast straps and snaps. All traces are stitched with a 10 cord waxend, while hand work is stitched with a 5 cord waxend, which makes double the thread in favor of the machine.

Charles Porter of Salem, Wallace Harrison of Amity, graduates of the O. A. C., and Clyde Henry, a former student, are in town for the Thia uskiving festivities.

The river is booming now, and the steamboats coming and going make the wharves around Corvallis look very lively. Trains from each end of the O. C. & E. R. R. meet the steamer Albany here with freight and passengers, and the O. R. & N. boats make regular trips.

A pleasant little event took place at the Circuit Court on Tuesday last. The judge, all the officers of the court, the attorneys of Corvallis, and others to the number of 35, were lined up in proper attitude and photographed.

A criminal named Forbes committed suicide recently, and before doing so left the following letter for the sheriff: "Meridian Jail—To Mr. Pitts: As this is my last day on earth, I desire to say that I cannot die without telling a truth. I murdered Mrs. Langfelt, also Miss Lamont and Minnie Williams. I put this in your coat pocket, and hope you will find it in time to save the life of Durrant. It may also be of service to Mr. Womack in getting his reward money. I want you to have my watch for your kindness to me. You have my best wishes and I hope your troubles will end, but not as mine.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, executor of the estate of R. C. Gibson, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are required to present the same to me properly verified, as by law required, at the law office of J. H. Gibson, Corvallis, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

A Fire.

Tom was 18 years old and had been in the office about one year, when a fire broke out in the town on one bitter cold Saturday night in January. The thermometer registered 30 degrees below zero. There were 3 hand engines in the town and almost every young man in town was a fireman; so of course Tom and all the young men in the office belonged to an engine company, and all to the same company.

Tom was a fireman; so of course Tom and all the young men in the office belonged to an engine company, and all to the same company. It was a manufacturing town and growing rapidly and this night a whole block of frame buildings was burned and it was only the heroic exertions of this little band of firemen that prevented the destruction of the whole town.

Tom was afterwards mayor of the city, and candidate for governor of the state, while the fellow who called him a fool was not. I expected he would be discharged, but he wasn't; and in a conversation about it afterwards he said that his father died a drunkard, and he promised his mother he would never touch a drop of liquor, of any kind, during his life.

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