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THURSDAY.....December 3, 1908

THANKSGIVING day was bright and balmy, a more ideal day could not be imagined. If there was nothing else for which Bandonians might be thankful, the fine day was sufficient cause for giving thanks, but there are many reasons why we should be thankful. The general conditions in the business world are gladly looking upward, people in this section are enjoying good health and prosperity, and, in fact, there are a thousand reasons why we should all have given thanks on last Thursday, and from what we can earn, the day was generally observed in a fitting manner.

THE city election of Bandon passed off quietly and the race was very close, the fact that there was one more ballot in the box than there were voters registered left the affair in a rather awkward condition but after a recount the first count was found to be right, and while there is considerable dissatisfaction, on the part of some, there is nothing to do but abide by the verdict, as the law makes no provision for another election. The newly elected officers are all excellent, progressive men and together with the hold over council and other officers there is every reason to believe that the city will move forward at a more rapid rate than ever before. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel for a greater Bandon.

THE dairy industry of southwestern Oregon is second to none in the country. This is conceded to be one of the leading dairy countries in the whole United States, and it is increasing rapidly each year, as the country becomes more thickly settled. There is no greater industry, or more paying one, than dairying, and the farmer who has a good bunch of Jersey cows, or any other milk producing breed, is independent, and need ask odds of no man. This country is not only good for dairying purposes, but for fruit, grain, lumber, mining and a thousand other things. There is no richer country under the sun than Southwestern Oregon.

THE Saturday Evening Post complains that the country is corrupting the city. "Upon notice that a valuable customer from the sweet smelling bay belt is coming to town, the New Yorker heaves a sigh, drops a tear and lays in a stock of bromides." The country people, thinks the Post, spend the money that supports the gorgeous hotels, theaters, bars and broker's offices. Perhaps so. Certain it is that the country people furnished the money with which Wall Street speculated so rashly last year. If the country districts had kept more of their money at home, there would have been no overspeculation and consequently no panic. The country people will try not to lead the city into such temptations again. —Oregonian.

WITHOUT meaning any disrespect to the late Senator Allison, the change from him to Cummins, if the latter shall fulfill expectations based upon his past record, will be a good one not only for Iowa but for the whole country. Cummins is

a man of force, of considerable moral courage, is progressive in his ideas and is yet in his prime, none of which Senator Allison was, says the Portland Journal and the remark only shows the extreme ignorance or purposely misrepresentation of the writer. Allison has always been one of the main lights in the senate, and for years was termed the "wise man of the senate." He was so useful in fact that he was twice a formidable candidate for president, and each time received a large support. No important move was ever made by the senate without the opinion and sanction of Mr. Allison, while Cummins is a strong man in many ways it will take years of training before he will be as valuable as Allison. The Journal space writer would do well to look into the real facts of the case before he makes wild and idiotic statements.

SUCH a man is entitled to no consideration whatever—and, yet, how can one help feeling sorry for him? He made a wonderful canvass. All alone, without the aid of a single counselor whose advice was worth a cent, constantly surrounded and pestered by a lot of toadies and cheap skates, practically unaided on the stump except by Judge Parker, whom he had derided, he fought like a giant against tremendous odds, never losing heart or temper or command of the splendid eloquence, which is his one great gift. We have no doubt that he will seem to bear his disappointment philosophically, but the frightful mental and physical strain upon his nerves must have left its indelible mark, and it will be a marvel if he regains his buoyancy or even avoids a complete breakdown in spirit if not in body. [A more winning personality we have never known, and we are glad to believe that we are but one of thousands in feeling for him honest sympathy and wishing him well all the days of his life—Harpers Weekly.

THE present movement for the election of United States Senators by the people is of comparatively recent origin. In the convention that framed the Constitution four plans were discussed. (1) appointment of senators by the President; (2) election by the people; (3) election by the House of Representatives; (4) election by the state legislatures. Popular suffrage was a new experiment at that time, and the framers of the Constitution were a little chary about giving the people too much direct power. Hence the provision for an electoral college to choose the President, and hence, also, the provision finally adopted for the election of senators by the Legislatures of the several states. James Madison, afterward President, declared himself "an advocate for the policy of refining the popular appointment by successive filtrations." The theory of the framers was that the election of senators by the State Legislatures would result in obtaining a higher grade of senators than would elections by the people. Whether they were right or not is still an open question, but it is certain that, in the main, the choice of Senators by the State Legislatures has re-

sulted in making the Senate the ablest and most parliamentary body in the world.—Indianapolis News.

SOMEONE has mentioned the establishing of a Coos county organization of commercial clubs, and the idea should be supported by every Coos county citizen who is desirous of seeing the county progress, and it goes without saying that every intelligent man is not only desirous, but enthusiastic over the development of the county. Any man who opposes progression is a drone and a menace to society. There are many important questions that might be taken up by a county commercial club. For one thing we might mention good roads. This paper has always been an advocate of the good roads theory. Then there is the question of better transportation. If the county was organized, we could do more for the betterment of our two harbors. We could go to the committee in congress with a united front and that would wield a big influence. Then we would be in better condition to negotiate for a railroad, which is at the present time the greatest need of Southwestern Oregon. We should be represented with a good display at the Seattle fair, and there are dozens of other things that might be mentioned in this connection. Why not get together and do away with the petty jealousies that have encumbered progress, and work for the good of the whole county.

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Presently, however, as a day of festivity it was put into opposition to Christmas. The Puritan soul was scandalized by feasting and revelry on the holy day—Christmas—which it was felt should be a day of penance and fasting and devotion. New England therefore pushed the festivities of Thanksgiving against the profanation of Christmas day.

This, however, gradually changed. Christmas as a day of festivity and cheer held its own in the other colonies, and their customs gradually re-acted on New England. Both days held their ground as holidays; but Thanksgiving did not obtain much hold in the South. New England migration carried it, however, to the West, where the two met on equal terms. This gave Thanksgiving strong basis and support; and in 1863 President Lincoln issued a proclamation in his peculiar and impressive manner, recommending observance of the last Thursday of November as the day. This has been followed as a custom ever since. Some say it was Sarah Josepha Hale, a woman of note in her day—long time editor of Godey's Lady book—whose urgency of the matter to President Lincoln moved him to issue the proclamation. It was the year of the crisis of the Civil War, after the victories of Vicksburg, Gettysburg and Chattanooga.—Oregonian.



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