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The first national Thanksgiving proclamations were by Congress during the Revolutionary war.

SWAMP- Is not recommended for ROOT. everything; but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble, it will be found just the remedy you need.

The Bandon Recorder in speaking of collecting road tax from the Chinamen who are brought there to work in the cannery says that this year the road supervisor managed to get nearly all of them out on the road.

A SALEM correspondent of the Yaquina Bay News tells of a party who started from Sunnyside, Marion Co to Lincoln Co to look for stork ranches.

Russell Sage the well known capitalist of New York made war upon the pastor of the West Presbyterian church which Mr Sage attended because of the alleged fact that the pastor did not make the church pay.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Once more has Thanksgiving day come and gone, every one showing some change from that preceding, but how many people realize or even stop to think what changes have taken place in this country since the first thanksgiving day was appointed.

When in 1830 Governor Winthrop appointed a day of fasting for the colony of Massachusetts they probably never thought that his act would be the forerunner of a national thanksgiving day that would be observed every year by millions of people.

From a day of fasting as the first thanksgiving was, it has come to be a day of feasting, and from the little colony of Massachusetts Bay the custom has spread till now the day is observed throughout the length and breadth of the United States.

J. G. GRAY DEAD.

Joseph G Gray the well known pioneer of Eugene died at Albany of pneumonia last Sunday aged 75 years.

He was a native of Ohio and emigrated to Oregon in 1833. He first settled on the Molokai but moved to Eugene in 1857 and has resided there ever since.

Mr Gray served as treasurer of Lane county from 1874 to 1881 and again from 1894 to 1896.

He left a widow, four sons and three daughters to mourn his loss.

The remains were brought to Eugene for interment, funeral services being held Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the Masonic lodge of which the deceased was a member.

The San Francisco Examiner and the Was for one year \$2.50 paid in advance.

REVOLT AGAINST DEATH PENALTY.

S. F. Chronicle.

Humanitarians who are opposed to capital punishment should feel encouraged. The tide is evidently setting in their direction. By what means this has been effected does not appear.

These indications are to be found in the declarations of talemens summoned for jury duty in sensational murder trials. Such men are supposed to be fair, average citizens, representing the general intelligence and judgement of the community.

Now, it cannot escape the attention of even the cursory reader of the daily press that a large proportion of the talemens are found on examination to be irreversibly opposed to capital punishment, so that they cannot conscientiously serve as jurors in a case in which conviction would necessarily mean the imposition of the death penalty.

It is quite true that an anonymous correspondent from Blackberry Hollow—who served me read by inadvertence, not noticing that it was unsigned—makes the base suggestion that some of these talemens are opposed to capital punishment for this occasion only as a convenient means of avoiding jury duty.

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BRITISH RULE IN ALASKA.

S. F. Chronicle.

While the British lion is loudly roaring over the oppression of the Boer government in South Africa and has gone to war on the strength of it, it is interesting to compare the standard of action which he demands from foreign governments with the standard himself observes wherever foreigners are in his power.

The records of the Transvaal and the text of the present British grievance with Paul Kruger's little republic show that a very moderate tax is imposed upon the net output of the gold miners of the Rand.

On the other hand, from the moment the fact was established that the Klondike, made famous by reason of American enterprise and discovery, was within British territory the American has been made the victim of every species of unreasonable exaction and extortion.

Mr Andrew Carnegie has promised to appear before the industrial commission sometime next month to testify about trusts. He should be a very interesting witness, if he tells all he knows about trusts, especially about the big one that was planned but not actually formed, to control the steel business.

It looks now as though there would be more radical changes in the senate committees at the coming session of congress than in those in the house.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 20, 1899.

The advance guard of the fifty-sixth congress has already reached Washington, and congressional talk is heard on every side. Hon D B Henderson, who enjoys the unique distinction of having been chosen speaker of the house, many months in advance of the assembling of congress, has opened headquarters, where members of the house can talk to him about their committee assignments and other matters pertaining to the coming session.

There will be a marked difference in the relations of the president and the speaker of this house, and those which existed during the last congress. One of the first things that Col Henderson did after settling himself and family in their Washington quarters, was to call at the White House, and hold a long conference with the president, with whom he is and has been for years in perfect accord.

Heesta lodge I O O F of Florence held their regular election of officers Wednesday evening.

Those present were Rev and Mrs Knotts, Mr and Mrs Wilson, Mr and Mrs Yates, Mr and Mrs Evans, Mesdames Kyle and Weatherston, Miss Cumpton, Messrs John, Walter, and David Saffley and Chas Fox.

Various games were played during the evening after which supper was announced. After doing it full justice the guests departed homeward, wishing Mr Fox many happy returns of the day and leaving behind them many tokens of remembrance of the occasion.

Chester Bean is home again from his trip to Alaska.

Warren Andrews and family have moved into their new house above the head of tide.

News is scarce in this vicinity. Quite a raise in the river and a good many saw logs came down.

The Mapleton school is progressing nicely under the management of Miss Laura Coleman.

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STEAMER EUGENE. Guard: The financial stream has not proven so easy for the steamer City of Eugene to surmount as the bars and riffles of the Willamette river.

During the past eleven months, so we are informed, her ledger account shows a loss of \$2000 in the ordinary course of freighting and carrier business.

The continual losses have resulted in placing the steamer once again in the sheriff's hands. The Eugene is tied up at Harrisburg on the suit of E C Smith for claims aggregating \$230.

Mr Smith was formerly agent for the steamer, and once before attached her, but time was given in hope that she might earn money with which to pay the claim.

It seems that the earning capacity of the Eugene could not meet the demands, hence the attachment.

New Meat Market.

I have opened a shop in Florence where I shall keep a good stock of CHOICE MEATS.

Always on Hand. Give me a Call.

Next door to C W Hurd's. C. BRACEY.

Commissioner Wilson, of the Internal Revenue bureau, has made an important decision, holding that galy life insurance policies issued by organizations under the co-operative plan, are exempt from taxation under the War Revenue Act, and that all policies issued by insurance companies, doing business for a profit must pay the war tax.

The cabinet has approved the proposition for Cuba and Porto Rico to make exhibits at the Paris exposition, and \$50,000 has been set aside from the island revenues to pay expenses connected with the exhibits, which will be principally of an agricultural nature.

C A Snow & Co, Patent Lawyers, opposite the United States Patent office, Washington, D C, who have actual clients in every city and town of the United States and Canada, report that never before in their 25 years practice has the work of the office been so well up to date.

They claim that patents can now be procured in less than half the time formerly required.

Educate Your Bowels With Cascarets. Candy Cathartic, cure constipation forever. 10c, 25c. If C. C. C. fail, druggists refund money.

I O O F ELECTION.

The following were chosen to serve for the term commencing January 1st 1900. F H Alexander, noble grand; A C Karnovsky, vice grand; E A Evans, recording secretary; Wm Kyle, treasurer; R L Evans, financial secretary.

CARD OF THANKS. We wish to thank the many friends who so kindly assisted us in our late sorrow the death of Mrs J R Stiles.

Mrs ETHEL K OGDEN, LESTER S OGDEN.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Last Sunday Frank Fox attained the age of fortyone years and that he might be suitably reminded of the flight of time, Mrs Fox prepared a surprise for him by inviting a number of friends to spend the evening there.

Evidently the surprise was complete as upon arriving at the house they found Mr Fox asleep.

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I'm Coming! I'm Coming! My Head is bowed with Care. I hear the Children calling, Old SANTA CLAUS! Old SANTA CLAUS! Yes Children, I'll be there, you will find me at the "GREAT WHITE STORE," where I have unloaded my heavy load, and such a load it was, and such an elegant display it is.

I'm Going! I'm Going! My head is not so low, because I'm waiting on Children you know! You know! Yes Santa Claus is right, he knew where to discharge his cargo. Come early, and often and inspect our stock. YOURS TRULY, O. W. HURD.

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