

FOREST FIRES.

A special agent of the Bureau of Forestry places the loss in Oregon and Washington by last September's forest fires at \$3,900,000 for this state and \$5,857,000 for Washington, public forest values inclusive. The Forestry agent shows the usual lack of understanding of his class as to prevention of fires when he gives undue credit to the forest rangers for lack of fires in the Cascade mountain part of the states. While the rangers are deserving of some credit conditions in the Cascades, and the valley foothills where nearly all this loss occurred, are entirely dissimilar.

In the mountain part of the two states there are very few settlers, and they pay little attention to clearing land. The forests are dense and shade the ground so it remains damp from the natural hillside seepage even during the hottest months. Then, too, there is lack of underbrush. The case in the valley and valley foothills is entirely different. With plenty of brush and small timber to feed the flames, though insufficient to shade the ground, settlers slashing and clearing in groups or singly, a fire once well started rages and burns everything in its path. There is plenty of timber to burn, and the fire only stops when it has burned itself out.

If the record of actual service of the forest rangers could be hunched together it would be surprising how little they accomplish. There is but one service they may render in the mountains, that of constantly moving along the main lines of travel—like the Military, McKenzie and Santiam wagon roads—and warning campers and travelers to be careful of fire. This the Forestry Bureau should see that they do instead of loafing about camp, hunting and fishing. Impartial observers who are familiar with our forest conditions will not dissent from these views.

FRENCH CRIMINAL COURT PRACTICE.

The French courts take a wide latitude in the examination of cases. For instance in the examination of the Mrs. Gore murder, the American woman found shot through the head in the room of the Russian, Dr. Rydzewski, in Paris last week, the Russian was taken to the room and compelled to reenact his version of the tragedy—showing the positions occupied by himself and the woman and the table from which he claims the pistol fell to the floor, accidentally discharging the weapon.

French court procedure is certainly ahead of that of English and American courts in this instance. Here the defendant, who, perhaps, knows all about the crime, is not compelled to testify—may use his own pleasure about going on the witness stand. If innocent he cannot be hurt by telling the truth; if guilty he could hardly make and stick to a plausible story under searching cross-examination. The English practice contends that a man may not be made convict himself. To secure impartial justice, however, why not?

The most costly book in the royal library at Stockholm is a Bible. It is no wonder that it is considered precious, for there is not another just like it in the world. In weight and size alone it is unique. The leaves, which are twenty inches wide, are made of skin. There are 309 pages of writing, and each page falls but one inch short of being a yard in length. The width of the leaves is twenty inches. The covers are solid planks four inches thick.

A St. John's man, down on the Columbia, makes a record with a most unusual accident. He was working on a building ten feet from the ground and struck a finger instead of the nail he was attempting to drive. He fainted and fell to the ground, head first. That man has no business aloft.

Our frosts are a little late this season. The Portland weather bureau gives November 15th as the average date of the first "killing" frost for the thirty-one years of which there is record.

NEWS NOTES FROM SIUSLAW.

Big Shipping Business Done on the Lower River-Fishing Season Over.

Guard Special Service.
FLORENCE, Nov. 28.—The logs in the Siuslaw Timber and Booming Co's boom have all been moved to the mills, and now the company is ready for another rise of the river. The people of this section appreciate such promptness.

It is doubtful whether the people of the Willamette valley properly appreciate the magnitude of the shipping business done on the Siuslaw. Five sailing vessels, among them the three-masted schooner C. A. Klose, all loaded with lumber, and the steamer Acme loaded with apples and lumber, are all ready to sail for San Francisco as soon as the bar smooths down a little. The schooner Sacramento, loading at the Acme Commercial Co's mill; the three-masted schooner Oakland was towed in this morning and is now loading at the Bruce Point mill, and other vessels are on the way from San Francisco. Not a very small lot of potatoes.

County Commissioner Hill has been over here looking after the roads and bridges of this part of the county, and they need looking after too.

We object to the expression, "on the side" when speaking of the Willamette valley. We are too large to be looked upon as a hole in the ground. Neither are we so egotistical as to want to be spoken of as the "Great Siuslaw" but we hope to be able to blow our own horn loud enough to be heard in Eugene once in a while.

The fishing season is over and the Chinamen have started for Portland. The catch has not been as large as in some previous years, but most of the fishermen have done a fair business.

Pleasant Hill Notes.

Guard Special Service.
PLEASANT HILL, Nov. 26.—Elliott Bros seem to have changed their minds in regard to selling out, and are restocking their grocery department with first-class goods.

Miss Ruby Baughman left last week for Unity where she will teach the winter term of school.

Mrs. Ollie Wright, of Oregon City, is here on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Whitney.

Jesse Cornelius has returned to Washington after a short visit with relatives here.

Several loads of salmon were recently brought here by residents of this place, who combined business with pleasure in a trip to the coast.

Jake Barton arrived here a few days ago from Dawson where he and his brother run a meat market. He says Chris will go to Australia in the spring to buy stock for his market.

Dalton Baughman returned today to his school at Trout, which has been closed for several weeks on account of smallpox.

Wes Shelley is logging on his father's place for the Naton Mill Co. Harry Mitchell and Lewis Cornelius will begin logging soon on the old Bristow place for the same company.

West Bros, who last week sold out in Eugene, are moving back to their farms here. As everyone was sorry to have them leave, so they will be glad to have them return. An older brother, David, lately arrived from Canada and will probably locate here.

Irving Items.

Guard Special Service.
IRVING, Nov. 26.—Farmers are busy plowing, sowing, digging potatoes and doing general farm labor.

Mr. Jamison, of Fairmount, has moved into Mrs. Luckey's house and is now a resident of Irving.

E. W. Zimwalt is going to move to Irving to get the benefit of school. We gladly welcome him.

A protracted meeting will begin Sunday at the M. E. church South under the management of Revs. Smith of Junction and Scott of Albany. Every body invited.

There are quite a number of outside scholars attending our school all of whom speak well of the teachers in charge, Mr. Henney and Miss Dooley.

J. R. Yates and son are going to leave us, having leased the West Bros feed yard in Eugene. We are very sorry to lose Mr. Yates but we wish him success in his new enterprise. And say, we think he is the right man in the right place and will be a worthy citizen of Eugene and should have a share of the patronage of the Eugene people.

Stop the Cough and Works off the Cold. Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets cure a cold in one day. No Cure, No Pay. Price 25 cents.

All kinds of grass seed wanted. Chambers' Hardware.

A lot of Chinamen have arrived in from Florence, having been employed in the salmon cannery there. They are on their way to Portland.

A jury was not needed in the circuit court at Corvallis in this term at all, there being not a single case for trial, a rare thing in a valley county even in these peaceful days.

THANKSGIVING IN ANCIENT TIMES

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In some of the gathering of the harvest has been celebrated by agricultural communities since the days of classical antiquity. Ceres, sometimes called queen of the harvest, is the subject of endless eulogies in the tales of mythological times.

Demeter, or Ceres, was the goddess protecting corn and agriculture in general. The fame of this goddess and a worship instituted by her extended over the east. She was the mother of Persephone, the beautiful maiden whom Aiden, with the help of her father, Zeus, carried off.

In despair at the loss of her daughter Ceres wandered over the face of the earth and finally, in the disguise of an old woman, found a home in Eleusis. There she at length revealed herself and caused a temple to be built. Taking up her abode in it, a year of famine came over the land. The soil yielded no produce. In vain the people plowed and sowed seed. The race was in danger of perishing, and Zeus in despair begged Ceres to come back to Olympus, but she would not return to him nor permit the earth to bring forth until she had seen her daughter. Zeus then revealed upon the captors of Persephone to release her, and the fair one was conducted to Eleusis. The meeting between mother and daughter was a joyous one, and Zeus sent a messenger to invite his spouse and their offspring back to heaven. Ceres complied.

And instant, from the deep soiled cornfields fruit sent up; with leaves and flowers the whole wide earth was laden. This fiction is taken as a parable to show the secret life of nature and the development of food from a seed of grain buried in the earth. Ceres is commonly represented with a sickle in her right hand. A wreath of wheat confines her hair, and a cornucopia, type of plenty, is placed near her to represent fruitful harvests.

The Eleusinian mysteries originated in the worship set up to Ceres at Eleusis. Little is positively known of the nature of this secret worship, except that it was ennobling to the



mind and conduct. One festival sacred to Ceres and Persephone lasted from Sept. 19 to Sept. 29. Although other ideas were involved in the ceremonies, the occasion, in the Greek and Roman world at least, was one of rejoicing for the bounties of the harvest.

The Jews in all lands hold a week of thanksgiving at the close of the summer season. This is the feast of the tabernacles founded by Moses. In the course of their peregrinations the Israelites on the way to the promised land dwelt in booths, and the event is commemorated by taking the meals of the feast in tents or temporary shelters. The roof must admit a view of the sky, and is usually made of the branches of trees. The more pious of the race sleep under this green roof. The members of a family, or sometimes a whole community, club together and erect large tabernacles of boughs. This festival is also called the feast of the ingathering. It is mentioned in the twenty-third chapter of Exodus, sixteenth verse, as "the feast of the ingathering at the end of the year, when thou hast gathered in the labors of the field."

The rules of the feast are more explicitly laid down in the twenty-third chapter of Leviticus, commencing with the thirty-third verse, as follows:

And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying: Speak unto the children of Israel, saying: The fifteenth day of this seventh month shall be the feast of tabernacles, for seven days unto the Lord. Also in the fifteenth day of the seventh month when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, ye shall keep a feast unto the Lord seven days; on the first day shall be a Sabbath and on the eighth day shall be a Sabbath. And ye shall take you on the first day the boughs of goodly trees, branches of palm trees and the boughs of thick trees and willows of the brook. And ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in booths. The idea of the tabernacles and the ingathering of the harvest are more closely combined in the sixteenth chapter of Deuteronomy, the thirteenth verse, which says:

Thou shalt observe the feast of the tabernacles seven days after thou hast gathered in thy corn and wine.

The nearest approach to the modern Thanksgiving festival as it is kept in the country was the harvest home of the English farm people, formerly celebrated by the whole rural community with universal merrymaking, feasting, songs and dances. The last load of corn from the field was crowned with flowers, having, besides, an image richly dressed to typify Ceres, the queen of the harvest. When the last load reached the barn, the joyous harvesters sang in chorus:

We have plowed, we have sowed,
We have reaped, we have mowed,
We have brought home every load,
Hip, hip, hip, harvest home!

JONATHAN JOYCE.

You want a good clean bed when you stop over night in Eugene. New beds and newly papered and painted rooms at the Courthouse Lodging House. No old, dusty, worn-out carpets but clean painted floors with a nice bright Brussels carpet rug to each bed. Just back of the courthouse.

County Allowances.

Allowed Nov 7—	
Road acct—	
C Sturtevant roadwork.....	4 50
Z T Fisk roadwork.....	1 50
Thos Hick roadwork.....	1 50
Nel Cook roadwork.....	3 10
H M Price roadwork.....	6 00
Fred Price roadwork.....	1 25
Fidls Taylor roadwork.....	7 50
Robt Allison roadwork.....	3 00
J C Beck roadwork.....	12 00
Mat Beck roadwork.....	10 00
John Nelson roadwork.....	12 00
Bruce David roadwork.....	6 75
H L Edmundson roadwork.....	1 00
C F Cox roadwork.....	7 50
John Parker roadwork.....	15 00
James Kennedy roadwork.....	15 00
Abe Bogot roadwork.....	7 50
S F McFall roadwork.....	13 75
Roy Carpenter roadwork.....	28 75
J A Clearwater roadwork.....	25 00
John Smith roadwork.....	5 00
W D Bissell roadwork.....	15 00
M F Castiel roadwork.....	2 50
W S Michael roadwork.....	1 50
A L Garrison roadwork.....	33 10
A Barker roadwork.....	34 50
H McCullum roadwork.....	34 50
Philip Moss roadwork.....	8 25
John Moss roadwork.....	8 25
John Cartrell roadwork.....	8 25
Geo Learned roadwork.....	13 50
Rit Baker roadwork.....	3 00
John Bryant roadwork.....	5 00
I R Howard roadwork.....	6 50
W Lockhard.....	7 50
Fitz Lee roadwork.....	3 00
R G Humphill roadwork.....	5 00
Geo Bryant roadwork.....	5 00
Frank Powell roadwork.....	6 75
A Anderson roadwork.....	6 00
B Anderson roadwork.....	12 00
C Love roadwork.....	31 50
August Beckman roadwork.....	3 00
Ernest Schwering roadwork.....	8 50
Marian Hager roadwork.....	8 75
Chas A Ruiz roadwork.....	1 50
Henry Robinson roadwork.....	1 12
T Goodpasture roadwork.....	7 50
Albert Schwering roadwork.....	6 00
J Laseo roadwork.....	6 00
R Petzold roadwork.....	6 00
Chas Lemley roadwork.....	5 00
H Loehner roadwork.....	5 00
H Gates roadwork.....	3 00
A S Severson roadwork.....	1 50
A Furgerson roadwork.....	6 00
James Kerr roadwork.....	6 75
C Kerr roadwork.....	3 13
G Kerr roadwork.....	1 25
Win Wills roadwork.....	1 25
Lee Bailey roadwork.....	3 75
W H Sailer roadwork.....	15 00
N B Sutherland roadwork.....	22 50
W S Sutherland roadwork.....	24 50
J E Richardson roadwork.....	9 00
D Moss roadwork.....	5 10
Robt Aranchel roadwork.....	1 50
W T Garroutte roadwork claimed	
\$6, allowed.....	5 00
J Gates roadwork.....	7 20
H L Mitchell roadwork.....	2 50
Oscar Woodard roadwork.....	5 62

For an Annual Debate.

In yesterday's Oregon Weekly, Allen Eaton suggests the following feasible plan to the literary societies of the University:

TO THE LOREAN AND PHILOLOGIAN SOCIETIES—I believe that some plan should be adopted by the literary societies of the University of Oregon for a more thorough development of debaters. Until some better plan shall be hit upon, I suggest that the two men's societies (Lorean and Philologist) hold each year a public debate, that this debate shall be held at the same time each year; and that the debate be placed in the University calendar.

If the societies choose to do this, I wish to offer to the one winning two out of the first three debates a good bust of a great American debater, perhaps Webster.

If such an offer be acceptable to you, I will later submit a provision for two governing the presentation of the piece of statuary.

ALLEN EATON.

The Best Prescription for Malaria.

Chills and fever is a bottle of Grove's Tasteless Chills Tonic. It is simply Iron and Quinine in a tasteless form. No Cure, No Pay. Price 50c.

British women are said to average two inches more in height than American women, and it is a novel theory that girls born in summer and autumn grow to be taller than those born in spring and winter. The tallest girls are born in August.

CLASSIFIED COLUMNS.

Notices under this head not to exceed five lines, 50 cents per week; \$1.50 a month; \$12 per year.

For Sale.

FOR SALE—A milk cow. Inquire at J. W. Kays' furniture store.

FOR SALE—A Shetland pony and cart for sale. Enquire at 746 Hilliard Street.

FOR SALE.—160 acres with large house and two large barns; 90 acre saw timber, considerable cedar; 50 acres bottom land, 12 acres in cultivation; good garden, good bearing orchard, and good outside range. Price \$1,100. Address W B Scott, Jasper, Oregon.

Help Wanted.

WANTED.—100 men to cut railroad wood. Inquire of or address Dunbar & Kuykendall, Wolf Creek, Ore.

WANTED.—Timberfellers, buckers and barkers. Apply by mail to G Nettle, Leaburg, Oregon. Only good steady hands need to write.

Miscellaneous.

TO TRADE.—One good horse, new buggy and a splendid cow to trade for city lot or small piece of land near Eugene. Enquire at GUARD office.

Palestine Pointers.

Guard Special Service.
CROW, Nov. 25.—John Briggs and Frank Dices leave shortly for the Siuslaw on a visit to their homesteads.

The protracted meetings at Hadleyville conducted by Rev C P Bailey have been attended with much interest. Several additions to the church have been received.

Palestine private school is under way again with Miss Ora Reed at the helm. Master Harvey Hasley is a new pupil at Palestine.

J O McCrady, the popular pedagogue at Central, has about 46 pupils under his care.

Mrs Margaret Lilee and Norris Owen were callers at A J Kraal's last week. A J and Harvey Wood visited relatives in this neighborhood today.

We have not heard that any of the turkeys that infest these parts are threatened with death next Thursday.

Cloverdale Items.

Guard Special Service.
CRESSWELL, Nov. 26.—Dan Holridge and family have returned to their home at Salem after a month's visit with relatives here.

Mrs John Parker returned to her home at Springfield Tuesday.

Miss Louise Mathes and Myrtle Smith went to Cottage Grove today to spend Thanksgiving with friends at that place.

The dance given by Floyd Mathes last Friday night was a success and everybody had a good time in general.

Claude Parker of Pleasant Hill, has rented Mrs Kelly's place for the coming year. We welcome him into our neighborhood.

Rev Hansel filed his regular appointment here last Sunday night with a good attendance.

Albany and O. A. C.

Albany Democrat, Nov 25: In a telephone conversation last evening between Coach Edwards and Manager Johnson of the Corvallis team, Manager Thompson, of the Albany team, being sick, arrangements were made for a game on the college campus at this city on Saturday, Dec 6 without gate receipts. The O A C people refuse to play on the Ramblers Park, claiming it is too muddy.

Administratrix Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Amanda Strong, has been duly appointed administratrix of the estate of S H Fisher, deceased, by the county court and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same with proper vouchers to said administratrix at the law office of L Biley, in Eugene, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated this 5th day of July 1902.
AMANDA STRONG,
L BILEY, Attorney. Administratrix.

Furs Furs Furs

Our long looked for FURS arrived this morning.

They are Beauties

It will be well worth your time to come and see them whether you intend purchasing or not. Owing to the lateness of their arrival and the fact that the Wholesale House gives us they will be sold at ridiculously low prices. See Window Display.

Cockerline & Wetherbee.

Always Desirable

People come for our groceries and eggs because they are nice and fresh. When they send an order we respond quickly what they buy is worth having. We study the needs and wants of all. The groceries we buy are the kind that nourish and please. When you want something especially fine try our bulk Olives.



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A BUNCH OF GOOD THINGS FOR THANKSGIVING

Is the order of the day in every well regulated household and when you see the finest of table luxuries we have spread for your admiration and our prices for plum puddings, imported and fancy fruits, nuts, olives, and relishes, preserves and jellies you will have something to be truly thankful for. Our choice mince meat and cranberries should be tested if you want a treat.



J U GREEN & SON.
Phone, Main 25-1.

Ten Per Cent Discount Sale...

Commencing today we start a ten-per-cent-discount sale on every article in the store. There will be a general clean up in all lines. Everything will be offered at this discount for the next two weeks. Can you resist the prices? Guess not, if you intend to continue buying good goods.

On shoes, clothing, trunks, sewing machines, furnishing goods, furs, jackets, skirts, gloves, suspenders, umbrellas, flannels, dress goods, hats, in fact everything in the store. There will be no reserves. Don't delay your purchases. It will be dangerous. Hurry along.

P Frank & Son.

SPECIAL SALE AT

... Friendly's

For the week Commencing Monday Nov 24th, and continuing all week. On account of the inclement weather last week, we have decided to continue our great CLOAK and CAPE SALE also our HALF PRICE FUR SALE for another week.

FURS

All our Fur Bosses and Collarettes go exactly at half price, (i. e.) \$15.00 for \$7.50, \$10.00 for \$5.00, \$8.00 for \$4.00, etc., etc.

Linen Department

Our line of Table Linens, napkins, etc., is most complete—Blanchard Table Linens from 35 cents to

Linen Tray Cloths, fringed and hem-stitched 11 sizes, from 75c to 10.00

Napkins from \$1.50 to \$4.00

Note Prices Below.

\$35.00 Jacket's for.....	\$25.00
27.50 " " " " " " " "	19.50
25.00 " " " " " " " "	16.50
22.50 " " " " " " " "	15.75
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16.50 " " " " " " " "	10.25
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8.50 " " " " " " " "	6.75
5.00 and 6.50 " " " " " " " "	5.00
	3.75

Clothing Department.

In going through our big stock of Clothing we found many odd suits about 50 in all ranging in price from \$12.50. \$13.50 and \$15.00. Will go at \$8.50 \$15.50, \$18.00 and \$20.00 to \$12.50

See our ad in Friday's and Saturday's paper telling you all about the good things in store for you Saturday night.