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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1897.

The sultan of Turkey, who is one of the shrewd rulers of Europe, has had to back down before the iron hand of Russia. Turkey was going to spend large sums of money on her navy, when the Turkish-Russian war indemnity was due and unpaid. Russia demands payment of arrears before Mr. Turkey proceeds to to gobble.

Here is what a New Mexico judge said to a jury which had just acquitted a man accused of murder, when his guilt was quite evident: "Gentlemen, I find it entirely useless to prosecute criminals in this county. It seems that murder is justified here. You can all be discharged permanently and go home."

General Blanco's latest method seems to be to buy off the insurgent leaders in Cuba by giving them considerable sums of money. This will not suffice; men who have sacrificed money and property for freedom are not likely, just at the point of victory, to sell out to anybody. The insurgents will not be bought, they are fighting for a principle—liberty or death.

Some people think it a disgrace to send their children to the reform school. What do such people think of parents who will allow their children, that ought to be spanked and sent to bed, to roam the streets under cover of darkness making themselves generaly obnoxious? No, No, that is no disgrace?

Today, Thursday, in accordance with a long established custom, is the day set apart by the president of the United States and concurred in by Governor Lord, for the purpose of giving thanks to the Creator for the abundant blessings bestowed upon us as a nation the past year. The people individually and collectively have reason to give thanks and they should manifest it by giving to the poor and needy, and by returning thanks to Almighty God for "His wonderful love to the children of men."

The monument erected to the memory of Dr. Marcus Whitman and wife and to other missionaries will be dedicated near the site of the massacre within six miles of Walla Walla, Monday and Tuesday, November 29th and 30th. The monument will be unveiled at eleven o'clock and imposing ceremonies will take place. The board of trustees of Whitman college will hold public exercises in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Whitman massacre in the opera house at Walla Walla on the evening of the 29th.

THE NICARAGUA CANAL.

Space prohibits our quoting more fully from the lecture of Col. Bailey on life in the tropics, but the following facts regarding the great canal should receive the careful consideration of every one. Coming as they do from an engineer who has carefuly studied the conditions on the ground, they may be relied upon as accurate and conservative.

"The great advantage that the Nicaragua route, for an inter-oceanic canal, has over that of Panama, or the Darien, or Tehuantepec lines, is that all of the topographic features of the country are in its favor, instead of offering obstacles to its construction. The great mountain system that runs from Alaska to the Strait of Magellan is represented in Nicaragua only by a line of cone-like, isolated, volcanic peaks, springing up out of the low plains. Anywhere near the route of the canal there is no mountain range properly so-called, with spurs, and foot hills, and canyons, as at Panama and Darien. Instead of that the great ranges die out as they leave San Salvador and approach Costa Rica. The continent becomes a great plain, with here and there a cone peak towering towards the clouds, but it springs as clean cut from the plain as if it were a gigantic pencil point thrust up from below. In the midst of this great plain, and only nine miles from the Pacific coast is the great lake from which the country takes its name. This body of water takes its name from the great chief Nicarro, who is to that country what Montezuma is to Mexico. Nicarro-agua (Nicarro lake) is one of the largest inland seas known in the Americas, ranking with our own lake Erie. It is 110 miles long and 55 miles wide, and of profound depth. Existing as it does so close to the Pacific coast, yet its waters empty into the Atlantic through a stream known as the San Juan river. This river may be compared to the Ohio river in size, and is navigable from its mouth to the lake. Many an old timer in this state will remember his trip up the San Juan river to Virgin bay on the lake. To make an inter-oceanic waterway it will be necessary to improve the river so as to be navigable to the lake, and then from the lake cut a canal to the Pacific. The river as it approaches the Atlantic, passes through 14 miles of low land, like those of the lower Mississippi, and empties through two mouths, the largest one of these being known as the Rio Colorado.

"The harbor at Graytown, or San Juan del Norte, is on the smaller river; while the mouth of the Colorado has no harbor, but has a very hard bar for ships to negotiate before entering the river. It is proposed, therefore, to cut a canal 16 miles long from Graytown through the low swamp lands to the river, reaching it above the point of branching. Then the river will be utilized to the lake, and a nine mile canal will form the connection to the other ocean.

"Lake Nicaragua is 110 feet above the level of the ocean, and the distance from the lake to the Atlantic by river is 135 miles. It will be seen from this that the grade to the East will not be heavy to overcome. It is proposed to build the eastern section of the canal at ocean level to the point where it reaches the river; at this point there is a low ridge that can hardly be dignified by the name of hill, that is composed of granite. Here the river will be dammed and three locks put in, lifting the ship to the water level above the dam, giving slack water navigation to the lake. From the lake the ships, after passing through the short canal, will be let down into the Pacific ocean by three large locks landing in the harbor at Brito. Some persons have objected to the locks as being impracticable for large ships. The attention of such persons is called to the fact that at the Sault St. Marie, are locks fully as large as those that would be required on this canal, as they accommodate the huge whale backs of Lake Superior. The Manchester ship canal, and the recently completed German canal show plainly that no trouble need to be anticipated from the locks.

"An important consideration with such a large canal is the water supply; in this instance this is amply provided for by the huge lake, draining so large a portion of two republics, and fed by the six months of enormous tropical rain fall. This rain fall, while supplying the required water, is not an element of public danger, as the region along the lower San Juan river is especially favorable to the diversion of carrying away the floods through overflow waste wires along the low granite ridge already mentioned.

"It will be seen, therefore, that the Nicaragua route consists of the building of two short canals, six locks, and damming the river, in a granite canyon. On the other hand, the Panama canal was an attempt to force a canal across the isthmus at ocean level; this demanded extraordinarily deep cuts along a large portion of the route and the control of the Chagres river. This river parallels for a long distance the line of the French canal, and during the rainy season is an uncontrolable mountain torrent, destroying in a few hours the work of months. Another difficulty on this line is that there is no such catch basin as the Grand Lake on the American canal, and the French canal must be dependent upon an inferior and unreliable water supply during the dry season. The amount of actual canal is, as explained, really shorter on the American route than the one at Aspinwall; as for the other routes, none of them, beyond these two great ones have been seriously considered by engineers for many years, as the difficulties are altogether too formidable.

"There are two other points that are generally overlooked in the consideration of this question. The first is, that the great lake itself would make a magnificent harbor, from which ships could proceed promptly to either ocean as needed, the fresh water being of material assistance in clearing the bottoms of the ships from salt water growths.

"The other point is, that near the southeastern part of the lake immense coal fields have been discovered of the greatest value for supplying steamers with fuel. The saving of distance in travel is too self evident and has been too often published to quote here. We only regret that we cannot quote the various points made in regard to the natural resources of the country, and the points brought out in regard to the benefit of trade not only to our Pacific coast, but to the Mississippi valley, and in fact, we might say to every portion of Uncle Sam's domain."

THE TRAMPS.

What is to be done with the tramps? This question is hard to answer, though it is an important one from the fact that so many of these purposeless fellows are seen daily in Grants Pass going from house to house begging bread. The professional tramp may be known by the manner in which he approaches a dwelling, and especially by his characteristic knock. There are people who will say: "Never turn a hungry man from your door; better feed ten professionals than to turn away one deserving man, who, in every way, is worthy a loaf." Not every man who is seen passing through the country a foot can properly be called a tramp in the sense that he belongs to the profession. The man who is desirous of paying his way through life, will take nothing without making an effort to return its equivalent. To feed these seemingly robust healthful fellows, who can get sufficent work if they want it to pay their way, is in our judgement wrong. It creates tramps instead of diminishing the number, for as they are fed, the word is passed apparently along the line, or from one to the other in telegraphic order. The community that feeds them most is bothered most. We have heard people say that they fed tramps because if they did not, some damage might be done by them. This is simply surrendering to tramps rule. They are able to work, can get sufficient work for food, and therefore we believe as did Captain John Smith, "He that *will* not work, should not eat."

Thanksgiving Appeal.

At a recent meeting of St. Luke's Guild a committee consisting of Mrs J. W. Howard, Mrs. Jas Holman and Miss Julia Howat was appointed to receive gifts of fruit, groceries, clothing, etc., for the Good Samaritan hospital, Portland.

The last annual report of the hospital shows that 274 patients were treated during the year without charge, and that assistance is urgently needed to continue this work. Of those treated last year 56 different nationalities and 21 different forms of religion were represented.

The committee will be glad to forward anything entrusted to them, and it is earnestly hoped a prompt and liberal response will be made by many in our city.

Nobody need have Neuralgia. Get Dr. Miles' Pain Pills from druggists. "One cent a dose."

A Birthday Surprise.

A very pleasant surprise party was given Miss Aggie George at her home near Kerby, Monday, November 15, in honor of her birthday. The company engaged in games, dancing, and in general conversation until the time came for refreshments, then all seemed to enjoy themselves very much. Miss Aggie received many birthday gifts from her friends. Among those present were: Misses Jessie and Arminta Martin, Nellie Floyed, Ray Whipp, Kittie Braddy, Etta Hogue, Linnie Sowell, Saidee Ranzau, Lucy George, Anna Fiester, Messrs J. M. Johns, J. M. Smock, Frank Coulter, J. A. Tate, Phil Dessinger, Jas Logan, Frank Heart, Willie Gillmore, Will Alex, Ben George, and Frank Leonard.

WANTED—TRUSTWORTHY AND ACTIVE gentlemen or ladies to travel for responsible, established house in Oregon. Monthly $65 and expenses. Position steady Reference. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope. The Dominion Company, Dept. Y, Chicago.

Save Your Grain.

Few realize that each squirrel destroys $1.50 worth of grain annually. Wakelee's Squirrel and Gopher Exterminator is the most effective and economical poison known. Price reduced to 30 cents. For sale by M. Clemens, sole agent.

Everybody Says So.

Cascarets Candy Cathartic, the most wonderful medical discovery of the age, pleasant and refreshing to the taste, act gently and positively on kidneys, liver and bowels, cleansing the entire system, dispel colds, cure headache, fever, habitual constipation and biliousness. Please buy and try a box of C. C. C. to-day; 10, 25, 50 cents. Sold and guaranteed to cure by all druggists.

Capt. Mashburn Going Away.

Capt. Mashburn, wife and daughter of the Salvation Army of this city, will soon be transferred from this, the Northern Pacific Division to the Southwestern Division which includes Kansas, Texas and Colorado. Their home will likely be in or near Kansas City.

The Salvation Army people, or workers, so we understand, receive no pay for their services more than the gifts of the people among whom they work, and this no doubt, is often very meager. The Captain and his family have worked very faithfully while in this city and have made friends for the cause. A paper is being circulated asking donations for these faithful workers and we hope those who can, may feel inclined to render some assistance.

Thanksgiving Service.

In custom co-extensive with the American people, Grants Pass, uniting all the churches in a service at the M. E. church south—will observe the Annual Thanksgiving to Almighty God, for blessings national, State, municipal and personal on Nov. 25, A. D. 1897. Rev. N. F. Jenkins will preach the sermon. Rev. Robt. McLean will read the Scriptures. Rev. Mr. Dawson will invoke the divine blessing; Rev Mr. Hunter will make the plea and take the collection for the poor. The M. E. S. choir will direct the song service, calling to their assistance any needed help and Rev. Mr. Pace with close with a benediotory prayer.

J. A. CRUTCHFIELD.

Kerby Items.

The miners are happy since the late rains; they can go to work at once.

Mr. Paul Ulig of Grants Pass was in town last Saturday.

George Mathewson returned home Saturday after an absence of about nine months.

The Sunday School is progressing nicely.

There will be a social given some time in November the proceeds to go to the Sunday School.

F. M. Nickerson will teach a private school in the Seyferth District, commencing December 6th.

Hood's pills are easy to take, easy to operate. Cures indigestion, biliousness. 25c.

H. B. Miller has quite a number of men employed packing apples on Althouse. Teams are busily engaged hauling the apples to Grants Pass.

There will be a grand entertainment given Thanksgiving evening at the I. O. O. F. hall by Prof. Woods, the wonderful blind musician. A grand ball after the entertainment.

Alex Jess was in town Saturday. Mr. Jess thinks he has a rich ledge on Althouse, and is now on his way there to look after it.

Miss Bertie Fetterly who has just closed a very successful term of school, left Monday for Grants Pass where she will attend school.

Will Taylor was in town Saturday.

Mr. Bert Taylor and bride returned Saturday from Jackson county. Cloud joins their many friends in wishing them a long and happy wedded life.

LATER—A party of boys held up Mr. Roe last night. There was music in the air for a while, the noise could be heard for a mile or more, but they were invited in and partook of refreshments.

CLOUD.

Could Not Sleep

Suffered With Dyspepsia and Unable to Do Her Work—Completely Cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

"I suffered with dyspepsia and could not do any kind of housework. I was very nervous and could not sleep. I heard so much about Hood's Sarsaparilla that I bought a bottle. I found it gave me relief and I bought six bottles. When I had taken them I was cured. I can now do my housework and can sleep well at night." MARIE HAMES, 1730 Prospect Avenue, Helena, Montana.

"I have found Hood's Sarsaparilla excellent for building up and strengthening the system when it is in a run down or exhausted condition." MRS. SARAH M. SHOOK, Red Lodge, Montana.

If you have decided to take Hood's Sarsaparilla do not be induced to buy any other. Get Hood's and only Hood's.

Hood's Sarsaparilla

Is the Best—in fact the One True Blood Purifier. Sold by all druggists. $1, six for $5.

Hood's Pills act harmoniously with Hood's Sarsaparilla. 25c.

Another High Line Canal.

There is another project on foot to build a high line canal from some point on upper Rogue river through the valley to Gold Hill and Grants Pass. A Mr. Larabee, of Denver, Colo., is negotiating for five thousand acres of land below Gold Hill and if he secures that amount the ditch will be built. He asks for a bond on the land which will either be paid for by last August or revert to the original holders. It is only a question of time until some project will be consummate but there have been so many wind bags establishing enterprises in this country that the people are somewhat leary of such schemes.—Monitor Miner.

United States Land Office.

ROSEBURG, Ore. Nov, 19. 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the approved plat of survey of township No. 37 south, range No. 8 west, has been received from the surveyor general for Oregon, and on thursday, December 30, 1897, at 9 o'clock A. M., said plat will be filed in this office, and the land embraced therein will be subject to entry on and after that date.

R. M. VEATCH Register.
S. SHERIDAN, Receiver.

Shiloh's consumption Cure cures where other fail. It is the leading cough cure, and no home should be without it. Pleasant to take and goes right to the spot. Sold by W. F. Kremer.

Obituary.

Helenne Evonne Merer, daughter of Adule Merer, fell asleep in Jesus, November 17, 1897, aged 10 months and 9 days

I see a darling little face
With eyes of azure blue;
Within their depths a lingering trace
Of love so sweet and true;
Within my hands I feel the clasp
Of little hands so small,
And for the joy to fold them now
I'd give my little all.
Beneath the cold and winter's snow
Sleeps my little darling one
While I am left alone to mourn
My little, lost Evonne.

I shall ne'er behold
The light of those blue eyes again;
Shall never more enfold her hands
In pleasure or in pain.
How transient are all earthly joys
To which the fond heart clings!
But let us look to Him for help
From which all comfort springs.
Although beneath the winter's snow
Sleeps my darling little one,
Beyond the dark and narrow tomb
I shall meet and know Evonne.

Grants Pass, Ore., Nov. 24, 1897. X X.

No-To-Bac for Fifty Cents.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak men strong, blood pure. 50c, $1. All druggists.

All druggists guarantee Dr. Miles' PAIN PILLS to stop Headache. "One cent a dose."

Why Catch Cold

When it only takes a few dollars put into the right kind of HEATER to keep you comfortable. We have a full stock of Heating Stoves and thoroughly recommend our AIR TIGHT HEATERS. They give a steady hat and will save their price in wood in one year.

Cramer Bros.

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ROGERS SILVERWARE. CHRISTMAS CHINAWARE.

R. L. COE, THOMAS & CO.

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WITH SMALL PRICES.

A Feast of Splendid BARGAINS

Don't you want to be among the first to be served. There's both

Pleasure and Profit

In these for you.

HOLIDAY GOODS

Lively times at the BIG STORE. Loads of new goods in all Departments.

Table Linens and Napkins.

The new tariff has compelled importers to advance the prices on all linen goods, but we anticapated the advance and placed large orders before the tariff went into effect. Result: mutual benefit, YOURS and OURS. We are showing the largest stock of Holiday Linen we ever had. Choice Goods in Dainty Patterns, extra fine quality and at the lowest prices ever quoted.

Children

How are you

Getting along with your prize essay about Our Cash System? Let us hear from you. You stand as good a show as anyone to get the

$10 or Shoes.

First Course.

47-inch all linen Table linen,	Dice pattern	$ 25
54 " " " " "	Vine pattern	37½
59 " " " " "	half Bleached	50
60 " " " " "	Bleached	50
65 " fine satin damask	Bleached	75
68 " " "	"	85
70 " " "	"	1 00
72 " " "	"	1 25

With napkins to match. These values must be seen to be appreciated.

Second Course.

LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S CAPES AND JACKETS.

Owing to an error of an Eastern Cloak House, we find ourselves in possession of the "Largest stock" we ever had of Ladies' Misses and Childrens' Cloaks, and really much larger than we could hope to dispose of in the regular way, but the Manufacturers have offered an extra discount, rather than have the goods returned at their expense, and so YOU reap the benefit. Accordingly we place on Sale next

Saturday, November 27,

an entire stock of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Garments at a discount of 20 per cent.

Third Course.

QUICK SELLING HOLIDAY NOVELTIES.

Ladies' Belts, Green, Red and Black, 16c each.
Ladies' Side Combs, 10, 15, 20 and 25c each.
Ladies new Cuff Buttons and Links, 25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00 a set.
Elegant Purses, 25c, 50c, 75c and $1.00 each.
Lace Curtains, extra value. Per pair, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00, $2.25, $2.50, $3.00

Fourth Course.

LADIES DRESS SKIRTS.

Our Dressmaking Department is now busy making up

LADIES FINE DRESS SKIRTS AT

$2.00, $2.25, $2.50, $2.75 and $3.00.

Owing to Superior quality of Materials, Elegant Finish and Style, these Goods are selling like Hot Cakes. We Guarantee the Quality, Style, and Finish of these goods equal to any Eastern made skirts selling at from 25 to 50 per cent more money. We invite your inspection of Stock now on Sale.

Muslin Sheet, size 72x90, 50c.
Pillow Cases, 12½c.
Good Quality Feather Tickings, 12½c.
Ladies' Heavy Fleeced Skirt Patterns, 50c.
Eider down wool Cloaking, 30c.
The Best Table Oil Cloth, 19c.
Men's white laundried Shirts, the very best quality, equal to any $1.50 shirt in the market, 98c.
Turkish Towels, 48x20 in., 12½c.
" " 52x22 in., 20c.
Very Best Bleached Muslin, 8½c.
Kid Hair Curlers, per doz., 5c.
Needle Cases, 5c.
Wall Paper, 5c, 10c, 20c and 25c.