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THOSE "PUNKIN" PIES

Had I the voice of Jennie Lind;
If like Caruso I could sing,
Or if such eloquence were mine
As fame to Cicero did bring;
If I could write Bill Shakespeare's
plays
(Although at school I won a prize)
I couldn't half begin to praise
Aunt Mandy's famous punkin pies.
Lucullus, as I have no doubt,
A fair to middlin' table set;
King Arthur and his doughty rout,
At beefsteak dinners nightly met,
And yet their boards lacked some-
thing that
The inner man quite satisfies;
They lacked—no need to tell you
what—
Aunt Mandy's famous punkin' pies.
Thanksgiving without punkin' pie
Would be like Hamlet sans the
Dane,
And one might get down on his knees
And offer thanks—but all in vain;
The good Lord, looking down, would
say:
"I don't go for to erltiefze,
But how on earth, man, can you pray
Without Aunt Mandy's punkin'
pies!"

TANKSGIVING—OUR BIRTHDAY

Today is Thanksgiving Day: It is
likewise Western World's fourth an-
niversary. Just three years ago the
first issue of this paper appeared in
Bandon. It has since been a weekly
visitor to hundreds of homes through-
out the county, state and nation.
From a modest beginning, three
years of hard, conscientious work
has placed it where it is today. Its
success financially has not been the
envy of a Wall street financier, but
from the standard of country news-
papers it has "held its own." From
a point of efficiency it would rather
let its readers judge. Its best ef-
forts have been put forth to give
Bandon as complete and as large a
newspaper as possible, regardless of
compensation. And, those efforts
have not altogether been in vain for
the measure of success enjoyed satis-
fies its publishers that the majority
at least appreciate what they have
attempted to do for Bandon and
community.

On this day of thanksgiving it is
therefore doubly appropriate that
Western World give thanks to its
patrons and friends for their loyal
support and appreciation.

The building of a country news-
paper is not the work of a day, or a
week, or a year; it takes many years
to accomplish it. And years alone
will not do it either, for many an old
faithful sheet has fallen by the way-
side after weathering the storm for
a quarter of a century or more. It
takes ability, energy, effort, work, on
the part of its publishers, and loyal
support on the part of the public.
Both are necessary, but unfortunately
in many cases the latter is lack-
ing.

A newspaper can be of incalculable
value to a community; in fact one
of the greatest assets a town can have
is a good newspaper. Yet its ser-
vices can only be measured by its
support. Western World has been
giving more than it has received. It
has fought hard for every bit of sup-
port that it now enjoys, but it has
not yet reached the point where it
may relax one bit. During the com-
ing year it will work harder than
ever to increase the value of its ser-
vices and to engage the support that
it feels it should receive. It has but
commenced to grow, therefore will
enter the fourth year with renewed
vigor and determination.

Again, Western World is thank-
ful.

DOES NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM

In this issue Samuel Wood dis-
cusses the occupation tax that is pro-
posed to meet the deficiency in city re-
venues for the coming year. Mr. Wood
is a single taxer therefore is opposed
to taxing anything but the land val-
ues. His views on political matters
generally, do not coincide with those
of Western World, although he fre-

quently puts forth some good argu-
ments.

His reasons in this case seem only
fair to the man in business, but he
admits they do not solve the deficien-
cy problem. Levying an occupa-
tion tax right now is not proposed
through choice, but as a last resort.
No one wants it; no one wants a tax
of any kind. The question is how
can we raise or reduce the \$4666,
lacking to balance the coming year's
budget?

Western World doesn't believe that
the business men of Bandon should
be obliged to pay more than their
share of taxes. The cost of running
the city should fall on all the tax-
payers in proportion to their assessed
valuations. For this reason West-
ern World favored the 15 mill limit,
which was defeated in the last munici-
pal election. Since the saloon reve-
nue was cut off it was the duty of
the people of this city to make allow-
ance for the loss.

Under existing circumstances, how-
ever, only one of three things re-
mains to be done: First, reduce the
expenses of the city to the amount of
the deficiency; secondly, raise the
amount necessary by some method
that will place the burden on all
taxpayers in their just proportions;
thirdly, levy an occupation tax. If
the expenses can be cut without im-
pairing the efficiency of the city gov-
ernment, or if the necessary money
can be raised in a more general way
this paper wants to see it done. But
if it is a matter of an occupation tax
or complete financial embarrassment
(which in all probability will mean
insolvency) then give us the occupa-
tion tax.

HONOR THE SCHOOLMA'AM

The Schoolmasters' Club enjoyed
its annual banquet Saturday eve-
ning. Bandon's distinction of hav-
ing a schoolmasters' club is to its
honor. It bespeaks a progressiveness
on the part of its teachers equal to
that of larger educational centers.
It should be encouraged. The school-
ma'am's vocation is sometimes undere-
rated, especially in the matter of
compensation. Her importance is not
fully appreciated, but there is still
hope that some day she will receive
the credit she deserves. The school-
ma'am is the guiding star of the re-
public. She takes the little bantling
fresh from the home nest, full
of his punts, his pets and his pas-
sions, ungovernable in many cases,
a rampant riotous little wretch
whose own mother often admits she
sends him to school purposely to get
rid of him. She takes a whole car-
load of these little anarchists, half
of whom singly and alone cannot be
handled by their own mothers, and
she puts them in the way of becom-
ing useful citizens. Isn't her's a
worthy vocation?

BACK TO PROTECTION

If the recent election in Massa-
chusetts is a criterion of what may
be expected from the densely populat-
ed eastern states, the next president
will be a Republican and the country
will again go back to the protective
tariff. Massachusetts went over-
whelmingly Democratic at the last
general election. The other day in
a gubernatorial election, in which
the tariff was the big issue, McCall,
a Republican was elected by a big
majority.

The present administration is be-
ginning to realize that its free trade
policy is a failure. It learned this in
the first few months of its operation
which was just before the war start-
ed. The war has had the effect of a
protective wall, and only for this reason
American industries have not felt
the full measure of disaster that was
in store for them. Realizing what
will happen, should the war end, the
administration is talking of putting
a "moderate" duty back on wool.
On sugar it has about decided to
leave the old duties a little while
longer, while a slight duty on chemi-
cals, it says, will assist in building
up an "infant industry."

Last but not least, the adminis-
tration is beginning to comprehend that
the country is in grave danger of a
flood of foreign manufactures after
the war, and to prevent "unfair com-
petition" for American manufactur-
ers Secretary Redfield proposes to
add an anti-dumping clause to the
tariff law. The anti-dumping clause
is to prohibit the selling of foreign
made goods on the local market at
less than the cost of production here,
in addition to a reasonable profit on
operation and capital.

In other words, the administration
sees the necessity of adopting the
very policies it fought so hard against
at the last general election.

RAILROAD IS OBSTINATE

The recent conference held at
Salem for the purpose of deciding on
a fair disposal of the Oregon and
California land grants did not bear
much fruit. The delegates who re-
presented the interests of the people
were ready to listen to a co-operative
plan from the Southern Pacific, but
the latter's spokesman failed to re-
spond. To the contrary he rather as-
sumed the attitude that the company
could hold the lands until it saw fit

EPIGRAMMATICAL

E. D. Webb says just think what
a different atmosphere Thanksgiving
would have if those old Pilgrims had
forgotten to annex the turkey!

to sell them, which means until they
have sufficient time to remove the
timber.

The result was that the people's
representatives went away discour-
aged, if not disgusted. Their opti-
mistic view that an amicable settle-
ment could be agreed upon had faded
into thin air, and they felt once
more that they were face to face with
the octopus of old.

To give rise to such feeling among
the people of Oregon is the greatest
mistake the railroad company could
make. It has not been many years
since the Southern Pacific, because
of its lack of respect for the public's
wishes, was the most unpopular cor-
poration on the Pacific coast. The
people were down on it and they
showed their resentment by doing
everything in their power to oppose
it. In fact they went too far, so
much too far that they vitally injur-
ed the business of transportation and
stinted the possible advantage the
success of the company could have
meant to the coast country.

During the past few years this
feeling or retaliation has greatly
abated, and of late the cry has been
heard on all sides to "let the rail-
road alone." The pendulum of pub-
lic opinion has been swinging the
other way, and the outlook for more
wholesome relations with the big con-
cern has been very bright.

But just one or two disappoint-
ments like that of the past week will
serve to bring back old animosities.
Tolerance is the one virtue the people
demand of any public utility; if that
is denied then they are ready to fight.

That the Southern Pacific has cer-
tain rights in this land grant ques-
tion is not denied. But that the
people of the counties wherein the
lands in question are situated, who
are bearing the burden of over-tax-
ation because of these lands, also
have certain rights must likewise
be admitted. They are willing to do
the square and sensible thing which
is to compromise; they should be
met half way.

OREGON SHOULD GIVE THANKS

For 17,364,000 bushels of wheat,
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ued at \$427,000.
For 6,120,000 bushels of potatoes,
valued at \$3,182,400.
For 1,040,000 bushels of apples,
valued at \$915,200.
For 556,000 bushels of pears, val-
ued at \$389,200.
For 1,741,000 tons of hay, val-
ued at \$14,624,400.
For 62,000 tourists who passed
through the state in 1915.
For 290,000 cases of canned fruits
valued at \$750,000.
For a record catch of salmon.
Because business is better.—C. of
C. News, Portland.

JUST WATCH BANDON

Some influence at Portland seems
to be bent on making it appear the
bar at Bandon is one which cannot
be controlled. That such is not the
fact is known to all who have even
a slight knowledge of conditions
there. The fact is that, even now,
there is a good chance—almost a cer-
tainty—the north and south jetties
at Bandon will be built up and that
before this time next fall Bandon will
have a fine, safe entrance for ships
all the year around.

Bandonians have the reputation of
not being quitters and, while in the
recent past they have had some try-
ing complications facing them in their
work on the bar and bay, the end
will see them entirely successful.—
The Marshfield Record.

From the county tax figures it is
judged dogs and money are running
neck and neck in valuation; with the
dogs several hundred to the good.

Monday evening the school budget
will be voted on. Loyal patrons will
attend, for the board needs their co-
operation.

Western World's forum column is
open to a discussion of that municipal
revenue question. Let all speak at
once.

Judging from local football enthu-
siasm over Saturday's big game, Al-
ma Mater has not been forgotten.

That land grant question will even-
tually be settled by locking it up in
the National forest reserves.

Who says it rains in Oregon? It
doesn't; it simply pours.

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today.

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