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Apparently the calendar is to be relied on in everything except a practical weather guide and naming the correct date for Thanksgiving day. If calendar makers would leave storm periods to be manufactured by the weather man, and the naming of Thanksgiving day to the president and the various governors, their date registers would be nearer to perfection. Calendars for 1905 have Nov. 23, the fourth Thursday in the month in big red figures, signifying a holiday, and beneath is printed the words "Thanksgiving Day." Evidently calendar makers did not count on the prerogatives of Teddy and Governor Chamberlain and by proclamation the calendar amendment for this occasion looks like proverbial 33 cents. Governor Chamberlain's Thanksgiving proclamation, signed and dated at Salem, reads: "I, George E. Chamberlain, governor of the state of Oregon, by virtue of the authority in me vested, do hereby set apart Thursday, the 30th day of November, A. D. 1905, as a day of Thanksgiving, and I request that the people of this magnificent commonwealth do on that day abstain from their usual avocations and return thanks to Almighty God for the blessings which he, in his beneficent wisdom, has seen fit to bestow."

James H. Gwinn, secretary of the National Livestock association, has brought about peace between the National Livestock association and the American Stockgrowers' association, and on January 30, a joint convention of the two associations will be held in Denver, where a formal union of forces will be accomplished. The American Stockgrowers' association bolted from the national association at the meeting in Denver last winter and since that time has been busily engaged in building up a great rival association composed principally of cattlemen of Texas and Colorado. The actual cause of the division was on the admission of railroad and commission men as members of the national association, and since it has been demonstrated by the National association that the bona fide stockmen have control and will dominate the association, to the exclusion of railroad influences, the American association has agreed to unite with the old association.

Card playing by Portland society women has ceased to be a means of relaxation. With some it has become a vice, so absorbing, time wasting and

soul destroying that the church has had to take cognizance of it and warn its members against its dangers. Whist, 500, euchre and bridge are no longer innocent amusements, which hostesses employed as part of the afternoon's program that include music, reading, conversation and refreshments. They have become, according to ministers and players, plain games for profit in which the women are said to take advantage of each other in a way that would shock their brothers, and in which they do not play fair. Indeed, a prominent society woman says that the cheating done at some of the social games would, if practiced by men in their clubs, result in immediate expulsion and everlasting disgrace of the offenders. Rev. Robert Hope and Rev. George B. Vanwaters, leading Episcopal rectors, have united in condemning the social card game evil.

If the southern democrats insist upon another term for President Roosevelt and the northern republicans persist in their admiration of Governor Folk, the insurance company managers probably will not esteem it a part of their sacred duty to policy holders to contribute to the campaign funds in 1908, observes an exchange.

The portage road at Celilo is proving a great success. It has all the traffic it can handle and is certainly proving the benefit it was expected to be. There are three boats now running on the river above the rapids, and plenty of grain is coming down. Two boats each week load at the lower terminal with grain for Portland.

The editor of the Irrigon Irrigator says that he will gladly make the sacrifice of going down into his pocket and digging up a big dollar if Senator Mitchell will resign. When the senator hears of this he certainly ought to resign.

It is estimated fully 160,000 head of sheep are being fed in the vicinity of Huntington this season. Hay has been selling at nominal prices and the sheep have commanded the highest prices paid on any market.

The indignation in the sporting world over the discovery of a painted horse at the Jamaica race track is nothing compared to the resentment manifested toward a number of white-washed politicians.

Japan is menaced with a rice famine, but so long as she can borrow English money with which to buy American wheat the suffering should not be intense.

Long Islanders are quite right in discouraging the hunters. When a deer is found on Long Island it should not be shot. It should be housed as a curiosity.

The requirements as to a knowledge of foreign language will keep American diplomats from being as lonely while abroad as they often are.

It is claimed that retail business in Portland is much better than it was a year ago. The fair seems to have been of permanent benefit to Portland.

**ASSESSMENT OF FRANCHISES.**  
 (Oregonian.)  
 A right or privilege granted by authority of law to operate what is known as a "public utility"—as use of a street for a railway, for water or gas mains, or for telephone lines—is

called a franchise. Such franchises are often very valuable. One has been sold in Portland for the prodigious sum of four million dollars. It was a city property, that had cost those who possessed and sold it—nothing.

There are other franchises in the city, not so valuable, but still of great and growing value. The supreme court of the United States, affirming the judgment of the supreme court of New York, has held, in a series of decisions, that such franchises are a taxable property.

We are not to forget that this is the law of the land. It never will be reversed. States and municipalities will apply it, more and more, Portland should have the vast sum for which one of its franchises has been sold, and the property right of this and all the others; and where the city has parted with a franchise for any period, the city should impose a reasonable tax upon it, as a property.

For, as the supreme court of the United States has declared, "a franchise, though intangible, is none the less property, and oftentimes property of great value. Indeed, growing out of the conditions of modern business, a large proportion of valuable property is found to be in intangible things like franchises." For illustration of this truth, let us ask where and what parcel of tangible property in Portland that would sell for anything like \$4,000,000?

The law of New York, interpreted by the supreme court of that state, from whose decisions the possessors of the franchises appealed, was carried through chiefly by the efforts of Theodore Roosevelt, while governor of the state. The main contention of the appellants was that when their privileges were granted certain conditions were exacted, all of which had been complied with, in many cases at large cost; hence the franchises were in the nature of contracts and could be subjected to no further taxation.

Here we have precisely the case presented in Portland. In all dealings as to franchises these principles are to be kept steadily in mind. Here is a great aggregate property in this city, subject to reasonable taxation. The holders of franchises in the city of New York, after the decisions of the supreme court were announced, had to pay in the enormous sum of \$24,000,000, back taxes, which they had been disputing for years. There are no back taxes here, on similar account, because we have not been assessing the franchises. But we think such assessment will be neglected no longer.

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8:05 a. m.	Special daily Walla Walla to Pendleton intermediate points.	8:05 a. m.
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M. W. Smith Agent, Athena.

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