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FRIDAY.....Nov. 23, 1906

Hon. B. J. Ginn, formerly of this city but now a resident of California, has been nominated for register of the U.S. Land office at Dalles city, vice Hon. M. T. Nolan resigned.

The present capitalization of the railroads in the United States is \$15,000,000,000. It needs more than a Bryan financial imagination to deal with the problem of buying them.

A New York hotel was fined \$4,410 for having in possession 176 English pheasants. Though the birds were imported, the possession settled the matter. It pays to take game laws seriously.

A writer tells the Chicago Record, "I have lived in Chicago 15 years, and never met a flea till this fall." We have always understood that it took a long while to form acquaintances in Chicago.

An exchange says: "Not a newspaper in Oregon makes an attempt to defend Jonathan Bourne. From what that popular vote of the people last June! He isn't needing defense on that score.

Mr. Bryan says government ownership will be the paramount issue in 1908. To get an idea of what will happen to it, all that is necessary is to recall the fate of Bryan's other paramount issues.

Senator LaFollett, of Wisconsin, gave a one-man show in a church at Portland, a sort of Killfeather rally, with made up hisses for Senator Fulton and cheers for Gearin. The speaker did not refer to his republican turn down at his own home.

A Pendleton paper claims to have discovered that the editor who tells the truth makes few friends but lots of enemies. Newspaper men are not supposed to have either friends or money. They must be boosters for things for other people to make money out of.

Senator Fulton has decided to make it warm for some of the side-show newsongers whose suspicion inflame a state and cause scandals to be published with apologies for the publication in the same column. Such things need a rigid setback, and so far as Mr. Fulton is concerned we hope he probe the slanders circulated about him to the bitter end. He says he will, and we want him to do it.

The latest outbreak of Gov. Jelks of Alabama was his speech at the Montgomery fair, in which he asserted that further progress in Alabama would be possible without a better understanding between the races. He contended that less reading and more honesty would be a good slogan, and said: "Any country is better off with a maximum of illiterates and honest men, than a maximum of learned and dishonest men."



Thou art not rich, thou art not poor,
Thy fortune keeps the middle way;
No hills thy strength cannot endure,
Apportioned to the passing day.
Thou art not young, thou art not old,
Yet, calm thou see'st thy year depart;
And joys are thine—a thousand fold;
Because thou hast the Thankful Heart

The Thankful Heart, for Life alone—
For beauty in the earth and skies,
And for such share as thou dost own,
By happy gift of seeing eyes.
For human Love's enduring bond
Where staunchly thou dost bear thy part—
For solace here, and hope beyond—
For all, thou hast the Thankful Heart

So, to this day of crowning cheer,
By easy course thy steps did tend,
Since, with each day of all the year
Some grateful leaven thou didst blend.
No chance thy prize from thee can wrest;
While life shall last thou shalt not part
With that good gift; of all, the best;
The treasure of a Thankful Heart.

The Drift of Public Sentiment.

Prepared by The Great American Condenser, Exclusively for The Old Herald

A German scientist has discovered that the missing link was a woman. There is some satisfaction in that.

Pony went to within 203 miles of the north pole, which is several miles nearer than most people care to get.

Astronomers assert that Mars is again trying to signal us. May want to ask what a Roosevelt democrat like?

There are no indications that the name of the United States will be changed to Mr. Gompers' Cabbage Patch.

As we understand its recent announcement, the Mormon church purposes hereafter giving some attention to religious matters.

Upon closer examination it has been found that Cuba has a deficit. Good joke on the insurrectionists, who imagined they saw a surplus.

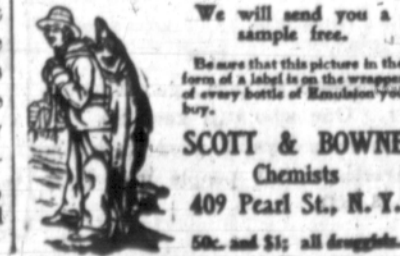
Spain is going to build a new navy, but what for, is the question. The only thing she ever did with her old navy was to scare Boston.

Since he is dead Uncle Fussell Sage is more easily understood. He simply saved his money that Mrs. Sage might have a nice time giving it away.

When one reads of the actions of Count Boni de Castellane it seems a pity that Mrs. Jay Gould never

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The Field Location?

The Dalles Optimist.
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The Lincoln Apple.

Some years ago a Toledo man pulled up an apple sprout on the railroad right of way and planted it in his orchard. It has grown to a large tree and bears large red apples that have a fine flavor, and good keeping qualities, and now he wants a name for the apples. Why not call it the Lincoln? and thus give it a local and a national significance.

For The Japanese Jings.

Astoria Daily Budget.
A consignment of cast iron shells for the mortar batteries at Fort Stevens, have arrived from the east and are temporarily stored in warehouse. While of great weight and future great damaging capacity they are not charged, this being done at the fort if any possible use for them arises. They are the time fuse explosives kind, and are not used in ordinary target practice. A battery of these shells, with properly timed fuses, and filled with high explosives, would destroy all vessels within several hundred yards of where they were directed. If one should be dropped at the mouth of the Columbia river while a run of salmon was in progress every fish within a quarter of a mile would be killed.

Mr. Hearst's name for his opponent was "animated feather duster." He realizes now that there are no flies on Mr. Hughes and that he is not taking anybody's dust.

According to Bradstreet, it is the car famine that is hampering business, and not the tariff. There are some things connected with trade and commerce that cannot be blamed on this old scapegoat.

Before charging Sherman county with "bad faith" the Open River Association had best pull itself together on the score of veracity. As a class Sherman county farmers are honest, truthful and ready at all times to keep their agreements, but will not stand for any fake gambling or bunco games.

Oregon, "Nevermore."

Capital Journal.

It pains us to think that the last vestige of dignity is gone from Portland journalism. In the mad chase for the shining dollar the last daily there has gone over to the yellow supplement and red headline abomination. Alas, what is to become of Oregon, if we are no longer to be protected by the chaste public moral tone that black ink alone can guarantee a community? The idea of Maud disporting in frolicsome gleam amid sage admonitions of unselfishness, and Lulu and Leander meandering amid frigid denunciations of official unrighteousness and the daily exhumations of Senator J. H. Mitchell's remains; oh, it is too much, and will Oregon never be herself again.

Worthy of Thought.

Spokesman-Review.

Every man who can be a first rate something, as every man can be who is a man at heart; has no right to be a fifth rate something. For a fifth rate something is no better than a first rate nothing. Too seldom, in choosing vocations in life, people aim for that which will bring out the best that is in them. Early training has much to do with this, for ideas of hero worship are not greatly inculcated in the young of the present day. If we taught our children of the great things other have done before our day, and showed how we of the present time are indebted to them; if we inculcated a love for country, and taught them to reverence what great statesmen have done; if we found they were fond of nature and read to them of our great naturalists, and fed that love for nature along those lines; how many more might be inspired to themselves strive to do something that would be a benefit to mankind and leave something to live after them?

AN INJUSTICE IS BEING DONE

By False and Padded Statements About the Prison Jute Mill.

Reports of an extraordinary expense, far in excess of the truth, are being circulated by knackers for the purpose of injuring the prospects of the proposed prison jute mill in Oregon. November 9th The Observer produced indisputable facts as to the cost of the mill completed, and the cost of operating the same, which is all the way from \$200,000 to \$500,000 less than the knackers would have members of the legislature believe. But recollect one thing: members of the incoming assembly will not be easily humbugged by designing graft. According to reports prepared by the Washington state officials last Sept the Walla Walla plant, including structure, machinery and all appurtenances, was about \$125,000. The machinery value alone is about \$50,000. It is estimated, however, that a similar plant could be installed and fully equipped with modern machinery, for about the present appraised value of this plant. For the past three legislative periods, since April 1, 1900, the Washington legislature has appropriated \$150,000 for each succeeding year; this allows \$75,000 a year for the operation of the various industries at the prison. Receipts from the sale of all manufactured products are turned in direct to the state treasurer, hence the necessity of a new appropriation each legislative period. Price per bale paid for jute this year \$18; 400 lbs. per bale, makes 451 sacks per bale. During the time between Jan 1, 05, and Sept. 30, '06, the mill turned out 1,339,650 grain bags, together with quite an amount of hop cloth, oost bags, wool bags, warp, twine, floor matting, and other products, made from jute, all of which is made with the same machinery with but a trifle in loss of time for the readjusting of the looms. Since elec-

tric power has been in successful operation the mill can easily make a daily average of 1,000 bags, with a monthly average of 172,000, with a yearly output of say 2,000,000. On this basis there would be a short time allowed for closing down the looms for a general overhauling of the plant, which is deemed advisable at least once a year. Following is a tabulated statement of expense for 9 months—

Jute at \$19.34 per bale.....	\$59,099.42
Salaries.....	7,000.54
Fuel.....	5,797.04
Electrical power.....	5,231.97
Repairs and improvements.....	3,013.73
Other supplies, oils, etc.....	2,256.42
Total expenses 9 months.....	\$78,406.22
Value of manufactures.....	91,100.74
Net profit 9 months.....	\$12,694.52

During the biennial period ending Sept. 30, 1906, there were expended from the fund provided for this purpose \$153,515.87, while the gross receipts were \$204,558.84. This included the sale of any manufactured products which were carried over from the preceding biennial period. The gross profits of the jute mill for the two years were \$22,149.01.

It is estimated with a fair margin of profit, and sufficient machinery to utilize the surplus convict labor, together with a sufficient appropriation to insure continual operation the year round, that the jute mill alone will put the Washington state prison on a self sustaining basis. The knacker always works cheap. He will exert himself harder, for less compensation, than any other creature on earth and his unbounded energy and enthusiasm in opposition to progress would earn him a laurel wreath if it could be directed in opposite channels.

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