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The Imperial navy of China is going to pieces voluntarily, which is better than being dismantled by the enemy.

In western Canada wheat threshers are studying how best to carry on their work in snow drifts, with the mercury below zero.

Illinois has foolishly tried minority representation, and discovered that there is a way to spell it with only five letters: Chaos.

Each year America is a little bigger and a little better, by reason of 'The Star-Spangled Banner,' as told by Francis Scott Key.

More than 70,000 women are about to vote in Los Angeles; the London suffragettes can offer fresh proof that they are not chasing an abstraction.

One woman desires to marry the California wild man; she is a suffragette, and wants to show what she can do in the way of making a husband out of raw material.

Combinations in restraint of trade are made by whispering in corners, and it is vain to say that those who exploit them do not know that they are violating the law.

Dick Croker has returned to this country to attend the New York horse show, very important; and says he is glad to be out of politics—when he looks Mr. Murphy over.

Mrs. Russell Sage says she is \$7,500,000 poorer than she was last year; that lightens what Mr. Rockefeller would call the burden of wealth: Thanksgiving meant to her something.

Former President Diaz is passing his period of exile in a very quiet spot; so quiet, in fact, that it is altogether unlike anything in his old home. Madero is getting all of the excitement.

Judge Sullivan, of the court of general sessions in New York city, has expressed his opinion from the bench, that it is the unwillingness of the young men of today to do manual labor, that is responsible for the increase of crime.

Missouri and Tennessee have republican governments; Kentucky has a retiring republican governor; and Maryland a newly elected republican governor; on the whole the states along the border do not look repugnant to honest republicans.

It has been obvious for some time that the quarrel of Russia with Persia is really aimed at the American Persian treasurer general, W. M. Shuster, referred to by the Russian press as "the American in a pea-jacket and a paper collar." Teheran dispatches via St. Petersburg, now say that one of the first demands of Russia, when she has brought Persia to her knees, as she expects to do, will be the removal of Shuster, and the American commission, or at least curtailment of his powers.

"LET US RETURN THANKS"

Too Many Bonds Being Issued.

Evening Telegram: If there was no day of reckoning, those unlimited bond issues, with which the country is now being flooded might be an unmixed good. But it is so easy to pay off a debt by giving a note that all the little towns in the country are catching the fever, and instead of limiting themselves to outlays for those articles which are absolutely essential to their municipal comfort and self respect, they are conjuring up visions of what they will be a generation hence, and making outlays for public buildings on that scale.

Within its limits, and properly used, the bonding idea is a very good and commendable one; the responsibility for certain permanent improvements, cost of which should not be solely saddled upon the present tax payers, is shared by future tax payers. In this aspect of the matter nothing can be said except in indorsement of the bonding system; but it is so easy to raise money in this way we are too often tempted to stretch our credit beyond our resources, and in the end create such a heavy burden that property owners who have bought in good faith may not be able to hold on. Such a contingency as this, which has been realized in some Pacific coast cities, should give us pause in considering the issuance of bonds.

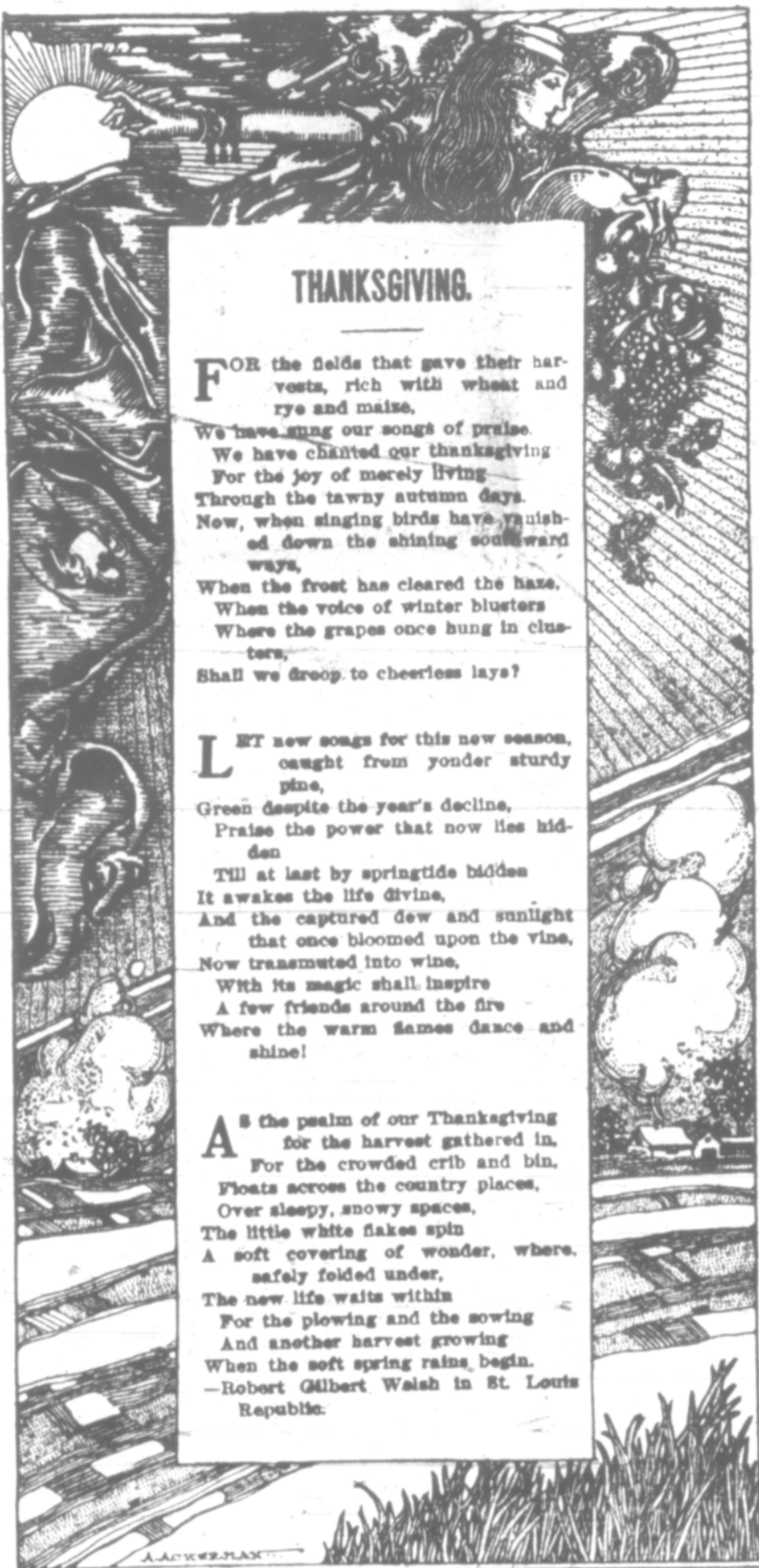
We should be very certain that the amount of the bonds is needed for work which the best common sense and judgment of the community approve. We must not forget that if the bonds are not immediately payable they immediately begin to bear interest, and likewise that a sinking fund for their redemption must be started.

To the smaller towns of Oregon and adjoining states The Telegram makes the suggestion: To go slow in the issuance of bonds for public improvements; not to be carried away by momentary enthusiasm over projected improvements, but to give sober, second thought to them, and approve them as matters of calm judgment and sound business sense—and not otherwise.

The Sherman law, as a trust killer and competition restorer, is becoming understood as a fraud of 20 years standing; and will continue a fraud as long as it is kept on the books. It is a failure for the same reasons that the French laws, to compel men to accept assignments as gold, were failures; there is no power in any government on the earth, and never has been, to compel men to compete in business when they deem it to their interest to co-operate. As education has been diffused and intercommunication increased, co-operative areas have naturally increased; about all the law can do with respect to competition is to see that no man shall be interfered with who wishes to undersell.

It is reported that steamship lines of numerous countries are carefully considering the changes that will result from the completion of the Panama canal, and the new opportunities to be opened by this short cut between the two busiest oceans. The long sought north-west passage, when found at last, was seen to be impracticable; the routes around the southern extremity of the southern hemisphere are difficult, and require a detour of thousands of miles. It costs money to run ships; every day that a voyage can be abridged is a material saving; shortening the run adds to the possibility for creating fresh traffic between coasts and ports brought much nearer together.

The United States treasury holds about \$1,000,000,000 in gold; some writers for the press see the pile and declare that it is the laziest thing in the country; the plea follows that some currency system ought to be devised to set that gold to work; the idea is a curious one in view of the occupation of that pile of gold.



THANKSGIVING.

FOR the fields that gave their harvests, rich with wheat and rye and maize,
We have chanted our songs of praise.
We have chanted our thanksgiving
For the joy of merely living
Through the busy autumn days.
Now, when singing birds have hushed
Down the shining songward ways,
When the frost has cleared the haze,
When the voice of winter blusters
Where the grapes once hung in clusters,
Shall we droop to cheerless lays?

LET new songs for this new season,
Caught from yonder sturdy pine,
Green despite the year's decline,
Praise the power that now lies hidden
Till at last by springtide hidden
It awakes the life divine,
And the captured dew and sunlight
That once bloomed upon the vine,
Now transmuted into wine,
Whose magic shall inspire
A few friends around the fire
Where the warm flames dance and shine!

AS the psalm of our Thanksgiving
For the harvest gathered in,
For the crowded crib and bin,
Floats across the country places,
Over sleepy, snowy spaces,
The little white flakes spin
A soft covering of wonder, where
Safely folded under,
The new life waits within
For the plowing and the sowing
And another harvest growing
When the soft spring rains begin.
—Robert Gilbert Walsh in St. Louis Republic.

Geologists claim that the greatest underground river in the world flows from the Rocky mountains underneath New Mexico and Texas, emptying itself in the Gulf of Mexico. This river is thought to be several miles wide and it is believed that it feeds rivers that flow upon the surface; the artesian belt of Texas is pointed to as the up-lifting of water from this river, often from 800 to 1000 feet below.

It is the opinion of Dr. Charles W. Elliott that foot ball is more dangerous than pugilism and only exceeded in peril by aviation. He merely states what everybody who has given the subject any attention knows. Fatalities are rare in the prize ring, and permanent injuries almost unknown; but in foot ball both are only too common; even the revision of the rules has not materially lessened the long roll of casualties.

In spite of the fact that old Santa is by some called a myth he will be on to his job soon again, and as welcome as ever to the youngsters all over christendom.

In adopting a resolution against the parcels post, the trans-Mississippi congress, at Kansas city last month, supplied evidence that it was under the thumb of those vampires of Big Business, the express companies.

One astronomer says the earth will cease its revolutions in 5321; another gives it 10,000,000 years; if it doesn't stop until astronomers agree perhaps it is destined to go on forever.

The Italians will be in no hurry to get out of Tripoli, nor Russia and England out of Persia; it is only Uncle Sam who practices the Cuba rule.

War With Japan
Could not possibly make so many cripples as rheumatism does every year; and yet there is no reason why this disease should cripple anyone, if all sufferers will rub the affected parts night and morning with Ballard's Snow Liniment; cures all aches and pains. Sold by Moro Pharmacy

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In Minnesota Mr. Olsen had a cow killed by a railroad train; in due season the claim agent for the railroad called: "We understand, of course, that the deceased was a very docile and valuable animal," said the claim agent in his most persuasive claim-agently manner, "and we sympathize with you and your family in your loss; but Mr. Olsen, you must remember this: your cow had no business being upon our tracks; those are our private property and when she invaded them she became a trespasser; technically speaking, as her owner you also became a trespasser; but we have no desire to carry the issue into court, and possibly give you trouble; so now what would you regard as a fair settlement between you and the railroad company?" "Vall," said Mr. Olsen slowly, "ay bane poor Swede farmer, but Ay shall give you two dollars."

The Greatest of All These is Charity.

Moro Pharmacy having received 1450 Red Cross Seals, the proportionate number allotted to this city and vicinity, the same will be



sold at one cent each and the net proceeds remitted to the society to be added to the aggregate sum expended in humane and charitable work. Remember the words of Jesus, and let it be said that none of these seals had to be returned from Moro. Buy 50, 25, 10 or 5 cents worth, at the Pharmacy, assured that all you pay will be remitted in cash, to headquarters, at the rate of 1¢ each.

Sick headache is caused by a disordered stomach. Take Chamberlain's Tablets and correct that and the headaches will disappear. For sale by all dealers.

A LEMON HANDED THIS COUNTY.

The Expected Happened at the Tri-County Fair Promoters Meet.

Portland papers say that "representative farmers" of the three counties that are being welded into what is called the Tri-County League, attended a dinner at the Rose city Monday evening, at which time "Condon was selected as the place of holding the first fair under the new regime." At the same time a resolution was passed to hold the fair in each county concerned in rotating order. Under that resolution Sherman county farmers can see the results in two or three years, according to whether Morrow or Sherman should next be visited by the fair. It is evident it will be three years, as it was easily foretold that Condon would have the first fair. Any half blind politician could have forecasted that Condon would secure the committee vote as to location by the list of officers and resolutions put through at Arlington.

Sherman county farmers will not attend any fair, tri-county or otherwise at Condon, put up by jugglery; why will the promoters of this movement mix into an agent that will ultimately pull down the social fabric built by sacrifice of the different people of the three counties?

A fair is now maintained at Mayville, a short distance from Condon, aided by the state, which deserves all the help it can secure to rightly do the work for Gilliam county that this proposed fair at Condon would do.

Sherman county at Moro has one of the best fair grounds started in Eastern Oregon; this fair is also partly maintained by the state; the grounds, buildings, etc., represent thousands of dollars subscribed locally by our people.

Most likely Morrow county is similarly situated; we don't know; but we do expect that these tri-county non-resident booster will use all their influence and their Multnomah friends' influence before the next legislature to incorporate all state monies now going to these different fairs into one tri-county fair situated at Condon.

The Observer would suggest that instead of a new fair being started that the tri-county league promoters use the fairs now authorized by the state. The exhibits can go to each fair in each county each year, by joint arrangement of the dates.

This dinner at Portland, Monday, was a good way to get together, but so far as Sherman county is concerned it should not have been labeled a "representative farmers" meeting. No farmers from this county attended. Sherman county has seven members on the executive board: two of whom are bankers, one a doctor, another a druggist, and another a real estate dealer, all good men, interested so far as their business will permit, in the upbuilding of their community, but if they are "representative farmers" then it would be the interest of all to have a few plain every day working farmers on a sort of sub-committee to adapt theory to actual test.

Don't Be Hopeless
About yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism or stiff joints; of course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment; it will drive away all aches, pains and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by Moro Pharmacy.

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