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This Day of Thanks.

WE PAUSE today to invoke divine blessing upon a nation whose bounties surpass those enjoyed by any other nation on earth. We express gratitude to our wise forebears who made such a nation possible; but mindful of their trust in an all-seeing and divine providence, without which their labors would have been for naught.

We live today in a world torn by passion and prejudice. Human blood is being shed on battlefields dedicated to human greed and lust for power. Such conflicts today cast their shadow on this free and favored land.

As we sit today around the festive board, with plenty of good things to eat, let us not be unmindful of those less fortunate, wherever they may be. May the power of divine aid give them succor, and may the blessing of divine love lead all to "forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us." to the end that peace will truly reign on earth and every man will be imbued with naught but love for his fellow men.

Your Newspaper in New Dress.

AFTER you get over the first shock on seeing your copy of this edition of your family newspaper, your first idea may be that it dwindled in size as the result of getting its ears knocked down in the recent election. This really is not the case.

The miniature newspaper (if so you wish to view it) which greets your view this week is in fact a malice aforethought, produced with the thought of giving you a more interesting, more readable paper.

To accomplish this, The Gazette Times has added several hundred dollars worth of new equipment, including a new dress of body and head types. These types were chosen especially for their attractiveness and readability, and we believe you will agree, the appearance of the new paper is more pleasing with their use.

The smaller page size, known in journalistic circles as tabloid size, has been adopted to facilitate handling of the paper by readers, to give more preferred space for advertisers, and to aid production within the plant. Your eight-page edition this week contains more news and advertising than the four-page paper of the old size. Flexibility in production is attained by the greater ease with which additional pages may be added as demand requires.

In reading your paper from now on you must not look for all the important local news on the front page. It will be spread liberally throughout the paper, and it is the intention of the publishers to give the readers more, not less, local news. The paper will continue to be departmentalized in a manner to facilitate its reading, and we hope after you have become accustomed to the new size you will agree with us that the step is one of progress—thoroughly in tune with the spirit of the times.

It is the purpose of the publishers

to serve Morrow county with as good a newspaper as we possibly can. Your cooperation may be expressed by reporting news events, sending in your opinions or in any other manner in which you feel a local newspaper should serve.

A Thought for Christmas.

By Mrs. Editor

IN SPITE of the new deal we are still looking for S. Clause to come thundering over the housetops in his V-8 at the regular time. Even the maritime strikers wouldn't have the heart to stop him. They, too, probably have little boys rushing in looking as if they had emerged from an enclosure for swine (as the X-word puzzleists say) to inquire about "how many more days."

Every year one hears exaggerated sighs from the adults of one's acquaintance when the Yuletide draws near. These same people, however, will be noted rushing around to shops to buy tree ornaments, disguised with false mustaches to hide ye old Christmas spirit. They will be seen peeking from behind a tier of bundles resembling the Woolworth building (if you've seen it, we haven't) and going to the post office to harass an already wild-eyed force of employees.

We have decided to go around with a grin on our face and a list in our hand and be open and aboveboard about it.

Turkeys Off 10c; Strike Has Bearing

Oregon farmers will collect about ten cents a pound less for their turkeys this Thanksgiving than they did last according to a survey made in Portland Monday.

This survey showed movement of some 30 carloads of birds delayed by strike conditions and the price for wholesale shipments averaged 19 cents a pound as compared with 29 cents a year ago. There has been no shipment of turkeys to Alaska this year.

Other produce affected by the strike includes apples and pears now paying extra freights to reach waterborne commerce at British Columbia points with strikes there threatening to further depress these prices.

Wheat prices have held up in the face of curtailed movements with Japan switching from Columbia river and Puget Sound points to Argentine for supplies. Heavy flour orders to the Philippines placed for January and February delivery will depend upon a change in strike conditions.

LEXINGTON

By BEULAH NICHOLS

Jack McMillan, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. G. McMillan of this city, is in St. Vincent's hospital in Portland where he is being treated for injuries which he received while at work in a lumber mill at Carlton.

School was dismissed Wednesday afternoon and no further classes will be held until Monday following Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. George Peck and sons, Kenneth and Ellwynne, are spending the week with relatives and friends in Corvallis and Monmouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Campbell and daughter Patsy spent the week end in Beaverton and Corvallis.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Nelson were business visitors in Pendleton Friday.

The W. F. Barnett & Co. store is receiving a new coat of paint on the outside.

Harry Dinges and son Danny spent the week end in Corvallis and took in the football game between Oregon State and the University of Oregon Saturday afternoon.

Joseph Eskelson and daughter, Mrs. Ernest Frederickson, of Salem were here last week for the funeral of Mr. Eskelson's brother, Eph Eskelson.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pointer of Silverton are visiting relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Johnson and Beulah Nichols spent the week end in Corvallis at the home of Mrs. Mae Burchell.

Mrs. Arthur Hunt and daughter Shirley visited relatives in Oregon

Ethel du Pont to Wed F. D. R., Jr., President's Son



GREENVILLE, Del. ... Ethel du Pont and Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. (above), are going to be married next June. Their engagement was announced in late November by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene du Pont, parents of the bride-to-be. "The President's son and the du Pont heiress good-humoredly posed for news photographers, striding up and down the sun room and seated side by side before the fireplace. They laughed each time they were told to look at each other ... but refused to hold hands. "It is to be a small church wedding," says Miss du Pont.

City and Portland over the week end.

Mrs. Cliff Daugherty of this city is a patient at the Heppner hospital this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Campbell and daughter Patsy have gone to Boise, Idaho, to spend the Thanksgiving holidays with relatives.

Woodrow Tucker spent a few days of this week in La Grande at the home of his sister, Mrs. Paul Mortimore. When he returned he was accompanied by Edith and Elsie Tucker who will spend the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Tucker.

Mrs. Elsie M. Beach has gone to Portland to spend Thanksgiving with her son, Laurel.

The high school boys defeated the girls in two out of three games of volleyball at the school Friday afternoon.

A meeting of the Lexington Home Economics club will be held at the grange hall Friday afternoon. All members are asked to be present.

A harmonica band is being or-

ganized in the high school under the direction of Miss Mary Alice Reed.

Rev. Ralph V. Hinkle, Episcopal archdeacon from Pendleton, will hold services at the Congregational church at 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

THAT BROKEN STEERING GEAR

You commonly see news items such as: "John Jones was charged with reckless driving following a collision between his car and another vehicle. Jones stated that his steering gear failed. Both cars were badly wrecked, the occupants sustaining minor injuries."

Sometimes the item has a grimmer sound, when people are badly injured or killed. But the "broken steering gear" is one of the commonest defenses put up by drivers responsible for accidents—and, curiously enough, the more influential the driver, the oftener it is used.

As a matter of fact, it is doubtful if any part of a modern motor car is structurally stronger than the steering gear. Exhaustive tests by

manufacturers show that real steering gear failures are practically unknown. But John Jones is always having them.

Maybe John is drunk and weaving his way home when the crash comes. He sees that the front end of his car is completely mangled—and so he calls upon the ghost of his steering gear which "broke" for some reason just as he was making the turn. Maybe he was speeding on a slick pavement and went into a skid—well, the steering gear is blamed again. Maybe he was dozing and didn't even see the vehicle he hit—blame it on the steering gear, it can't talk back!

It's time we stopped listening to the steering gear alibi and similar alibis which are false 999 times out of 1,000. John Jones may escape jail—but the fact remains that some 35,000 people are being killed each year in preventable accidents. The reckless and incompetent motorists must be punished and their alibis laughed out of court, if that ghastly toll is to be curbed.

RESOLUTIONS OF CONDOLENCE

Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call to her Eternal Home our beloved Sister Jennie Dempsey, who was a faithful member of Ruth Chapter No. 32, Order of Eastern Star, and

Whereas, there is a vacancy in our Chapter and in the homes of her loved ones, that will never more be filled;

Be it resolved, that Ruth Chapter extends its sympathy to the family of the deceased and her relatives in their hour of bereavement, and records its sorrow in the loss of a sister.

And, be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be presented to the family, and copies be given the local newspaper for publication, and spread upon the minutes of our Chapter.

SARA McNAMER,
LUCILE McATEE,
SPENCER CRAWFORD,
Committee.

JENNIE SWENDIG ELECTED.

Eastern Oregon Normal School, La Grande, Nov. 25.—Jennie Swendig of Heppner was this week initiated into Phi Beta Sigma, honorary education fraternity. Miss Swendig is a second year student in teacher training, and has been active in student affairs.

Antone Cunha of Butter creek was transacting business in the city today.

The Vacant Chair

by A. B. CHAPIN

