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FOOTBALL DAY.

"Thanksgiving" day should be changed to "Football" day, if one were to believe the sporting pages of the big newspapers. With more space given to sporting events than to Thanksgiving sermons the public has almost forgotten that the day was set aside by the people of a great nation as one in which to pay homage to a Creator who has given them untold blessings of the earth, for it is to the fullness of the earth that we live and move and have our being.

Perhaps in a few years the president and governors who rule us will make a proclamation that will direct us to "eat, drink and be merry, for the fourth Thursday in November will be Football day and we should all go out to the gridiron and investigate the quality of the pigskin the farmer has so thoughtfully provided for our inspection, amusement and gambling instincts under the divine guidance that doeth all things well."

Perhaps the turkey will be mentioned, also, but maybe not.

HOW TO LIVE CHEAPLY.

Labor Commissioner Hoff, of Oregon, has solved the problem of the high cost of living. At least he has told us what to live on if we want to live cheaper than we have been living during the past eight years. In a comparative statement of the prices of different commodities that enter into the cost of existing by taking them into our mouths and swallowing them he finds that there are just six articles that are cheaper now than they were in 1904. Of these articles the only one suitable for a steady diet is flour. It has gone down the magnificent sum of 15 cents a barrel. Honey for our bread has remained at the same price, but we can have four kinds of vegetables to go with our flour. They are carrots, onions, parsnips and turnips. In the place of butter we may use tallow which has gone down a cent while butter has gone up beyond our reach. But the crowning triumph for higher prices is in the cost of dried apples which have gone up from 4 cents to 14 cents per pound, yet in spite of this we should be duly thankful. We can eat dried apples for breakfast, drink water for dinner and let 'em swell for supper.

Portland people learned a lot from the exhibits from many parts of the Pacific Northwest at the recent land show held here. Agricultural possibilities were shown in a striking way and the wealth of the soil made a strong impression. The dairy show, too, opened the eyes of the city people. They learned that the show included dairy cattle of as high quality as were ever assembled in the whole United States. Such exhibitions are valuable. They show what people are doing in the exploitation of the state's greatest resources, and attract many to these lines of activity.

A Washington dispatch says that the postmaster general proposes to pay the railroads for transporting the mails according to the amount of space actually used instead of by weight as at present. This is a distinction without a difference as the mails could just as easily be padded in bulk as in weight. It is freely charged that the latter is being done just before the contracts are let.

Elsewhere will be found a list of the Oregon measures carried or lost at the recent election. Many do not yet know the fate of some of the proposed laws and we believe our list will inform them.

Only a day or two left to take advantage of the Weekly Oregonian special offer. See ad.

NOT SO BAD AS WAS INDICATED

On October 26th the Outlook printed a story concerning the alleged conditions at the United States seeding camp in the Cascades. While we did not guarantee the statements to be true in every particular yet we believed there was some cause for complaint on the part of the men employed, for the reason that several such rumors had reached us a few weeks before, and those rumors were confirmed by receipt of a story from a correspondent at Cherryville, which was the real basis of our story.

Conditions may not have been just as described in the Outlook, as the subjoined affidavit would seem to make it appear, but it is only the story of one laborer. It is sent us by Mr. George H. Cecil, District Forester, with a request to publish which we gladly do in order that there may be no misunderstanding or injustice done. This affidavit is signed by Andrew Scott and reads as follows:

"I, Andrew Scott, a citizen of the United States, of lawful age residing at the Columbia Hotel, First and Clay streets, Portland, Oregon, being first duly sworn depose and say that I was employed at the Lost Creek Seeding Camp from September 25 to October 11, that I have read both the articles appearing in the Gresham Outlook of October 26th and in the Portland Daily News of October 17, 1912.

"In regard to the men being badly treated, I did not see anything of that. I did not have to walk from Boring to Camp, nor did any of the party. I did not find the food bad, it seemed to me to be all right. We had fresh meat and bacon and ham during the entire period I was employed there, and we had good bread and butter and coffee and tea. The food was about what I would expect to find from traveling around the country. I have eaten much worse than that. The food was very good in comparison with the logging camps, although in the logging camps you will perhaps get more fine cake, but that don't cut any figure with a laboring man.

"They claim that a man was sent to the summit of the Cascades with only a camp fire to cook by. I know nothing of this, I did not see any cooking by camp fire, except to boil coffee for noon lunch.

"The man that left there in disgust and walked back to Boring at a cost of \$16.00. When I went up there it cost me \$1.00 to get up there and back to Sandy, that is \$1.00 for the round trip because I stayed less than 3 weeks. I stopped over night at Sandy and it cost me 75c for bed and breakfast. The fare in from Boring 40c. The total cost to me was \$2.15.

"The weather was bad, of course, but accommodations were good considering the time we had to work and that it was a temporary camp. Our accommodations consisted of 7x9 army tents, two men to the tent. In one or two tents three came together in one tent, then we had a dry house with a stove, about 24 ft. x 32 ft. I did not have to sit up and keep a camp fire burning for personal comfort, and I did not see anybody else doing so. I am generally up once or twice during each night, and I never saw anybody up at those times.

"The claim that the roads were lined with men coming and going. On my trip going up and coming down, we did not meet any men, either coming or going out. With regard to the only men in camp having been foreigners, they did not stay any more than the American people. The most of the men in camp were Americans, and they stayed the longest. Only a very few foreigners were there.

"Those that worked were taxed for their keep. All we were taxed was our board and our fare up there because we did not stay three weeks. I came out with about \$12.00, but I

did not work all the time I was there. I laid off some on account of rain. I worked on the basis of \$2.25 per day, with 75c out for board. I could have worked every day, and would have earned \$22.50 in the 10 days I was there. If I had stayed 3 weeks I was to receive one day's time for going in, and one day's time for coming out, amounting to \$4.50, and there would have been no deduction of \$1.00 for fare from Sandy to camp and return.

"With regard to the article in the Daily News of October 17. This is a good deal the same as the other with regard to walking to camp and allowing them to sleep in a snifter tent. Well, the tent is as good as any, they are army tents, etc.

"I did get an employment ticket at Bennett's employment office and it cost me \$1.00. The first I knew there was work to be had up there was when I saw a job advertised by him, the advertisement was for 29 men I think, and there were 15 or 16 men in the bunch I went in with. It was understood right here at the employment office what they were to get a day and what they were to pay a day for board. We knew that before we left here.

"The usual fee for getting a job from an employment agent depends on the wages you receive and range from \$1.00 to \$2.50. As for having to buy heavy boots, a man wants them to work out in the rain anyway.

"If a man 65 years old can stand the work, a young man 25 ought to. I left the work because I was afraid it was going to come on bad weather, not that I had anything against the parties I was working under, or the grub. I had no kick coming but I was afraid it was going to come on bad nasty weather, snow, and I did not want to be up there in it. I did not hear anybody else complaining.

NOT FAVORABLE FOR COUNTY DIVISIONS

Initiative amendment No. 348, giving localities the authority to do their own voting on annexation or in the creation of new counties, was lost at the late election and there is no hope that it will ever come up again in the same form. With its defeat the hopes of several cities to annex themselves to other municipalities also went glimmering, notably among them being St. Johns, which desired to become a part of Portland. Seaside and West Seaside also desired to consolidate but they must struggle along as two separate corporations until relief is given in some way. Cascade county was prevented from seceding from Clackamas by the same token and nearly the same vote, but it has no chance of appealing direct to the voters of its own territory for separation at the next election for it will again require the vote of the whole state to give it an existence.

That the people of Eastern Clackamas are not entirely defeated is evident from the expressions one hears from that vicinity. They were not unanimous in their demands, as some of the people were in favor of annexation to Multnomah county as attempted two years ago. Others are opposed to any change through local jealousies but the affair is not settled yet nor will it be until the mutations of times shall create conditions that will warrant annexation or separation, as the case may be.

The latest plan to be evolved in the brains of our neighbors is to come before the people at the next election in an effort to create Cascade county by taking off a slice of Clackamas, as attempted this year, and add to it all of the Eastern portion of Multnomah, making Gresham the county seat. The idea has its merits and should be carefully considered, for it means more than appears on the surface.

With such a condition of affairs as a new county would bring about Portland would be given its opportunity to consolidate the city and county government, as in San Francisco, which is under one administration known as the city

and county of San Francisco. The area would be so small that Portland's municipal boundaries could easily embrace the whole county, bringing its eastern limits to the western boundaries of Gresham. Then too, it would do something else: There would never be any chance for Gresham to be swallowed up by Portland as that city extends its limits eastward, and this town would preserve its identity as an independent city—the metropolis and county seat of another county.

Under present conditions there is the probability that some day we will all become a part of Portland, although the defect of the amendment mentioned above would prevent such a move until the law has been changed. As it is Portland can't get us, although it is one of the cherished plans of our big sister to some day gobble us up.

There is much food for thought in this subject and we are not sure but a movement to create a new county with Gresham as its capital city would meet with the approval of Portland. It could certainly do us no harm as we would be just as close to the metropolis as ever in every way, besides having an identity of our own.

Whatever is, is best and we will all have to wait with patience for a few years longer. Just to see which way the annexation cat is going to jump.

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4:45	b 5:40	d 5:51
6:50	6:30	a 6:07
b 7:45	7:37	7:50
8:45	a 7:50	9:50
b 9:45	b 8:45	11:50
10:45	9:39	1:50
b11:45	b10:45	a 3:18
12:45	11:39	3:50
b 1:45	b12:45	5:50
a 2:27	1:39	7:45
2:45	b 2:45	
b 3:45	3:39	
d b 5:45	b 4:45	
6:45	a 5:03	
b10:00	5:39	
cb11:33	7:15	9:45

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a 9:00	8:10	a 9:25
3:00	a 1:20	3:25
b 5:55	5:25	b 6:25

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