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The United States will pursue its own policy in dealing with China. This government will not be found in the attitude of placidly agreeing to everything that the other world powers may decide on, for the United States is unalterably opposed to the dismemberment of China.

President McKinley is opposed to reviving ill feeling among the people of the south, and for that reason it is said he will oppose any movement looking to a reduction of the congressional representation of the southern states on account of charges of the disfranchisement of colored voters.

There are loud calls in Maryland for Senator Wellington to resign. The people claim there that he does not represent anybody or any sentiment in that state; that he is neither a republican nor a democrat, but only an ordinary traitor to his party. He left the republicans of his own volition and the democrats will not take him in. They do not want him and have told him so. During the late campaign they would not assign him to speak at their meetings, and he has to flock by himself.

President McKinley probably has broken the record for popular pluralities. His plurality will be, it is estimated, about 800,000. The greatest before was 762,991, received by Grant in 1872. The next to that was McKinley's in 1896, which was 601,854. Cleveland's plurality in 1892 was 380,810, and the next was Grant's in 1868, which was 305,456. Only Grant, in 1872, received a larger majority of votes in the electoral college than did McKinley this year. Grant, in 1872, had a majority of 223. McKinley has 137 this year; Cleveland in 1892, had 110, and McKinley in 1896, had 95.

The outlook is becoming much brighter for early work toward the construction of the Nicaragua canal. The minister from Nicaragua, Senor Don Luis Corea, has returned to Washington after an absence of four months in Nicaragua, during which time he conferred with President Zelaya and the members of the cabinet concerning Nicaragua canal affairs and other subjects of interest to the two countries. He says that by a happy combination of circumstances the way is now clear of private concessions and border misunderstandings, so that direct governmental consideration may be taken up.

The Pilgrim fathers had little, from our present point of view, for which to give thanks, yet they inaugurated the sacred day of feasting and thanksgiving, which the nation that they founded will observe on Thursday of next week. The spirit of gratitude instilled into the intolerant, austere, uncompromising Puritans, has, in the process of transmission through the years of devoutness, lost much of the significance that was peculiarly its own, since some of its characteristics at the present time would have shrouded its pious founders, yet, the avenues for expressing our thanks have simply been broadened, in keeping with the advancement of the world, and while liberty is the one thing above all others for which the thanks of the Pilgrim fathers were offered, it is proper to recognize the wide range as the legitimate outgrowth of the thanksgiving spirit. The churches are open for those who are inclined to give thanks as of old, in the sanctuary, while the football and baseball fields may sometimes divert the worldly-minded and prevent attractions and invitation to those who consider perfect health and physical strength as prime objects for which thankfulness is due. However, it matters not how or in what manner we observe the one day in the year set apart for giving thanks, since the significance of the day is wide enough and broad enough to reach the understanding and waken generous response in the heart of every one.

Congressman Catchings has offered to the democratic party a re-organization plan which has much to commend it. He advised the dropping of free silver, imperialism, "government by injunction," and all similar appeals to idleness, hysteria, and lawlessness, and the postponing of discussion as to the Philippines until peace and law should prevail there. He counseled his party to advocate liberal treatment of the interests of commerce and industry and "control of trusts by methods not oppressive," and to "revive the fundamental question of taxation." American people know that two great political organizations are conducive to wise and economical government, and the nation will not remain a "one party" country unless the dominant party is the only representative of stability and progress, as was the republican party from the time of the civil war up to many years thereafter. In 1876 the democracy presented sane policies and respectable candidates and almost won. In 1884 and 1892, with conservative leaders and policies not absolutely affronting common sense, the democracy won. But then the party threw away its chance and went off on a populistic debacle to ignominious defeats. With its reorganization, the democratic party will once more become a rival of the republicans, for it will no doubt expunge from its platform in the future the demands of anarchy and socialism, and advocate measures calling for progress and advancement. When the policy of the democratic party approaches that of the republican party, and stands for America and American institutions, then it will be once more a rival that conservative men can support without fear of private ruin and public dishonor. When that time comes the two great parties will strive with each other on a more equal footing than in 1896 and 1900.

The terrible penalty inflicted upon the negro at Limon, Col., last Friday, was befitting the savages of a past age rather than a body of men professing the higher instincts of humanity. According to the dispatches, the helpless negro was "chained to a railroad rail, set firmly in the ground, on the exact spot where his fiendish crime was committed, and the father of the murdered girl touched the match to the fuel which had been piled around the negro, and 20 minutes later a last convulsive shudder told that life was extinct." That the negro primarily involved deserved death for the fiendish murder of the school-girl there is no doubt. But his body was in the custody of the law, and the courts would have properly inflicted the extreme penalty prescribed by the Colorado statutes, since the fiend was the self-confessed murderer. That the several states must soon take active measures for the suppression and punishment of this lynching evil becomes more evident every day, and the need for such action is just as great in Colorado and Ohio as it is in Mississippi and Louisiana. The south has witnessed many crimes such as has been committed by the "representative citizens" of Limon, Col., but this fact is in no wise indicative that the south is in spirit more lawless than the north, east or west, under like provocation. But mobs and mob rule should be suppressed with an iron hand. The killing of criminals without due process of law is as much a crime as the murder of the innocent, and while lynching upon conclusive evidence may find sentimental palliation in the minds of those who may rest under the shock of a fiendish crime, in law and justice there is no excuse for such summary vengeance. The courts of today may be relied upon to do strict justice in cases of this kind, and the taking of the execution of sentence out of the hands of the law can bring nothing but harm to the state or locality which allows it.

The annual report of Ellis H. Roberts, treasurer of the United States, recently submitted to Secretary Gage, shows a surplus of \$79,527,060 receipts over disbursements for the last fiscal year. The aggregate amount of money of all kinds in circulation on October 1, 1900, is estimated at \$2,113,294,983, an increase of \$180,510,744 in fifteen months, of which \$94,440,930 was due to the enlarged use of gold and gold certificates. The increase per capita was from \$25.38 to \$27.01. The per capita of gold at the latter date was \$10.60, which is greater than that of all the currency in 1862, while the total of gold is greater than all the circulation at any time before 1879.

On October 1, 39.24 per cent of the total circulation was in gold and gold certificates, 26.45 per cent in silver dollars, silver certificates and treasury notes, 15.36 per cent in United States notes, and 15.11 per cent in national bank notes. It is a significant comparison that on June 30, 1890, the percentage of United States notes was 22.58. Two years earlier it was as high as 32.07. While the volume of United States notes, treasury notes and silver certificates is limited by statutory provisions, the stock of gold is constantly growing. The metallic stock of money is estimated for October 1, 1900, at \$1,059,288,820 in gold, \$566,355,367 in silver dollars and bullion, and \$56,000,748 in fractional silver coin, an aggregate of \$1,711,644,935.

The question of debate is whether or not Aguinaldo will stop playing hide-and-seek with the army long enough to enjoy his Thanksgiving turkey.

The missionaries who are so anxious to return to China and assist the "heathen" there might find a more fertile field of labor if they would turn their attention in the direction of Colorado.

Chicago Irishmen will hold a mass meeting to protest against the introduction of snakes into Ireland by England. The report that snakes have been seen in Ireland by reasonably sober men, strengthens the belief that England has indeed introduced snakes with a view to further harassing the poor, down-trodden Irishman.

There is one comfort of the coming on of cold weather, remarks an exchange. Statistics indicate that the outbreaks of insanity are most frequent in hot season, and that suicides in the summer months as compared with the winter months are as three to two. Whence it would appear that even our reason and our love of life are best kept on ice.

Those enemies of the republican party who are worrying about the limitation of the Chinese exclusion act next May should possess their souls in patience. The republican party has a well-known reputation for meeting great emergencies, and it doesn't cross bridges until it reaches them. If the democrats will just wait till the next session of congress their fears will be allayed.

The commissioner of education for Porto Rico reports that the school system now in operation there includes 800 teachers and 38,000 pupils. This is only a beginning, as there are 300,000 children of school age without school facilities. When the American public school system gets fairly started in our new possessions civilization will take root rapidly, deeply, and permanently.

A learned scientist has made the startling announcement that jealousy is a disease that yields to the proper medical treatment, and that love is simply a microbe that infests the human organism. He says jealousy is the result of a weak state of the brain, and this defective condition of the mind can be remedied by administering brain stimulants and brain nourishment. This is an important discovery. It is always difficult to placate a jealous person by explaining things, but it will be comparatively easy to feed them on the proper kind of brain food, or to administer a course of medicine warranted to correct the evil of a suspicious disposition, just after the manner in which the helpless inebriate is Keely-cured. It is a comfortable theory, too, that our moral shortcomings are the result of disease, and that we may in due course of time shift all responsibility on our physicians, who will be expected to keep us from lapsing into evil ways by administering certain moral tonics and correctives.

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A furious snowstorm prevailed throughout British Columbia the first of the week, followed by extreme cold. In Montana the mercury reached twelve degrees below zero, and the storm extended as far south as Oregon. The first November snowstorm in many years reached the Willamette valley, and Tuesday night the temperature in this city was ten or twelve degrees below the freezing point. But the weather is moderating, and Oregon will soon be herself again.

On Her Feet

All day long and racking with pain from her head to her heels. That is what many a self-supporting girl must experience. On those days each month, when in other circumstances she would go to bed, she must still be at the desk or counter and struggle through the day as best she may.

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OBITUARY.

Almost as quietly and peacefully as the repose of a child, death came to Mrs. Sophia Mercer on the 12th inst., at the age of eighty-eight years, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. C. Stewart of Forest Grove.

Mrs. Mercer, daughter of Joseph Mark, was born in Lorraine, France, in 1812, and in 1833 came to America with her parents and three brothers, Chas. Mark, who died in this city in 1889, being one of the number. The family located at Utica, N. Y., but traveling westward, they lived for a short time in Michigan and Illinois; and finally settled in Missouri, where in 1840, the subject of this sketch was married to Samuel Lee, and to them were born four children.

While crossing the plains in 1852, her husband died of cholera, but with that perseverance characteristic of the early pioneers, she pushed forward with her three small children and reached North Yamhill that fall. Being of a rugged and long-lived family, she possessed more than ordinary courage, physical strength and business ability, and was well-fitted to endure the hardships of pioneer life. In 1853 she was married to K. B. Mercer, who died a few years ago. They lived near North Yamhill for many years, and for several years were residents of Lafayette. In 1880, Mrs. Mercer removed to Forest Grove, where she made her home until the time of her death. The funeral was held from the residence of D. C. Stewart, Nov. 14, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery near Forest Grove. But two children survive her, Alfred Lee of New Whatcom and Mrs. D. C. Stewart; but for many years Miss Anna Fairchild, an orphan, made her home with Mrs. Mercer, who gave her a mother's care until her death in 1892, of consumption.

During her final illness, which lasted but a few days, Mrs. Mercer expressed a wish to be at rest, for she felt that her life work was ended. She was ever a most devoted mother, a kind neighbor and a useful citizen, and many can tell of her active mind and helpful hands. A useful career is ended, but her work lives like that of other pioneers, to smooth the pathway and lighten the labors of present and future generations.

At Forest Grove on Tuesday afternoon F. W. Pronty's 5-year-old son went into his barn, and is supposed to have engaged himself in the pastime of striking matches. The barn caught fire and burned to the ground. The boy was burned to death, as were five head of horses and 50 tons of hay. Other farm belongings were consumed, causing a financial loss of \$2500.

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Columbus School Notes.

Mr. Grissen was a welcome visitor Wednesday morning.

Miss Ida Stewartson of the 9th grade was absent last Tuesday.

Miss Akin's room has had two months and a half of school and has not had any tardies. How is this?

Miss Pearl Robinson has dropped her studies in the 9th grade, and returned to her home in North Yamhill.

The pupils of this school do not wear dusters to keep the dust off their clothes. Our coat and dress sleeves are not moppage.

The heaters are not giving out very much heat and the directors have decided to have them cleaned so that we will not freeze to death.

The boys were throwing snowballs the other day. These were the rules that they were compelled to obey: "You shall not snowball the opposite sex." "You shall not throw snow across the front walk." "You shall not throw snow toward the building." "You shall not hit anyone who does not participate in the game."

The program and debate last Friday were fine. The next meeting will be held four weeks from then, as we have Thanksgiving exercises Wednesday afternoon of next week and a holiday the following Friday. The program for the next debate will be furnished one week before the debating day.

Fire Chief Feely has effected a trade of the old fire engine for a new hose cart, and the latter has been placed in the fire house.

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Sheridan cheese factory closed Thursday for the season. Mr. T. S. Townsend says he is ready to begin operation again as soon as 500 pounds of milk can be furnished a day. Allyn Yocum was happily surprised last week to return home from town and find a house full of guests. It was his fifty-seventh birthday and about thirty-five friends and neighbors were there to congratulate him. The evening was spent most joyously.—Sun.