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OUR EDITORIAL POLICY

- 1. To advocate, aid and support any measures that will bring the most good to the most people. 2. To encourage industries to establish in Tillamook county. 3. To urge the improvement of a port for Tillamook City. 4. To insist on an American standard of labor. 5. To be politically independent, but to support the candidates for public office who will bring the most good to the people of Tillamook county and of the State of Oregon.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1923

WHAT THANKSGIVING MEANS

Thanksgiving day originated, as we know the day, with the Pilgrim Fathers. The Puritans came to the shores of America to escape religious persecution. Over here, where there was "no one to molest or to make them afraid," they could worship God according to the dictates of their consciences, and it was when they had gathered in the corn and other crops, and laid in necessary provision for the rigorous winters that followed the harvest that they felt impelled to thank the Giver of all good for their manifold blessings.

Following down the generations, the day has continued to be observed, and it is well. It is doubtful whether Thanksgiving day is kept in the same devout spirit now, as when observed by those who instituted it, away back in the granite hills of Massachusetts. The present generation is perhaps too prone to give to its own financial and business efforts too much credit for the prosperity that comes to it. The man of big affairs is too apt to say: "Behold, what I have done," forgetting that to God he owes his very existence and every opportunity that has come to him.

thankfulness to Almighty God, "the author and finisher of our faith."

As the children of the divine Father, humanity owes more than it can ever repay. The individual unit of humanity who does not realize this in his heart, comes far short of his greatest obligation to God, society and the future generations.

There is a strong feeling that Japanese should not be allowed to get control of large tracts of Oregon agricultural land, and thus in time monopolize farming and horticulture, and other branches of production. While there is danger of such a monopoly of our land by the orientals, there is another danger that faces our very coast. It may sweep our shores in fact. It may come right up to our beach resorts and monopolize and permeate the water that makes our summer resorts so attractive to the tourist and the heat fagged denizens of our big cities.

Uncle Sam is the most generous man in the world. In 1922 we sent four hundred million dollars to Europe through our foreign citizens to their friends and relatives. The United States is supporting millions of Europe's paupers through its adopted foreign citizenship. We are the dumping ground for the undesirable population of Europe. The right class of immigrants are welcome, but the class of ignorant foreigners who come

here merely to make money and send it back to European homes, and then finally leave us for good, after having made their fortunes, are not wanted. We want foreigners who will become bona fide residents and citizens, and who will hold their allegiance first and last to this government. Moreover, we want immigrants who will spend their money in the country that gives them opportunity and protection, and if any of them should prove not to be good citizens in the above respects, they should be deported to stay.

A southwester, one that blew "like sixty," and which was accompanied by a torrential downpour, began last Friday. The weather clerk says we are short on rainfall up to this time, and evidently Jupiter Pluvius, the sly old man who roosts somewhere in the zodiacal sign of Aquarius, overheard the forecaster of weather sending out his daily wireless report, and immediately got busy. The shortage in rainfall will decrease from now on. Jupe's on the job.

Next year the nation will be boiling in the shoes of another presidential campaign. There is talk of a third party; in fact one has been launched or will be soon. It will be a protest if nothing more. The great trouble is the multitude of candidates. No sooner do we get an able and disinterested leader than he immediately becomes infected with a desire to be the chief executive of the nation, and in his ambition for the presidency, forgets that principles of right government, and not individual preference, is what is needed. But the disinterested patriot is a rare bird. The desire for money and fame outweigh

every other consideration of duty, and great men rise, and then fall like nine pins in a bowling alley. It will take many generations to develop a race of patriots who will regard the universal welfare as greater than that of any individual unit in a nation. One thing is evident. The intelligent masses are coming to see through the bunk of old line politics; and the bazoo of the spellbinder politician that used to mellow the hearts of the rabid party voter, no longer enthuses. The people are thinking for themselves. The tootle of tariff, the shibboleth of free trade, no longer gain more than yawn of doubtful amusement from the voter. Party platforms that want to "do something for the farmer," or that coddle "the laboring man," are now looked upon as so much flapdoodle, written by those who believe if they pay the campaign expenses of the party that they ought to be allowed to dictate the policy of the administration, and the interests of the farmer and the laboring man,

somehow get lost in the shuffle, after the election.

What the people now want is a return to the principles of the constitution and honest government for the whole people. We have drifted far from the old moorings of our American forefathers, and are out upon a sea of uncertainty with no harbor lights in sight. A horde of adopted European specialists want to steer the old craft into strange and uncharted waters. True Americans want safe hands at the wheel, who can put the old ship about. The innovations of the peole from barbaric, and ignorant countries are not welcome. We want no departure from the constitution. Our party politicians, looking mainly for the spoils of office, have played too much to the un-American and foreign element in politics, and have well nigh sold the birthright of the nation for the votes of a class who have no interest in the real progress of the country. It is to get the administration out of the hands of the selfish politicians, and the would-be destroyers of our dem-

ocracy, that now seems to be the chief aim of all true Americans. Let the good work go on. Either it must go on, and get the ship of state back to safe moorings, or the vandal horde who would destroy our cherished institutions, will crush out the life of the republic. "Let none but Americans be placed on guard."

FRANK OWENS HURT IN WRECK

Frank Owens, a member of the county tax supervising committee, was riding to Portland one day last week and when at the Rex hill, the driver of the big truck put on the brakes too quick, with the result that the truck turned around and landed on its side against the highway bank, and a piece of the glass from the windshield entered Mr. Owens' left arm, inflicting a wound that probably will cause him trouble for some time to come. The tendons were lacerated and the nerves of the arm injured. Mr. Owens thinks he was lucky to get off as easily as he did. A slippery pavement contributed to the accident.

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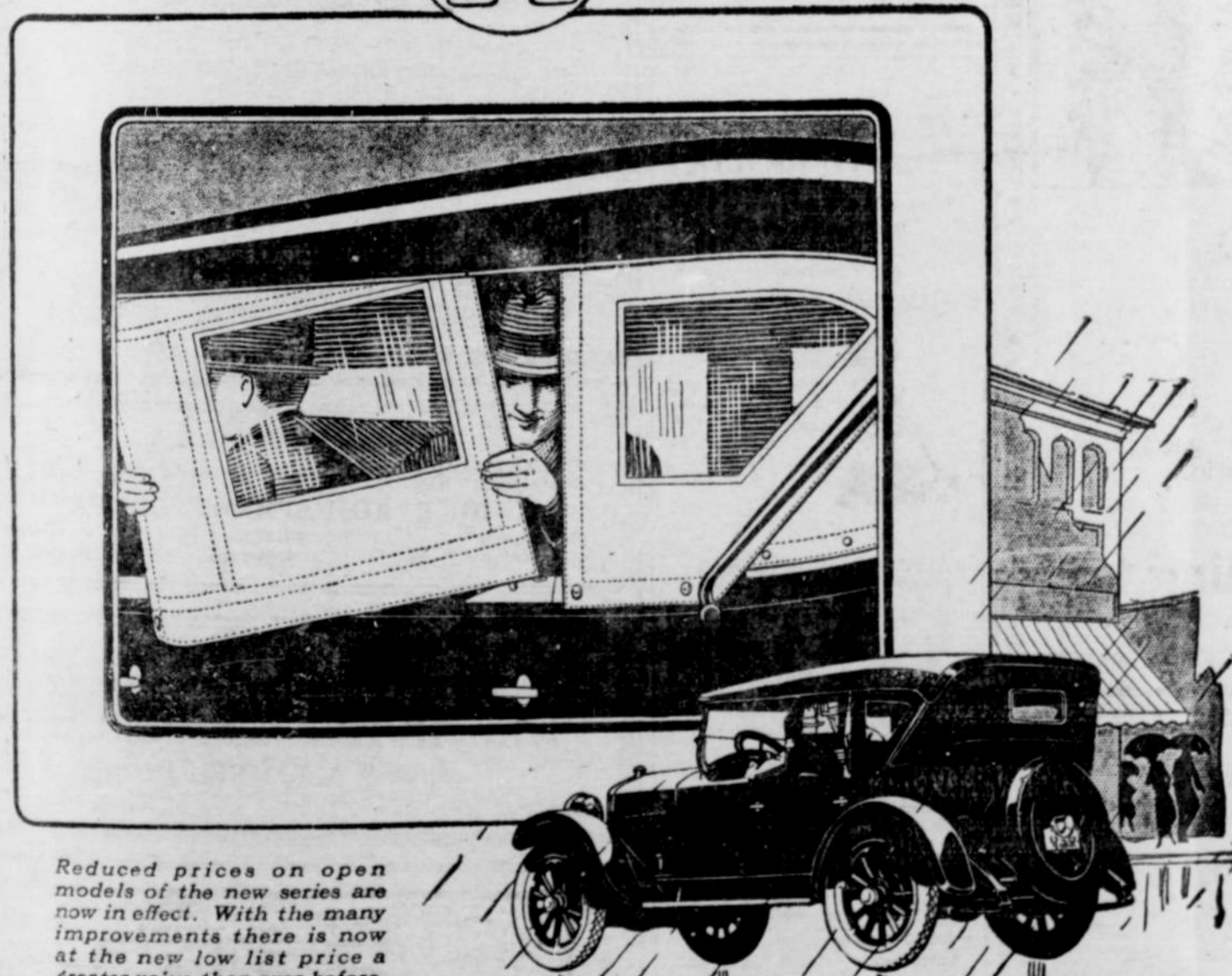
We take this opportunity to thank the people of Tillamook and Tillamook County for the large patronage we enjoy in our new Tillamook Store.

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OUR REGULAR EVERYDAY PRICES

Table listing various grocery items and their prices, including Del Monte, Flour, Lard, Bacon, Soap, and various canned goods.

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