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 This year now drawing to a close has been one of unexampled peace, plenty and prosperity within the borders of the state. It is proper that public acknowledgment should be made to the Great Ruler of the Universe for His innumerable blessings. I do, therefore, designate Thursday, the 29th day of November, as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God, to be observed by the whole people of this Commonwealth in token of their gratitude for His great mercies.
 In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the state to be affixed, this, the seventh day of November, A. D., 1888.
SYLVESTER PENNOYER,
 Governor.
 By the governor:
GEO. W. McBRIDE,
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RETROSPECTIVE—PRESENT—PROSPECTIVE.

No more fitting time than the present could be selected in which to devote a few words to ourselves. Now that the great national struggle is over and victory perches—proudly, defiantly—on our banner, the smoke of battle will clear away and the common every-day affairs of life and business will assume their even tenor. The CAPITAL JOURNAL won the battle—but our extreme modesty will not permit us to dwell at length on that topic. Our bump of self-esteem, however, is sufficiently well developed to allow us to say that the JOURNAL is gaining friends and patrons every day.
 It is true, our past career has been a rather checkered one. We changed management too often, perhaps. But it is of the present we wish more particularly to allude. Under the present management the JOURNAL is gaining lost ground, holding what it previously acquired and making new conquests. By conducting a live, fearless, newsy paper for the people now on earth we trust to merit and hope to receive the liberal and united patronage of the public. Every day we are receiving a large number of new subscribers, but we wish many more.
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THE ROYAL DIVORCE.

Matrimonial unhappiness among royal people is far from being an uncommon thing, but royal divorces are rare events. No such divorce has taken place among European families since graceless George the Fourth of England, in addition to his other brutalities, got a separation from his spouse, Caroline, nearly seventy years ago. There are usually "dynastic" reasons why ill assorted royal couples, however heartily they may hate each other, refrain from washing their dirty linen in public.
 King Milan of the lilliputian kingdom of Serbia, however, has risked his throne in the effort, which has succeeded at last, to get rid of one of the most uncomfortable wives that crowned head ever shared throne with. For months Europe has echoed with the bitter quarrels of this ill matched pair. Accusations have been hurled freely to and fro between them. Natalie has boldly charged Milan with cowardice, brutality and unfaithfulness, while Milan has retorted with assertions that Natalie is a termagant and a politician, and is bent on getting him off the throne.

Were it merely a household feud between two people who happen to sit on the thrones, the interest in their squabbles would not, perhaps, have attracted much attention from the larger courts. But European politics enter very seriously into the matter. From the political point of view the Serbian king and queen represent rival and hostile factions. Milan is a partisan of Austria, and will be found on Austria's side in case a war breaks out in Eastern Europe. Natalie, on the other hand, is of Russian birth, and is credited with being deep in intrigue with the Russian emissaries in Serbia.

There is no doubt that Milan, who has proved himself to be a vain, cowardly, dissolute, low minded braggart, is detested by a large portion of his subjects, and that Natalie, on the other hand, has the sympathy of the Serbian masses. The fact is that Southeastern Europe is a tinder box, into which may any time fall a sudden spark which would produce an explosion throughout the continent, and should civil disturbance grow out of the conjugal fight between Milan and Natalie—which may very likely happen—the peace of Europe would once more be imperiled.

The startling announcement is made that Chas. B. Waite, formerly an Illinois supreme judge, will shortly publish an article in which he will take the position that the common law entitles women to vote; that women are voters in all the original American states, and the statutes denying them the privilege of voting are mostly unconstitutional and void. He declares that the disfranchisement of women is one of the greatest political crimes of the nineteenth century.

The "old mill" is to start up and why can't a move be made to start up the "Capitol?" The Agricultural works are being rebuilt, work on the street car lines will soon be commenced, negotiations are progressing for securing the Astoria road, THE CAPITAL JOURNAL is daily gaining ground, and everything moves off with buoyant step. Let the good work go on. Salem's future is as bright as a May morn.

CALIFORNIA people have been praying for rain for lo these many days. The announcement is made that their prayers have been answered. Thursday and Friday they had copious showers all over the state, and all ye people rejoiceeth greatly.

JOHN G. WHITTER's great ambition, when he was a boy, was to become a politician. But the world gained by the fact that he did not lay his pipes, but piped his lays.

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WHEAT MARKET.

The wheat market continues firm as usual on the Pacific coast. In the east—especially Chicago—the bulls and bears are having their usual "tussle." The bulls appear to be masters of the situation.

We are to have street cars right away to connect with the railroad, and why can't we also have the Astoria road to connect with the street cars?

THERE is a truly rural flavor about the announcement that a lady was lost in the woods while hunting chestnuts in the city limits of Philadelphia.

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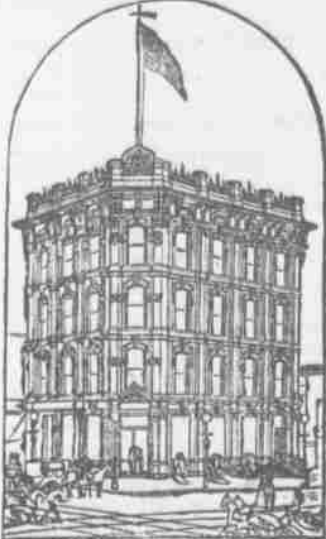
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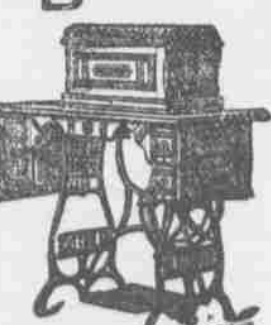
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