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OPEN DIPLOMACY

For several years England, France, and Italy fought against Germany, Austria and Turkey. They resorted to "trench" warfare. There was little open fighting except when a general advance was made and when a certain objective was reached.

To us it seems that Secretary of State Hughes in his candid and forcible presentation of the opinion of America as to disarmament, has followed the idea of the American officers who fought in France.

It is too early to prophesy what the conference will bring about as to disarmament, but it is obvious that American diplomacy has outgeneraled the diplomats of the foreign nations attending the conference.

The conference will bring about many of the things for which it was called and America will lead the nations to a solution of at least some of the problems which now confront them.

LET US BE THANKFUL.

The people of St. Helens and the surrounding community have much to be thankful for this Thanksgiving Day. Notwithstanding the general stagnancy in business which has prevailed over practically the entire United States, this section has been little affected.

A GOOD SHOWING.

The citizens of Columbia county who visited the livestock exposition in Portland last week, were proud and justifiably so, of the excellent showing made by breeders of pure-bred stock in this county and those of us who did not see the big show, were likewise elated when we read in the Portland papers that breeders from our county had carried off many prizes.

THANKSGIVING

And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the Lord thy God with a tribute of a freewill offering of thine hand, which thou shalt give unto the Lord thy God, according as the Lord thy God hath blessed thee.

and thy daughter, and thy manservant, and thy maidservant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are among you, in the place which the Lord thy God has chosen to place his name there.

Thou shalt observe the feast of tabernacles seven days, after that thou hast gathered in thy corn and thy wine;

Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast unto the Lord thy God, in the place which the Lord shall choose; because the Lord thy God shall bless thee in all thy increase, and in all the works of thine hands, therefore thou shalt surely rejoice.

THANKSGIVING IN WAR TIMES.

Soldiers in the Field Made Merry on Pork and Hard Tack, Washed Down With Coffee.

"After the battle of Missionary Ridge," said Lieut. Col. J. A. Watson, U. S. A., retired, "the work of getting rations and clothing to the needy army began.

"By daylight the rations began to arrive. There were great piles of hard bread, rows of pork, coffee and sugar barrels.

"We had a Thanksgiving breakfast. It was the first full meal we had had for over a month. How we ground up that hardtack and those chunks of raw pork and poured down that good black coffee!

"But the dinner was the great meal. Nine of us chipped in to prepare it. Other parties did very much as we did. The ground was our table. On a plate made of leaves there was a pile of hardtack. A barrel head was the meat plate, and it was piled high with fat pork, well boiled.

"Sergeant, that was a nice vote of thanks you gave. It made me think of Sue and the baby. But how could you pray today when yesterday you gave Tom a push with your musket and said: 'D— you; keep in line.'"

THANKSGIVING SHOULD MEAN MORE THAN MERE FEELING OF GRATITUDE

It is to be regretted that the beautiful and appropriate custom of observing a day of Thanksgiving has become associated with an abundance of material things. If crops have been bountiful, if the harvest has been great, if there has been an overflow of the "good" things of earth, and if the times have been peaceful, reasons for thanksgiving are supposed to increase correspondingly.

There is something in the outward tradition of Thanksgiving that would appear to justify this stress on the importance of material things; but there is also something in the real Thanksgiving that would demand the stressing of other things, demand the placing of emphasis upon spiritual matters rather than upon conditions which pertain solely to the physical well being of man.

The real Thanksgiving demands a feeling of deep appreciation for whatever has come the season's "with equal thanks" of the good fortune or the bad fortune of previous months. This Thanksgiving is essentially an internal thing — it can be observed regardless of what one had for dinner that day, and its observance is an affair that should be open to the rich and the poor of the earth.

It may well be that some, on this day of taking stock and expressing gratitude for blessings, can find little or good that has come to them as the world counts good. But these are the ones for whom Thanksgiving may hold the deepest reality. These may say:

"Lord for life, its love, its hope, its interest, its opportunity for service; for the great and durable satisfactions of living that center about home and work; for deep and abiding memories of joy that bereavement has brought into sharp relief; for all these blessings may I be truly thankful."

"To this prayer may be added by those in prosperity: "And may I be mindful lest in the excess of good things I become self-centered and forget my obligations to my fellow men."

Chicago has in use within the city limits 2,600,000 miles of telephone wire, sufficient to encompass the earth at the equator 76 times.

Rust spots may be removed by rubbing them with a pumice stone or with salt wet with vinegar.

SCHOOLS RECORD GOOD ATTENDANCE

(By J. B. Wilkerson, County School Superintendent.)

The schools of Columbia county are endeavoring to make a record for good attendance during the present school year. The following shows the per cent of attendance in the schools that have reported for the last calendar month: District 10, 100; District 22, 100; District 35, 99.2; District 49, 99; District 16, 98.8; District 38, 98.4; District 42J, 98.4; District 11, 97.4; District 36, 97.4; District 7, 97.3; District 23, 97; District 59, 97; District 52, 97; District 44, 96.8; District 12, 96.6; District 2, 96.5; District 21, 96.5; District 20, 96; District 32, 95; District 9, 95.5; District 6, 95.2; District 54, 95.1; District 4, 95; District 32, 95; District 37, 95; District 10, 94.6; District 28, 94.4; District 4, 94; District 39, 92; District 48, 92; District 17, 91; District 15, 90; District 27, 90; District 30, 90; District 31, 87; District 34, 87; and Clatskanie Heights School, 100.

MASONS FORM SOCIAL CLUB

A number of the members of the St. Helens Masonic lodge and of the Eastern Star have formed a social club. At stated intervals they will have social affairs, the first being a dance at the city hall which will be held on Saturday night, November 19th. It will be an invitation affair. K. C. Conyers is chairman of the club and Miss Nellie Burcham, secretary. A number of social events are planned for this winter.

The bread box needs a frequent scalding and airing during the summer if you want to keep the bread from molding.

DO YOU WANT SOME FREE SEEDS?

If so, read the following letter which The Mist received from Senator Stanfield:

Dear Sir: The congress and government have often been criticised for the policy of distributing vegetable seeds free.

Upon investigation I find the actual cost to the government is \$350,000 and the department of agriculture estimates the products grown from this distribution of seeds at \$140,000,000 per year.

Whether the policy is wise or not I have been allotted for distribution a quantity of vegetable seeds (five kinds in a package) and a few flower seeds.

In that the government is spending good money for these seeds I do not want to see them wasted and therefore do not want to distribute them indiscriminately, but I shall be glad to send them to any one in Oregon desiring them for use.

If you will kindly let the people in your community know that I will send them upon request I will be very grateful to you. These requests should be received by December 1 and the seeds will be mailed out shortly after January 1.

Most sincerely, ROBT. M. STANFIELD.

Fall plowing of upland vegetable gardens make it possible for the land to be worked earlier the following spring. Many western Oregon soils in the home gardens are such as to be benefitted by being rough during the winter exposed to frost. A coating of strawy manure turned under the top surface of soil will help to prevent excessive leaching.

Ink stains can be removed by soaking in sweet milk over night, then wash in the usual way.

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Cutting sandpaper will sharpen your scissors. If you always keep a sheet of sandpaper in the machine drawer to use for this purpose, you will not have to wait long for the scissors grinder to come along. Fruits, fresh air and exercise are of more value than most advertised pills and potions. When it is planned to manure the garden, truck land or potato ground it should be spread this fall, plowed under and left to decompose through the winter and will make a manure more satisfactory seed bed than if applied next spring. Another plowing early in the spring will be very beneficial to the soil and help rid the land of foul weeds.

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THIS INSTITUTION CLOSED ALL DAY THANKSGIVING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH. Again we approach the National Day of Thanksgiving, with this, as with the first Thanksgiving Day, a period of dark trial nears its close, and out before us as a Nation is the wonderful promise of permanent peace. Thanksgiving is the day when kinsfolk love to "gather home." In a spirit of friendly helpfulness, the officers of this institution invite the members of this community who have not as yet found their financial home to join our family of satisfied Depositors. A welcome and a full measure of courteous service are found in this Institution. SHERMAN M. MILES J. E. HUTCHINSON President Cashier Columbia County Bank ST. HELENS OREGON IN COLUMBIA COUNTY