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Bible Thought For Today

A SONG OF THANKSGIVING

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us come before his presence with thanksgiving. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture.—Psalm 107: 25, 35: 1, 2, 7.

Thanksgiving

The first Thanksgiving Day, coming after the hunger and privation of that first terrible New England winter, was devoted to make the bounty of the crops which was to make the next winter one of comfort. Progress in the great pioneering venture was a fact. For this, the people set apart the day and thanked the Lord.

This year, too crops are bountiful. After the years of war stringency, there is food enough stored for all the world. That hundreds in our cities, thousands in Russia and China should this year go hungry is not a matter of shortage, but of the inadequacy of humanity to cope with the problem of distribution.

Beyond this, however, there is a cause for the thankfulness so great that no heart can fail to be stirred by it.

After the reaction pessimism, cynicism, hardness which followed the war, has come a great revival of idealism. The human heart refuses to be held in bondage by its greeds and its fears. The astonishing way in which the arms conference has taken hold of long-ferred issues with frankness and courage is not but a symptom of this.

There is today a greater, stronger interest in religion than for many years. Only those churches that cling to the letter of outworn forms, ignoring the growth of the spirit, are losing ready givers. Capital and labor are beginning to glimpse the great truth that their interests are not separate but the same.

Today we rest and are thankful. In order that tomorrow we may begin to strive with greater vigor to push these charities of human progress.

Libraries for All

Where there is a will there is a way and where there are readers there will be books. Alameda county, Calif., has a busy free library which has been establishing branches in every nook and corner. Some of these branch libraries are oddly located, but all are growing steadily.

One small community very earnestly desired books. It had no suitable place to house them until a chicken ranch owner offered one end of her brooder houses. This reading room was popular immediately and in a very short time had occupied the entire house. It now has 500 volumes and a circulation over 2,000 a year.

Another branch is located in a comfortable room in a private home. This room is entered by a separate door opening from a large porch. There is an atmosphere of comfort and content prevailing the place which makes an evening spent in the sitting room library a real pleasure.

Other branches are located respectively in a spacious room in a town hall, in a school house and in a tuberculosis sanitarium. In the latter place the head physician says the books are "nothing less than a blessing" to physicians and staff as well as to patients.

Not only does the desire of readers bring books to the most remote communities, but also the presence of good books develops new readers. Thus the work of county libraries—or any library, for that matter—grows in scope and usefulness.

Bill's Room

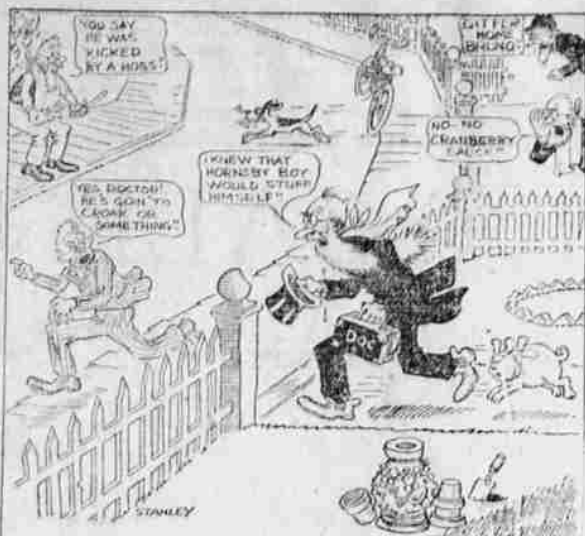
One reason why boys are careless at home and go outside for their recreation is given by a furniture dealer:

"The mother has the girl's room fitted up with all the pretty things that go to incite in the girl ideas which will give her a sweet character. Everything is done to make her look upon neatness and beauty as essential things."

"In Bill's room they put an old iron bed, a couple of chairs, some carpet and a heavy dresser. Bill naturally doesn't care anything for the furniture and has no inclination to spare it any hard knocks. He drops into Lucy's room where everything looks so nice. He goes back to his own room, gives the dresser another kick and goes out with the boys."

"It costs very little more to put

IN THE OLD HOME TOWN



BEFORE DOG PILLSBURY HAD FINISHED HIS THANKSGIVING DINNER HE HAD A HURRY SICK CALL.

Things in Bill's room that will be harmonious. A little touch here and there will transform the surroundings and make Bill a more appreciative man. He will take as good care of things as Lucy will, and he will stay home more."

The furniture man who gave out this interview had, of course, no moral objections to selling a few new pieces for Bill's room. Nevertheless, his words bear the stamp of truth and experience.

Getting There

The following postcard sent to a proud father by his wandering boy is suggestive of many things:

"Dear Pa, I arrived in Boston about four o'clock. It cost me 37 cents, not including dinner, of course. I took the six o'clock from Bath (Me.) to Brunswick, 27 cents. From Hillside to Portland in a Hudson, Portland to Biddeford in a Buick. Biddeford to Kennebunk in a Ford. Kennebunk to Portsmouth in a Hupmobile roadster. Portsmouth to Newburyport in another Hupmobile. Newburyport to Lynn in a Buick. Lynn to Boston narrow gauge ten cents. Some trip. All in will write later."

The boy was on a perfectly legitimate journey to visit his sister, who lived in Boston. His transportation, however, appears to have been his own happy inspiration. Thanks to kindly disposed motorists along the road, he will have more money left to spend in the big city than if he had gone all the way by train.

Watch that boy! He'll be going around the world on a five dollar bill one of these days.

THE OFFICE CAT

—BY JUNIOR—



But then, of course, short skirts may still be necessary to clear the ladies of the Volsteadian suspicion of being bootleggers.

Still, I can't see why it wouldn't be a good plan to make Liberty Bonds a legal tender. They draw interest, while the Federal Reserve notes are

FOR SALE OR TRADE

New hotel in good Willamette valley town, valued at \$100,000. Well rented. Owner will trade for wheat land.

Small farm in Willamette valley, valued at \$12,000.00. Federal loan \$2,000.00. Owner will trade equity of about \$10,000.00 for business in town.

One acre and residence in Walla Walla. Will apply as first payment on small farm.

Have party wanting to borrow \$7,000.00, on good first mortgage security.

210 acre stock ranch in Baker county valued at \$20.00 per acre. There is a \$4100 mortgage against the property, leaving owners equity approximately \$10,000.00. Owner will trade for small farm, or houses and lots.

Some good propositions for Soldiers' Bonus Money.

Have buyers for residence properties at from \$2500.00 to \$4000.00.

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FALL POME.

Seen hot chestnuts on sale?
Fall.
Heard the call of the quail?
Fall.
Noticed football begin?
Seen the leaves getting thin?
Got an empty coal bin?
Fall.

And our observation is that as a general thing a uniformed chauffeur looks better pleased than the owner of the car.

Do you remember the days when there used to be "help wanted" signs in the shop windows?
It might help some if a lot of rich fathers would hold a conference with their sons concerning unemployment.

POME.

Beside the spreading billboard tree
The filling station stands;
Its hold upon the Nation's wealth
Is strong as iron bands.

POSSIBLY HELPFUL.

"This magazine says that whenever he has a scheme in view, he always communicates his intentions to his wife."
That's a quick way of getting all the objections."

Probably the prettiest women in the world today are the kitchen queen in the magazine ads.

A gifted public speaker can use a truly remarkable number of great words to express a very small thought.

Tillie Clinger says the reason she isn't getting on very well with her new boss is because sometimes he is as grouchy at the office as he is at home.

ONE OF LOVE'S PROBLEMS.

"I thank you for the flower," she said, and then she smiled and dropped her head. "I'm sorry for the words I spoke last night—Your sending flowers proved that you were right—Forgive me!"
He forgave.
And as they walked and talked beneath the hoppers,
He wondered how often had sent those flowers.

To those who love modern art there is nothing like it. To those who don't this goes double.

Grass-widows are not green. Home-brewers can be held for creating a disturbance.

THANKSGIVING.

All hail November, twenty-four,
The day that Uncle Sam proclaims
For thanks giving and praise galore
To him who does our lives maintain.

'Tis fitting, at the season's close,
To backward turn our wand'ring mind
To other days while harvest grows,
And see what need for thanks we find.

Who gave the summer's warm sunlight?
Who sent the gentle spring-time rain?
To moisten earth, make plants delight
To cover fields with golden grain.

Who gave us life and power to live?
Who guards us with such wondrous love?
Who His dear life did freely give
That we might dwell with Him above.

'Twas God, who made the heavens and earth,
Who gave us our appointed time,
Brought into life by mortal birth
To upward, ever onward, climb.

What know we in this quiet vale
Of warfare, hunger, suffering sore,
That in diverse places now prevail,
Of millions destitute and poor.

How many do truly know
The pangs of real hunger gnawing?
How many starving weaker grow,
Flesh sinking, skin tighter drawing?

Dire suffering is here unknown;
Few here but have what they need;
No calamities ours to be known,
No pestilence our hearts to bleed.

We are blest with homes pleasant and fair,
With garners full near running o'er.
Enough to eat, good clothes to wear,
What do we want? Why ask for more?

Let's thank God for this pleasant valley,
For homes secure and peaceful here;
To the standard of truth let's rally,
The Lord of Hosts ever rever.

Thank Him for joy the seasons bring,
For flocks and kine in pasture field,
For health and comfort that 'round us cling,
For harvest's rich abundant yield.

For the beautiful autumn days,
While all nature did happily smile,
Resplendent sun shining always,
While we gathered harvest's golden pile.

For our boys and girls, sweet noble youth,
For good schools, able teachers, kind,
Feeding our children with gems of truth,
Training the body, spirit and mind.

Much need have we for thanks and praise,
Let's grateful be for what we've got.
Remember the poor, the sick; always
Help a little to soften their lot.

Oh, ye! who are with bounty blest,
And gaze on your turkey steaming
Let praise well deep within your breast
For the blessings on you teeming.

Ye worthy poor with scanty fare,
Give praise from hearts sincere and true,
For in the wide world everywhere
Are many poorer still than you.

From every heart let thanks resound,
Let earth echo with your singing,
Let praises from your lips rebound,
Grateful hallelujah ringing.

JESSE P. HOIT.

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Chester Girt, 18, son of Mrs. Maggie Girt, a widow, was shot through the right lung by Riley Girt, his uncle, who mistook him for a bear. The men were hunting near Rainier.



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THANKSGIVING DAY

Visions of turkey and cranberry sauce, plum pudding and apple pie—these are the things that make Thanksgiving a banner day for little folks. But to us of more maturity, this day is set aside as a tribute to the good fortune that has been permitted us in the past year. May we take this opportunity to sincerely thank our many customers for their splendid patronage during the somewhat tempestuous year which has just passed? We are constantly trying to develop a service worthy of their confidence in us.

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Island Freight Rates Are Cut 40 Per Cent

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway, acting independently of other lines, Tuesday announced freight rate reductions ranging as high as 40 per cent in some cases on certain commodities shipped from the middle west to the Pacific coast and destined for the Hawaiian Islands. The reductions are made to meet Panama canal shipping competition and will cover shipments from the east as soon as arrangements can be made with eastern roads, it was announced.

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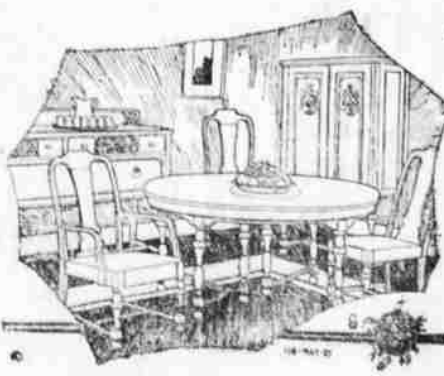
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