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Weather Forecast

Cloudy and rain today in Eastern Oregon, continuing Friday.

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PILGRIMS DID NOT RETURN FIRST THANKS

Old Tradition Dates Back to Early Biblical Times, Records Indicate.

INDIANS ASSEMBLED AT THE FIRST FEAST

Pilgrims Had Been Short of Food; Indians Went Out and Killed Five Deer.

NEW YORK (INS)—Possibly because of the Longfellow influence, which descended upon us in a highly impressionable time of life, the first thoughts conjured up in our minds at the mention of Thanksgiving now adays have to do with Miles Standish, Priscilla, John Alden and the rest whereupon we conclude that the institution was born then and there.

As a matter of fact "Thanksgiving" goes back many, many years before the Pilgrim fathers landed at Plymouth.

When the ceremony was first celebrated in this country it was a direct perpetuation of the English "harvest home," and in its chief characteristics and significance differed very little from that observance. The latter in turn is derived from a world cycle of "in-gathering" feasts, to which the Bible refers in several places. For example, Judges, ix, 23, presents the following:

"And they went out into the fields and gathered their vineyards, and trode the grapes, and made merry and went into the House of their God and did eat an drink."

So far as the records show, the Pilgrims conducted no special religious services in conjunction with their first Thanksgiving. The regular morning devotions were discharged, and grace was said before meat.

It appears that they had been exceedingly short of rations just prior to the Thanksgiving feast. By dint of hard labor, performed by the very few of their number who had been able to resist the ravages of disease, and by conserving the planting corn that they actually needed for food, they were blessed with an ample harvest, and straightway invited the Indians to partake of their feast.

The great Chief Massasoit and about 90 of his men responded to the invitation. It appears, however, that the Pilgrim larder was materially augmented by the Indians, who went out a number of their most expert hunters, who brought back five deer.

The ensuing feast was not for a day, but for a week. Nor did this mean that their sufferings were over. Followed another period of privatation, during which the strictest conservation was necessary in order that there might be plenty of seed to plant the fields the following season.

CAR CARRYING GIRL SIGHTED

Missing School Teacher Is Thought Occupant of Automobile Seen in Seattle Sunday Eve.

SEATTLE, (AP) — An automobile carrying a girl described as a teacher stopped at a garage in Seattle Sunday night shortly after Nell Austin, 23, school teacher, vanished, police learned late Wednesday.

Miss Austin vanished Sunday while on her way to attend choir practice. Her hat was found on the streets but no trace of the missing girl.

Ye Trip Was Rough, Saith Ye Governor

NEW YORK.—William Bradford, Governor of Plymouth colony, was thankful for everything except the trip on the Mayflower, if one may judge from his own account of the first American Thanksgiving day.

"Being thus arrived in a good harbor and brought safe to land," he wrote, they will upon their knees & blessed ye God of Heaven, Who had brought them over ye vast & furious ocean and delivered them from all ye perils & miseries thereof, again to set their feets on ye firm and stable earth, their proper elemente. And no marvel if they were thus joyeful, seeing wise Seneca was so affected with sailing a few miles on ye coaste of his owne Italy; as he affirmed that he had rather remaine twentie years in his way by land than pass by sea to any place in a short time; so tedious & drearful was ye same unto him.

"But I cannot but stay and make a pause, and stand half amased at this poore peoples presente condition; and so I think will the reader too, when he well considers ye same. Being thus passed ye vast ocean, and a sea of troubles before in their preparation (as may be remembered by which wente before), they had now no friends to welcome them nor inns to entertaine or refresh their weatherbeaten bodys, no houses or much less townes to repaire too, too seek for succore. It is recorded in scripture as a mercie to ye apostle & has shipwraked company, yt the barbarians shewed them no smale kindness in refreshing them, but thees savage varbarians, when they mette with them were readier to fill their skins full of arrows then otherwise. And for ye season it was winter, and they that know we winters of yt countrie know them to be sharp & violent, & subject to cruell & feirce stormes, deangerous to travill to known places, much more to serch an unknown coast. Beside, what could they see but a hidious & desolate wilderness, full of wild beasts & wild men? and what multitude ther might be of them they knew not. Neither could they, as it were goe up to ye tope of Pisgah, to view from this wildernes a more goodly cuntrie to feed their hope; for which way soever they moved their eyes (save upward to ye heavens) they could have little solace or content in respecte of

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SMOKING MOTHERS SCORED BY PASTOR

COLUMBUS, Ohio, (INS)—"Women have as much right to smoke as men, but a baby has a small chance to grow to greatness in the arms of a shallow, artificial, cigarette-smoking mother," declared Rev. Dr. Daniel P. Rittenhouse, pastor of the First Baptist Church here, sermonizing on "Home Life."

"It is a sad commentary on modern womanhood to read that in fashionable women's clubhouses, the handsomest room in the house is the smoking room," continued Dr. Rittenhouse.

"Modern mothers often face their tasks with burdensome displeasure, instead of joy and gladness. All things being equal, a baby's mother is the best nurse. Every baby deserves a mother who is glad and happy to mother her own child," Rev. Dr. Rittenhouse asserted, urging good home surroundings and "parents of great faith in God."

Wheat Quotations on Wednesday's Market

PORTLAND, (AP)—Wheat quotations on the Portland market late Wednesday were: hard white $1.06; northern spring 97c.

YE OLD THANKSGIVING

RAILROADS IN BETTER SHAPE

Northwestern Roads Have Recovered and Earning Have Increased.

ST. PAUL, (AP)—Northwest railroads have achieved a remarkable recovery of their operating efficiency and earning strength this fall, handling record volumes of freight shipments, it was disclosed here by October reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission, made public late Wednesday.

Packing Concern to Expand.

SALEM, Or.—Announcement was made here today that the Valley Packing company, one of the largest concerns of its kind in this part of the state, is to double its capacity through the erection of new buildings and installation of additional machinery. The killing capacity for hogs will be increased to 1000 a day. The improvements will represent an expenditure of approximately $100,000, it was reported.

Rhineland Republic Is Dissolved Says Matthes

Provisional Government of County Gone, Says Fleeing Dictator.

DUESSELDORF, (AP) — The provisional government of the Rhineland Republic has been dissolved by Joseph Matthes, at Coblenz, following an internal coup, it was learned Wednesday evening from Matthes himself, who fled while the Military Separatist dictatorship was being set up.

Beautify Road Is Move.

MEDFORD, Or.—A movement to beautify with flowers and shrubs the Pacific highway route through Oregon by civic organization committees calling upon property owners in their respective counties has begun here in the chamber of commerce, which will appoint a committee to promote the project.

Mrs. I. S. Williams of Talent, who planted petunias along the highway near her property years ago, started the movement here and the fashion has grown.

The Day Of Fill-Fulment

(By Berton Braley)

There isn't any question
That overeating brings
A lot of indigestion
And other kindred things;
But though our rules of living
Are strict and sane enough,
We sit down on Thanksgiving
And we stuff.

In brisk November weather
With diet rules ignored,
The household gets together
About the groaning board,
And though the sky be murky
We care not for its gloom,
We have a portly turkey
To consume.

We're thankful for each blessing
That we have come across—
("Please help me to that dressing
And more cranberry sauce");
For all our joys we're grateful
Thanksgiving is the word
("I'll take another plateful
Of that bird.")

Our duty lies before us
Friends, husbands, children, wives,
Come join in on the chorus
Of forks and spoons and knives.
Let happiness and mirth be
About the planet spread
And everyone on earth be
Overfed!

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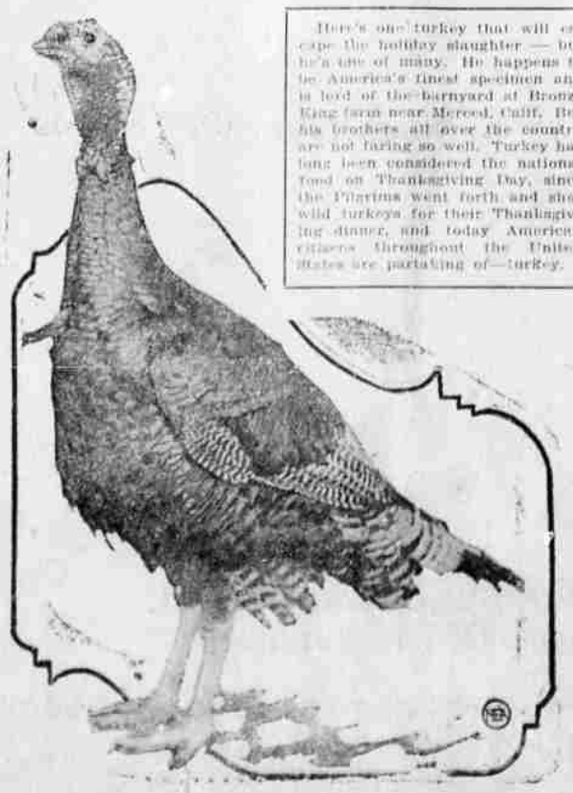
We're Eating Turkey Today



Here's one turkey that will escape the holiday slaughter — but he's one of many. He happens to be America's finest specimen and is lord of the barnyard at Bronze King farm near Merced, Calif. But his brothers all over the country are not faring so well. Turkey has long been considered the national food on Thanksgiving Day, since the Pilgrims went forth and shot wild turkeys for their Thanksgiving dinner, and today American citizens throughout the United States are partaking of—turkey.

GARRULOUS PARROT BARES RUM CACHE

SOUTHBRIDGE, Mass. (I.N.S.) — Does it pay to have a pet that knows your secrets? See for yourself.

A number of prohibition officers were sent to raid a block on West Main street. The officers swooped down on the block in the early hours of the morning.

The agents entered a house and confiscated sixty quarts of alleged contraband beer, three gallons of moonshine whiskey, a quart of gin and a five-gallon copper still. They were about to leave with their booty when a parrot perched in a cage suspended from the ceiling cried:

"Have another; there's more in the bedroom!" The police took the parrot's advice, searched a bedroom and under the bed found a fifty-gallon keg of alleged moonshine mash.

County School Unit Urged.

HOOD RIVER, Or.—J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, in an address to business and professional men and teachers today urged the county unit system in administration of public schools. Mr. Churchill declared that more efficiency would result, that the system had proved entirely successful in Crook county.

England Said Alarmed Over Low Birthrate

LONDON, (INS)—Despite the difficulties of caring for her surplus population, to which is attributed much of her unemployment, Great Britain is worried over the decrease in her birthrate. Figures for the year 1922 show that the birthrate was lower than for any year since 1869, except the years of the war.

In 1922 there were 780,124 babies born in England, equivalent to a rate of 20.4 for each 1,000 of the population.

Observers, however, are somewhat cheered by the fact that statistics show the death rate for the nation to be lower than for any year except 1921, which set the British record. The total deaths in 1922 were 486,229, equivalent to a rate of 12.8 per 1,000. It will thus be seen that 293,895 more persons were born during the year than died in the same period.

British babies also are generally speaking a healthy lot, for the record shows the infant mortality rate for 1922 to have been the lowest in the history of the country.

RADIO SPEECH BY PRESIDENT

Coolidge Will Deliver Address on Evening of Monday, December 10.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — President Coolidge will deliver an address by radio in the evening on Monday, December 10, was the announcement made Wednesday evening.

The chief executive will speak on a plan to establish a memorial to his predecessor, the late Warren G. Harding.

STRAYER BOOM NOW STARTED

BAKER, Or.—According to an announcement in a local paper "Strayer for Senator" organizations all over the state is to be formed. Baker, the home of W. H. Strayer, is to have the first chapter of such a club. Mr. Strayer, who is prominent in democratic circles of this state, and also a member of the state legislature, refuses to declare himself but is thought he is sizing up the situation, and a statement is capected from him in the next few days.

For some time past the name of Mr. Strayer has been mentioned as a likely candidate for the democratic nomination for the United States senatorship. Governor Pierce, an old friend and fellow worker of Mr. Strayer, has informed local men he would give him active support.

1,000 Marks Needed to Send Letter to U. S. From the Fatherland

Four thousand marks to send a letter! Sounds like a terribly large sum, doesn't it. But that is exactly what it takes, or rather took on November 10, to send a letter from Germany to Anna Polack, of La Grande. The letter was received here recently and was sent by Berta Fischer.

The actual value of the 4,000 marks in American money is hard to figure. It only amounts to a few cents, however.

Which is another reason why American people should give thanks. German letters need thousands of marks to send them away while we still stick only a two-center on the mail we dispatch—unless it be overweight.

LA GRANDE IS OBSERVING DAY'S SPIRIT

Thanksgiving Day Finds City United in Efforts to Keep Day Memorable

CHURCHES UNION SERVICE TODAY

Turkey Dinner Feature of Day; Gridiron Contest on Afternoon Program.

Thanksgiving Day, that November holiday of holidays, is being appropriately observed throughout La Grande today, as well as in Union county, in Eastern Oregon, in Oregon and in fact in the United States of America as a whole.

Fraternal orders, the churches, the business sections, the schools and civic officials are all uniting in making the day a memorable Thanksgiving, one that can be remembered.

Union Service

The protestant churches of this city are to unite in a union service this morning, beginning at 10:30 o'clock in the Methodist church on Fouth street. Reverend O. W. Jones, of the Christian church, has been chosen to preach the Thanksgiving sermon. Ministers of other churches will assist. Special music has been arranged and the general public is cordially invited to attend.

In the afternoon at two o'clock on the high school football field the Enterprise and La Grande high school teams will usher out the fall season on the gridiron. La Grande is expected to win but nevertheless the game promises to be one of thrills.

One of the big features of the day, of course, is the Thanksgiving dinner, with the turkey reposing in state on a well-laden table, fairly groaning with the weight of the good things to eat that are laid on the cloth.

Not only will turkey dinners be served in the homes but the restaurants and hotel grills in La Grande are offering special Thanksgiving menus.

Turkey shoots and similar methods of giving away the big gobblers have been in progress for the past two weeks and it is believed that more turkey will be eaten in La Grande today than since the year before the World War broke out.

The business section of the city is closed, also the schools and judicial offices, inasmuch as the day is not only a state holiday but a rational holiday as well.

ELDER GUILTY, GETS SENTENCE

B. J. Elder, Starkey, Sentenced to 30 Days in Jail for Possession of Liquor.

B. J. Elder, of Starkey, arrested Tuesday by the sheriff's officers and charged with possession of liquor in his home, pleaded guilty to the charge late Wednesday in the justice of the peace court and was sentenced to 30 days in the county jail by Justice Hugh E. Brady.

Elder's place was raided by the officers and approximately a quart of liquor was found.

Jack Starco, also arrested and charged with the same offence, pleaded not guilty. He will be tried in the justice court at 10:30 o'clock Monday morning. The officers assert that about a quart of liquor was also found on his place.

Weight of Loads Limited.

ALBANY—To prevent damage to unpaced county roads during the winter months the county court has passed a general order limiting the weight of loads to be carried over these roads to 4000 pounds including vehicle.

Tigers Playing Final Game Of Season Today

Outweighing Enterprise's football team approximately seven or eight pounds per man, the La Grande high school gridiron followers will gallop onto the local field this afternoon at two o'clock to meet Amelimo's squad in the closing game of the 1923 fall season. La Grande is doped to win by three or four touchdowns at least.

The local eleven, considering the fact that only two or three first team lettermen remained from last year to build an eleven about and the remainder of the team consists of unseasoned men, has passed a very successful season.

In five interscholastic games already played the Tigers have won four, losing to Pendleton's team of veterans only. The Blue and White team also lost an early season game with the alumni 19 to 8.

The total scoring of the team this year to date follows: La Grande 8, Alumni 12; La Grande 46, Union 0; La Grande 40, Milton Freewater 0; La Grande 0, Pendleton 23; La Grande 53, Baker 7; La Grande 26, Wallowa 6. Total points scored by high school opponents equals 30 while La Grande rolled up 165 markers. Including the alumni game La Grande has scored 173 points to her opponents 43. And although the Eastern Oregon championship was lost to Pendleton, the Tigers are undisputed champions, providing they defeat Enterprise today, of Union, Wallowa and Baker counties.

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Two other gridiron games are to be played in Eastern Oregon this afternoon. Pendleton and Baker, ancient enemies on the football field, will meet at Pendleton and Union will play Hermiston at Union. Baker will send practically a second team to Pendleton due to injuries and ineligibles in their ranks and the Bucks can be counted upon as certain winners, especially due to the fact that Hetlon is expected to play tomorrow.

Al Smith Not Expected To Run Again For Post

By Raymond L. Bond,
International News Service Staff Correspondent.

ALBANY.—Governor Alfred E. Smith will not be a candidate for re-election, regardless of what happens at the next Democratic national convention.

This is the report one hears constantly at the State Capitol, but so far as the Governor is concerned he is "not talking for publication."

In the event that Governor Smith declines to consider a renomination at the hands of the Democratic Party in this State, present indications are, say the "wise ones" at the Capitol, that Lieutenant-Governor George R. Lunn, of Schenectady, stands the best chance of being the Democratic State standard bearer in 1924.

Democratic leaders who have visited the Capitol during the last week appear to think that the chances of Governor Smith landing the Democratic nomination for President have bettered materially recently.

Talk at the Capitol is that if Governor Smith does not land the Presidential nomination he will return to private business in New York.

The name of Mayor William S. Hackett, twice elected Mayor of Albany, also is mentioned in connection with the gubernatorial nomination.