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AN ADDED PROMISE—"If Thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, . . . then I will lengthen thy days." 1 Kings 3:14.

Another use that might be made of that treasury surplus: Lend it to Roumania.

We seem to have incurred a lot of unpopularity by going into the war, and would have incurred a great deal more if we had stayed out of it.

Quoting a Chinese sage, Bruce Barton writes: "It is better to wiggle one's tail in the mud than to have a brass effigy of one stuck up in the Hall of Fame." That's what the dinosaurs thought when they ruled the earth; and where are they now?

DISCOURAGING VISITORS

Not by a parliamentary law, but by an "order" issued by the secretary-general of the Fascist party, everybody in Italy is compelled to salute the Fascist banners by lifting the hat when they are carried through the streets in Black Shirt processions. "The order," says a cable from Rome, "is applicable to foreigners as well as to natives, and ignorance of it will not be considered an excuse for failure to heed it." This is as if, in the United States, anyone who did not take off his hat to a Republican eagle or a Democratic rooster—according to which party was in power—when a political procession passed by should be thrown into jail. That sort of thing may be all right for the Italian people. As for the rest of the world—people don't have to go to Italy. There are other countries where Americans can go and spend their money.

THE DAY OF THANKFULNESS

Thanksgiving Day again! The methods of its observance are varied. There are football games and concerts and elaborate dinners to be held in hotels. Best of all, and elaborate dinners to be held in hotels. Best of all, there are family gatherings, old-fashioned family dinners with the women-folk collaborating on the feast, the men leisurely and genial in their conversation, the children fairly bursting with eagerness, convinced that turkey is never half so delicious or pumpkin pie half so toothsome on any other day of the year.

Sometimes critics declare that Thanksgiving Day has become meaningless, that it is simply a day given over to unwise indulgence in rich food and to selfish pleasure. That is only partly true. For many, the day has not lost its spiritual significance. These are mindful of their blessings and of the gratitude they owe for them. Although custom and habit may cause much of the day to be spent in pleasure-seeking and feasting, there is a tendency around the hearth-fire of most homes to ponder the much good fortune that is ours as individuals, as a nation, as a race.

The proper observance of Thanksgiving includes the taking of stock with an attitude of appreciation. Good fortune—"luck"—as expressed in our possessions is seldom a matter of chance, but the opportunities that are ours, the possibilities that we have grasped and made the most of in a great country are things for which we can offer heartfelt thanks.

The world today does not enjoy a wellbeing equal to the American average. In many corners of the earth can be found strife, want, misery, sorrow, and lack of opportunity that would be quick to emphasize for the citizens of this nation the blessings that are theirs. Perfection is never attained. Thanksgiving Day is not an occasion for the contemplation of perfection. It is a day to give thanks for what we have, to give pledges for a more deserving, more fruitful future.

Robert E. Lee's Niece Weds



Miss Mary Lee Leach, niece of General Robert E. Lee, has been married in Chicago to Robert Bernard Harwood, 24, youngest member of the Alabama state legislature. The two attended the state university in Alabama together. This picture, taken just after the ceremony, shows Miss Leach, the bride's sister, and the bride and groom.

W. T. Short Is Retired After 26

Years of Service for O-W. Here

W. T. Short, for the past 26 years switch engineer in the yards of the O-W. R. & N. company here, has served his last day with the company. Last Wednesday was his seventieth birthday anniversary and also his final day in the company's employment.

That day marked 28½ years of faithful, sincere service for "Boss" Short in the railway company's service, and probably no one has ever left the O-W's employment with a clearer, more perfect record than his, friends declare.

Here 10 Years

It will be 40 years in February, since he and his wife came to La Grande from Erie, Kan. She had relatives in Wallawa county, who prompted them to come here. He had no idea of starting work with the railway company, but thought he would buy a small farm in Union or Wallawa county, having been a farmer most of his life before that time.

The railroad was now here then—only three years old. The round house was just being constructed and tents for the workmen occupied the place where it now stands. Mr. and Mrs. Short first went to Wallawa county but did not remain long before they returned to La Grande. May 8, 1888, Short started work for the railway company here as a section laborer, and for three years he was stationed at Kamela.

Firing in 1891

In 1891 he was transferred to Junction City, Mo., where he was assigned to make their home at 1220 I avenue, where they now live. The north side of town was sparsely settled then, the old Grandy house and the Harding house as they are known and two others being the only ones on that side of the tracks.

In 1893 he was called upon as engineer to run out of La Grande, but because there had been several serious wrecks just before that time Mrs. Short would not listen to him going on the road. For her sake he would have to quit the railway company, but they offered him the job of switch engineer, in which capacity he has worked up until retirement.

Remember Week

During his years as a railroad man Short has witnessed few major wrecks. While firing he was in a wreck near Duncan, when Charles Norris, now working in the first division, was injured. Norris is still slightly crippled as a result of the wreck.

That was perhaps the most serious wreck in which Short figured, although he does recall when the yards were flooded and the switch engine left the track and mired into the mud until he could step from the engineer's box to the ground. Another time a caboose

broke loose and ran into their engine. He was firing then. The engineer was taken for dead in that wreck, but his injuries proved to be minor.

Injured Once

Short has been injured only once. That was 12 years ago and he was in the hospital in Portland for six weeks. The cords in his leg were broken from the knee up and he was sent to Portland by local physicians for an operation. The leg has never bothered him since.

During his 26 years as switch engineer, 14 years was spent working nights. The railway men worked 12 hours a day then. It was when the eight-hour-a-day law became effective that he began working days.

But his services with the company ended last week and he is retired with a pension for his long and faithful service. The only railway property he now has is his time card and pass book, other properties, keys and that sort of thing, were turned in to the company Saturday, after Mr. and Mrs. Short returned from a short trip to Portland.

No Immediate Plans

What he will do that he is no longer a railroad man Mr. Short has not yet decided. For a while he will rest. If they can sell their home here they may go to Portland, but it is yet very indefinite. The railroad men regret to see him leave the service. They liked him, as does everyone else who knows him, they say. His wife is especially proud of him and feels sure there is no one else a better husband than he. During the 44 years that they have been married he has never spoken a cross word to her, she says, and she feels it is something to be proud of.

Mr. and Mrs. Short will leave tonight for Portland. From there they will go to McMinnville to spend Thanksgiving with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hanson, at the home of Mr. Hanson's mother. Honoring Short's birthday anniversary, Mrs. Walter Parker prepared a regular Thanksgiving dinner for them Friday evening. Turkey, cranberries and other Thanksgiving staples were served. Those present besides the honor guests, Mr. and Mrs. Short and the hostess, were Mrs. Wesley Pennington and son, Glen, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Wallace and Parker.

On Saturday Mrs. Parker, who lives near the Short's, presented Mr. Short with a lovely fruit cake, which has been his gift from her for the past six years. Mr. Short still has a piece from every one of the cakes.

F. C. Wells Retired

Fred C. Wells, who has been round-house foreman for the

THEN CAME TRAGEDY



Rutherford Wells, only survivor of the Ishpeming, Mich., mine tragedy, is pictured with his bride (both sitting) above. Mrs. Wells lost her father in the disaster. Joe Marlowe, standing, tried to flee from the mine when it was flooded by an underground lake, but a flying piece of pipe knocked him from a ladder. His sweet heart, standing beside him, lost her only life partner but also her father, Captain William Tippet, and a brother, Walter Tippet. The picture was made at the Wells wedding, two months ago.

2 Miners Buried When Explosion Caused a Slide

CALISTOGA, Cal., Nov. 25 (AP)—The death of two workmen Tuesday in the Corona quicksilver mine isolated in the hills 15 miles east of here, was caused by an explosion that apparently resulted when their drill struck an unexploded charge of dynamite. It was brought out at a coroner's inquest held here.

The victims of the accident were Henry Campbell, 26, foreman of the night shift and Joseph Dyer, 30, a laborer. The men were buried under several tons of earth as a result of the explosion. Their bodies were removed after hours of digging.

Former Wallawa County Man Hurt

WALLOWA, Ore., Nov. 25 (Special)—Word was received by friends here recently, telling of Arch Gastin, a former resident of the Middle Valley section, being seriously injured by a runaway team, near San Diego, Cal. Gastin, according to reports, had stopped near a wire fence to water his team and was in front of them when one horse became frightened, and they started to run. Gastin was carried for a short distance on the neckyoke, and was in this position when the team struck a wire fence, throwing him to the ground and passing over him with the wagon. He suffered some severe cuts about the neck and shoulders from the wire, also some broken ribs, fracture of the jaw and other injuries. Latest reports state he is at a hospital there recovering as rapidly as could be expected.

IMBLER PERSONALS

IMBLER, (Special)—Mr. and Mrs. John Skillings and family, Mr. and Mrs. Everett Keown and son Merrill and Raymond Keown were guests of Mrs. Ella M. Walker Sunday.

The Mutual Improvement association of Imbler gave a candy pull and program Tuesday night.

Bob Keenan is painting for Bud Glenn at Summerville this week. Clay Fox started his packing crew to work again the first of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Newbill are having a new radio installed.

Bob Keenan and Theo. Hahn spent the week end in La Grande.

Mrs. T. M. Ruckman visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Coble last Tuesday.

The Methodist Episcopal Ladies' aid gave a shower for Mrs. C. Cleaver Friday afternoon of last week.

A high school party was held at the high school building Friday evening.

E. M. Walker spent the week end visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Skeens at Fruitdale.

Several Imbler people were in La Grande for the show Saturday night.

Chair Rollins and Everett Holmes have been trapping lately. They look after their traps before and after school hours.

COVE PERSONALS

COVE, (Special)—E. B. Conklin, of Ontario, has been in Cove nearly all of the past week on business.

Miss Dorothy Mills, who is attending school at Walla Walla, Walla, Wash., will spend Thanksgiving here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. James Weaver, who have been here for the past month, returned to their home at Central Point the first of the week.

Mrs. Mary Wagner, who has been seriously ill for the past month, is now convalescing at the home of Mrs. Cora Bloom. As soon as her health will permit she will go to the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Weaver, at Central Point.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Wardell and their daughter, Miss Beatrice Wardell, have moved down town. Mr. and Mrs. Bertrand Wardell will occupy the Wardell home in the east end of Cove.

The King and Queen of England are in residence for the first time at Queen Alexandra's old home, Sandringham house, which has been renovated under the superintendence of Queen Mary.

O-W. since March, 1913, was also retired from the company this month. Another day was his last day with the company after 15 years of service, having started work as machinist in Oct., 1911. Wells has not been with the company long enough to receive a pension but was retired upon reaching the age of 70 years.

Just a few days before the close of his service with the company Wells had the misfortune of falling at the round-house and injuring his back. He is still confined to the home, but is able to be up and around. He makes his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Newland.

To Visit Buffalo, After he has recovered from his injury he is planning a trip to California and from there to Buffalo, N. Y., where another daughter resides. He will return to La Grande, however, and will make his home here with his daughter.

Wells is the third man and Short the fourth retired from the company this year. Last month Jimmy Sullivan was retired and last June A. B. Blood retired his last day with the O-W.

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INDIA HAS MILLIONAIRES

LONDON—American billionaires how seem to have enormously wealthy potentates of India as rivals. Commanding on surprisingly high prices realized at an auction of Lord Michael Han's art treasures, the Westminster Gazette says mysterious bidders, who surpassed continental and American buyers, are supposed to be acting for maharajahs.



THESE DANCERS (Oh, Emma, see the funny costumes!) took Paris by storm recently. They are Mme. Mida Cirul and Julien Olga.



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