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GOD'S GLORY—Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Thy name, and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Thy name's sake. Psalm 79:9.

A whole month in which to write that annual Christmas check for the wife.

If we can't all eat turkey on Thanksgiving we can at least feel pleased that birds thus spared have one more month to fatten up.

Speaking of Thanksgiving President Coolidge ought to be thankful he doesn't have to eat breakfast with "Big Bill" Thompson, of Chicago, every morning.

The only disheartening thing about the proximity of December is that Congress will convene and start telling the world how many things there are wrong with the whole country.

If Thanksgiving Day is the proper occasion for taking stock of possessions, The Observer is most gratified that this season finds it with the largest paid circulation in the history of the paper. We have enjoyed a very satisfying growth both in the city and the surrounding territory and are so bold as to interpret it (correctly or otherwise) as an indication of service well rendered.

A DAY FOR COMPARISONS

There are always occasions for everybody, we assume, when contentment is illusive. Few people can ride the mountain peaks of optimism forever; few there are who do not frequently experience depressing setbacks in the struggle toward success and happiness. We would hardly wish it otherwise. Only by conflict, only by failure, only by sadness can their opposites be properly appreciated.

And Thanksgiving Day should be, we believe, a day of appreciation, a day of comparison—a day when we realize our individual good fortunes, relative as they may be, and exhibit a spirit of thankfulness to a just and generous Creator.

Today is not reserved alone for those who have gained material well-being, nor for those who have found a contentment of spirit. Rather should it be for those who are striving for the goal which combines both, those who can pause for a day and be grateful for any measure of progress toward that goal and for freedom from the tragedies and sorrows that might have destroyed that progress.

Over three hundred years ago the first Thanksgiving was observed in New England amid dangers and hardships that are seldom duplicated anywhere in the world today. And yet the same New England is now recovering from a flood disaster which took scores of lives and made over five thousand people homeless. The devastation there and in other places visited by disaster the past year is not a happy Thanksgiving subject but even the unfortunates have cause to feel grateful that the relief work is being carried on with American energy and generosity, that the opportunity for recovery of health, home and happiness right here in America is the greatest to be found in the world.

Being Americans and possessing most of the characteristics for which Americans are known the world over, any Thanksgiving Day fails to find any of us so thoroughly satisfied with ourselves and the world that no further improvement is possible from our viewpoint. The millennium is forever far off. Everyone, however, can find by comparison on any Thanksgiving Day, if he but tries, a mass of evidence with which to prove the day propitious and deserving of nation-wide observation. That is the important thing in America's oldest exclusive holiday. As individuals, as citizens of a great state and a great and wonderful nation we have abundant cause to be thankful, to celebrate the existence of those things which have made this day in America a day of thanks giving.

A NEW

Telephone Directory

for Union County will be issued soon.

Why not install that telephone now and secure a listing?

Home Independent Telephone Co.

ABE MARTIN



As a rule, folks don't say much about it when they get out of prison, but I suspect Earl Carroll is getting ready to advertise "Earl Carroll Himself" in some of his attractions. You kin still buy Earl's walnuts in Chicago.

TODAY SET ASIDE TO THANK GOD, CHILDREN'S VIEW

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"monthful" for a lot in the first grade.

John Bussey, another first grader tells it all in one word, "Turkey."

Charity is in the soul of Billie Weeks, second grader, who says: "Sometimes people don't have things like we do and we ought to feel sorry and help them."

Demure little Ann Stoddard, in the first grade, says, "We thank our heavenly Father on Thanksgiving."

For Mother and Daddy

Donald Shaw, also of the first grade, thinks "Thanksgiving is a day for mother and daddy to have a rest."

Leslie Hermann, a second grader, did not hesitate to enumerate his blessings in declaring that it was a day "to give thanks for food and home and father and mother and grandpa and grandma."

Mary Frenco, third-grader and Sylvia Rodkin, fourth-grader, both think that "Thanksgiving is a day on which to thank our Father." Mary remembers that "the Pilgrims entertained the Indians and believes that is one reason we have company in with our turkey."

Box Lowery, six, wants "to pin a tail on a donkey." A feat which he claims to have performed last year, in commemoration of the turkey day.

Leonard Miller, eight, is expected to "enjoy the vacation."

POLAND BUYING COTTON

WARSAW — Poland obtained nearly 80 per cent of its raw cotton supply from the United States last year and purchased more than four times as much American wool as in 1925. Rumania is the principal buyer of Polish textile exports.

When Rep. Bill Thompson was fighting King George and the Mississippi river, several citizens of Chicago are said to have been throwing bombs at one another. Probably the pro-British, anti-flood relief element.

Coolidge ought to make a goal whittier, all right. Ask anybody in Washington who ever tried to get a budget across.

AL PUTS OVER ANOTHER K. O.



(NEA Service, New York Bureau) At Smith voted confidently, as you see here, when he cast his ballot on a voting machine in the New York state election. And sure enough, when the tabulation was made it was found he had added another K. O. to his political victories: the voters approved eight amendments to the state constitution which he sponsored and defeated a ninth, which he opposed.

'Flivver' Plane Is Designed By C. D. Chamberlin

NEW YORK, (AP)—A \$2,500 "flivver" monoplane has been designed by Clarence D. Chamberlin to provide for aviation what Henry Ford has given to the automobile world.

Through a system of mass production similar to that employed in the Ford auto factory, the trans-Atlantic flyer said he expected to be able to market a "fool-proof" plane at a price between \$1,200 and \$1,500. The first models would cost about \$2,500 he said.

Chamberlin was said to have invested all of the prize money he received from his flight to Germany in the Chamberlin Aeronautical corporation, a \$500,000 concern to build the plane of which he has dreamed. The ship will have a body about 20 feet long and a wing spread of about 30 feet.

Favors Small Planes
"Small planes have been my favorites," Chamberlin said, "and it has been my plan to develop one that will be absolutely fool proof, within the means of the average person and requiring as small a space as possible for taking off and landing."

Free flying instruction will be given purchasers of the "flivver" planes, Chamberlin said, in announcing that his company would establish a chain of airplane schools throughout the country for this purpose.

Quantity production will start after the first of the year, Chamberlin said. The plane will be a two-seated monoplane, weighing about 500 pounds, and will be equipped with a small air-cooled motor of foreign design developing from 50 to 75 horsepower. Its maximum speed will be about 100 miles an hour and its landing speed 10 miles an hour. Later, he said, the motor will be manufactured in this country.

TINSEL SALES DECLINE

PARIS—A change in fashions of women's clothing, decreasing the use of tinsel for decoration of gowns, coats, hats and slippers has brought woe to the Lyon district, orders having fallen off 50 per cent from last year. Tinsel wire, lace and thread manufacturers are said to be facing bankruptcy and workers, who a year ago were making three and four times an hour, now are on piece work at much lower wages.

A check for \$47,813 has been forwarded to the treasury of Coos county by the department of the interior representing the amount due to December 31, 1926, under the Coos bay road lands act. Under this law the county is entitled to 25 per cent of the net receipts from sales of land, timber, minerals, leases and the lands, title to which reverted to the federal government.

Rigdon Brothers of Woodburn have received the contract for constructing a new highway bridge at New Era, according to an announcement made at the office of the state highway commission in Salem. The bridge will cost approximately \$29,500.

Three Roseburg churches were entered last week and thoroughly ransacked, apparently by persons seeking money. Aside from a typewriter belonging to Rev. Mr. Knotts, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church nothing of value was taken.

One way for the farmers to make money this year is to sell their corn by the gallon instead of the bushel. We are beginning to suspect faintly that Ruth Elder's fight was just propaganda for the short pants people.

The November Sale of Coats



Friday and Saturday
Our entire stock of ladies', misses' and children's

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EVERY type of coat is here in this large assortment. Lavishly fur trimmed dress coats; coats for sports wear both with and without fur, every one the product of some well known maker. Coming at this time just before the gala holiday season, this is indeed an event not to be overlooked. Remember you save 25%

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\$10.95

Women's Clothes Worn by Recluse;

Asotin Hermit Buried in Dresses

WALLA WALLA, Wash. (Special)—Albert Hester, a recluse who lived in a cabin on the Grand Ronde river in southern Asotin county, died last week and his body, fully clothed in women's attire, was buried Thursday at Clarkston.

Mr. Hester, who is reported to have lived the life of a hermit, spent most of his time prospecting in the mountains of Washington, Idaho and Oregon, and so far as is known he always dressed in women's clothing, stating that he preferred these to those worn by his own sex. An examination of his wardrobe in his cabin disclosed nothing but women's garments, consisting of gowns, undershirts, corsets and similar apparel.

Mr. Hester kept a good sewing machine in his cabin and was skilled in the art of tailoring women's garments, being more handy with the machine than are many women. Some time previous to his death he made his funeral apparel, although he wore it on two or three special occasions, referring to it as his funeral gown. His remains were carried out, and he was buried clad in his own designed and tailored gown.

Develops "Wasp" Waist
During the period several years ago when tight-lacing was in vogue among the women, it is said by Mr. Hester's friends that he cinched tightly with corsets, developing a slender, delicate-looking

waist, similar in appearance to the faced forms of some of the women who became slaves to this style of dress. Some of the corsets he wore at that time are still in his wardrobe and it is stated that he wore one occasionally of late years at special events held in this community.

It is said that Mr. Hester related sometime ago to a few of his friends that his mother before his birth had wished that the anticipated babe would be a girl, and disappointed, let his hair grow and dressed him in girls' clothing as long as she lived. After his mother's death, he continued to wear the feminine style of clothing and coiffure more as a matter of respect to his departed mother, he said, than for any other reason.

He was born in Germany and came to the United States when a young man. He possessed an excellent education and it is reported that he taught school in one of the middle-western states before he came to Washington 40 years ago.

Neighbors say that Mr. Hester was industrious and honest, and since he grew too old to continue to prospect, he devoted his time to gardening and raising poultry, and was at all times relying entirely upon his own resources.

Many years ago he homesteaded a 120-acre stock ranch, on which he constructed a rather crude appearing cabin, where he lived until the end came, the result of a paralytic stroke.

At the time of Mr. Hester's death he was 75 years old, and had since youth worn his hair long and kept it braided down his back, similar to that worn by girls before the advent of the bob.

Krishnamurti has gone back to Bombay and told the people he has communed with Buddha. While over here Krishnamurti played several matches with American golfers.

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