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GOD SAVES—Say not thou, I will recompense evil; but wait on the Lord, and he shall save thee.—Prov. 20:22.

If Schubert, who died of starvation and neglect 100 years ago, could see all the people now celebrating his anniversary, he'd write a fine scherzo about it.

We hope the King of England recovers rapidly. The Prince of Wales is having too good a time to worry with being king.

It's all right to have a fad, but some folks will think it was just a little bit extreme when a Chicago citizen left his family an estate consisting entirely of \$2,000 worth of fishing rods and tackle.

Maybe Lindy has hopped to New York to meet Miss Morrow. Maybe this. Maybe that. Isn't it too bad that a public personage is so pried about that he can't even fall in or out of love without the whole darned country knowing about it?

ONE ANGLE OF THANKSGIVING

With the very common practice of reviewing those things for which we should be thankful, either individually or collectively, we are impressed with the fact that America has one possession that is rather peculiar to the people of this country and one that would stir the other nations of the world to fervent observation or inauguration of Thanksgiving days if it could only be transferred to them.

Unrealized and unappreciated by most of us from one year's end to the other is this American peculiarity to which we could well afford to give special attention on any day of thankfulness. It is the gradual elimination of poverty from America. Interpreted in the word more often used to convey the same meaning, it is the prosperity of the United States.

No one, of course, thinks that the people of this nation have reached that happy point where they are both satisfied and contented with material things of life. No one thinks that there are no longer any hungry mouths unfed or any cold bodies in need of warm clothes and a protecting roof-tree.

But no one, on the other hand, can deny the fact that abject poverty that was represented a generation ago in millions of miserable men, women and children, dying of starvation and exposure and utter want—that this poverty as it was commonly conceived has been banished very largely from the knowledge and experience of men in our America.

The occasional needy cases are but exceptions that prove the tremendous wealth and earning power of the great mass of people in this country as evidenced in the commonness of radios, of home ownership, of automobiles, of savings accounts, of education. Anyone who has seen the poverty of foreign countries, the standard of living that permits millions to have only the bare necessities, can only be astounded at the progress America has made toward the complete destruction of poverty.

Contemplated thoughtfully, what could be more wonderful, what could be more keenly sought in government and in business than the utter elimination of poverty in a nation? And what could be more provocative of thankfulness than the realization that we, as a nation and as individuals, have come nearer that ideal than any other people?

SALMON! SALMON! SALMON Fresh Columbia River Salmon, 1/2 or whole fish, 20c lb. We have just made arrangements with the fish wheel operators of the Columbia River to deliver to us weekly fresh caught Salmon at a price which justifies our passing the saving on to you at the above price.

ABE MARTIN



A speedin' truck knocked a woman down and broke her leg today, at Union, Ore. The driver, who was up and offered to take her home, she said, "sit me some crutches, I don't want to go home." The farmer kin now go back to the business o' makin' both ends meet after a brief sojourn in the limelight.

TURKEY SHOOT HELD SUNDAY AT UNION, ORE.

By Mrs. Bert Knight (Observer/Correspondent) UNION, Ore., (Special)—The Sportsmen's club sponsored an all day turkey shoot Sunday at the fish hatchery grounds, with a far-famed crowd in attendance.

Miss Theima King, of Portland, arrived in Union Monday to spend Thanksgiving week with her mother, Mrs. Alex Blatter. She will return to her home Thursday evening.

Mrs. Viola Parker left Tuesday for Seattle where she will spend Thanksgiving with her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Jurich. She expects to return to her home here Tuesday of next week.

C. L. Cadwell and son, Henry, left yesterday where they will spend Thanksgiving with relatives.

Mrs. J. B. Stoddard and Mrs. J. T. Richardson of La Grande were guests Thursday of Mrs. Frank Conner, Mrs. Stoddard's sister, Conner's mother.

Mrs. S. E. Miller and daughter, Elida, left Wednesday by auto for Seattle where they will spend several days visiting with their daughter and sister, Bethene, who is attending the university.

Mrs. George Winship and daughter, Anna Mae, left Friday morning for Pendleton for a week's visit with Mrs. Winship's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. McConnell.

Among the Union people shopping in La Grande Saturday were Mrs. John Green, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin London and Roy Scott through.

Mrs. H. C. McWay of La Grande spent Saturday in Union where she has a class in dramatic art.

Merton Davis, proprietor of the Davis Super Service Station, who has been confined to his home the past week because of illness, is reported some better.

Ed Eberhardt, radio salesman for the Adler Music company in La Grande, was a business visitor in Union Monday.

The Sportsmen's club is sponsoring a dance here Thanksgiving evening at the gym. Music will be furnished by the Star Novelty orchestra of La Grande.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Johnson and daughter, Helen, are leaving this week for La Grande, where Mr. Johnson is employed in the blacksmith department of the highway shops. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have lived here a number of years where

FIND IT HERE Copy for this column must be in by 6 p. m. INSURANCE AND BONDS U. S. INVESTMENT CO. O. W. WARNOCK WAS IT A PICTURE? Did you hear her say that she wanted a nice picture or Mirror for Christmas? Now is the time to have it laid aside for you while the line is complete and the choice is best at Richardson's Art & Gift Shop.

ADMIRAL PASSES ON IN NEW YORK

Death Ends Long Career in Navy; Was in Charge of Vera Cruz Seizure

NEW YORK, Nov. 28 (AP)—Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, U. S. N. retired, died yesterday at St. Luke's hospital at the age of 75. Seizure and occupation of Vera Cruz during the Mexican trouble in April, 1914, was the most famous exploit in Admiral Fletcher's career in the navy.

In 1915 he was designated admiral in command of the Atlantic fleet, which post he occupied until June, 1916.

He was a member of the War Industries Board of the Council of National Defense in 1917 and a member of the general joint army and navy board.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Susan H. Fletcher, and two daughters, Mrs. Reginald Hubbell and Alice S. Fletcher.

Burial will be in Arlington National cemetery.

Oregon Students Self Supporting

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 29 (AP)—Half of the students at the University of Oregon are paying 50 per cent or more of their expenses, while only about 21 per cent admit that they depend almost entirely on their parents for support, according to figures on self-support just compiled by Richard H. Collins, university statistician.

Exactly 840 students, 646 men and 194 women, are 100 per cent self-supporting, a fact which proved a surprise even to the statistician.

DURANT RUMOR DENIED

NEW YORK, Nov. 29 (AP)—Representatives of H. Clifford Durant, son of William C. Durant, capitalist, announced they had received word from the son, now in Los Angeles, denying that he is behind a plan to establish an airplane manufacturing corporation through merger of several companies with the American Eagle Aircraft company of Kansas City, Mo.

Mr. Johnson has owned and operated a blacksmith shop. Their many friends regret their moving away.

Headaches gone—Blood pressure normal If you can't exert yourself without being short of breath, if your head pains, if you can't even lie down with comfort—then life hardly seems worth while. That is how things appeared to a woman who wrote us about her trouble with high blood pressure. She took Agmel. She later says: "My blood pressure is normal. No more headaches. I can now sleep. And I actually feel like smiling." Letters like this are received every day.

Mexican Mezger Plant Source of Agmel... High Blood Pressure KIDNEY INFLAMMATION RHEUMATISM INDIGESTION DIABETES

Announcing Essay Contest Radio Station Thursday - KEX 9:15 P. M. Thursday - KTHU 8:30 P. M. Courtesy of THE TRUST COMPANY 59 Fourth Street, PORTLAND, OREGON.

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Thanksgiving Date Unsettled Until 1866, Library Study Shows

WASHINGTON, (AP)—Not all Thanksgivings have fallen on Thursday, as many have supposed, and the first one was not named by Governor Bradford in 1621. Records at the library of congress concerning the big day of pumpkin pies and turkeys reveal enlightening facts concerning the origin and erratic leaping about the calendar of this old holiday which is popularly supposed to have been as stable as the sun.

Its origin can literally be traced to the Land of Canaan for in the book of Judges is told of the harvest celebration in "the house of God," and this later appeared among the Hebrews as the "Feast of Tabernacles."

After the Pilgrims came to America they established a time of Thanksgiving and rejoicing for their first harvest which had yielded well. In October, 1621, Governor Bradford ordered a three-day feast and celebration to which Chief Massasoit and other Indian friends were invited. Many believe this to be the first Thanksgiving from which the modern celebration dates but the records at the library of congress do not show that there was any religious service during the period of feasting.

The first Thanksgiving day after the United States became a nation was Thursday, November 26, 1789, and was proclaimed by George Washington. The next Thanksgiving day was Thursday, February 19, 1795. From that time on the day followed an erratic course, hurdling over three years until President John Adams in 1796 decided to appoint Wednesday, May 9, as the time for national Thanksgiving.

May must have been a little too warm for turkey and pie, for the next year President Adams set April 25. President Madison proclaimed a Thanksgiving day in each of the four years he was in office, and he was a consistent Thursday man, but selected a different month for each one; the third Thursday in August, 1812, the second Thursday in September, 1813, Thursday, January 12, 1814, and the second Thursday in April, 1815.

No more Thanksgiving proclamations were issued for 47 years. Then, April 19, 1862, after "signal victories to the land and naval forces," President Lincoln recommended to the people of the United States that thanks be given at their next weekly assemblages in their accustomed place of public worship. President Lincoln also proclaimed Thanksgiving days for Thursday, August 6, 1863, the last Thursday of November, 1863, and the last Thursday of November, 1864.

The holiday really began to jog along in an established order in 1866 when President Johnson began naming the last Thursday of November for that and the succeeding years he was in office. Beginning with the proclamation of 1870 that date became generally accepted as the official Thanksgiving. Two days were set apart in 1876, the centennial year, July 4 and November 29. There was also an extra Thanksgiving, April 29, 1889, the day marking the 100th anniversary of the inauguration of George Washington.

BEFORE MIDNIGHT The National Broadcasting company program for Friday night follows: 6 to 6:20, Wrighty review; 7 to 8, Studio program; 8 to 9, RCA hour; 9:20 to 10, Moon Magic; 10 to 11, dance music; 11 to 12, dance music. The American Broadcasting company program for Friday night follows: 7 to 9, American Salon orchestra, soloists, and artists ensemble. KGO—Oakland (790kc) 6, NBC; 6:30, studio program; 7, NBC; 9, oystery serial; 9:30, NBC; 10 to 11, Western Artists concert; 11 to 12, NBC. KFO—San Francisco (430kc) 6, music; 8, NBC; 9, string quartet; 10, dance band; 11 to 12, NBC. KXN—Los Angeles (1050kc) 6, music; 7, feature program; 8, D. O. L.; 9, Lion Tamers; 9:45, boxing broadcast; 10 to 11, dance music. KHJ—Los Angeles (990kc) 6:15, music; 6:45, news; 7, concert; 8, continuity program; 9, symphony; 10 to 12, dance music. KPTC—San Francisco (610kc)



Thanksgiving Day 1628 -- 1928

Three hundred years has not changed the fact that Thriftiness and Thankfulness go hand in hand together. The Pilgrims of long ago had been energetic and saving. They had worked hard and had laid aside some of the fruits of their toil. They established a Thanksgiving and devoted a week to its observance as a tribute to a kind Providence and as a lesson for themselves. Today the people who are most truly thankful and who have the greatest right to be thankful as were the Pilgrims of three centuries ago are those who practice thrift and right living in a similar way. Thankfulness and Thriftiness are always found in company with each other.

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Reporters Hear A. P. News Praised ATHENS, Ga., Nov. 29 (AP)—Hunter Bell, city editor of the Atlanta Journal, told the journalism class of the University of Georgia here that ability to get the news "is the greatest single need among those who are entering the newspaper field nowadays." "If you would be a good reporter, read the A. P. report and then get some news to write for yourself," he said. "The greatest living example of straight reporting and complete reporting with no frills whatsoever, is to be found in the work of the Associated Press, the dominating figure in gathering and reporting the news of the world." PAPER PLANT BURNED LAWRENCE, Mass., Nov. 29 (AP)—Damage estimated at half million dollars was caused by a fire yesterday in the building housing the Lawrence Eagle-Tribune. The newspaper's mechanical facilities were badly damaged and the afternoon edition was printed in the plant of the Lawrence Sunday News.