

## KING TURKEY



### Reversible Thanksgiving

Let's be thankful for the coal that's in the cellar;  
If it's paid for, let's be thankful that it is;  
If it isn't, let's be glad the other fellow  
Must consider that the risk is wholly his.

Let's be thankful for the jobs at which we labor;  
If perchance they're not exactly what we'd like  
We may still be better fixed than some poor neighbor  
Who has just been bounced or called upon to strike.

Let's be thankful if our relatives are present  
To share the joy we have; but if they're not  
The case will then, of course, be still more pleasant,  
So either way we'll have a happy lot.

Let's be thankful if the grim old money question  
Doesn't serve to keep our turkey off the plate—  
In case it does, we won't have indigestion  
When the rich man's taking pills and blaming Fate.

—S. E. Kiser



### ALWAYS OTHERS TO HELP

Thought for Those Who Are in Suffering at This Time of General Rejoicing.

This was the sweet, consoling word that came to a woman struggling with fresh bereavement at the Thanksgiving season. Instantly a well of thankfulness was unsealed in her own heart. All was not over, then! There was still something left to live for. Someone yet leaned on her. Someone turned to her for help and strength and comfort. It set a whole nest of singing birds caroling in the very ruins of her own happiness.

Does this not give us a hint how to comfort the sorrowful? "I don't want to be 'poor-deared!'" cried one whose best-beloved had been taken. "All I want on earth is just once more to hear him say, 'I need you!'" That comfort, alas! was nevermore to be hers, but time showed her a helpless worldful of people always saying it. It is the true soul- tonic. The solace of helping others is within the reach of every sufferer. Added to that is sometimes vouchsafed the reward hinted at in the beginning of this paragraph. Now and then someone will feel a warm throb of thankfulness toward us, and say so. It pays a thousand times for the little we are able to do out of our weakness. It is a thousand times better than sitting by life's wayside

and holding out pitiful hands for beggars' alms of condolence and sympathy. Nobody wants to have anybody thankful to him, but it is a high form of happiness to know that someone is thankful for us.

#### Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving day is the day when every one says he is thankful, and wants to eat turkey to prove it. If you haven't anything else to be thankful for, you can be thankful you are not a turkey.

Thanksgiving day was first observed by the Pilgrims, who were thankful that they had five grains of corn apiece. In these extravagant times a man wouldn't be thankful if he had ten grains of corn—which shows conclusively that we are prosperous. The trusts are doing a noble work in remedying this evil condition.

People have various unreasonable reasons for being thankful on Thanksgiving day. Some men are thankful they took a wife, and some are thankful they didn't take two. Bachelor maids are thankful they are not "horrid bachelors," and a married woman is always thankful that her husband has a good wife. It is easy to be thankful if you go about it right.

But the thing people are most thankful for is their money—even though they came by it honestly. The more a man has, the more thankful he is that it isn't less, and the less a man has the less likely he is to be thankful because it isn't more. Be thankful, therefore, that you haven't too much to be thankful for. Turkey tastes all the better for coming but once a year. —Lippincott's.

#### For the Blessings Bestowed.

Thankfulness makes the ordinary and simple gifts of God shine with a morning luster, and exudes the rarest perfume. There are two ways to get rich—one is to increase the number of our dollars, the other is to increase the value of the few dollars we already have. Thankfulness raises the blessings we already have to higher degrees of worth, and thereby enriches us. If thankfulness does not create new roses, it paints a finer hue on those we have; if it does not load our table, it puts a delicious sweetness in our simple fare; if it does not clothe our bodies in costly raiment, it lends a sweetness of behavior to our bodies, so that we do not need such raiment to make us attractive. All other beautiful graces of Christian character are lacking in luster without the shining grace of gratitude to God for his abundant mercies and unceasing loving kindness to the children of men.

#### No One Too Poor to Give.

Something that rich, poor, weak, strong, young, old can give—thanks. Did you ever think of that?

Just as long as you have a heart—and may it be always—you can appreciate something and be grateful. Poor indeed is that man or woman who in this life can find nothing for which thanks can be given.

## Cabinet Backs Wilson In Mexican Policy

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson's cabinet stands firmly behind him in his efforts to force the retirement of Provisional President Huerta as a necessary step to the pacification of Mexico. For more than two hours the cabinet discussed Thursday every phase of the Mexican situation. The consensus of opinion was that the United States should not take a single backward step in its programme to restore constitutional government in Mexico.

It became known that all the secretaries favored steps which would convince Huerta that the United States was in earnest in its demands. Some of the cabinet members recognized in the lifting of the embargo on arms a practical and perhaps early solution of the difficulty, but there was no final decision on the point.

There is a hope on the part of the president and Secretary Bryan that a measure so radical as permitting exportations of arms may not be required to solve the problem. Influences are at work which, in the opinion of many officials, may force the early collapse of the Huerta regime. There is a closer understanding and more frequent communication between the state department here and foreign governments generally than has been in evidence at any time since the Mexican problem came so widely international.

Through ambassadors abroad and through the diplomatic corps in Washington, Secretary Bryan is giving such detailed information of the American policy as to leave no doubt of what the United States wishes accomplished. So far as is known there have been no direct requests for foreign support, but the strong intimations that the United States would like foreign nations to refrain completely from interference in the affairs of the Huerta government are expected to produce tangible results.

What the United States is seeking is an acquiescence in its policy by the powers, such an approval to carry with it discouragement of financial aid to the Huerta regime through foreign channels. A few weeks of financial isolation, it is believed by high officials here, will force the retirement of Huerta.

## Hill Lines To Build Big Docks at Astoria

To accommodate the two mighty steamers that will ply between Astoria and San Francisco after January 1, 1915, the Hill railway interests plan some extensive improvements at Astoria that will put that city distinctly on the map, and at the same time make Portland a greater seaport than ever.

According to the plans for the steamship line, as announced yesterday by James J. Hill in his speech before the Portland Transportation club, these ships will be the finest that modern marine engineers can design. To take care of the 525 feet of their length, great docks will have to be constructed. To reach the dock to transfer thereto the loads of passengers and freight, new tracks must be laid. To load the vessels with the down coast cargoes, great derricks and cranes must be erected.

It was stated at the office of President Joseph H. Young of the North Bank this morning that these improvements will not be undertaken for several months.

## "Spugs" Make Plans for Nation-Wide Campaign

New York.—A country-wide appeal for the abolition of the useless Christmas gift and a plea for intelligent and thoughtful giving instead were voiced by Mrs. August Belmont, president of the Spugs, at the opening meeting of the 1913 campaign to be waged by that organization against insincerity, compulsion, and waste in Christmas giving.

At this meeting the membership rolls of the Spugs—the Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving—were thrown open to all residents of the United States who might want to enroll against the foolish Christmas gift.

Mrs. J. Borden Harriman presided at the meeting. Mrs. Belmont was the orator. The original purpose of the society, she said, was to prevent compulsory giving by girls in stores and factories to their employers, the custom of collective giving, which the girls felt they could not afford, but which they could not avoid without embarrassment and positive loss of their positions.

## Messenger Confers With Carranza.

Nogales, Sonora.—Bayard Hale crossed the international line into Mexico at 9 o'clock Wednesday night and immediately went into conference with General Carranza. It was indicated that the meeting was merely preliminary to formal conferences to be begun between the man supposed to be the personal representative of President Wilson and the leader of the constitutionalists.

## Guns Offered Militants.

London.—According to the Daily Mail's Berlin correspondent a German dealer in arms and munitions of war, understanding that the English suffragettes are contemplating a "stronger organization," has offered to sell to the militants an unlimited quantity of repeating rifles at 4½ marks (\$1.73) apiece.

## Oregon Apples Bring More Than Expected

Hood River—At a board of directors' meeting of the Apple Growers' association it was learned that the prices to growers are going to exceed expectations.

H. H. Davidson, president of the North Pacific Fruit Distributors, said: "Our sales manager, Mr. Sieg, submitted a statement to the directors at their meeting showing 195 cars shipped prior to November 1, which netted back to growers the sum of \$86,754.96, which is an average of a little more than \$1.50 a box for all cars, which included extra fancy, fancy, special, choice and cooking grades.

"The last big price year was in 1909, when Hood River sent out less

than 150 cars total, with an average price for all grades and varieties not exceeding the record this year, and our sales manager now has unfilled orders on his desk for more cars than he shipped prior to November 1, at as good and even better prices.

"Last season was disastrous, and growers in Hood River, as well as in the entire Northwest lost confidence and developed into chronic kickers. But the same fellows who could not avert last year's disaster are doing a work this season which far more than offsets last year's deal."

Mr. Davidson has gone East and will stop at points in Idaho and at Denver and Chicago, making a survey of market conditions.

## Oregon Horticulturists Prepare Fine Program

Among the papers to be presented and discussed at the 28th annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society at Portland, December 10-13, and during the same week as the livestock show are the following:

"Foreign Markets for Our Fruit," Hon. H. B. Miller. Being the results obtained by Mr. Miller as chairman of the committee on foreign markets in writing to United States consuls.

"Uses of fruits from a domestic science standpoint; cooking values in various months," Miss Ava B. Milam, domestic science department, Oregon Agricultural college.

"Co-Operative Canneries; Experiences During the Past Year," George Tinker, manager Corvallis cannery; J. O. Holt, manager Eugene cannery; H. C. Atwell, manager Forest Grove cannery.

"Drying Prunes and Loganberries," F. R. Brown, Oregon Agricultural college.

"Fertilizers; Recent Experiments in Orchard Fertilization," F. C. Bradford, Oregon Agricultural college.

"Transportation by steamer; Special Reference to the Panama Canal," "Drying Apples and By-Products,"

"Brown Rot," Professor H. S. Jackson, Oregon agricultural college.

"Standardization of the Prune," Professor C. I. Lewis, Oregon agricultural college.

"Methods of Handling and Processing the Prune," J. T. Brumfield and H. T. Jenks.

"Variety Adaptation of Fruits," C. A. Malboen, chairman of committee, assisted by Professor C. I. Lewis and Albert Brownell.

Various other papers on drying and handling the prune by growers W. S. Allen, Dundee; Robert Johnson, Corvallis; George Marsh, Roseburg; Z. L. Chamberlain, Newberg, and others.

"Cover Crops," Bruce Cunningham, Salem.

"Use of Manure in Building Up the Orchard," A. L. West, Salem.

"Care of Orchard Cover Crops," Mr. Skinner, Roseburg.

"Heading Back Trees," S. D. Evans, Umpqua.

At this meeting the question of whether Oregon fruitgrowers shall adopt the rules adopted by the Spokane meeting will be considered. Rates of one and one-third fare are offered by all railroads. Complete programmes will be mailed later.

## University Offers Free Service to State Towns

University of Oregon, Eugene.—In a letter to the mayor of each city and town of the state, to each county court and to other officials, the university of Oregon has just offered an extraordinary service. This service is to be absolutely free and is to be performed by members of the University's regular faculty. It is a service that would cost hundreds and perhaps thousands of dollars to each community if outside experts had to be engaged; many Oregon communities, in fact, are believed to have gone without this much-needed service rather than incur the expense.

Busy officials often do not have time to keep up with the latest developments in the fields of public accounting, city planning, government organization, such as the commission government or city management plan and the treatment of defective and delinquent classes. This department plans to collect the results of the experience of other cities and communities throughout the country and make all this information available for those who wish to know what is the best thought on their respective problems.

## Lecturers Furnished for Public Library Courses

University of Oregon, Eugene.—Lecturers from the regular faculty of the university of Oregon are available for public library courses anywhere in the state, without expense to the library or to the hearers, and inquiries are becoming numerous. The cities of Coos Bay, Marshfield, North Bend, Bandon, Coquille and Myrtle Point are trying to arrange a series whereby each university professor in the series would give a lecture in the public library of each city. A series running to the close of the college year has been arranged for Salem and a series of three or four lecturers weekly is scheduled for Portland main, branch and suburban libraries, as far as January 9. Other places negotiating are Newberg, Astoria, Pendleton and Silverton.

## Crater Lake Road Is Now Finished to Rim

Klamath Falls.—The government road builders in Crater Lake Park have made good progress this season. The road by way of Sand Creek and the Pinnacles has been completed to the crater's rim, a distance of six and a half miles from the limits of the park. This will be re-surfaced and rolled next season. One and a half miles of permanent road was built from the rim toward Fort Klamath, and several miles of road cleared and partly graded.

The Pinnacles on the Sand Creek road and Anna Canyon on the Fort Klamath road rival the lake itself in interest.

## Northwest Apples Make Big Stir in New York

Hood River—The Northwestern apple has broken into New York society, according to a letter just received here from Joseph Steinhart, member of the firm of Steinhart & Kelly, which is handling a big block of Northwestern fruit this year through the Apple-Growers' association. An apple show was given last week by the New York fruit merchants at the building of the Museum of Natural History, Central Park and Seventy-seventh street, in conjunction with and through the New York State Horticultural society.

"Our display of Northwestern fruit," writes Mr. Steinhart, "was the first of its kind ever given here. It consisted of 210 plates, each holding six or seven apples or pears. The exhibit was seen by more than 265,000 people. Fifteen New York policemen were required to keep them in line. This was the grandest thing in the apple line ever presented in New York. The exhibit of apples created more interest than the annual flower show."

"The directors of the Horticultural society are enthusiastic over the apple show. The exhibits came from the Yakima, Hood River, Wenatchee and Mosier districts."

## Oregon Has Best Dairy Country in the World

Langlois—"This is the best dairy country in the world," said Frank Langlois recently. Mr. Langlois should know something about the country adjacent to Langlois. He came to the town with his father, William Valley Langlois, in 1854.

Green grass, open pasture the year round, mild winters, with absence of cold winds or frost, and cool summers make the country about Langlois particularly suited for the dairy and stock-raising industries.

At the Star ranch, not far from Langlois, or Dairyville, as the town is frequently called, is what is said to be the largest herd of pure-bred Jersey cows in the state of Oregon. The Star ranch is owned and managed by Dr. Wetherby, of Portland.

Local dairymen figure an average annual profit of more than \$100 on every cow.

## Seaside To Have Bank.

Seaside—After several years without banking facilities, Seaside is to have a bank, financed largely by local capital. Dr. Clarence L. Foley and Lionel Paget, of Portland, and 15 Seaside business men have subscribed \$25,000 and the bank is to be opened for business about January 1.