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THANKSGIVING

Ingratitude, men generally agree, is the most disliked human weakness. He who is not grateful is seldom the recipient of personal favors a second time. Men and women do not go out of their way to aid or assist those who on previous occasions have shown no appreciation of past assistance.

Yet there are many who some believe ungrateful who in reality are but thoughtless. They take too much for granted. Some do so from pure lack of thought of the cost to others; while some from too great self esteem. They accept as their portion the assistance of others with out ever thinking of repayment in kind. They are the self-centered, the selfish. They are unfortunate in their character and are more to be pitied than censured, perhaps.

One of the ways to avoid the pit into which such folks have fallen is to stop, now and then to consider our own wellbeing and our own short comings; for we all have them, and to ask ourselves whether or not we have been as thoughtful of the rights of others as we might have been; if we have on all occasions shown that spirit of appreciation of the help and kindness of others as we would like to have them shown to us. Surely such a period of introspection is appropriate at the Thanksgiving season.

It has become a custom to think of Thanksgiving as a time in which we mark our appreciation of the blessings which we as a nation enjoy; for peace and prosperity; for the absence of fires and floods; for the blessings of a bountiful harvest and other evidences of material wellbeing. But it can and should have a broader scope and yet a narrower application. We should be thankful that out of the chaos of the world war and its aftermath, order is gradually being restored, and though there are still dark clouds hovering on the political horizon of the world, calm judgment and good sense will ultimately prevail in the affairs of men.

In the narrower sense we may each be thankful for the blessings that are more intimately ours; for health and strength to face the pressing problems, for the friendships that surround us every day, for the many helpful acts and words of kindness that come to us all—these after all are the big things of life, and these we have as we merit them. Even though, in this section prosperity has not measured to us an overflowing portion, when we look about us we are so much more fortunate than many people on this earth of ours, and we have so much to be thankful for; it only takes a little time and thought to convince us that truly this may well be a season of real thanksgiving. Let us make it so. Let us not be charged with ingratitude.

MARKETING LIVESTOCK

It will not take long, if the present practice of stockmen in shipping practically all of their cattle to market continues, before there will be a positive meat shortage in the United States. It may not come next year, but the day of reckoning is bound to arrive sooner or later.

When the day comes it will be well for the stock men to be prepared to receive their share in the prosperity that will come. Of course only a relative few will enjoy that increased earning power, for most of the stockmen will have been forced out of business in the meantime. However, some might be saved if they have the financial standing to weather the present adverse conditions.

In the meantime the opportunity is given for trying to better the present marketing system so far as it affects the small stock raisers. Without in the least blaming the big packers who are doing what any set of men would do, it is apparent that there is room for vast improvement in the present marketing system, so far as the growers are concerned. The market is too largely centralized. Most of the markets are too far from the range and feed lots. The markets have been located with the market for the finished product as the big consideration; instead of being near the source of supply they are located at the place of demand.

From the viewpoint of the packer this is the natural selection, but it is not so from the growers' viewpoint for the reason that he must surrender his control of his product when it reaches the place where the buyer is. He loses it because he has accepted the burden of driving the stock to the railroad and has paid the big freight bill to get it to market hundreds of miles from his ranch. If the price is not enough to pay the freight even he has to take it for he cannot afford to ship it back. He is at the mercy of the buyer.

It requires no degree of brilliance to see that that is not the position in which the grower ought to be placed. He ought to be able to sell or not to sell without any more pressure upon him than the buyer has. It requires no mystical powers to see that under the present condition the buyer has all the advantage of the system and that the seller is at his mercy. It is expecting too much of human nature to expect the buyer under such conditions to give the seller what the stock is really worth. If there are any doubts they are resolved in favor of the buyer, naturally for he does not have to buy, but the seller must sell.

How can this be changed? By so ordering the present system that the buyer will come to the seller and not the seller to the buyer. Let the stock stay near the range or feed lots. Let the buyer come and view the cattle offered. If they are not marketable he does not have to buy. If he does not offer the seller a reasonable price he does not need to sell. He can hold them for a better market and drive them back to his ranch or feed lot.

Many of the big stockmen of this section follow this practice now. William Jones of Ontario and Jonesboro has long followed this practice. Not long ago his sons sent several carloads of fine cattle to market while Mr. Jones kept his stock on his ranch. Later a buyer coming through the country paid Mr. Jones more at his Jonesboro

ranch for his cattle than his sons got in the Portland market after they had paid the freight from Jonesboro to Portland.

Of course not every stockman can hold his stock like Mr. Jones can, but they can have something to say about the price they will take if they do not rush their cattle to market. It would be a simple matter to arrange for a series of market days in the stock country where men with less than a carload could bring their stuff in and the buyers could see them. A series of such markets and regular days would soon become the custom of the country and result in better prices for the grower. It has proven so in California where such a practice is now well established.

If this plan is not followed then the Farm Bureau plan should be followed which provides for consolidated shipments to co-operative commission men. This plan is being successfully followed in the Middle West, particularly in Minnesota. But no matter which plan is followed, certainly there should be something done so fundamentally revolutionize the game that the seller will not lose control of his product at the crucial stage in the journey from the range to the consumer.

VALLEY VIEW

VALLEY VIEW TO HOLD ITS ANNUAL COMMUNITY DINNER

School Yard Being Fenced by Patrons of School—New Piano For School House Purchased—New Clubs Organized Among Pupils

A new piano has been purchased for the Valley View school.

The Bealish children have been absent from school with a siege of tonsillitis.

A community program and dinner is to be held at the school house Thanksgiving day. A large crowd is expected.

Mr. Amidon returned from an extended visit with relatives in Michigan.

The patrons of the district are putting a fence around the school yard.

Mr. Ross sold quite a number of hogs to the market last week.

Miss Edith Breckon visited school last Friday afternoon.

Mr. Amidon has killed several beef for sale.

Reckless driving was the cause of the smash-up in the boulevard a few days ago. A Ford Bug was torn to pieces as a result.

George Ross is loading a carload of alfalfa meal for shipment.

County club leaders were at the school house last week and organized the Sewing club among the girls and the dairy club among the boys.

GOVERNMENT CONTINUES ITS WAR TIME LESSONS IN THRIFT

Owners of War Stamps Urged to Transform Them Into Treasury Certificates and Continue to Save

"It is hoped that every person who can do so will exchange War Savings Stamps, soon to fall due, for Treasury Savings certificates," said Postmaster Gregg. "The large amount of money invested and the great number of persons who purchased war savings stamps showed that the people of this country could save money when the necessity arose. Now, if they will take the money they saved when they bought stamps to aid the government in the prosecution of the war and buy Treasury savings certificates, they will demonstrate that the thrift lessons of the war have not been without effect. The holders of war savings stamps have seen investments of about \$20.50 grow to \$25 in five years, and larger amounts in the same proportion. They can see the same thing repeated if they reinvest in Treasury savings certificates. Interest accumulates at the rate of 4 per cent each year, compounded semi-annually. These savings certificates are exempt from the normal Federal income tax, and from all State and local taxation (except estate and inheritance taxes), and may be held to the amount of \$5,000, maturity value, for each issue, by every member of a family. They are backed by the credit of the United States Government, and afford an easy and sure method of saving."

WRITER'S NAME WILL LIVE

Superficial Critics Have Misjudged the Work Given to the World by Sir Walter Raleigh.

It is something of a paradox that the last work of Sir Walter Raleigh, "The War in the Air," should have been the history of a great modern adventure, written upon a large scale.

To those who knew Raleigh, whose death a vast number of friends and disciples are deploring, only by his works, he may have seemed somewhat detached from the life about him, and intent upon the niceties and elegancies of style.

The most of his books deal with the past, in which the superficial critic might think Raleigh was finding an escape from reality. The superficial critic of course would have been wrong.

Like all good writers, Raleigh had an intense interest in all that was about him. Whatever he read he put always to the test of life, and thus found the best, the only commentary for the books which he loved full well.—From "Musings Without Method" in Blackwood's Magazine.

Northcliffe as a Boy.

When Northcliffe, Alfred Harmsworth by name, was a young boy the family lived at St. Johns Wood, next to a select seminary for girls of twelve to sixteen, and frequently the boys' ball would be knocked over the fence into the seminary garden, with ensuing remonstrance from the principal. Once when the ball came over the fence into the garden, the story goes, a graceful, dark-eyed girl of thirteen took possession of it, and when Harold Harmsworth clambered after it she refused to give it up. Later Alfred literally dropped in and by a combination of tact and blarney not only got the ball but got the girl's confidence and promise to return the ball whenever it again came over into the garden. Tradition has it that six years later she became Mrs. Alfred Harmsworth.—Kansas City Star.

Gold Found in Nova Scotia.

Consul McCunn at Yarmouth, N. S., says it is reported that rich gold-bearing quartz has been struck on property at Malega Barrens, Queens county, in the Yarmouth consular district. The preliminary development was concluded recently, and quartz is now being taken out and crushed. It is also reported that a rich strike has been made in areas on the "South Rabbit" lead, Malega Barrens, and that there have been eleven men employed on the workings since early spring. On July 26 a shot fired opened up a five-foot lead of quartz showing rich gold specimens.

What Did He Get Then?

Benny, small son of a Montgomery county family, is at the age when instruction on etiquette seems necessary. Sunday, the family was invited out for dinner. While at the table, the hostess served Benny with a second piece of cake. On his noncommittal acceptance of the favor, he was admonished by his mother: "Now, what do you say, Benny?" Hastily gulping down the last fragment of the second slice, Benny replied, with difficulty: "Got any more?" — Indianapolis News.

New Attraction.

A man who had been engaged to write a circus poster suddenly found himself at a loss for a fresh adjective. "See here," he said to his employer. "I don't know what to say about this panther. Have you a thesaurus?" The manager of the circus looked at him with suspicion. "No, sir, I have not," he said, "and I don't think I shall do anything about getting one this year. I never heard of a circus having one, either, and I've known some good shows. Where are they raised, anyway, I'd like to know?" —Pittsburg Dispatch.

Order of the Marshal.
In Des Moines, Iowa, they tell of an elderly Irishman, long desirous of official dignity, who was finally appointed marshal in a parade in that city. Veterans, handmen and school children lined the streets of the town, patiently waiting the signal to start. Suddenly the marshal, on a prancing horse, dashed up the street. After inspecting the procession, he gave his horse a touch with the whip, stood up in his stirrups, and shouted: "Ready, now! Every wan of ye kape step wid the horse! March!" —Philadelphia Ledger.

Buffaloes Multiply Fast.
According to a recent census buffaloes at the Federal game park at Wainwright, Alberta, have increased in such numbers that the government officials state that the vast tract of land set aside for their use is insufficient to accommodate them. An order has gone forth that a number of the older animals are to be slaughtered and carcasses to be sold to northern trading companies to be converted into pemmican, which is considered a great delicacy in the vicinity of the Arctic. The Dominion government will retain the hides.

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