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THANKSGIVING!

THE people of the United States in general and the favored residents of Coos county have special cause for gratitude on this Thanksgiving Day. Probably never before have the daily portion of the people of this favored land possessed such an intense significance as they do today. In comparison with the rest of the world we are with the blessed and should be singularly thankful. Oceanic broad belt between us and the continent where terrors, destruction and horrors of the most fearful war mankind has ever known.

Peace and Prosperity are daily guests in Coos Bay homes. South of us Mexico is in the throes of a revolution that has soaked the land in blood.

North, Canada, as part of the British Empire, is sending many of her stalwart sons to the battle grounds of Europe to be food for cannon's mouths.

South America is in the agony of a financial depression and crop failure and her people are feeling the bitterness of panic and pinch. Nations of Asia are depressed and famine stalks through their land.

In many sections of the United States industry has slackened and commerce halted. Here on Coos Bay we have Peace, Prosperity, Contentment, Health and Happiness.

Truly, we have cause to be thankful.

If, however, we are merely thankful that we have escaped the woes of war, the fear of famine and the horror of hard times, we shall fall far short in our thanksgiving. This thought is conveyed in the serious and elevated Thanksgiving proclamation of President Wilson. In this splendid and thoughtful document there is the suggestion that we should be thankful that out of our plenty we shall have means to help our less fortunate brethren, we shall have food for the hungry, clothes for the needy, money for the penniless and roofs, if need be, for the homeless.

It is a time for discipline as well as thankfulness. We must think of our neighbors as well as ourselves. We realize now probably as never before that the whole world is one vast neighborhood and that nothing can befall a nation or race beyond our borders that does not sooner or later effect ourselves in lesser or larger degree and in multitudes of ways. President Wilson gives voice to truth when he declares in his Thanksgiving proclamation that—

"We have been privileged in some degree to steady the councils and shape the purposes and the destinies of a world upon their life as a nation with deeper comprehension of their responsibilities as well as of their blessings and with keener sense of the significance of what their part among the nations may come to be. The hurtful effects of war have made them feel more fully and see more clearly their mutual interdependence upon one another, and have stirred them to such helpful cooperation as they have seldom practiced. They have been quickened by a great moral stimulation. Their unmistakable ardor for peace, earnest pity and disinterested sympathy for the suffering and readiness to help and to think of the needs of others as well as of their own, have revealed them to themselves as well as to the world. The self-possession of our people and the steadiness and resourcefulness of our business men will serve other nations as well as our own. * * * The two continents of America have been bound in closer friendship."

Such gains as these acclaimed are great gains for the soul of America and for the mind of the American people. "Through the soul only shall the nations be both great and free." Our country has been blessed with the bounty of nature this year in unprecedented degree, and our prosperity is to be renewed on broader and firmer foundations than of old. But the greatest blessing that the year has brought to our people lies in the spiritual renewal and widened outlook that the war has bestowed upon us and the unprecedented appreciation of the supreme worth of peace as the true grandeur of nations.

In sharing our blessings with others we shall double our own. There is a great harvest of fellowship for us to reap if we have the spirit. We shall sell, of course, but there are those to aid who cannot buy; those to succor who cannot call to us, but who must be sought. With both hands we must give and pinch our own needs to do it. That is the nature of our Thanksgiving this year. We have offered to us a great and splendid opportunity. If we close with it as we should, we shall be thankful all our days.

WHY WE OBSERVE THANKSGIVING.

I AM not certain about it, but I believe we are the only people under the sun who have set apart a day each year to return thanks to the Almighty for blessings received, which comes about probably from the fact that we have more things to be thankful for than any other nation. From the smallest beginnings it has come to be universally celebrated and will continue to be so long as the republic endures.—Speaker Champ Clark.

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The Thankful Heart.

For all that God in mercy sends,
For health and children, home and friends;
For comforts in the time of need,
For every kindly word or deed,
For happy thoughts and holy talk,
For guidance in our daily walk,
In everything give thanks.

In everything give thanks.
For beauty in this world of ours,
For verdant grass and lovely flowers,
For songs of birds, and hum of bees,
For the refreshing summer's breeze,
For hill and plain, for stream and wood,
For the great ocean's mighty flood—
In everything give thanks.

For the sweet sleep which comes with night,
For the returning morning light,
For the bright sun which shines on high,
For the stars glittering in the sky—
For these, and everything we see,
O, Lord, we lift our hearts to thee;
In everything, give thanks!
—Tupper.

Spread Thanksgiving.

By the Rev. J. H. JOWETT.

REGARD Thanksgiving Day as one of the most gracious and heartening anniversaries in the American year. That a people should be called by their president to reckon the mercies and privileges received at the hands of God is to me a most hallowed and sanctifying ministry and most assuredly enriches and invigorates the national life.

But Thanksgiving should not be confined to material bounty. It should extend its range and include the blessings found in the troading day of knowledge and in the lifting of all forms of oppression from those who are bearing a needless yoke. It should even go beyond the range of patriotism and become cosmopolitan as it contemplates the heaven of freedom and humanity which is working in every part of the world.

Thanksgiving of this wide and ennobling kind would surely send a thankful people into the ways of unselfish and chivalrous service.

GIVE THANKS.

- Praise God for wheat so white and sweet of which to make our bread!
- Praise God for yellow corn with which the waiting world is fed!
- Praise God for fish and flesh and fowl he gave to man for food!
- Praise God for every creature which he made and called it good!
- Praise God for winter's store of ice; praise God for summer's heat!
- Praise God for fruit trees bearing seed! "To you it is for meat."
- Praise God for all the bounty by which the world is fed!
- Praise God, his children all, to whom he gives their daily bread.
—Edward Everett Hale.

Give Thanks.

MARK the broad land glowing in a soft haze, every tree and grove wearing its gorgeous autumnal drapery; observe the vivid freshness of the evergreen verdure; note, amid the gold and crimson woods, the blue lake, deeper in tint at this season than at any other; see a more quiet vein of shading in the paler lawns and pastures and the dark brown earth of freshly plowed fields; raise your eyes to the cloudless sky above, filled with soft and pearly tints, and then say, What has gloom to do with such a picture? Tell us, rather, where else on earth shall the human eye behold coloring so magnificent and so varied, spread over a field so vast, with one noble view?

In very truth, the glory of these last waning days of the season proclaims a grandeur of beneficence which should rather make our poor hearts swell with gratitude at each return of the beautiful autumn accorded us.—From "Rural Hours."

WITH THE TEA AND THE TOAST

GOOD EVENING.

Let us thank God, then, first of all, for seed time and harvest and the boundless wealth and blessing for which they stand.
—Bishop Potter.

LET'S ALL GIVE THANKS TO MOTHER.

When father carves the turkey
'Tis then sweet scents arise,
Our senses gratifying
Through noses and through eyes.
Then father holds the center
Of Yankee's broad stage;
He stands there like a hero
Of ancient lineage.
But who's this in the background
So modest hides from view?
Come forward, mother worker,
And take what is your due!

Let father carve the turkey,
Yours be the greater prize,
For you have carved the pumpkins
That make the golden pies.
—Charles N. Lurie.

Everyone on Coos Bay has special cause for thanksgiving that they have a home here.

QUESTION FOR THE DAY.
There are lots of good things in the world. Are you one of them?

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