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Nothin' to Be Thankful For?

Nothin' to be thankful for! What's the matter, neighbor?
What has rubbed you 'gainst the grain that you look so glum?
Ought to thank the power above you've escaped the sabre
Swung by death, an' ain't right now in camp in Kingdom Come!
Ought to thank the Lord of all that you are a livin'!
Thank Him for the air you breathe; though you think your lot
Purty tough and full o' snags, jine the great Thanksgiving!
If you haven't much in life, give thanks for what you've got.
Nothin' to be thankful for? Pard, you make me weary!
Ain't you got no manly grit? Are you out o' sand?
What's the use o' fallin' down, gettin' weak an' skeery
'Cause the cards o' life you hold ain't the winnin' hand?
Every cloud that hides the sky has a silver linin'.
Sun's a shinin' jost the same 'tother side the screen—
Git a smile aboard yer face, stop yer durn repinin'!
Harvest day's a-comin', an' you'll find grain to glean.
Nothin' to be thankful for? That's a purty story!
Seems to me the clothes you wear ain't fur out o' style.
Got a color in yer face spite of all yer worry—
Muscle like a pugilist. Pard, you make me smile!
Health is pictured in yer eyes so's the world kin read it.
Bet you've got an appetite keener than a brifer.
Bot you've wholesome grub enough every day to feed it—
Nothin' to be thankful for? Pardner you're a liar!
Have to hustle for your bread? 'Course you do. Who doesn't?
Have to labor like a slave? Who the devil don't?
Everybody has to toil! Dum it all, you mustn't think the grub'll come to you 'bout it, fur it won't.
Millionaires an' laborers, preacher men an' sinners,
All have labor to perform; tiresome labor, too.
In the hurdle race a life wouldn't be no winners.
'F all the hustlers for the prize weakened same as you!
Nothin' to be thankful for? Pardner yer a traitor
To the Power that lets you live with the earthy crew!
Flingin' insult in the face of the wise Creator, Telling Him right in His teeth He's doin' dirt to you!
Think of all the hungry ones scattered through the nation,
Think of the bereavement tears blindin' many an eye!
Think of tens of thousands who would envy you your station!
Nothin' to be thankful for? O, good an' die!
—JAMES HARTON ADAMS.

THIS is the time of year when a person is supposed to be thankful. It may be a little strange to some when they come to think things over and "count their many blessings," that there are not more of them. But that is not supposed to be the reason for being thankful. The things that are, that have been realized, that have been productive of pleasure or comfort, or that have the making of these beneficences, unrealized though they may be, are all worthy reasons for an expression of gratitude. Probably one of the qualities least satisfactory in social relationship, and to ourselves, is our inability, frequently, to see the advantages we enjoy and feel a sense of gratitude for them. First let us feel grateful for national peace. Consider the distress that exists among the people of our neighboring nation at the south, of the misery that has prevailed throughout the nations of Southern Europe, and the drouth and famine and pestilence, that has walked abroad in other lands. We may be thankful for national healthfulness. No disease has threatened any unusually large proportion of our people within the twelvemonth. Even the death rate is lower than ever before. Practically all contagious disease has less of virility than ever before. The years' harvest has at least been up to the normal. There is an abundance of everything. The grain yield has been excellent. Fruit is plentiful, yet not wastefully abundant. Beyond the occasional illness of individual persons there has been little occasion for distress. That some have been in want cannot be de-

nied but those we will have under any circumstances. Prosperity comes with industry. Likewise contentment. And the most of people who have reason to complain this year may look for their reasons in their own inefficiencies.

ONE of the interesting things that has been developed within the past week is the new attitude toward road improvement in this county. The County Commissioners are supposed to be running the county, but that is evidently not the truth. They planned their budget and published it within the week and it was not satisfactory to a couple of dozen of the fellows who have money and time to spend in finding pleasure. So they organized a campaign and assaulted the county's stronghold on short notice. The commissioners had planned to expend \$238,000.7 mills for each of the \$340,000,000 of valuation in the county. But that was not enough. The court was besieged and a demand was presented for a levy of 2 mills on the dollar, and on the valuation that will produce \$830,000, which will be increased by the county's share of the auto-tax to \$900,000. To be sure that this money is spent according to the wishes of the automobile club, one of their most influential members volunteered to see that it was spent. His services have been accepted, and he is supposed to serve without pay. His credentials as a road builder are not mentioned. He probably knows a piece of asphalt from a mud hole.

If the county court is to be dominated by every delegation of boosters it will have a busy time dodging from one purpose to another. It is hardly probable that a delegation of industrious farmers would have the same consideration that a delegation from the Auto Club would receive. Suppose we try it. A good many of these farmers are putting up about all they can now unless they could get some local relief.

The main idea of the boosters is to assure themselves of the Columbia river highway. There is no doubt about the man appointed being a good business man and he may be well qualified for the job. Have you noticed the street improvements that has been going on this week, cross walks and all. Did not the Herald say that some philanthropist would turn up to take up the street improvements in this burg. And they did. But it was necessary for the Herald to mention the need of it and how easy it would be to interest some one in getting it done. When you want any good public enterprise to come through, just call around and get the Herald busy. Then they all begin to take notice.

Again we call your attention to the excellent chicken show that was put on by the boys and girls of the Lents Schools. There will be more chickens in town next year, and that means a reduction in the price of eggs and smaller meat bills. This will education prove practical.

Notice the street improvements. Just what is needed and the best that could be done under the circumstances. Thank the Herald and Mayor Coffman for that. "We" did it. No we started it.

A new cesspool for drainage will be located on Foster Road and 2nd Avenue.

The entertainment given by the children of the Woodmere school last Friday evening was largely attended and all greatly pleased to see the interest taken.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. White of Calwells Addition are the proud parents of a bouncing ten pound baby boy, born at 8:30 Tuesday night. Both mother and son are doing fine.

See the witches and get your fortune told at the Bazaar at Grange Hall, Dec. 2. Buy your Christmas Gifts cheap.

Don't forget St. Paul's Bazaar from 3 p. m. until all is sold. You may draw quilt.

LOST—Roll of Poultry netting on Foster road near Lents. Finder return to Lents Hardware Co., and receive reward.

At The Churches

M. E. CHURCH

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W. Boyd Moore, Pastor.

EVANGELICAL CHURCH

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Theme for 7-30 P. M. "Men that failed and why."

The Y. P. A. at 6-30 P. M. is largely attended and very instructive.

Good music at all of these services.

P. CONKLIN, Pastor.

Baptist Church

Lord's Day services at the Baptist Church, Nov. 30. Bible school, 9:45 a. m. Morning Worship, 11 a. m. Sermon theme: "The Strong Man Bound." Young people's meeting, 6:30 p. m. Evening worship, 7:30 p. m. Sermon theme: "Who Can Forgive Sins." Strangers will always find a welcome at this church.

J. M. NELSON, Pastor.

ADVERTISED LETTERS

Advertised letters for week ending Nov., 22nd 1913.

Anderson, Chester; Cain, Hardy; Cushman, Miss Nasene; Garner, R. S.; Holden, Mrs; Mollie; Pat; Olson, Conrad; Simons, Mrs. S. D., Standard Dairy Co., Theurkans, Mrs., Werner, Otto; White, Sidney.
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NOTES OF THE W. C. T. U.

The annual storm and bluster of the tax payer's meeting for district No. 1 has again passed into history this week. Many suggestions have been offered for the doing away of this meeting, but the people are loth to abandon this, the most primitive of all forms of government. Particularly is this true at the present moment when there is a general movement to ward a return to primitive things. However the inability of all the taxpayers of Portland to assemble in one room in any one of the high school buildings causes all of the different projects for abandonment to majestically rise up and demand approval. There is a very simple way in which the annual meeting may be participated in by every taxpayer: Let every school house be open on that night for the discussion of such matters as are to be referred to the taxpayers and the measures be voted upon by school houses, the school board to canvass the results from the school houses and announce the result. The education of the different parts of the district to the needs of the whole district would lead to a community of interests that would result in greater civic unity.

Col. Mervin L. Mans addressing the National Convention in recent session said, "I can assure you as a medical man that no class of work has done more to put down disease than the work initiated by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The prevention of disease is in the hands of you ladies, for alcohol produces more disease in the world than all the rest of the agencies put together. You are really the great hygienists and sanitarians of the world and when you get through with your work we shall have a race that is akin to the race that will appear on the earth at the millenium." I can assure you declared Col. Mans "That the world is filled with moral and mental defectives because of alcohol. God speed your work because you are not only lifting the standards of this nation, but because you are bringing upon the human race the greatest boon ever known—mental and physical health."

Juvenile Department

The First Thanksgiving

The Pilgrims came over to America from Plymouth, England, in December 1620, in a boat called the Mayflower. There were one hundred and two pilgrims landed in America. In one year one-half of the number remained, the rest dying from sickness. When spring came, they began building their houses, which were of logs, covering the roofs with grass and rushes. The roofs were almost straight up and down, so the rain would run off easily. They were all busy through the summer. They worked very hard in the fields and gardens. The first year they had an abundant harvest.

"Let us set a day to give thanks for the great harvest," they said, "It is God who has sent the sunshine and the rain to make the seeds grow. We must have a day of thanksgiving and invite the friendly Indians to rejoice with us." Invitation were sent to Massasoit and his tribe.

The first Thanksgiving was in November 1621. The climate was mild and lovely. Late wild flowers were blooming. It was the time of year that the Indians called "Indian Summer," on account of such nice weather. Just as soon as they decided to have this Thanksgiving, all were very busy. The men hunted in the forest for deer, wild turkeys and other game. The women were busy baking bread, cakes, pies and other things. Children went to the lowlands and gathered ripe cranberries and ripe grapes. Others brought in ripe nuts that had fallen from the trees. The older boys went to the seashore and dug clams, with which the women made a rich dressing.

The Indians who were invited came very early. At sun rise the Pilgrims were awakened by whoops and yelling, which told them they had come. They also brought five deers, wild turkeys and other game.

Great fires were built out of doors to cook the dinner. A long table was spread out in the open air and they soon had every thing ready. At beat of drum they all marched to the meeting house to give thanks to God. Little children grew tired of the sermon. They thought of the good dinner that was waiting, and thought the sermon would never come to an end. At last all was ready. In the middle of the large table stood a huge bowl of stew containing mixed game.

One old Indian brought pop corn popped, and treated the Pilgrims, after the dinner hour. This was the first time the Pilgrims had ever seen pop-corn.

The Indians had such a good time, they stayed and feasted three days. The first Thanksgiving ever held in America took place in 1621, ever since it has been an annual festival for the mercies of the closing year, for the bountiful harvest reaped.
Elsie Crawford, Woodmere, 7 A.

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