

MANY RETURN THANKS

PRaise SERVICES ARE CONDUCTED LAST EVENING.

Rev. George H. Bennett Delivers Forceful Sermon Before Large Congregation at Church.

Unstinted praises for the mercies of the past twelvemonth were sung in Dallas last evening, when members of the various protestant denominations of the city assembled at the Evangelical church to appropriately observe the annual day of thanksgiving. Thanksgiving, the greatest of American feast days, is usually celebrated by the smaller communities of the commonwealth by all denominations joining in a union praise service, and this commendable plan was successfully carried into effect in this instance. There were special music and special prayers for the service, and the Rev. George H. Bennett, pastor of the Methodist church, delivered a sermon fitting the occasion, "The Boon of Altruism, Peace and Plenty," the burden of the human cry, being his theme. A synopsis of his discourse follows:

"Happy thoughts and a full stomach are near neighbors. I am sure this audience is in a very amiable frame of mind, together with the rest of the hundred million American people, owing to the abundant blessings a kind providence has bestowed upon us. While so much of this old world is torn with war, and is faint with hunger, and sunk in woe, there still remains one place where the prayers and hymns of praise and thanksgiving may ascend from happy hearts. The universal theme of thanksgiving in song and prayer today in our favored land, has been that Uncle Sam is at peace with all the world. For this happy fact we are most profoundly thankful. But American peace in the midst of world-war is not accidental. It is not due to our geographical position beyond broad oceans. It is due rather to the wise and pacific spirit and lofty ideals of the American people, and to the superior statesmanship of our christian president.

"We are truly thankful for the grace of patience and patriotism possessed in such marked degree by Woodrow Wilson in dealing with Mexico in her suicidal revolutions. Our small sacrifices endured wisely and with patience have saved us from more costly sacrifices in treasure and precious American lives—and today we rejoice in the dawning of peace and a brighter day for afflicted Mexico.

"Our president's policy has witnessed the pacification of that suffering people—an end which might have been attained by the more costly policy of intervention and invasion. Peace without intervention and its complications is far better than peace by intervention. We rejoice that peace has come to our sister republic at a minimum cost to Mexico and ourselves, and that today the nations of the western hemisphere are bound together by closer ties of confidence and friendship than ever before.

"We are deeply thankful that the plea of the ultra-pacifist party in our country for 'peace at any price' has been repudiated as dangerous folly in these trying times by the American people. 'Provide for the common defense' is written in the preamble of our constitution. It is a sacred duty imposed upon every citizen by the constitution. When our president urges adequate measures for our national defense, he is only performing his oath of office and constitutional duty to his country. And the citizen who opposes adequate measures for the common defense is simply denying the people their right under the constitution. He is assuming there is no such thing as public danger of invasion. Such men are worse than dreamers. They are public enemies who are playing into the hands of a possible foreign foe, by lulling us to sleep and stripping us of the means of repelling that foe when the crucial day arrives.

"Peace at any price" is a violation of the constitution which commands 'provide for the common defense.' It is a sacrifice of the intimate laws of life, liberty and the pursuits of happiness. So long as any nation maintains a powerful army and navy, just so long must we maintain an army and navy competent to repel invasion by that nation. Because we are peaceable and unambitious of foreign conquest, we must not beguile ourselves into believing we are safe from attack and conquest so long as ambitious and unscrupulous monarch sit on the thrones of armed nations. So long as all the people in town are honest, we may sleep with open doors—but when a robber comes to town, every door must be locked. We are thankful today that Uncle Sam is wide awake to the necessity for adequate preparation—not for foreign conquest, but for home protection. And we hail with joy the signs of the times which point to the day coming when the spread of democracy and the confederation of nations will see the final disarmament of the world.

"How glad we are today and thank-

ful to God that the gospel of Christ has been so fully preached and is so fully practiced in America that in the day of woe and national disaster, the world may turn for succor to our country and not be turned away empty. Liberty enlightens the world. American altruism and sympathy for the suffering and brotherly kindness illumines the black despair that hovers over the nations in famine and pestilence, in earthquake and desolating war. The world's dire extremity is America's great opportunity—and thank God, Uncle Sam has the altruistic spirit and the business ability to measure up to the world's crying need.

"Old Chaldean culture threw a magic spell over human minds and made man conscious of destiny. Greek culture taught mankind the glories of beauty. Roman culture was built up by the sword, yet law and justice became its heritage. Latin religion was mixed with superstition, but taught men reverence. Anglo-Saxon culture was torn by strife, but out of it came religious liberty. France, out of the terror of intolerance learned the kinship of classes. England, through colonization, built a higher world-wide civilization. But Uncle Sam stands among the nations as the Good Samaritan."

"God has bestowed the fruits of the orchard, field and meadow upon us with lavish hand as a reward of honest toil. The horn of plenty has been poured out into the lap of American industry and bumper crops astonish our eyes. American farms have yielded 500 million more bushels of cereals than ever before.

"When the din of war burst suddenly upon the world dismay seized our hearts, but the hour of terror is past. Calm and confidence are restored and a veritable wave of prosperity is now sweeping over our country. Dunn's Review declares: 'There is no slackening in the advance that foreshadows the greatest commercial development in the history of the country. Business is no longer wholly dependent on war demands, but bumper crops, a widespread increase in the working force, and in the power of the people to purchase have established the basis for an era of unexampled prosperity. Reports from every section are exceptionally unanimous in disclosing improvement, the circle of widening activity having extended to all branches of enterprise in all parts of the country. Credit and collective conditions are better than in many years.'

"We look with hope to the future. History will repeat itself. From the ashes of desolated nations will arise a new and higher type of civilization. The stricken peoples are seeking after God. The eyes of the world are being opened. The waste and woe of the liquor habit are now discovered as never before. John Barleycorn has met dire defeat on European battlefields and in America is pressed to the last ditch. Prohibition in nineteen sovereign states is a sure harbinger of national and international prohibition. John Barleycorn is doomed.

The forces of evangelism and education are steadily defeating the forces of superstition and ignorance. The average of human life is lengthening under the magic touch of medicine and surgery. Treatment of 200 thousand and soldiers with typhoid, anti-toxin demonstrates the final conquest of that dreadful malady, and is another triumph with those over smallpox, diphtheria, spinal meningitis, typhus, tetanus and hydrophobia.

"Out of the darkness and desolation of the past comes a new day and a stronger and happier race, for we see the time drawing near when the nations shall learn war no more," and when christian principles shall rule the world; suffering will be reduced to a minimum—and the people will die of old age."

Cattle Indemnity Hearings.

Several farmers, who have lost cows through the operation of Oregon's anti-tuberculosis laws, have recently asked indemnity for their financial loss and their cases will be heard at the court house at different times, beginning on Monday. Fred Loy and C. N. Shriver each lost one tubercular cow and T. A. Dunn lost three head. These gentlemen will attempt to show that they have complied with the law in the matter and will claim the value of the slaughtered animals at a hearing on Monday. H. W. Cudley will ask indemnity on December 15 for the loss he suffered when the state killed his cow.

Road to Quarry Being Rushed.

The Oregon Portland Cement company has its spur track completed as far as the John Farley place, and is now extending the line about 200 yards further up the creek. It will be standard gauge to that point, from where a narrow gauge will be constructed to the old rock quarry, about a quarter of a mile below the Oakdale schoolhouse.

Fire Destroys Farm House.

The home of E. N. Bliven about two miles down the river from Salem, in Polk county, was destroyed by fire, together with all the contents Monday. The house was owned by A. Graber and was insured for \$500. The household goods were owned by Mr. Bliven and were not insured.

TALK REACHES CLIMAX

GOVERNING POWERS AGREE TO CONSTRUCT NEW BRIDGE.

Inter-County Span Across Willamette River at Salem Promises to Be Both Modern and Model.

Polk and Marion counties will construct an inter-county bridge across the Willamette river at Salem, the cost of which will be approximately \$200,000, and work on the same will be inaugurated as early next spring as practicable. The county of Polk will pay one-third of the necessary expense, and Marion two-thirds. Polk county will include a portion of the cost of the structure in the 1916 budget and the remainder in the 1917 budget, thus making it possible under the law to build the bridge, which is, after an exhaustive investigation of the condition of the present span, deemed a necessity.

This much was decided upon at a joint session of the Polk and Marion courts at Salem last Tuesday afternoon, at which Judge John B. Teal, Commissioner Wells and Beckett, Roadmaster Finn, and several other interested citizens of this county were present. Engineers Holmes and Sandler of the state highway commission were also in attendance, and gave the courts such information concerning the defunct structure and the proposed new one as they had at command. It is probable that the new bridge will be of reinforced concrete, both the courts and the engineers being in favor of such construction from the point of economy. Engineer Sandler read nine estimates, in all cases the designs providing for a load represented by a twenty-ton truck, a fifteen-ton roller or a forty-ton interurban car. The estimates range from \$124,000 to \$235,000. The most expensive plans call for a single car track to be included. In the minds of members of the courts there is still doubt whether this will be a feature of the bridge.

The estimates read by the engineer, with the exception of the first, were for steel construction. Only two called for a car track. They were as follows: Thirty-two foot roadway, concrete structure, two five-foot concrete sidewalks, a single car track, \$235,000; thirty-two foot roadway, steel, concrete approach, two concrete walks, single car track, \$195,000; thirty-two foot roadway, timber approach, two concrete walks, \$179,000; thirty-foot roadway, concrete approach, \$187,000; thirty-foot roadway, timber approach, \$170,000; twenty-two foot roadway, concrete approach, \$150,000; twenty-two foot roadway, timber approach, \$128,000; twenty-two foot roadway, plank floor, \$124,000.

There is every argument in favor of a concrete structure, and it is believed that this character of construction will be adopted by the powers that be. It would be permanent, and no painting would be required, while with a steel structure paint would have to be spread every five years to preserve it. The location of the bridge was not decided upon at the meeting, that being left for future consideration. If the bridge were built on the present site, and beneath the present structure, the old bridge would be found useful in the work, it is said. Three sites are under consideration—the present one, one a block further down the river, and the third higher up-stream.

On Wednesday afternoon the two courts met again in Salem, when it was decided to advertise for bids for the proposed bridge. The contractors will be asked to submit plans and specifications for both steel and concrete construction, and from the plans submitted will be decided the type of bridge that is to span the river between the two counties.

MORE THAN BLOSSOMS FOUND.

Oil Discovered in Henry Serr's Well in Eastern Oregon.

Henry Serr of the Gail hotel is interested in an oil well near Dufur that gives forth good promise. He this week attended a meeting of the board of directors, of which he is a member, at Portland the first of the week, and the reports for the superintendent were most encouraging, notwithstanding the fact that while sinking the well he had met with a mishap at a depth of 2000 feet, which caused a slight setback. That oil exists at the depth already attained is assured, but whether in paying quantities remains to be seen. Of the four companies which were operating in the field near Dufur only this one remains, the other three having become discouraged by the heavy expenditures necessary to development work. Mr. Serr is confident that his company is on the right track, and that its undertaking will prove successful.

Monmouth Gives Thanks.

A union Thanksgiving service was held in the Normal chapel at 19:30 Thanksgiving morning. Professor J. B. V. Butler presided, and the music was directed by Miss Mary H. Shan. The offering will be given to the persecuted Armenians in Turkey.

OFFICERS TO CONVE

CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL BOARDS TO HOLD CONVENTION.

Superintendent Seymour Would Have Full Attendance at Gathering on Saturday, December 4.

The annual school officers' convention has been called by T. W. Brunk, president, to meet at the county court house here next week, Saturday, at 10:30. This is the regular meeting of the School Officers' association called by the school laws of the state. The chairman of the various school boards are the delegates to the convention, but in case the chairman of a district is not able to attend the meeting the county superintendent asks that some member of the board be appointed to take his place that there may be a full attendance. Each delegate is entitled to \$2.00, to be paid from the general fund of the county to cover his expenses for the day. It is the desire of the superintendent to have all members of all school boards attend the convention, if possible, as many important matters will be discussed.

A number of prominent educators will appear on the program during the day. Among these are President J. H. Ackerman of the Monmouth Normal school; L. R. Alderman, superintendent of Portland city schools, and Mrs. Mary C. Fletcher, chairman of the Independence school board and a former county superintendent in Washington. H. C. Seymour, superintendent of Polk county schools, will conduct a question box. Polk county school officers' conventions have done much in framing the school work, not only of the county, but of the state as well, and to keep the record of the convention this year up to that previously established is the desire of the president.

LUMBERING PROSPEROUS.

Logging Will Cease Temporarily With Entry of New Year.

The Willamette Valley Lumber company of this city will cease logging operations immediately following the holidays for a period of about two months, and will saw from storage at the mill. The new dump recently constructed near the pond now has approximately two million feet of logs in storage, and it is the purpose of Mr. Gerlinger to increase the amount another million feet before discontinuing logging temporarily. During the winter months logging is more expensive than in favorable weather, and the plan adopted this fall will mean a considerable saving. Since last March about 11,000,000 feet of "dead" timber has been sawed at the mill, thus taking care of the burned over territory within the company's holdings.

The company has recently booked a number of good orders, and is not worrying about the immediate future. The condition of the lumber market is gaining in favor of the millmen with rapid strides, and from present indications there can be no stopping the upward tendency. The advance may be slow, but that there will be advances no one familiar with the situation has the slightest doubt. The Willamette Lumber company has one of the best organizations of any mill in Oregon, and hence it is in a position to meet the demands made upon the mill with all possible haste. And this counts with a certain class of customers, who are loath to place orders for material until the eleventh hour. The yard stock at this time last year, which under the circumstances may be considered very fortunate.

More Hogs to Portland.

Eyre & Cavanaugh report that their purchases of swine since they began business about November 1 has resulted in a distribution of \$3500 among the farmers of Marion and Polk counties. The firm shipped another carload of hogs last night to Portland markets. The shipment totaled 103 hogs.—Statesman.

Polk Jersey Club Meets.

The Polk County Jersey Cattle club and Polk County Cow-Testing association are holding a joint meeting today. Arrangements have been made for several lectures. There will also be a cow scoring contest. A basket dinner will be served. The meeting is at the barn of J. B. Stump & Son, near Monmouth.

Trappers Busy in County.

Owing to the increase in prices on all raw furs trappers are busy outfitting and getting into the woods early. Large catches of mink, coon, muskrat and skunk are reported in the vicinity of the Luckiamute river. One trapper took ten skunks from one den, which netted him \$22.50.

The Sheriff's First Holiday.

For the first time since John Orr entered the sheriff's office in an official capacity that office was closed in observance of a holiday yesterday. Heretofore while all offices in the court house have been closed on hol-

idays the sheriff's office has been wide open and the sheriff, as well as Deputies Hooker and Richter, have been into the labors of the office up to their elbows. But Thanksgiving found the office force caught up with its many duties in connection with taxes and peace preservation, so that the sheriff declared a feast day and departed for Monmouth. Deputy Hooker spent the day with his folks in Independence and Deputy Richter "just enjoyed himself."

POULTRYMEN FORM CIRCLE.

Co-operative Buying and Selling Organization Established Here.

At a meeting of about twenty-five poultry keepers at the court house on Wednesday afternoon a co-operative egg circle was formed and the plans and ambitions of such an organization were thoroughly mapped out by Professor Lamb of the extension department of the O. A. C. J. M. Card was elected temporarily to the chair and W. J. Thompson is secretary pro tem. These officers will preside until the next meeting when permanent officers will be selected by a much larger attendance. J. M. Card, A. G. Rempel and W. J. Thompson are members of a committee to examine and make necessary changes in the constitution and bylaws of the circle, and the committee will report at the next meeting, to be held at the court house at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Organization will be perfected at the next meeting and the plans will be outlined to other poultry keepers who did not attend the first meeting. Anyone who owns a poultry yard where eggs are produced, either in lots of one or many dozens is eligible to membership, and there is little doubt that through the operation of the circle they will greatly profit. The idea of the egg circle, as outlined by Professor Lamb, is to get the poultrymen together to buy feed and equipment under one head, thus making those necessities much cheaper, and to sell their eggs under the same plan, thus getting the advantage of the highest market prices.

LADIES PROFIT FROM BAZAAR.

Cooked Food and Needlework Sales on Wednesday Were Popular.

The ladies of the Methodist Episcopal church assembled a pleasing collection of cooked foods and needlework on Wednesday and held their annual Thanksgiving sale at the Vassall grocery and at Guy Brothers' store. In the former was the cooked food sale, with several ladies in charge during different hours of the day. Foods and delicacies to make the housewives' Thanksgiving labor lighter were temptingly displayed and before evening many delicious pies, cakes and cookies had changed ownership for the satisfaction of Thanksgiving appetites. Not only were there cakes and pies, but jams, jellies and canned goods, prepared in various ways. At the needlework sale the ladies exhibited and sold a very fine collection of garments and fancy work. Many different styles of aprons and many different pieces of fancy work were on display for the little girl's doll, and many Christmas presents must have been selected from the display, judging from its depleted appearance after the sale.

CORN SHOW TO BE AT SALEM.

Mrs. Braden Will Receive Entries From Polk County.

Polk county farmers are invited to participate in the Marion county corn show which will be held at Salem, beginning on Wednesday and closing on Saturday, December 4. L. J. Chapin, Marion county agriculturist, has charge of the show and has communicated with Mrs. Winnie Braden, who has agreed to take charge of the Polk county entries. The county as such will not compete, but individuals will be on an equal basis with Marion county farmers. If growers will send not less than ten ears of selected corn to the Marion County Corn show, in care of Mrs. Braden, she will exhibit and care for it. Mrs. Braden would like to get 100 ears from exhibitors if possible, but the minimum is ten. The ears must have straight rows and be filled to the end, and must be uniform in size. Mrs. Braden will, at her own expense, go to Salem next week to arrange and exhibit the corn that is sent in by Polk county farmers.

Sugar Beets Grow Well.

A. G. Rempel, whose farm is located three miles northeast of Dallas, this season raised about half a ton of sugar beets from seed furnished last spring by the Commercial club, and on Wednesday he brought samples of the product to Dallas and placed them on exhibition. The beets were grown on black loam with a clay sub-soil, and owing to the dry season which prevailed did not reach average size. The quality, however, is considered the best. Under irrigation it is thought that the finest kind of sugar beets can be produced in his section, even on the red soil of the uplands.

Exhibit Will Be Permanent.

Oregon's excellent exhibit at the Panama-Pacific exposition, or at least the best part of it, is to be installed in the Commercial club building of Portland as a permanent display.

TRAGEDY AT BETHEL

FRANK HILLMAN KILLS SELF AND WIFE AFTER FEAST.

QUARREL IS CAUSE OF DEED.

Hillmans Recently Located in Polk County, Coming Hither from Spokane—Coroner Early on the Scene of Crime.

Frank Howard Hillman and his wife are dead today as a result of the enraged Thanksgiving rampage of Hillman, when he sent a rifle bullet through the brain of his wife and then turned the gun on himself.

The Hillmans had just finished a very pleasant Thanksgiving dinner at their home near Bethel, at which a brother and sister-in-law of Mr. Hillman's were present, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Marvin, the two Hillman girls, aged 14 and 16, and the hired man, when the shooting that snuffed out two lives occurred. Hillman and Marvin left the table and went to the garage on Hillman's fine farm about four miles from Amity, on the Amity-Bethel road, and Marvin remained to putter around the machine, according to the testimony gathered by Coroner Chapman.

Hillman returned to the house and found that his wife had gone upstairs to prepare to assist Mrs. Marvin in doing up the dinner dishes. He followed her, and in the upper part of the house Hillman and wife had some heated discussion. Hillman is said to have returned to the garage, where he probably secured the 25-35 rifle with which he committed the crime. Returning to the house Hillman resumed the discussion with his wife and she fled downstairs. As she neared the foot of the stairs Hillman fired a shot that barely missed his wife and embedded itself in the wall. She turned into a room nearby, where the two daughters and the farm hand were eye witnesses of the second shot.

Hillman entered the room following his wife, and leveled the rifle that sent a bullet through her brain, entering close to the ear, and killing her instantly. The crazed man then turned toward the girls, who, terrified, fled from the room. Instead of pursuing them Hillman turned the gun to his own brain and an instant later his dead body was beside that of his wife.

The Hillmans came to Oregon about four years ago from Spokane, where he was a druggist. He purchased the farm on which they were living, near Bethel, in Polk county, and was prospering there. He had many friends both among his neighbors and the citizens of Amity, where he was owner of the moving picture show. His family was a respected one and the daughters so sadly bereaved will have the sympathy of the entire community. Coroner Chapman found no signs of drinking in connection with the Thanksgiving dinner, and the only apparent cause for the terrible crime was the quarrel indulged in by the couple. The Hillmans were about 37 years of age.

DALLAS TEAM DEFEATED.

Season Ends With Walloping by Lebanon.

The football season closed for the Dallas high school yesterday when Lebanon, with the assistance of a much criticized referee, succeeded in turning a scoreless tie into a 25-0 victory. Two weeks ago the Dallas boys held their heavier adversaries to a 0-0 score, and everyone on the special train that carried Dallas fans to Lebanon expected the local team could do as well again. But Lebanon was on home ground. The players and coaches admit that they were beaten, but are unanimous in saying that the Dallas team should have scored had it not been for shady decisions of the referee. Fourteen Dallas players have earned the D that is awarded for playing a full game on the gridiron in a season, and the fourteen includes the entire squad, for there was never more than that number on the practice field at one time. Twenty-one members of the Dallas band attended the game and furnished a repertoire of lively numbers.

Independence Makes Nominations.

At the citizens' nominating convention at Independence Wednesday evening, W. H. Walker, the present incumbent, was again nominated for mayor, B. F. Swope was renominated for recorder, and L. Damon, W. H. Craven and H. B. Fletcher were the nominees for councilmen.

Woman's club bazaar, December 3.