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THANKSGIVING

The season has come in which it has been the long established and deeply cherished national custom to select and set apart one day as the time to offer thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings of the year. A calling to mind of the many favors which we have been permitted through the days and nights of another twelve months, to enjoy, at once enriches and ennobles our lives as a people. To recognize and publicly acknowledge the divine source of all the good gifts of life begets a reverent and grateful spirit and makes our realization of these gifts more vivid and our sense of obligation to the Giver of all good, keener and more immediate.

This is an appropriate period of the year for such an eventful occasion. The abundant crops have all been gathered in and the rush of outside work abandoned by reason of the approaching winter gives us time to give the proposition more solemn consideration. The sons and daughters go back to the old home that they may gather round the family hearthstone and fill with joy the hearts of father and mother, grandfather and grandmother, and in loving fellowship rekindle the tender ties, broken by months and perhaps years of separation. This reunion tends to sweeten and soften the hearts of both old and young.

The celebration of the Thanksgiving family festival under the old roof-tree awakens a long train of tender memories, lightens the burdens that are hard to bear, and conserves all that is pure and holy in domestic life. While such a festival has at all times a suitable place in the family year book, it possesses an especial appropriateness in a season like the present. Not in any period of the history of this commonwealth has it ever been possible to find a greater cause for gratitude to our Heavenly Father than at the close of the present year.

Our common inheritance in the universal beauties of nature made up of air, light, rain and sunshine, smiling fields, flowing streams and richly stored mines and forests has not failed us.

While we should be thankful for temporal blessings of which we have been the recipients, yet it should be a subject of profound gratitude to the ruler of the universe that he has given us that spirit of liberty which has made our nation the asylum for the oppressed of all other nations.

We should be especially grateful that as a nation there lies as a foundation stone the universal brotherhood of man, and that if we should sometimes forget our duty to our fellowman, we have a potent remedy in the voice of the whole people—the final arbiter of our civil rights. Let us, therefore, earnestly pray that the time yet hidden in the great future may speedily come when God "shall judge among the nations and shall rebuke many people, and they shall beat their swords into plow shares, and their spears into pruning forks. Nations shall not lift up the sword against nations. Neither shall they learn war any more."

A growing disposition on the part of the strong and well-to-do to found and foster institutions, the object of which is to make it possible for the many to share the wealth and privileges of the beneficent few, is a noteworthy indication of the coming of a better time and is cause sufficient for profound thanksgiving. "This also cometh down from the Lord of Hosts, wonderful in council and excellent working."

STRENGTH OF A COUNTRY

Natural location, wealth, railroads and sawmills, and other institutions combined do not make a town. The growth, prosperity and power of a town depends wholly upon its citizenship. The strength which the citizenship exerts depends upon harmony and united efforts. In selecting municipal officers for the election next week, whoever they may be, this should be taken into consideration.

It is profitable as well as pleasant for brethren of the same town to dwell together in unity. It insures the "pull altogether," which means victory.

No town can attain to its highest usefulness while it countenances factions. Communities are injured more by local discord and petty prejudices than by all the outward competition combined.

Whenever this town has accomplished any great enterprise, or pushed to triumphant success any movement, it has been when the people—or a great majority at least—got together and stayed together.

The old proverb "In Union there is Strength," finds exemplification in local history.

MUST CONCENTRATE

A very able and interesting sermon was heard last Sunday evening from the Methodist pulpit, delivered by Rev. F. N. Sandifur, who spoke on the subject of Christian Unity.

More worldly people might add to what has already been said that there are too many churches in the country. No, not exactly that; but there is too much denominationalism, sectarianism and antagonism. The world is said to be growing better in this respect. But it is still a long way from perfect, and the forces of righteousness are yet too much scattered.

We do not mean by this that denominations must be wiped out. There must be homes for all classes. Consolidation cannot be expected short of millennial days. But there can be more practical co-operation. Soldiers that fight against evil must concentrate if they expect achievements.

In this day and age of the world practical problems confront christian people—and those, too, who are not professing people, but hope for improved moral conditions.

Religion isn't all singing hymns and hearing sermons—or preaching them, either. There are broken lives that need repairing. The world needs renewing. An army of a dozen regiments each fighting in its own way, would not win many victories.

There are probably not too many churches in the country, but they are too far apart.

IT HELPS YOU

If you wish to buy or sell anything an advertisement or a local notice in The Enterprise will help you. If you want to hire help or procure a position, the same medium will help you. It pays to advertise in a paper which reaches all classes; a paper that reaches not only the people of Independence, but one that goes into every post office in Polk county, and circulates over the entire state. The Enterprise is established.

J. W. Wiltse advertised a house and lot for sale in last Friday's issue of The Enterprise, and before noon on the day the paper was published he had several prospective buyers who had seen the ad in the paper.

A young lady advertised last week through the columns of The Enterprise for a position in a private home and was engaged before the week was ended, and five or six applications came in after she had secured a position.

In the same issue another lady advertised for a girl to do general house work and the girl was secured the next day.

We are not boasting, but simply refer to this as a gentle reminder that it pays to advertise in a paper whose circulation is solid and permanent, and whose existence for nearly thirty years has been made possible by people who have faith in it and who have become regular subscribers—who employ its service because of its merits, and not charity.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Ray Lacey went to Airlie Monday to get his Thanksgiving Turkey.

Miss Grace Wallace came home to spend Thanksgiving.

Call Dr. Ellsworth, Veterinarian, at phone 8312.

Miss Meyer went to Portland to spend Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Ida Phillips visited with relatives in Portland last week.

Miss Ella Thacker spent Thanksgiving at her home in Albany.

D. D. Davis is very ill at his home in North Independence.

The Fraternal Union will give a social about the 11th of December. A more extended notice next week.

Miss Mary Whitman of Oregon Normal School, spent Thanksgiving at the home of B. C. Rockwell.

A. C. Good and wife of Salem, are visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Good.

Usual services will be held in the M. E. church next Sunday, morning and evening.

Miss Lettie Weddle received the sad news of her grandmother's death at Stayton, Wednesday afternoon, and left for that city Thursday morning.

A convention is called to be held in the city hall Friday evening for the purpose of nominating candidates for the municipal election to be held next Monday.

Arrangements are being made for a series of revival meetings to be held in the Christian church, commencing sometime in February. H. A. Hilton of Forest Grove has been engaged to assist in the work.

A few friends and relatives were entertained by the musical class of Mrs. J. K. Johnson, Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Fenton. After the recital refreshments were served.

Roy B. McFadden, formerly of this place, visited with his mother, Mrs. Sherman Hays, Thanksgiving. Mr. McFadden is salesman for the Dwight Edgar Co., importers of spices and coffee, making his headquarters at Eugene. He travels between Eugene and Redding, California.

Twinges of rheumatism, backache, stiff joints and shooting pains all show your kidneys are not working right. Urinary irregularities, loss of sleep, nervousness, weak back, and sore kidneys tell the need of a good reliable kidney medicine. Foley Kidney Pills are tonic, strengthening, and restorative. They build up the kidneys and regulate their action. They will give you quick relief and contain no habit forming drugs. Safe and always sure. Try them. Williams Drug Co. Paid ad.

MRS. LOTTIE MCINTOSH,
Teacher of Vocal and Piano Music
Phone 4820

A GREAT BUILDING FALLS

When its foundation is undermined and if the foundation of health—good digestion—is attacked, quick collapse follows. On the first sign of indigestion, Dr. King's New Life Pills should be taken to tone the stomach and regulate liver, kidneys and bowels. Pleasant, easy, safe and only 25 cents at all druggists.

DR. EMILY MALCOMSON

Graduate of American School of Osteopathy, Kirksville, Mo.
Will be in Independence

TUESDAYS 3 to 8 p. m.
WEDNESDAYS 8 to 10 a. m.
FRIDAYS 3 to 8 p. m.
SATURDAYS 8 to 10 a. m.
Mrs. Hildebrand's Residence C. St.

Again at your Grocers
WHITE RIVER FLOUR
BETTER THAN EVER
Makes Whiter, Lighter Bread

LUNG DISEASE

"After four in our family had died of consumption I was taken with a frightful cough and lung trouble, but my life was saved and I gained 87 pounds through using

**DR. KING'S
NEW
DISCOVERY**
W. R. Patterson, Wellington, Tex.
PRICE 50c and \$1.00 AT ALL DRUGGISTS.

A Christmas List

Ladies' and Gent's Watches	\$1 to \$40
Diamond Rings	\$12 to \$85
All Kinds Set Rings	\$2 to \$10
Band Rings Plain	\$1 to \$6
Engraved Band Rings	\$1 to \$3

Is there anything in the list you want, come in and let us help you select your present.

Yours truly,

O. A. Kreamer

Cut Glass

A beautiful assortment to select from. Libby and other makes

Brooch Pins, solid gold and plated.

Cuff Buttons, Locketts, Neck Chains, Watch Fobs, Watch Chains, Scarf Pins, Emblem Pins Silverware and Clocks.

Solid Silver Knives, Forks, Spoons and all kinds of fancy Pieces.

Plated Knives, Forks, Spoons and all kinds of fancy pieces.

MEN and BOYS

What About a New Custom Tailored

SUIT for Xmas?



Christmas is coming and we are ready prepared to meet your demand with a nice new stylish suit for men or for boys. Our line is complete with the latest patterns for winter. Come in and let us help you select your choice. The quality is best and our prices are right.

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THE BALDWIN PIANO

Is Our Specialty

THESE PIANOS WON THE GRAND PRIZE AT THE PARIS EXPOSITION IN 1900; AGAIN WON THE HIGHEST AWARDS AT THE ST. LOUIS EXPOSITION IN 1904, AND ARE TODAY BEING USED IN THE BEST HOMES AND COLLEGE OF MUSIC IN THE WHOLE WORLD.

OUR PLAYER PIANOS ARE A WORK OF ART, AND PERFECTION—SIMPLE AND EASY TO OPERATE.

Come and hear the Baldwin at our sales Rooms

THE SAVAGE MUSIC HOUSE

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SALEM, OREGON.