

SEASON OF JOY



"When the frost is on the pumpkin and the fudder's in the shock."

TURKEY AN "IDJUT"

At Least That Is the Opinion Farmer Has of the Great American Bird.

HOUSEWIVES contemplating the annual Thanksgiving dinner little realize the months of preparation which preceded the feast.

A trip to a market gives the layman an insight into the real business of Thanksgiving, and incidentally a quantity of rural folk lore which is illuminating.

After a little preliminary conversation the old farmer dilated upon the ways of the great American fete bird and in his conversation knocked the pedestal upon which the fowl is placed squarely from under its feet.

"Biggest fool bird in the world," he confided to the reporter. "They ain't nothin' in the world that I've ever found that's as big an idjut as a turkey."

"In what way?" was asked. "In every way," replied the farmer. "I believe that the words 'not sense enough to come in out of the rain' was written to describe a turkey. Did you ever know, for instance, that a turkey can drown itself during a rainstorm?"

"What?" ejaculated the reporter. "Fact," said the farmer. "Them there birds hold up their heads during a rainstorm exactly as if they was trying to swallow the whole creation. Naturally, they can't drink the entire output. And I tell you as a fact, that I've found cases where they managed to drown themselves."

Continuing on the peculiarities of the bird, the old man said: "They're helpless critters, too. Ain't got as much gumption about them as a chicken. And frail—let me tell you, young man, that a turkey is the greatest natural-born invalid in the world. They have to be watched every minute or the first thing you know they'll up and die on you without a second's warning."

"I've been raisin' turkeys for years and years—had good luck with 'em, too. But I reckon I don't understand more than half about them. Nobody does—particularly why the Creator, when he made 'em, didn't give 'em minds."

"Does that apply to wild turkeys as well as the tame ones?" asked the reporter. The old man spat thoughtfully and profusely at a chip of wood in the street. He hit the mark.

"As to that," he said, "I can't exactly say. 'Mebbe there's something in the idea that a turkey, when he's tame, gets so used to havin' folks make a fuss over him that he jest naturally loses all his ambition. There's one thing certain—if every wild turkey was as big a fool as some that I've raised there wouldn't be a live wild turkey in the United States within a year."—Washington Star.

Cranberry Industry. Study of the cranberry industry by government specialists has shown it to be confined practically to three states: Massachusetts, New Jersey and Wisconsin. Of the total crop, Massachusetts produces in an average year about 300,000, New Jersey 150,000, and Wisconsin 75,000 barrels. The industry is gradually extending to Minnesota, Michigan and Oregon, where marshes and climatic conditions are favorable.

PREPARED

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We may be shy of cannon and we may be short of guns. We may not have as many men as many other ones. We may require a fort or two, some infantry and heavy. A little more artillery to back them up, of course. But in one matter we have not a reason to be scared— For, when it comes to pumpkin pies, we surely are prepared!

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DAY OF REJOICING

Thanksgiving Celebration Is a Great Event on Cotton Plantation.

THANKSGIVING day on a cotton plantation means an open heart and hand on the part of the master and a full stomach, a day of happiness, and, consequently, gratitude on the part of the worker.

Hard as is the labor of the cotton plantation hands, they do some extra work willingly for Thanksgiving day for several weeks beforehand. It is a sure sign of the approach of Thanksgiving day when one sights here and there through the woods the bobbing, smoking pine torches that light the way for a dozen black, shining, grinning faces.

For several nights the woods for miles around the plantation are the scene of night activities. It is easy enough to find the trail of a 'possum, and when once located the dogs lead a running, howling band in the hunt. Mr. Possum is, however, a slow mover, and when he hears the yelps of those hounds and the howls of the negroes and sees the glare of the torches, he gets up the nearest tree and settles on a limb.

Somewhat the light fascinates him and he usually settles on the lowest limb. It is just what the hunters want. Mr. Possum is noted for his fondness for dead meat, consequently a 'possum that is shot is not the most savory of meats. Their object is to catch him alive and when the tree is reached he is surrounded by a ring of blazing torches and howling blacks until in sheer fright he drops off, plays dead and is bundled into a sack, to be hustled off in the morning to the plantation pen. Sometimes two or three are caught in a night and some of them show fight. Once in the pen they are fed for a couple of weeks with food that takes away all trace of their natural food and rounds out their sides with good, sweet meat.

Several days before Thanksgiving day some of the hands are taken from the cotton fields and put to work around the plantation buildings. This is, with the exception of Christmas, perhaps the most enjoyable task of the year, for it means the preparation for the feast which the plantation is to give its hands on the day when thanks offerings are made.

Usually this is spread in one of the big buildings on the plantation, perhaps a barn or a cotton shed. The hands are set to work at first to clear out the place and make it clean. Then they put together a dozen or more long improvised tables and benches, and lastly they decorate the building with all kinds of flags and bunting. On the side near the center they also put up the fiddler's stand, for later in the day there comes the usual dance. Several days before, also, some of the hands make barrels of ginger beer and sweet cider and stow them away to ripen for the feast.

Enemy of the Cranberry. An enemy which would rob the Thanksgiving table of cheap cranberries is the cranberry root worm, and the government has been attempted to circumvent this destroyer, too. Experts of the department of agriculture have found that by stimulating the growth of the plants with fertilizers—a practice that has not been followed in the past—the ravages of this ordinarily destructive creature can be made almost negligible.

Worthy Supplication. For all blessings which may help to make the land we love more worthy of its fortune, its founders, its destiny, Amen.

ANTICIPATION



It's awful bliss To think of this— The day we all set down And eat, and eat, And eat, and eat That turkey good and brown!

—Sunday Magazine of the Philadelphia Record.

CAUSES FOR THANKS

Season is a Time for All to Remember the Blessings of the Year.

WHAT does Thanksgiving mean to you? Does it mean only a day of special feasting? Does it bring to you only the pleasure of rich foods and elaborate meals? Or do you remember in the midst of feasting that it is a day for giving thanks? We should all take the time from this day, filled with pleasures, to look back over the past year and remember all the blessings for which we have to be thankful.

No matter how much sorrow and trouble may have to come to us in the past 12 months, there have been many blessings as well if we will stop to consider them. Perhaps at the time of trouble we were blinded to the blessings, but now, if we look back with clearer judgment, we can see that they were there all the time, sometimes blessings in disguise, but blessings none the less.

We can surely afford to spare from this whole day of pleasure a couple of hours for silent retrospection and appreciation. Let us each slip away from the crowd for just a small part of the day and give ourselves up to a mental review of the past year, with a special eye to the benefits we have received. It will come as a surprise to many to see how many the blessings have been and how comparatively few the misfortunes.

There is first of all, health. Those who have sound health never stop to be grateful for it, it seems so much a part of them. And yet were these healthy ones laid on a sick bed for months at a time they would soon realize how much of a blessing health really is. The chronic invalids in their beds and wheeled chairs appreciate to the full the blessings of good health. Let those of us, then, who are well and strong be thankful for our health.

Then there is love. Those of us who have the devoted love of a mother or father, of a sister or brother, of a child or a husband, will do well to send up an extra pen of thanksgiving for the blessing of this love. Only too often, the only ones who appreciate the full blessing of love are those who have lost all earthly ties. If the family circle about the festive board is unbroken is not that a reason for full rejoicing? When so many fathers, husbands, brothers and sons are falling on every side in Europe's inhuman war we should give thanks with all our hearts that our own dear ones go unharmed.

So each of us will find, if we search our minds, that we have many blessings to be thankful for. It is only the hardened heart which feels no gratitude. And we should all fill our minds with love and appreciation on Thanksgiving day, of the great good we have received in the past and the hope to be more worthy of it in the future.

Proper Spirit of the Season. The proclamations of those who hold high station as the representatives of the people very properly speak the spirit the nation should manifest. The manifestation of that spirit is, however, not alone in feasting and the joyous acclaim of thousands on the field of sport. The consciousness of blessing and the returning of thanks therefor by every man according as he is blessed, no less than the voicing of a prayer that he be made ever more sensible of all his blessings, will make the day for all the holy day it should be. Gratitude for the guidance thus far; strength to meet the trials still to come.

A Thanksgiving. For days of health, for nights of quiet sleep; for seasons of bounty and of beauty, for all earth's contributions to our need through this past year: good Lord, we thank thee.—William Gannett.

WORLD'S DOINGS OF CURRENT WEEK

Brief Resume of General News From All Around the Earth.

UNIVERSAL HAPPENINGS IN A NUTSHELL

Live News Items of All Nations and Pacific Northwest Condensed for Our Busy Readers.

While hundreds of persons passed in a crowded street in Chicago, Charles Lichtenberger, 61 years old, sat bolt upright for four hours dead in his automobile.

Henry Tuerko, 20 months old, who was pronounced cured in New York after receiving the serum treatment for infantile paralysis last summer, is dying from a second attack.

Two Chinamen entered the store of Wong Ling, a prominent Chinese merchant at Salem, Or., aroused him from bed and forced him at the point of a revolver to deliver \$500 in the safe.

Santa Claus will pay no more for toys this Christmas than in years gone by, according to toy dealers in San Francisco. Prices for all sorts of toys will remain about the same because of increased production by America.

Iron ballast weighing 120 tons brought over in the German submarine merchantman Deutschland is to be converted into "Deutschland iron men," to be sold as souvenirs for the benefit of German widows and orphans of the war, it is reported.

A man who was identified as T. G. King, one of the biggest fruit growers in the vicinity of Wenatchee, Wash., was seen to jump off a bridge 151 feet above the Columbia river into the river. At last reports his body had not been recovered.

The warm weather in Alaska continues. Rain has fallen continuously since November 10. Ice which had formed in Twenty-Mile river, on the U. S. railroad, 65 miles north of Seward, went out because of high water, taking 180 feet of the railroad bridge.

The National Association of Tanners, in convention in Chicago, said there would be no advance in the price of shoe leather unless the nations at war make too big a demand on the surplus stock now on hand. Hides and skins, however, were declared scarce.

Nelson Carol, recently sent to jail for six months for throwing fume bombs in San Francisco restaurants during the waiters' strike, was declared by the attorney representing the law and order committee of the chamber of commerce, to be the victim of a "frame-up."

A special committee of the Chicago school board authorized John D. Shoop, superintendent of schools, to negotiate with the War department for the service of military instructors and to arrange for the inauguration of a system of military training for pupils in the public schools.

Because of "intimate friendship through prosperity and adversity," as outlined in the will, John P. Milroy, of Milwaukee, Wis., will receive approximately \$60,000 from the estate of the late George M. Barrett, founder of the Barrett store in Milwaukee, who died recently in Los Angeles.

The Adamson eight-hour law is attacked in Salt Lake City in petitions filed in the Federal District court by the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line, asking that the government be restrained from instituting any proceedings growing out of this act of congress on the ground that the law is unconstitutional.

Of 225 women candidates for county offices in 92 of the 105 counties in Kansas, 181 were elected, according to latest reports. Kansas now has 126 women holding county offices. Fifty-eight women were elected superintendents of instruction, 35 registrars of deeds, 25 clerks of District courts, 15 county treasurers, five county clerks and two Probate judges.

It is intimated in the joint Mexican-American commission, in session at Atlantic City, that an agreement may be reached to withdraw U. S. troops from Mexico, in a few days.

With a large cat, the family pet, curled up on its face, the two-month-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Ne-vick, at Superior, Wis., was found dead in bed by its mother. The child had been smothered, physicians said, by the cat seeking a warm place to sleep.

The British steamer Taming, which has arrived at Manila from Amoy, reports that the British cruiser Cornwall confiscated four sacks of Manila mail for the purpose of examination at Hongkong.

Two successful air raids have been carried out by air craft operating with the British forces in Egypt, says an official announcement. The points raided were Maghdaba and Birnaha. A ton of high explosives was dropped. Two Fokker machines were brought down by the raiding aeroplanes, all of which returned safely.

THANKSGIVING DAY PROCLAMATION MADE BY PRESIDENT WILSON

Washington, D. C.—President Wilson Saturday formally, by proclamation, designated Thursday, November 28, as Thanksgiving Day. Here follows the President's proclamation:

"It has long been the custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us and to the Nation.

"The year that has elapsed since we last observed our day of thanksgiving has been rich in blessings to us as a people, but the whole face of the world has been darkened by war. In the midst of our peace and happiness, our thoughts dwell with painful desirous upon the struggles and sufferings of the nations at war and of the peoples upon whom war has brought disaster without choice or possibility of escape on their part. We cannot think of our happiness without thinking of their pitiful distress.

New Austrian Envoy.



Count de Tarnow-Tarnowski, who was secretary of the Austrian embassy at Washington from 1899 to 1901, has been appointed ambassador in place of Dr. Dumba, recalled at the instance of this government. He has been accepted by the American government. The Count is a Pole, his home being in Galicia.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do appoint Thursday, the 30th day of November, as a day of National thanksgiving and prayer and urge and advise the people to resort to their several places of worship on that day to render thanks to Almighty God for the blessings of peace and unbroken prosperity which he has bestowed upon our beloved country in such unanticipated measure.

"And I also urge and suggest our duty, in this, our day of peace and abundance, to think in deep sympathy of the stricken peoples of the world, upon whom the curse and terror of war has so pitilessly fallen and to contribute out of our abundant means to the relief of their sufferings. "Our people could in no better way show their real attitude towards the present struggle of the nations than by contributing out of their abundance to the relief of the suffering which war has brought in its train.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington this 17th day of November, in the year of Our Lord, 1918, and of the Independence of the United States the 41st.

"WOODROW WILSON, "By the President," ROBERT LANSING, "Secretary of State."

Doctor Killed for Being American; Gen. Trevino Leaves Chihuahua City

St. Louis—The State department, in a telegram sent to Representative Dyer Saturday, confirmed the killing of Dr. H. C. Fisher, a former St. Louisan, at Santa Rosalia, Mexico, November 2, by Villa bandits. Information received in private advices by William Fisher, a brother, is that the bandits demanded and received \$2000 on a promise to spare Dr. Fisher's life, and afterward killed him "because he was an American."

El Paso, Tex.—An official statement from Chihuahua City reached the border Saturday conveying General Trevino's announcement he was himself taking the field against Villa, and the vanguard of his troops had gone to Santa Rosalia, which is to be the base of operations. General Gonzalez Cuellar will take charge in the Chihuahua capital, it was announced. General Trevino's announcement caused much surprise and considerable alarm here among Americans and Mexicans who have interests in Chihuahua City.

Tong War Feared at Salem. Salem, Or.—Fear that the hold-up and robbery early Saturday of Wong Ling, a local Chinese merchant, by two masked Chinese, may precipitate a tong war here, led the police to take precaution against trouble in the Oriental quarter. Wong Ling was forced to open his safe by the masked Chinese who were armed with revolvers. They took \$500 and after tying their victim to his bed and gagging him, disappeared. An hour later he loosened the gag and summoned help. The police arrested Wong Ling and Ching Ling.

NEWS ITEMS Of General Interest About Oregon

15,337,809 Acres Are Open for Settlement in State

Salem.—Figures collected by C. P. Hoff, state labor commissioner, from Oregon land offices show that July 1, 1918, there were 15,337,809 acres of vacant public lands in Oregon open to settlement and entry under the provisions of the homestead laws. Of this amount 13,942,842 acres are surveyed. This average is a decrease in the year of 104,569 acres and 632,087 acres since July 1, 1914.

Much of the acres taken up in the last two years was under the timber and stone acts, mineral, coal, desert land entries and withdrawn for power sites and public water reserves. A small portion was taken under the homestead act. "From the records obtainable," said Mr. Hoff, "it would appear that desirable homestead lands are scarce in Oregon, especially in the part lying west of the Cascade."

Of the 13,942,842 acres of surveyed lands only 257,718 acres, or about 18 per cent, are situated in Western Oregon, and a very small percentage of this area is suitable for practical homesteading.

Many Oregon counties show an increase in the public land area, and of this total 24,632 acres lie west of the Cascade mountains and represent entries that have been canceled for non-fulfillment of statutory requirements, or relinquished for the reason that they were found untenable for homestead purposes.

In the high plateau regions of Eastern and Central Oregon, where irrigation and dry farming methods are used and enlarged homestead act applies, there is abundant opportunity for settlement and entry, and it is in this region that the great bulk of the homestead settlement has taken place during recent years.

Grants Pass is Host to Sugar Beet Growers

Grants Pass—John Mills, of Talent, won the title of the "banner sugar beet grower" at the best growers' celebration held in Grants Pass Saturday. He reported a crop of 28 tons per acre, yielding a gross return of \$154 per acre, the cash outlay being only \$29.79 per acre.

Best growers and prospective beet growers from all of Southern Oregon gathered in Grants Pass as the guests of the city, 600 farmers and their wives coming by special trains from as far north as Oakland and from Ashland on the south.

Including the local people 3000 men and women got their first view of the inside of the factory, through which they were piloted by the officials of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company. The factory was in full operation and was slicing beets at the rate of 500 tons per day, while a sack of sugar was being put into the warehouse every 40 seconds.

Upon the factory grounds the visitors were escorted through the feeding pens where steers were being fattened upon beet pulp while farmers were seen loading tons of the pulp to be hauled to their farms for feeding to fattening stock and to milch cows. At noon, after inspection of the factory, the visitors were guests of the city at dinner, the hundreds being fed at the Commercial club.

Cranberry Crop is Cut.

Marshfield—North inlet, the cranberry producing area of Coos county, has only 25 per cent of its normal crop this season. Some fine berries are being marketed here. Growers are receiving \$8.50 a bushel, and it is doubtful if any cranberries will be exported this fall. Reports of shortages everywhere is likely to increase the selling price to \$4 or \$4.50 before the winter is over.

There are about 20 acres in cranberries at North inlet, and instead of harvesting the usual amount of from 3500 to 4000 bushels the ranchers will not obtain much more than 1000 bushels. The shortage is attributed to late frosts and the presence of water on the vines for too long a period, that is, until after the blooms were out.

Farmers Use Cars More.

Albany—Automobiles are being used more and more by farmers in this vicinity in bringing farm produce to town. One farmer residing near Albany surprised people on the streets one day this week by driving into the city with a wagonload of potatoes, tied to the rear of the car. Others have hauled sacks of potatoes to the city piled up in the car. Clover seed and other produce has been hauled the same way. One man recently brought a calf to town in his car. Garden truck is frequently hauled to the city in this manner. Some of the gardeners, however, have regular auto trucks.

Jolt Ends Power to Sing.

Albany—As the result of a jolt he received recently, William M. Anderson, who resides southeast of Albany, has been literally knocked "out of tune." In other words, he cannot carry a tune, either whistling or singing, since the shock. Previously he was a splendid singer. Several days ago he was engaged in building a silo and was holding a board which another man was nailing. A blow on one end of the board while the other was against the side of Mr. Anderson's head, disabled his powers of melody.