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THANKSGIVING

It is appropriate for one to write and read an editorial along about this time of year expressing thanks for the bounties of nature and the Almighty during the past twelve-month. If one should do otherwise he suffers the danger of being thought a misanthrope who fails to properly appreciate the joys of living.

But we essay that task with some slight misgivings. It seems, after thinking it over for what might be termed a considerable number of years, that people are thankful or not because of their inner nature. Things to be thankful for may be few indeed to elicit profuse thanks.

The Japanese, who are now short of fuel and food, might fawn on a benefactor who offered them a loaf of bread and a few sticks of wood. The Germans, the Poles and many of the other people of Europe could be made thankful with gifts of food that would be scorned among us. Even thankfulness is comparative.

Poets have been thankful to be alive and to enjoy the summer's sun, the spring showers, the humming nature that each of us feels a part. It is the elemental things that most thanksgiving sermons bid us praise. We give thanks for food, for the presence of friends, for a roof above us.

If we are of cheerful mien and happy disposition these suffice to make us give thanks. Some of the dourer brethren demand other things before expressing gratitude, such as spiritual contentment, friendliness with contemporaries, the satisfactions that come with success of some sort. Many can be thankful for all these. Perhaps one is most thankful who is best adjusted to his environment.

To establish a day by historical happenstance and rule that thereafter all must be happy at that time, willy-nilly, is putting something of a strain on human nature that loves the unexpected more than the planned. We will be happy when we are at peace and are content with our lot, whether it be after bountiful harvest or in the midst of storm.

TAXES

There is something akin to desperation on the expressions of men who contemplate their tax future. It is true that many of them are trying to pass the burden of taxes on to others. Few are really trying to evade taxes altogether for they have learned that that is impossible. They merely wish to lighten the load by snaring others in the same mesh.

There is evidence that some are convinced that government is some gargantuan monster that is about to overpower them. At least it is an unwelcome burden, fastened on them by their own carelessness, unweariness or perhaps by others. It may swallow their ambitions in its coils until they give up to it and relax into living on the scant bounties of the monster they have created.

The ordinary man gets little enough from government for what he gives. He has protection from violence, or retribution after violence is perpetrated, he has schooling, he has highways, and pensions and many lesser gifts or annoyances, most of which are as burdensome as helpful.

A man with a net income of \$2000 per year and a small home probably pays some \$500 in direct taxes and half that much in indirect taxes per year. In 40 years he has given enough to government to make him rich, and chances are that both he and government are broke and in need of immediate aid.

One can lose liberty and property through taxes—and many do.

We can but wonder what the vote would be if people were allowed to vote for a minimum of taxes—enough merely to "form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense" and let the other stuff go hang.

ONE COMMAND

The matter of combining the army and navy has the support of the generals, and the antagonism of the admirals to whom it appears that the army is trying to swallow the navy.

As a matter of fact there has been unified command in every campaign in this war. Nimitz and MacArthur, for instance, got along fine and successfully, too, in the Pacific even if each did have a boss in Washington.

The question is the level on which the getting along is to be started. Certainly we are not going to be able to obtain a secretary of war who will know about both branches of the national defense, to say nothing of air power. There will still be navy men, and army men and air men. There will have to be, unless there be only atomic men or atomized men.

A rudimentary knowledge about the make-up of the cabinet would indicate that the president could appoint a secretary of national defense if he wanted to, and that is about as far as unified command is going to get anyway.

In Other Days

From the Observer, Nov. 24, 1916 Boardman literary society met Saturday evening and elected Clarence Sparling president, Mrs. Allie Hennagin vice-president, Frank Hennagin secretary-treasurer, George Hennagin, sergeant at arms, Miss Casperson librarian.

C. L. Powell has bought the T. C. Lee residence from R. J. Ginn and has moved to his new property.

C. L. Poley, president, Stone-wall Jackson vice-president and W. T. McCoy secretary, are the new officers of the Moro Hunt club which will meet Friday night to arrange for the annual hunt.

Lumber is on the ground for the Moro Hardware warehouse opposite from their store.

From the Observer, Nov. 26, 1926 L. L. Peetz and O. L. Belshe came home from Camp Sherman Saturday after having constructed a pipe line to bring water to several cabins in the colony.

Friends are congratulating Mr and Mrs Ralph Brisbane on the arrival of a son at their home last Thursday evening, November 19.

G. Douma left by auto stage Wednesday for Prineville where he expected to attend the wedding of his brother to Miss Leona Elliott, former teacher of the Fairview school.

Keith McDonald took a fall at the skating rink that broke a rib. From the Observer, Nov. 23, 1906

There was a short crop of potatoes in Sherman county this year but Page of the Moro market has imported some to be sold at \$1.25 per hundred.

The range is in such bad condition this fall that feeding has already begun.

Col. C. A. Buckley says a cash prize of \$20 will be given for the best draft suckling colt at the colt show at Grass Valley.

The DeMoss family will open their next tour in Portland December 1.

Moro had half an inch of snow Saturday morning and more later, but all gone now.

Want Ads

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Washington Column

Continued from page one. Hopkins and Miss Tully were the sole judges of what should be retained for the inspection of future historians, and it has been asserted that nothing which might reflect on the late president was salvaged. It is this belief which has aroused the suspicions of Republican members of the Pearl Harbor investigating committee.

Basij O'Connor, head of the American Red Cross, who has had charge of the collection of funds for the Warm Springs foundation for infantile paralysis, is the target of the Red Cross group in the national capital. They are anxious to get rid of him and would like to have him resign. The trouble seems to be that O'Connor is less conservative than the old regime and they do not like his tendency to broaden the field of the Red Cross and inject new life into the organization.

During the war the Red Cross occupied a mansion on Massachusetts avenue, where they supervised the making of bandages, and those in charge are said to have been "enooty" to women who came to aid in the work and by their lofty attitude discouraged hundreds of volunteer workers. The public, in Washington at least, is rallying to the support of Mr O'Connor.

Miss La Vaine Cannell and Dorothy Williams of Geyserville, California are spending their vacation with Rev and Mrs F. L. Cannell.

Mr and Mrs Van Gasbeck of Blalock spent the weekend with Mr and Mrs George Van Gasbeck.

Visitors to The Dalles Monday were Mr and Mrs Q. Hilderbrand, Rev and Mrs Cannell, Miss La Vaine Cannell, Miss Dorothy Williams, Mr and Mrs V. W. Dutton, Mrs Ed Dutton, Mrs A. Huckin, Mrs E. Hailey, Gordon Harper, Mr and Mrs Olson and granddaughter, Anna Jean Briggs.

Mr and Mrs LeRoy Belshe and daughter, Jeanette, visited in Portland Wednesday.

Ed Olson has gone to Minneapolis, Minnesota to attend his

Wasco Church Group Meets For Program

The Women's society of Christian service of the M. E. church held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs Hal Shelton. Mrs Pauline Alley had charge of the devotions. The business meeting was conducted by the president, Mrs Sargent, after which a fine program was given. Refreshments were served by the committee in charge.

The Women's Study Club met at the home of Mrs Frank Lamborn Thursday afternoon. After the business meeting an interesting book report on International Relations was given by Mrs Haven.

Mrs Edgar White of Santa Rosa, California is visiting Rev. and Mrs F. L. Cannell.

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Ed Olson has gone to Minneapolis, Minnesota to attend his

mother's funeral. He will remain there for a few days' visit with his sister.

Mrs Estrelle Hailey is spending a few days in Portland.

Tom Jacobson and family are moving into a house near the Wasco school.

Mr and Mrs Stults and family have bought the residence of Anna Jacobson and intend to move in this week. Wasco is glad to have this family back in the community.

Mr and Mrs Everett Watkins are spending a few days in Portland.

Steve O'Meara is home, having been discharged from the navy, where he was a gunner's mate, second class.

W. C. Harper has moved to The Dalles leaving all the farming duties to his sons, Willard and Gordon.

Mr and Mrs Ed McKee went to Portland Wednesday to spend Thanksgiving day with their son, Marion, and family.

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