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THANKSGIVING
 Thanksgiving is a holiday that is strictly American. It is observed as a pageant of crops and to that extent other peoples have given praise to the gods of harvest for many and many a year. Our Thanksgiving traditionally came from the feast prepared by the Pilgrims after their first harvest of corn and was thankful for the bounties of nature. Friendly Indians came and partook of the wild turkey and corn bread, good fodder to this day.

As a feast day Thanksgiving has been recognized by more people than as a time for giving thanks for another year ready to close. Many people enjoy the pleasures of the day's well laden table who have little else for which to give thanks.

The distress of the world that prevents large proportion of its inhabitants from eating even reasonably well accentuates the fortunate position of the Americans who dine immoderately on their annual feast day. A man so stoically inclined as to push himself away from the laden table with his hands instead of his well filled punch is outside the traditional scheme of things.

Perchance there will come a time when Americans, too, will be suffering from a scarcity of natural resources, especially food. Then a few crusts of bread or a withered apple may bring more real thankfulness than do our piles of steaming turkey and yams and pumpkin and beans and cake. We cherish the things that are gone more than those we have with us.

THE VILLAGE SMITHY

The auction sale of Misener Bros. & Gildner succeeded in bringing from years-long resting places many tools and equipment of a day now gone. A stack of neck yokes for both wagon and buggy, an unwrapped buggy tongue had rested for years awaiting the day that new fractious boy colt kicked while being hitched up, the old trip hammer that had pounded out tons and tons of steel shafts. Hand tools for purposes gone with the draft horse and the threshing machine.

It will be good, some say, to clean out the place and start afresh, and commercially, that is true. Repairs for machinery had been stored against those old rafters since the rafters themselves were new and smelling of the mill. There was always a supply of hardware around Foss & Co. and the boys, John and Harry, could make something useful of it.

The Miseners changed much, now the auction and sale to Arstills make for a clean sweep and an entirely new appearance. The corner where the neck-yokes and buggy tongues were kept will be bright with new paint; electric gadgets will occupy the place of the forge. The place has long had the enlivening smell of gasoline instead of the redolent odor of horses that once were lined against the walls to be shod. Some one called these old horsey articles the "accumulations

of an old and happier day" and to those who can remember them that is correct. They were young then. And the troubles that slow the tempo of life and make it last o'er long had not begun. A small boy with his fish rod and merry song is happier than the grey eider with his costly outfit, although the man may have achieved a success in life and be as happy as arthritis, financial worries and a bad heart will permit. The old days were the best days because we were young in the old days.

THE MEYERS AFFAIR
 It is time that some one call attention to the fact that Maj. Gen. Bennett Meyers got into trouble because he was given too much power. We were told that it was necessary to give authority to men so that our democracy could be saved. It had to be done by the same distasteful methods we were fighting against, so the story ran.

It often takes 20 years to clean up the financial and personal mess left by a short stretch of dictatorships in our industry and it is safe to prophesy that there will be many more Meyers affairs before the story is all told. Had newspapers been permitted to dig out the story at the time it might not have gone so far.

Testimony indicates that Meyers wasn't the kind of a man to be given authority over anything. Financially he left a doubtful record, morally he seems corrupt. Perhaps the army should be more careful of those elevated to brass hat standing. Certainly government should have more caution about its appointees.

The government built a \$42,000,000 dam that stopped the salmon from passing upstream. For years it has maintained that the fish ladders were entirely successful and that nothing was hurting the salmon industry but natural depletion. Now the government has a \$13,000,000 program to restore fish life on the Columbia. What marvelous thinking!

In Other Days

From the Observer Nov. 27, 1908
 Mr and Mrs P. P. DeMoss celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary in this city yesterday, surrounded by a host of friends their own children, grandchildren and relatives.

Abel C. Dougherty, a relative of the James Woods family met death while hauling water for the well drillers at the Pinkerton farm. The body was recovered last evening in a field and the team found near by.

From the G. V. J. Nov. 29, 1918
 A nine pound boy arrived at the home of Mr and Mrs Theodore Rolfe, Saturday, November 23.

Byron Fleck arrived in Moro Tuesday from Camp Lewis on furlough and states that Lewis Armstrong was alive but had some bad wounds. Young Lindeman of Rufus, who was a pal of Floyd Westerfeldt at Camp Lewis and overseas was reported slightly wounded.

From the Observer, Nov. 30, 1928
 Ethan Woods and Clarence Huls are numbered among the local college students home for Thanksgiving.

First snow of the season fell late Thanksgiving night covering the fields about half an inch deep.



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Rebekahs Greet
State President

By Mrs A. F. Balzer
 Mrs Comstock of Baker, president of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon paid her official visit to the Grass Valley lodge at their regular meeting Wednesday evening. After the meeting a birthday party was held for Mrs Herman Ziegler and Mrs James Easter. Refreshments were served at the close of the party by Mrs Jerry Coyle, Mrs Orville Ruggles and Mrs Arch Cantrall the hostesses.

Miss Carol Clodfelter came home Wednesday from OSC to spend Thanksgiving and the weekend with her parents, Mr and Mrs Donald Clodfelter. The Clodfelters motored to Arlington and had Thanksgiving dinner with her brother, Clair Adams and family.

Mr and Mrs Dell Olds left Friday for Walla Walla, Washington to visit her brother, Mart Walkenshaw and friends and going to Milton to visit Mr Olds' brother, Frank and wife before returning home Tuesday.

Mrs Willard Rolfe gave a surprise party for her husband at the home of Mr and Mrs Ross Fields Sunday evening. Those present were Mr and Mrs Harold Owens, Mr and Mrs Olan Stark, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Crews, Mr and Mrs Harry Hooper of The Dalles, Mr and Mrs Willard Rolfe and Mr and Mrs Ross Fields. The evening was spent playing pinocle with high scores held by Mr and Mrs Owens and low by Mr. Hooper. Refreshments were served later in the evening.

Mr and Mrs Don Smith and son, Larry, of The Dalles were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs John Block.

Mr and Mrs Arch Cantrall and family and Mr and Mrs Myrl Smith and son, Lowell, were Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Harold Eakin.

Willard Rolfe motored to The

Dalles last Tuesday and brought his father T. M. Rolfe home from the hospital where he spent ten days for medical attention. Kenneth and Harvey Shannon of Portland visited at the home of Mr and Mrs O. N. Ruggles Sunday.

Art Bibby left Tuesday for Portland returning Wednesday accompanied by his sister in law, Miss Louise Fraley, who will spend Thanksgiving and the weekend here with them.

Mr and Mrs Jim Short of Redmond and Clayde Brennan and Mr Woods of Prineville were business visitors at the Millard Eakin ranch Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs Harry Hooper of The Dalles, Mr and Mrs Kendrick Dunlap and son of Carlton, Mr and Mrs Charles Dunlap and son of Los Angeles, A. A. Dunlap and Mrs Doris Wilson and daughters were dinner guests Sunday at the home of Mr and Mrs Vern Mobley at Kent.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Ma Hoskins
Sneezed at Cats!
 Ma Hoskins couldn't understand why she got a fit of sneezing every time Harpo, the cat, came in the room. Firmly figured she'd have to get rid of Harpo altogether.
 Then Doc Hollister explained she had an "allergy." Cat's fur made her sneeze like strawberries give some folks rash. He gave her an inoculation so she and Harpo could live sneezelessly together.
 I guess a lot of us have "allergies" in the social sense. Some folks, just can't stand movies, or radio comedians. Other folks don't go for beer. Myself, I enjoy a moderate glass of beer or two with friends... but it's up to them what beverage they choose.
 From where I sit, the important thing is not to let our social allergies result in antisocial taboos. Let's not criticize the fellow who likes beer if we like cider. A little inoculation of tolerance can help us live-and-let-live, happily together.
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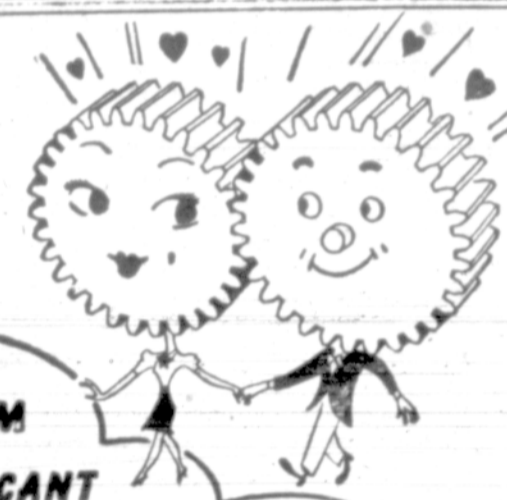
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