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### THANKSGIVING DAY

Of all our holidays, Thanksgiving is productive of more family reunions, good cheer and general enjoyment than any other of our numerous holidays. It is looked forward to with more loving and affectionate expectation than any other day.

Thanksgiving day originated in America in the Plymouth colony on the bleak shores of Massachusetts. When our pilgrim fathers landed there in 1620, there was no friendly hand to welcome them save that of the native Indians. There were no houses nor fields, nor material with which to construct houses, save standing timber nor fields in which to grow crops until they were first cleared of timber.

In two or three years, history tells us, these stern old Puritans had erected themselves log houses in which to live and were growing sufficient food to maintain themselves and families. But during these two or three years, one can imagine the suffering and hardship they were forced to undergo. Persistent hard labor had placed them in a condition of meager comfort. They had proven that they could maintain themselves in the then wild and untamed country and had placed themselves in a condition in which starvation need not be feared. Feeling and knowing what they had accomplished, it was simply human to feel thankful for the victory. It was, also, human that they should assemble in gatherings and in public manner, celebrate their achievements with feasting and rejoicings. Nature had supplied them with an abundance of wild turkeys from which to prepare the feast and from that day to this, a Thanksgiving table has been hardly complete without roast turkey as the central dish.

Thanksgiving day, while generally observed as a feast day, throughout all of the colonies, afterwards states, was but local in its importance down to and including our civil war. While President Lincoln appointed numerous days in which the people should assemble at their respective churches and give thanks to God for victory to the Union arms, the day was not made a national Thanksgiving in its present sense until after the close of the war, when presidential proclamation gave the day national significance. Since when the last Thursday in November has been proclaimed Thanksgiving day, by the president. Nearly every state by statute law has made the day a legal holiday and the people, as a rule, cease from their labors and devote the day to feasting and enjoyment.

Almost every person, if he will, can find some event or happening during the year past, for which to feel thankful. We people of the United States have especial reason to be thankful. We are at peace

while most of the other large nations of the world are warring with each other. We have grown abundant crops, which we have marketed at phenomenally good prices. Our national election is past and the choice of a large majority of the people, who now is president, will be continued as the head of the nation for another four years. At no time in the history of our nation, has the future looked more promising and rich with promise of national greatness. While some features of government are not just as we would have them, never has the outlook been so bright for the prosperity and happiness of the great masses of the common people as now. We have passed the stage in our history when war was the only arbitrament and the law and peaceable adjustment of national and international disputes seem, probably, to be the future rule of the world. Surely we as a nation and people have reason to feel devoutly thankful. We have a nation of which all are proud and we are gradually pruning away the features which permit unfairness and injustice to our citizens. The Tribune believes that the next four years will be fraught with improved conditions, governmentally, financially and morally. To this end let us give loyal support to the president and congress that the very best results will obtain.

### GOOD ROADS

There is no doubt but what almost every person would like to have all of our public highways in a good usable condition, winter and summer. Farmers, especially, desire such roads and in evidence of this fact, nearly every road district levies special taxes, year after year to accomplish this purpose.

But there is something wrong with our present system of building and caring for our roads. We do not get the results we should get for the money we expend for that purpose. Hence, if our system is wrong, it is economy to get right as soon as possible.

We now have from forty to fifty road bosses, who have charge of the construction and caring for our roads. Some of these bosses seem to have a fair understanding of the science of road building, while a majority of them do not. Whatever manner of work they do, goes. They are answerable to nobody for the class of work they do. Hence, with so many different men engineering road building, it is no wonder that we have no uniformity in road construction.

The road meeting at Albany last Saturday, offers some hope that some general plan of road construction will be formulated and enacted into law by the legislative assembly to meet early next year. But any plan, no matter what, must include a road patrol system, else much of the construction will be wasted. By borrowing an idea from our railroads, something akin to the section man or men, by which it will be the duty of some man or men to devote his entire time to caring for a road after it has been constructed, much if not all the labor of construction can be save. Our present plan of constructing a road and then leave it until it is entirely worn out, is wasteful in the extreme.

Any plan of uniformity of road building requires the direction of a capable supervisory head, preferably a civil engineer of known road constructive ability. He should have official direction of all road building in the county or district. Then, if road building should be let by contract, he can prepare the plans and specifications and see that the contractor complies with the same. A capable county engineer can save

the county many times more than his salary. Whether appointed or elected, he should be known to possess the required capability.

Almost any plan which the legislature may evolve is likely to be better than our present haphazard and most expensive method. Almost any other method will get better results than our present plan.

Again we say most people want good roads and are willing to pay for them if the cost is within reason. But all insist that the people are entitled to a dollars worth of benefit for every dollar expended. Our present plan does not give us fifty cents worth of benefit for the dollar expended.

This writer can point to work done in past years, which was an injury rather than a benefit to the roads. Yet we, the people, have not had nor do not now have any recourse for our tax moneys thus wasted. We would not permit our private business to be carried on in like manner.

Every person is interested in this road question and he should be glad to see some plan adopted which will be economically and constructively better.

### Farmers

We are in the market for your fat hogs at 75 cents per hundred below Portland market. This is a condition the farmers in Scio vicinity have wanted for some time. Heretofore we have been buying on \$1 per hundred under Portland market and we now ask the support of the farmers to make it a paying proposition.

For the last two weeks we have been paying 9 cents at West Scio and have got good stuff, which is necessary to maintain this margin. All we ask is for the farmers to finish their hogs and we will do the rest by giving you good square weights and the price.

We want your fat hogs, sheep and cattle and will soon be in the market for some grade Durham cows, coming fresh before March 1 and some two-year-old heifers bred to freshen in the spring.

Densmore, Wade Co.

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SCIO, OREGON

Sunday School 10 a. m.  
Preaching 11 a. m.  
Christian Endeavor 6:30 to 7:30 p. m.  
Song Service 7:30 to 8:00 p. m.  
Prayer Meeting, Thursday 7:30 p. m.  
Brother Meikeljohn, Leader.

H. B. Iler, Pastor.

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### DENTIST

Phone 27-7

SCIO - - - OREGON

H. C. ROLOFF

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### TODAY AND TOMORROW

The man who is really happy is the man who lives in the future—who anticipates. The man or woman who never takes thought of the future, of course, cannot look forward to the future with any hope or anticipation. The wise man says "Look out for tomorrow and today will look out for itself." The fool says "Have a good time today and let tomorrow worry about itself." Today's Savings mean Tomorrow's Comforts.

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