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THANKSGIVING

Regardless of its origin Thanksgiving is a function of the Christian religion an essential of its life.

God has been good to us in America during the past yeargood beyond the dreams of our fathers. We are prosperous as no other people in the history of the world has been. Has it been worth while? What is it doing for us? Has it massed us thankful? How better can we out in our respective communities every home which has not been blessed by prosperity and to give those homes at least one day of feating and plnety?

Let us give thanks for this country that will never become selfish, corrupt, envious or suspicious of other nations of the human family.

Let us give thanks for the great leveling and civilizing power things it cannot do: for the hospitals and the schools it can Teacher.

Let us thank God for the things money can do and for the things it cannot do; for the hospitals and the schools it can suppport; for the hunger and poverty and suffering it can relieve and for the peace of heart which it can neither give nor

And while we give our thanks let us remember anew that the greatest praise is the praise of a devoted life.

From actual counts made by the state highway engineer, approximately 3,600,000 automobile tourists from other states have visited Wisconsin during the past season. Very conservative estimates indicate that these tourists spent at least 90 millions of dollars while in the state. As a result to nationwide publicity foreign car traffic has increased 350 per cent in the past five years. It pays to advertise.

The big show is all over; the bla-bla and accessories have gone into cold storage for another year. Its now up to somebody to make good on all those promises.

The horn of plenty has played its part this year, but the fellow who fills it seems to come out at the little end.

Now is the time to take the farm problem and transportation problem, and industrial problem, out of politics. Lets have a business session just once.

COAL PRICES SOARING

The price of soft coal has been increased in Pennsylvania and West Virginia three times in the last three weeks until today, at the mouth of some of the mines it now costs more than it did during the war.

There is no strike of any effective importance in progress anywhere in this country. There is no unusual demand for soft coal. The autumn has been warm, and summer production of both hard and soft coal approached record proportions.

100 per cent increase in bituminous coal prices? The operators law on the part of someone and those serving it are a party to say it is the result of the British strike and the tremendous ex- it. It is one of the things that tends to cause disrespect for all ports of American coal to the British Isles and the ports of law. Europe. They admit the export trade at its greatest possible height could absorb only a small fraction of the bituminous production of the United States, but still prices continue to

One of the most impressive features of this sudden increase is the fact that in some instances operators are offering more than the union scale for miners. Wages seem to cut no figure. The "dear public" that had to be protected against a 10-cent increase to the workman, is lost sight of in this scramble for wealth. Foreign rates continue the same, but the domestic consumer and home manufacturer will pay dearly before the winter is over.

FLAME BURNS UNDER WATER

Submerged combustion has long been recognized as the ideal method of power by means of the steam boiler and engine, but hitherto inherent defects have prevented its adoption. It is now claimed that two Englishmen have invented a simple submerged combustion system that promises to revolutionize industry if it fulfills the claims made.

By this system it is claimed a flame, with air under high pressure, is able to burn under water, transferring its heat direct and with great intensity. An appliance fitted to steamships takes only about one-tenth of he usual boiled space and will raise steam within a few minutes. Oil fuel may be used; there will be no smoke, and no need for funnels, no soot, no residue, and sea water can be safely used, as there will be no rale in the boilers. The mechanism is controlled by a single turn of a wheel, is easily ignited and burns quietly for a long period. Of course this invention must have time to prove its value, but the general impression is that it may have a farreaching effect on power production in the future.



Packing house authorities estimate that 70,150,00 cattle calbe counted on to be true to the ideals laid down by the Great wes hogs and sheep will be converted into meat products before the year is over. More than half this number is hogs.

ANOTHER OIL LEASE FRAUD

Duing 1917 to 1921, Lt. Commander Virgil Baker obtained 999-year leases to the San Geronimo, Porto Rico oil reservation. The matter has been in the courts for several years and Chief Justice Del Toro has just handed down an opininon that the leases were obtained from the American Navy Department by fraud and misrepresentation and must be cancelled. The Chief Justice says that Commander Baker deceived Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels and his assistant Secretary, Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., who signed the 10-century leases, had been known to acting Secretary Roosevelt, he would have been an accomplice in a fraud to despoil the United States of a valuable piece of property—and it is impossible to imagine even that this was the case.

A FAMILY HIRY

In the trial of several boys charged with serious violation of the law, a western justice summoned the fathers and mothers of the boys to serve not only as a jury, but in an adviary capacity, to determine the guilt or innocense and the degree or nature of the punishment. The ordeal was no doubt as trying to the parents as to the children because it placed upon them a burden which is usually shifted either to pressure of personal friendship of the justice or political influence, or to profession-How do you expect to make something worth while of your al defenders of criminals. In a way the system places the boy if you can't do it for yourself? Its difficult to fool a boy. blame for the crme as well as the frequent miscarriage of law just where it belongs, and should result in improved conditions in the home life of youth with too much freedom.

> The Panama Canal is one government owned and operated institution that declares dividends. The net profit this year will be about \$20,000,000. Ships passing through the canal are charged at the rate of \$1.20 per ton, the average charge per ship being from \$6,000 to \$9.000. While this government venture ha saved the shipping interests of the world many mililons of dollars its greatest value to the United States is its strategic

Through the Citizens Committee of One Thousand, of New York, Lincoln C. Andrews, in charge of prohibition enforcement has asked 14,000 business executives in the United States to put a stop to the practice of treating prospective customers to What is the cause for the condition which has brought about liquor at conventions and other gatherings. It is a violation of

"GASOLINE BUM" A PEST IN WEST

Oregon, Where Harvests Give Work to Many, One of Chief Victims.

The problem of the migratory worker in some of the far western states has become complicated through the rise of a new species of "hobo," who travels about in a ramshackle motor car, often carrying with him his entire family and housekeeping equipment. In Oregon the natives call him "the gasoline bum" because of his habit of begging or "borrowing" gasoline from passing motorists.

Borrow Gas, It is easy to "borrow gas" in Oreron, which still retains much of the free-handed, unquestioning hospitality of pioneer days. Towns and filling stations are far apart, and when a traveler with a tank full of gasoline in his own machine comes upon seme feriern family gathered around a stalled flivver in an out-of-the-way spot he is usually glad to "lend" from his store enough fuel to enable it to get to the next village. The lean usually develops into a gift. But that is not the worst of it.

was house to beg a migne's aneicer or a bite of food. Later the farmer is likely to discover that his henroost has been pillaged, his cellar looted and that every valuable thing which can be easily carried off has been

Oregon suffers peculiarly from this motoring tramp because so much of the work in the state is seasonal. From the beginning of the strawberry harvest in May to the end of the apple harvest in November, Oregon's farmers must depend largely upon transient workers. The state department of labor has organized an employment commission in the hope of devising a system under which it will be possible to utilize all the resident labor, but it has found difficulty in getting the farmers to give definite estimates of their requirements so that arrangements can be made in advance to meet them.

Jobs for All. On this account, says a writer in the Monthly Labor Review, word has gone out that there are jobs in Oregon for all who may drift in during the harvest months. Many of those who drive wheezy cars into the state are actually looking for work, but many others are looking for no more of it than an indispensable minimum. And there is the usual train of camp followers, habitual mendicants, loafers and vagabonds.

Often these transients will stop at a plantings made in the fall. A well kept lawn begins first with

OLD MARK'S STRATAGEM

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ND I wish you joy him," repeated Mrs. Phillip Adams, pursing her lips and looking angrily a Lucy Smith.

It had always irritated the wealthy farmer's wife that her cousin, the wife have offered a home to their mutual see each other at great distances uncle, Mark Evans.

Mark Evans had owned a prosperous eighty was unable to keep it up. At eighty-two his niece, Mrs. Adams, fearing that the depreciating property would leave her only a trivial legacy,

persuaded the old man to sell out.

you for the rest of your days." The old man did so, but the farm realized less than a thousand dollars. The Adams family was furious.

"If I'd known the old skinflint wasn't worth more than that, I'd have got stung for a home," said Philip.

"However, he won't last long." But he did last. Old Mark flour-

ished amazingly, and at eighty-four he was as vigorous as many a man watched for signs of breakdown. "We can't go on feeding the useless hold back. old cuss forever," muttered her hus-

band. "If it wasn't for what the neighbors would say, I'd turn him away to the poorhouse. He's stung us fair." Old Mark heard that. He had re-

from the family's leavings. He had borne the taunts of the ill-bred Adams children. But it stung him to the quick to be a burden, to be accused of dishonesty.

spend a week with her," he announced the next day. "Guess I'll pay her a

"Guess you'll pay the fare, too," sneered Philip Adams.

However, Lucy had paid the fare. and the old man duly departed. The week's stay had extended to a year, and Old Mark was still there, an honored guest.

"Yes, I wish you joy of him," repeated Mrs. Adams, who had gone to pay her cousin a visit. "Eats his head off, don't he?"

"He has a good appetite," admitted Lucy. "We like to see uncle eat."

"Humph! Well, it's more than I do," answered her cousin. "And don't you think we're going to take him back after the way he's acted to us, because we ain't.'

"Frank and I have offered Uncle Mark a home for the rest of his days." answered Lucy quietly.

That was true, and the old man was No longer living upon grudging charity, he sat at the table with his relatives. The best bedroom in the house had been offered him. However, Old Mark would not take that, but he was certainly more comfortably accommodated than before. One thing had always distressed

Lucy. Old Mark insisted on going out

It might seem that a man of eightyfour is incapable of active labor. But Old Mark, though he had not been able to keep up his farm, had by no means lost his muscular activity. As labor was scarce in the neighborhood, the farmers, incredulous at first when the old man offered his services, were glad enough to allow him to dig in their gardens at two dollars a day. Besides that the old man did odd chores.

"He must be making a mint of money, Lucy," said her husband jocularly.

"It's all coming to Frank and you." Old Mark would say, when they reproached him. "I got to do something to earn my keep, seeing as Niece Jane has got my farm and I've got nothing to pay you with."

"But it isn't necessary to pay a penny, uncle," Lucy would say, half crying. "People will think we make you work for us."

"I guess not," answered Old Mark. "I tell 'em that I'm doing it against your wishes. But it's all coming to you."

That sounded well enough, but nobody had seen any of Mark's money. The postmistress stated that the old man had bought money orders recently. But to whom was he sending his money? To a bank?

"Pshaw, Lucy, let the old fellow have his way," said Frank. "If it makes him happy, and he feels less under an obligation to us, it doesn't do him any harm."

"But I'm eighty-five next month, and I ain't going to do stitch of work after I'm eighty-five," said Mark, chuckling.

Indeed, Mark's industry afforded the farmer and his wife less time for meditation than formerly. The season had been poor, the crops had not ripened-it was the wet summer of a few years ago; finally, the price of corn had gone shooting down. The struggle of the "ne'er-do-well" Frank Smith had long excited the derision of his relatives. He seemed an incapable farmer, and they knew nothing of the

Federal Aid for Roads

The enactment of the federal aid act of 1916 marked the re-entrance of Uncle Sam into highway building. When he started , help the states in the construction of a national system of highways he insisted that they also maintain departments to centralize work on the main roads of the state. Since then co-operative economic surveys between the United States bureau of public roads and state highway departments are saving road taxpayers millions annually.



Within a few months people will apart. This is the prophecy, not of some weak-minded lunatic suffering kind farm of his own a few years before, from the hallucination that he is below but when his wife died the old man of Julius Casesar, or Mussolini, but of ridden two men of the highest possible many standing in scientific circles - Ed- formi ouard Belin, who has already transferred vision by telephotography on "Pay the money over to me and a small scale, and Prof. Holweck, of Phil," she said, and we'll take care of the Radium Institute. The announcement was made by the great Paris newspaper Matin.

Our world is full of wickedness, disease, war, death, bad whiskey, monopolits, imperalists, cocaine, seen myself swished before I'd have armed gunmen, international debtors who refuse to pay, rheumatism and "What's he done with all his money? wardheelers; but its material prog-He used to be rich," said his wife. ress is great. Man is superior to nis limitations. Bad government and exploitation hold him back but not dewn. The inventor offsets the of half his age. In vain his niece stand-patter; and machines pull forward a world that its politicians

A needle point upon a hard rubber plate, plus Edison, and you have the sublime music of a Vinnese orchestra thrilling the soul of a Wyoming

A voice in Boston and an ear in signed himself without complaint to Chicago, plus Marconi, and you have the attic room, to a separate table the possibility that some day the of sewhere he received the scraps that fell entire world may listen to a single world message- if it has a man great en port ough to deliver it.

Darius Green, that is to say Imaginination, plus a gasoline engine, lend "My niece Lucy Smith wants me to means the conquest of the air.

> Magic is not black, it is white. It is not the enemy of the race, as all the our ignorant ancestors supposed trifle when they imprisoned Roger Bacon; it is the friend of man.

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