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A JOYOUS THANKSGIVING.

Next Thursday should be a most joyous Thanksgiving day for the people of the whole Northwest and of Olympia and Thurston county particularly. The last year has seen the readjustment to a great extent of those forces which tended to produce a reaction throughout this section of the United States, crops are better, business more substantial and a general good feeling exists; while here in Olympia we have received the promise of greater things for the future, and in the county steps are being taken to develop what many have predicted would some day be found.

The year before us holds out many indications that the upward trend will see a still wider development, and for this we are thankful. We are on a far basis today in every way than we have been for some years, far better founded for the development that appears to be in store, far better equipped to cope with all conditions that may arise. For this, too, we are thankful. We are closer to that time when "our cup" will be "running over," nearer to the era when our development will reach the scope for which the people of this Northwest have long yearned—are we not thankful for this, too?

So, because fate has decreed Thanksgiving day should fall on Thursday and our regular publication day comes on Friday, we are coming to you today, a few days ahead of time, with many wishes for a joyous Thanksgiving, a Thanksgiving in which you may recall the good things of the past year and may ponder just a little while on those that are to come in the months ahead of us. May it be a feast of plenty and of pleasure, happiness, joy and well being in great measure, to all of you!

SETTLING LOGGED-OFF LANDS.

Down in the Grays Harbor country the business men are getting together on a plan to settle up the logged-off lands surrounding Hoquiam and Aberdeen and have hit upon two ideas. As a Hoquiam dispatch puts it:

Two plans are under consideration, a holding company or an association representing the club. The holding company would be made up of land owners, who would pool their holdings, and the latter, the association idea, would be worked out on a basis of taking contracts with the owners. Under either plan, prices to prevail for a stated length of time, probably at least a year, and the terms of payment will be fixed at the outset.

There would seem to be merit in either of those ideas, particularly if either has a tendency to keep the prices on a reasonable basis and away from the highly speculative. And if some plan of the kind would be a good thing for Chehalis county it ought to be valuable for Thurston county, too.

Once or twice in the last few months there has been an effort to get all of the real estate men of the city and county together on a co-operative basis of this kind. Whatever will lead to the agricultural development of this county is vital to the city and hence to the Chamber of Commerce. Particularly vital is the need of keeping the lands of the county on a reasonable price basis. Consequently it would seem to be a subject for serious consideration and very likely for action by the Olympia Chamber of Commerce.

It is important enough for that in Hoquiam, anyhow.

FRED B. WARREN'S BELIEF.

Somebody sent us an "Appeal to Reason" the other day. We do not know why—maybe they thought we needed it—but anyhow we were absent minded enough to glance over the first page where we discovered this opening paragraph to an extended discussion of "What I Believe," by Fred D. Warren:

I believe in the confiscation of the productive property of this nation by the working class. I do not believe in confiscating it by piecemeal. That would be foolish and illegal. The plan I favor is that the working class shall first capture the political powers of the state and nation and then the job can be done without the danger of getting cracked skulls and prison sentences. This is the plan followed by the master class. It has been proved a success by the master. It will prove a workable plan for the slave.

We have a lot of sympathy for Fred, irrespective of whether he wants it or

not—we have sympathy for anybody who would subscribe to a creed like that.

Our government is a representative government. Whenever the time shall come that its control is wholly within the working class, it will cease to be representative, just the same as it would be if it came wholly under the control of the "masters," as Warren calls them.

None of us wants either condition to come about. We want our government to be truly representative of all the classes, more so than it is today, to be sure, and more responsive to the claims and difficulties of all the classes. We do not want it subservient to any one class.

A DIFFERENCE.

Just to look at the other side of it for a minute, read what Julius Kruttschnitt, chairman of the executive committee of the Southern Pacific railroad and president of the American Railway association, said recently in a discussion of "The Railroad as a Public Servant":

When Congress wastes millions of dollars and state legislatures squander millions more, there is hardly a passing comment. The money is easily obtained. It is raised by taxation; and when expenditures increase, whether for good reasons or not, taxes can be and are equally increased. The railroads, equally servants of the public, cannot raise money with such ease and facility. They can get it only by rendering the services of freight and passenger transportation. The national and state governments can make their incomes cover their expenditures because they control both the income and the expenditures. The railroads must keep their expenditures within their incomes, because while they have some control over their expenditures, they have almost no control over their incomes, their passenger and freight rates being fixed by public authorities.

Do you suppose Fred Warren ever thought of such a comparison? And yet it is essentially a true one and one we are likely to overlook.

Witness the comment of the press bulletin of the federal department of geology under the heading, "Carrying Coals to Newcastle":

Even though crude oil and gasoline are being largely substituted for coal as a source of power in Seward peninsula, Alaska, 16,405 tons of coal were imported in 1912. In spite of Alaska's great coal resources, not over 200 tons were mined in the entire territory in 1912. Alaska is sadly in need of a statute allowing her to mine her own coal, under adequate terms.

We may expect Congress to come to the same startling (?) conclusion one of these days and to herald it as a new idea.

Yes, the newspaper editorial is coming into its own again. The Philadelphia Public Ledger says so and so does Col. Blethen. This is an age of remarkable discoveries.

Hoquiam's football artists went back home with a "goose egg" last Saturday when they had expected to corral most of the figures in a high school algebra. The showing made by the Olympia lads won them a warm place in the hearts of all who saw the game and demonstrated they had the "stuff" in them, in spite of the difficulties of the early part of the season.

Mr. Bryan—William Jennings, if you please—seems to be the man in the Wilson administration selected for the brunt of the attack by the Republican press. Bryan has never been popular with Republican papers; his present position warrants his losing what little popularity he might have had.

We suggest that the farmers of this county read the following paragraph from an Eastern financial journal:

Sears, Roebuck net profit this year should cross \$9,000,000, which would mean 21 per cent, or perhaps slightly better for the \$40,000,000 common stock. For the year to December 31, Sears, Roebuck will show a gross business of more than \$90,000,000.

All of that money goes to Chicago, every cent of it—nearly a dollar for every man, woman and child in the whole United States. If you have sent any money there—bought any goods there—not one cent of it has been spent or will be spent in Thurston county. There is an opportunity for some reflection.

It is gratifying to know that England has publicly endorsed President Wilson's policy in Mexico. That act destroys the comments made by our Republican brethren. It also gives rise to the belief that there is some wisdom in the Democratic party.

Let's see—isn't there a municipal campaign in our midst?

Warn Women Against Frisco.

All the governors of the United States are being called upon by the Y. W. C. A. of San Francisco to discourage, as far as possible, the migration of women and girls to that city to seek employment as the result of the Panama-Pacific exposition. The assertion is made that there are already more women in San Francisco than can possibly find work now, or by 1915, and the association foresees a grave situation unless something is done to forestall the influx.

Press Comment

The Richest Mine in the World—the Soil.

(Spokane County Tribune.)
 "Jim" Hill, the great railroad builder, on his recent visit to the Northwest, dwelt again on the importance of the farm. The output of all the gold mines in the world are swept aside by him as insignificant compared with the yield of the soil mine which is never exhausted. The remarks of this time tested pioneer of the Northwest should be especially taken to heart by the people of Western Washington, whose continued prosperity, after the cream of her timber wealth has been realized upon, must depend on the development of her agricultural resources. Any movement that tends toward the proper development of the rich lands of Snohomish and other counties should meet with instant and hearty support by city, county and state.

A Corner on Heifers.

(Raymond Herald.)
 A young lady stenographer in North Yakima has undertaken to secure a corner on heifers, and is buying all she can, and is pasturing them on a few vacant lots. The young lady has figured out that the farmers are in need of cows and will want more as time passes. There is no doubt but what the young lady is on the right track to make some money, as cows are becoming more expensive each year, and the only way to supply the demand is to keep the heifers.

Room Here for 30,000 Families.

(Colville Statesman-Index.)
 Come to Washington, ye blizzard beaten, cyclone haunted, sun seared, frost stung people of the land of the East. Come hither, and we will do you good. Twenty million acres of land await development in the Evergreen state. It is proposed to begin a systematic campaign for the settlers to develop this immense area. Thirty thousand families are needed on these millions of acres to raise agricultural products now imported into the state. Millions of dollars annually go all over the world for foodstuffs of all kinds that might as well be raised within the borders of Washington.

More Woes of an Editor.

(Auburn Globe.)
 If people will be so out of date as to have a fence enclose their lawn, why in thunder can't they keep the front gate shut? The editor of this great moral guide received a severe blow on the forehead part of his retundity on a dark night recently by coming in contact with a gate swung open on the sidewalk, and the thoughts we think scintillated in a way that made up for lack of illumination on Cedar street that night.

Get the Facts About Egg Supply.

(Christian Science Monitor.)
 Viewing the matter either from the side of the cold storage men or from the side of the consumers, the egg situation presents a deplorable economic aspect. If it be true, as the storage people allege, that there is a great shortage, and that this shortage fully justifies the advances in price already made, and will justify the advances contemplated, then it becomes clearer than ever that the American people are negligent of one of the most necessary and most important of their industries. On the other hand, if the supply is ample, if the shortage is artificial, forced by cornering the supply, then it becomes clearer than ever that the laws for the prevention of food monopolization and extortion are inadequate. Is it not about time that the facts in relation to the egg supply were being discovered and made known by competent and reliable authority? It is possible to boycott the egg trade, to compel reductions in price, to cripple the industry, but if there is a legitimate trade reason for the high prices this should not be done. Nobody at present seems to be sure of the facts about the egg supply. The state or the nation should uncover them.

Too Many Women in Frisco.

(Raymond Herald.)
 Governor Lister has been notified that many hundreds of women and girls are flocking to San Francisco seeking employment, which is expected to grow out of the approaching exposition. As a matter of fact that city is a very poor place for any person, no matter of what sex, to go to in the hope of securing work. Despite the fact that the exposition is but a year off, San Francisco is a very quiet city for its size, and there are plenty of laborers for every job. This is a good time for any one having work to stay by it, as the chances for securing work in any of the big cities on the Coast is not at all good, and the country towns are not much better.

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WHAT OUR FATHERS READ ABOUT IN THIS PAPER FIFTY YEARS AGO

(From the Washington Standard for November 21, 1863. Vol. IV, No. 2.)

We are requested to say that by agreement between the different churches of the city, religious services will be held at the Methodist church on Thursday—Thanksgiving Day—at 11 o'clock. The services will be in charge of Rev. Mr. Belknap. It is understood that a collection will be taken up for the Sanitary Commission and that all business in the city will be suspended from 10 o'clock until 1.

Judge Smith and Deputy Surveyors House and Henry returned to this place a few days ago, the former from Idaho territory and the latter from Walla Walla where they have been engaged in public surveys.

The Dalles (Ore.) State Journal says that ice formed on standing water to the depth of three-fourths of an inch on the 8th inst.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that Prof. James M. Hays proposes to organize a singing class on Wednesday evening next in Mr. Judson's school room. It is unnecessary for us to speak of the competency of the professor in a community where he is so well known.

An exchange says that tunic over-dresses will be very fashionable for brides and also for evening dresses this season.

We observe that Mr. Sylvester has received quite an assortment of toys for the benefit of the young folks during the approaching holidays.

Artemus Ward, the famous humorist of "wax-figger," "snaik" and "zerological animal" memory, is about to visit this Coast for the double object of writing a book descriptive of the social phases of the country and that of delivering his renowned lectures for the gratification of his numerous westward admirers. This announcement has been received with the greatest enthusiasm by the California press and he will no doubt receive a welcome commensurate with his enviable reputation as one of the greatest humorists of the age.

Tammany did not commit suicide. It merely took bichloride of mercury tablets by mistake, with the usual fatal results.

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