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THE PRESIDENT'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

By the president of the United States of America: A proclamation.

It is a very glad incident of the marvelous prosperity which has crowned the year now drawing to a close that its hopeful and reassuring touch has been felt by all our people. It has been as wide as our country, and so special that every home has felt its comforting influence. It is too great to be the work of man's power and too particular to be the device of his mind. To God, the beneficent and all wise, who makes the labors of men to be fruitful, redeems their losses by his grace, and the measure of whose governing is as much beyond the thoughts of man as it is beyond his deserts, the praise and gratitude of the people of this favored nation are justly due.

Now, therefore, I, Benjamin Harrison, president of the United States of America, do hereby appoint Thursday, the 26th day of November present, to be a day of joyful thanksgiving to God for the bounties of his providence, for the grace in which we are permitted to enjoy them, and for the preservation of those institutions of civil and religious liberty which He gave our fathers the wisdom to devise and establish and us the courage to preserve. Among the appropriate observances of the day are rest of toil, worship in the public congregation, the renewal of family ties about our American firesides and thoughtful helpfulness towards those who suffer lack of the body or of the spirit.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this 13th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and sixteenth. BENJAMIN HARRISON.

By the President: JAMES G. BLAINE, Secretary of State.

THE GOVERNOR'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

Now, more than ever have the people of Nebraska most convincing reasons for lifting their hearts in gratitude to the Supreme Ruler of the universe for the untold blessings they have enjoyed during the year which is now drawing to a close. The disastrous effects of the drouth which afflicted some portions of the state a year ago have been followed by the sunshine of prosperity. The windows of heaven were opened; the rains came and now the earth has responded with a most abundant increase; the labors of the husbandmen have been most lavishly rewarded; the fields have been almost weighed down with grain—the trees with fruit—the granaries are now full to repletion; now vigor and energy have been infused into department of human efforts; joy sits in the hearts of the people where there was a lamentation a year ago; general health prevails and peace reigns within our borders.

It is most becoming, as well as the performance of a scared duty, that all should manifest in a public manner their appreciation of and their gratitude for these priceless blessings.

Now, therefore, I, John M. Thayer, governor of the state Nebraska, do hereby designate Thursday, the 26 day of the present month, as a day of thanksgiving and praise to the Most High for His fatherly care over us and for His tender mercies.

I most earnestly request all the people of this commonwealth to abstain from all secular employment on that day and assemble in their several places of public worship and offer up thanksgiving and songs of praise to His holy name.

In accordance with this beautiful custom families will be reunited, social and fraternal influences will prevail and the hearts of all should be made glad.

I beg those with an abundance not to forget the poor and needy but to give to them freely of their own bounty. Let all the people rejoice.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the state.

Done at Lincoln this 11th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, of the state the twenty-fifth and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and sixteenth.

By the Governor:

[SEAL.] JOHN M. THAYER.

JOHN C. ALLEN, Sec'y of State.

THE official returns from Pennsylvania show that Gregg, the candidate at the head of the republican ticket, received over 54,000 plurality.

DELEGATIONS from various cities are assembling at Washington preparatory to engaging in the fray that is to decide which shall be permitted to entertain the convention that shall name our next president.

AN exchange states that some of the bills of the clerks of election of independent faith ran up to $1,700, having been made out in accordance with the provisions of the eight hour law. The independents evidently made this law for a purpose and they can afford to serve as the laughing stock of the people if they can make such hauls as these, occasionally.

IT is a mistake for any one class of men to attempt to form a political party, inasmuch as it is certain to antagonize every other class, which is unwise. It should be borne in mind that we are a dependent people, and a party that is not broad enough or liberal enough to legislate for the good of all classes is not worthy an existence. Then to insure this it is better that political parties be composed of men of every vocation and that liberality and justice characterize their administration.

BRO. BURROWS says the attempt of the democrats to help the independents out did more harm than good, and declares that the democrats mostly voted for Post. Well, well, we admit that the efforts of the democrats to help the independents scared the most of 'em back to the republican party, and therefore did more harm than good. But we deny that most of the democrats voted for Post. But we won't quarrel about it, Bro. Burrows. The dream is over. The hope that the people of Nebraska had sense and manhood enough to come out of the wet has gone like a beautiful dream. We go back to the solid foundation rock of democracy, and, Bro. Burrows, we don't know where you'll go, but we have a haunting fear that, politically speaking, you'll go to the devil. You might as well. Your farmers got scared and ran like sheep at the sight of a wolf when they heard the blood and thunder rainmakers of the republican party get up and howl about the flag. Most of the leaders of your party were men who could'nt get anything in their own, and they simply went off awhile to enhance their value and get good offers to return.—Lincoln Herald.

"Evidently THE HERALD did not consult Congressman Bryan before penning the above."

AN ELOQUENT REBUKE.

Hon. Joseph Ady, in a recent speech at Manhattan, Kansas gave the calamity agitators of that state an eloquent rebuke. He said:

"Kansas is all right! She is a miracle of progress! She is a sunflower whose jewel center is surrounded by petals of gold. In a quarter of a century she has given homes to a million and a half of people. Sixteen million acres of land have been laid under the plow, and the farm products of Kansas this year—the surplus of Kansas is worth $100,000,000 this minute. More than the total output of silver and gold annually in the United States. And every dollar of this magnificent crop has free coinage in the market and the mint of the whole world. Our property is worth to-day a billion, three hundred and ninety millions of dollars. Our free school is unparalled by any on earth. Our colleges and higher educational institutions are a matter of golry to every Kansasan; our prisons, asylums and eleemsoynary institutions mask the generous conduct of the state of Kansas toward the unfortunate. Kansas is all right; all she needs is to have the truth told about her. Call in the vile horde of conspirators that are trotting over the nation at a salary of $5,000 a year! Pull down from high places coward that dares to asperse her good name. Lash from the temple of justice with a scorpion whip every man who degrades the mantal of justice; put your keeping in the hands of honorable men; go to work and develop the munificent resources that God and nature have placed in your power, and Kansas in future as in the past, will be invincible in war, in peace progressive, matchless supreme."

EXPENSIVE WHIPS.

SOME COSTLY ARTICLES OWNED BY WEALTHY DRIVERS.

Whips That Must Be Regarded More as Ornaments Than as Instruments of Usefulness for Urging Slow or Fractious Animals—A Vanderbilt Possession.

The Vanderbilt family owns a valuable whip. It was presented to the late W. H. Vanderbilt by the Jackson & Wooden Car company, of Berwick, Pa. The design was made by Fritz Kaldenburg, the sculptor, at a cost of $2,000. The whip and ivory stock, before any carving was done, cost $600. It was seven feet long. Above the stock the whip was made of solid whalebone, then worth three dollars per pound, now scarce at ten dollars. Over this solid whalebone was the finest braiding of split tapered whalebone ever attempted.

The braiding of the whip and making of the snapper occupied one whole month. The case for the whip cost $100. The handle of the whip was of the purest ivory, 21 inches long and 1¼ inches thick at the butt end, which is an ornamental capitol, from which a floral pattern emanates, emblematic of power, truth and perpetuity, which encircles four panels. In each panel is a wonderful piece of carving—on one side a locomotive and a train of cars; on the other a steamboat, symbolizing the foundations of Cornelius Vanderbilt's great achievements.

On the third and fourth panels are the achievements of W. H. Vanderbilt's genius, the Grand Central railroad depot on one and on the other himself in a buggy driving his celebrated fast horses on the road. On the end of the handle are two portrait busts in high relief of Cornelius and W. H. Vanderbilt, father and son. This whip is sacredly kept in a glass case among the art treasures of the Vanderbilt gallery, and in future generations will be treasured as a work of art, even though it is simply a whip.

Jim Fisk had a driving whip covered with silk thread, heavy carved ivory handle, handsomely engraved, gold mountings, with the owner's name in diamonds. The whip, with its velvet lined case, cost $600. W. K. Vanderbilt has a fine whip, costing $350.

SOME FAMOUS WHIPS.

Jay Gould has a whip, made for him twenty years ago, at a cost of $100. He has had it repaired only once.

Mr. Hammond, of the Murray Hill hotel, New York, had a whip worth $75, and Harry Hill, the famous New Yorker, had one worth $50.

Hon. Arthur Siedler, of Morristown, N. J., has an ivory handled whip, beautifully mounted with silver. On the ivory is carved his monogram. The whip cost several hundred dollars.

The late Theodore Stewart, of New York, had a whip that cost him $300.

Pierre Lorillard, of New York, has a fine whip, with a handle of ivory, richly carved and encircled by twining leaves of tobacco, into which his monogram is deftly carved. It was presented to Mr. Lorillard by friends, and is valued at $500.

It is quite a fad with ladies who ride to have a couple of fine gold mounted whips, tied with their favorite color of ribbon and laid in the form of an X on their beds.

Many thousands of dollars is expended every year in fine driving whips, costing from $25 to $100, as presents to prominent men in clubs, societies, railroad and steamship companies, etc. Fine whips share with the gold headed canes in their use as gifts. As nearly every gentleman keeps a fine horse, he must needs have a fine whip.

For female riders, a large variety is made.

As the country grows more densely populated, and richer and finer goods become a larger part of regular trade, new and novel designs are continually brought out by manufacturers.

THREE KINDS OF WHIPS.

There are three kinds of whips—the straight or buggy whip, the lash whip, and, for riding, the English crop. The crop is a handsomely mounted, short, straight stick, with a flat leather thong at the end, into which may or may not be fastened a lash.

America leads the world in whips, and the Englishmen have found this out long ago. A year ago a number of noblemen sent a man over here to pick out some whips. Now, the American whip is a straight whip, while the English, French and German whips are all lash whips.

A New York lady has a driving whip which she values at $5,000. In the stock of the whip are forty-seven diamonds.

One of the costliest whips ever made in this country was made in Connecticut for a Frenchman. It was paid for by an American and cost $1,500. The stock was carved ivory, gold and jewels. The whip itself was whalebone, braided with tapering whalebone thread. It took two weeks to braid the whip.

A farmer living near New York has a whip over 100 years old. He bought it at a country auction for thirty-six dollars. He has been offered $100 for it as a curiosity. He refused it. It is a very thick, heavy ivory, clumsily turned stock. The ivory alone is worth twenty-five dollars, and is a beautiful piece.

A whip dealer in New York has a very old whip stock that has carried off prizes in London and Paris, and will be on exhibition at the World's fair in Chicago. It was made in 1792.

Bismarck and the German emperor have their whips made in this country. Many costly whips are made here for English and French actors, who take them home to present to friends. Most of the swell guardsmen in England who drive tandem send here for their whips. —National Harness Review.

SECRET SOCIETIES

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Crescent Lodge No. 41. Meets every Wednesday evening at their hall in Parmele & Craig block. All visiting knights are cordially invited to attend. C. C. Marshall, C. C.; Ed Dovey, K. R. S.

A. O. U. W.—Meets first and third Friday evenings of each month at G. A. R. hall in Rockwood block. Frank Vernatyea, M. W.; D. P. Kuersole, Recorder.

A. O. U. W. No. 34—Meets second and fourth Friday evenings in the month at G. A. R. hall in Rockwood block. E. J. Morgan, M. W.; F. P. Rosen, Recorder.

ROYAL ARCANUM—Class Council No. 1031. Meet at the K. of P. hall in the Parmele & Craig block, over Barnett & Tutts. Visiting brethren invited. Henry Herold, Regent; Thos Walling, Secretary.

CASS LODGE, No. 148, I. O. O. F., meets every Tuesday night at their hall in Fitzgerald block. All Odd Fellows are cordially invited to attend when visiting in the city. J. Cory, N. G.; S. W. Bridge, Secretary.