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THANKSGIVING.

It is generally accepted as true that the present year has been one of the most general and lavish prosperity of which the present generation holds memory.

Not only has the earth yielded her increase in bountiful supply to provide for the wants or follies of mankind, but the commercial and industrial pursuits of the people as a nation are at high tide. Instead of the specter of idleness and want, revolution and discord, that haunts the domains of other nations and tongues, the American people are blessed with prosperity, peace and progress to the fullness. Natural resources, generous and wise government and a merciful God above has given us another year of great blessings.

The season of the annual remembrance of mercies enjoyed and vouchsafed should be an occasion of inspiration to better and nobler deeds to each individual. As a people we are apt to say, by our actions at least, as did the Babylonish king the day he was touched by the divine hand and driven from the splendor of his capitol to dwell with the beasts of the field "until seven times" had passed over him, "is not this the great country we have made by the might of our power," and forget the source of the peace and prosperity we enjoy.

Great prosperity is not without its dangers, such as allurements to luxuries and extravagance that lead from the path of rectitude. While there is much to be thankful for, there are also evils to guard against, so that the feasting and merry making on this another Thanksgiving day should be mingled with prayers that the great prosperity we enjoy may not lift us up in pride and arrogance and cause us to disregard our moral and civil duties.

POLITICAL PERFDITY.

When D. J. Cronin retired as treasurer of Holt county, he turned over to his successor, Mr. Chittick, cash to the amount of \$106,361.14, as shown by the statement issued by Mr. Chittick in July last.

This is being held up before the public as an example of fusion frugality by the local strategy board with the annexed sensational claim that the republican officials have squandered \$52,000 of this money in the past eleven months.

When the fusionists were cut off from the control of the county treasurer's office it took away from them a section of the pie counter they could ill afford to lose. It had been in their possession for years and several of their number had stepped from the treasurer's office into business or professional careers. It had served them as a recruiting station for the rising generation and afforded something to fall back on in every emergency. Being cut off all at once from the pie counter was more than they could stand, so they have set about to gain control by an effort to inflame the minds of the people by circulating the most glaring falsehoods that desperadoes can invent.

A little investigation will disclose to anyone who is searching for the truth how groundless are the claims that the republicans have squandered money saved by fusionists or that the fusionists in fact saved anything. On the face of it, it is made to appear that the last fusion county treasurer turned over a big surplus of cash to Mr. Chittick. The \$106,000 turned over by Cronin was accumulated in a novel way that shows the perfidy and unfairness of the fusion bosses. Dan Cronin knows and the bosses who controlled him know that a rank piece of deception is back of that \$106,000. Under instruction from the fusion bosses, Cronin held every dollar that came into his hands belonging to township, school, city and village treasurers that he could possibly hold in order to make a showing of a large amount of cash on

hand at the close of his administration. School, township and city treasurers were after Cronin for two months trying to get the money belonging to them but which he was holding up to swell the grand total to be turned over to Chittick. This was done for purely political reasons and to be used just as it is now to inflame and deceive. It was no matter to the fusion bosses how badly school boards needed their money to pay their teachers or city or township treasurers to meet their expenses. The fusionists had to have a big pile of money with which to make a showing.

No sooner had Cronin surrendered the office and books to his successor than there was a perfect jam of treasurers and warrant holders that Cronin had been putting off at the treasurer's office demanding their money. A few items right here at O'Neill will illustrate this. As soon as Cronin was down and out Treasurer Chittick was called upon for the following amounts, which should have previously been paid out by Cronin:

O'Neill judgment.....\$ 1900
Grattan railroad..... 2000
O'Neill railroad..... 3000
School Dist. 7, O'Neill..... 2800
P. C. Corrigan, warrants..... 11000

Total.....\$20,700

Here is over \$20,000 in one bunch that Cronin should have paid and hence his \$106,000 would have been reduced that much. These are only a few of the many similar items Chittick was called upon at once to pay out of the \$106,000 turned over by Cronin. Township and school treasurers all over the county demanded the money which Cronin had been holding back in order to have a big total to turn over to his successor. The fusion bosses thought that by having Cronin hold this money he would have a large cash balance to turn over to his successor and that a large portion of it would have to be paid out right away by Chittick, and then they would manufacture a little political thunder by claiming the republicans had squandered the money turned over by Cronin. But it is stage thunder that frightens nobody.

City, village and school treasurers run their legs off after money they were in need of and couldn't get because the bosses ordered Dan Cronin, the last pop county treasurer, to hold every dollar to turn over to his successor in order to make a "showing." The pop bosses must think the people of Holt county are consummate asses to be fooled by such trickery.

Had Dan Cronin paid out the money belonging to city, village and school treasurers as was his duty to do, instead of holding it to make a play to the galleries, he wouldn't have had so much money to turn over to Treasurer Chittick.

It looks like the ruling of the railway commission relative to advertising contracts is straining to make a point. Under the constitution service may be contracted and paid for in any lawful commodity.

One thing the next legislature might do to cut down expenses is to repeal the game laws. There is no use of supporting a horde of game wardens to enforce a law they can't or will not enforce.

The Republic Oil company, a branch of the Standard, has been driven out of Missouri. Independent oil companies in that state now say they can complete with the Standard.

When you hear of a fusionist resigning office because he can make more money at something else you will have to go out of Holt county to find him.

The "Confidential" Quack.

Chicago Tribune: Collier's, in following up its crusade against quack physicians and dealers in worthless patent medicine, has touched upon one interesting feature of the business. This is the regular trade in confidential letters from patients describing in detail their real or imaginary ailments. The recipients of these letters which were written under a guarantee of absolute secrecy, bundle them together as soon as writers have spent all the money they can be induced to throw away on one line of treatment. The letters are then sold or rented to other persons in the same business, and the writer begins to receive circulars and personal letters making glowing promises of restoration from the

malady which the victim believes himself to have.

One brokerage company advertises over one million letters on hand. These letters are classified. Over 180,000 letters describing kidney troubles may be bought or rented, 2,000 telling of suffering from abuse of narcotics, and so on. Every person who has at any time within the last ten years written to these correspondence doctors or dealers in wonderful remedies may be certain that his or her letter, describing physical difficulties which may have been kept a secret even from one's own family, is on file in an office where it may be consulted by any one willing to pay \$2.50 a thousand for the privilege of copying these letters.

Not only doctors buy these letters, but also other speculators in human credulity. The sellers of stock in wild-cat mines and in bogus companies of all kinds make a business of exchanging lists, so that what money has escaped one swindler may be reached by another. A person who has been an easy mark for patent medicine advertisements was considered by one company as especially suitable for its purpose, and until the postoffice department forbade the use of the mails it astonished those to whom it wrote by its intimate knowledge of personal difficulties.

Professional etiquette forbids a physician to reveal secrets confided to him by a patient. A sick person or one who thinks he is sick is foolish if he does not tell his physician the whole story, so that the case may be diagnosed with complete knowledge. But the most foolish person of all is the one who writes to a stranger things which he is unwilling to tell a neighbor. The physician will respect any confidence placed in him. The advertising quack will sell the letters or a copy of it to any one who asks for it. A person who once gets on the quacks' lists will be tormented for years for that bit of folly.

\$100,000,000 Imported Luxuries.

Over \$100,000,000 was sent out of the United States in the fiscal year of 1906 in the purchase of luxuries. This total of \$100,000,000 worth of luxuries imported in the fiscal year just ended includes, according to the records of the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor, over \$40,000,000 worth of diamonds and other precious stones; about \$40,000,000 worth of lace edgings, embroideries and ribbons; about \$7,000,000 worth of feathers, natural and artificial; over \$6,000,000 worth of champagne, and the remainder miscellaneous articles, such as perfumeries and toilet articles, smokers, articles and opium for smoking. If to this is added the value of tobacco, cigars and cigarettes imported, the total will reach \$125,000,000. This grand total of \$125,000,000, including tobacco and cigars in this class, is more than double the imports of similar articles a decade ago, the total for 1896, for the articles above named, having been \$51,000,000, and in 1905, \$125,000,000.

Diamonds and other precious stones show the largest increase during the decade, the total value of precious stones, jewelry and manufactures of gold and silver imported in 1896 having been \$7,944,032, and in 1906 \$42,120,615. Of this item of precious stones and jewelry, diamonds alone formed about \$35,000,000 in 1906, against a little less than \$37,000,000 in 1896. Cotton laces, edgings and embroideries are the second item in value in this list of luxuries imported, aggregating \$34,000,000 in 1906, against a little less than \$11,000,000 in 1896. Tobacco and cigars, if included in this category of luxuries imported, form the next largest item in value, aggregating nearly \$27,000,000 in 1906, against about \$10,000,000 in 1896. Ostrich feathers and artificial feathers, fruits and flowers aggregated nearly \$6,000,000 in the imports of 1906 and about \$5,000,000 in 1896; and of this total in 1906 ostrich feathers alone formed between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000 value, the bulk of the remainder being artificial feathers, fruits and flowers. Champagne imported in 1906 aggregated over \$6,000,000 value, against about \$3,500,000 in 1896. Silk laces, embroideries and edgings aggregated nearly \$4,750,000 in 1896, and silk ribbons amounted in 1906 to a little over \$2,000,000, against a little over \$1,000,000 in 1896. Opium for smoking which amounted to \$1,250,000 in 1906, was about \$750,000 value in 1896. P. r. fumeries and all toilet preparations amounted to a little over \$1,000,000 in 1906, against \$500,000 in 1896; and pipes and other smokers' articles amounted to over \$800,000 in 1906, against \$334,000 in 1896.

The bulk of this \$100,000,000 worth of luxuries other than tobacco comes from Europe.

INMAN

Bert Cates had a broncho, also a lighted lantern; the first named kicked the other in the manger, burnt the barn and so injured another horse that it had to be killed.

Notices are now posted to call a special meeting in the village of Inman to consider the advisability of building another schoolhouse or an addition to the present structure. Our population has increased so rapidly for several years that our schoolroom's seating capacity is overcrowded. Ten years ago

HAVE YOU VOTED

If not, you should pay your subscription or subscribe for THE FRONTIER during our Subscription Contest. You are entitled to Votes FREE with which you can help one of the following ladies win a prize. You will also receive a Year's subscription to the NEBRASKA FARMER of Lincoln, FREE. This excellent Agricultural paper is published weekly at \$1 per year, and is the only paper of the kind in the state that stops promptly when the time is out.

CONTEST WILL CLOSE MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 1907

Who are you voting for?

How the Contestants are Coming

NAME	RESIDENCE	VOTES
IRENE CAIN	O'Neill	48600
BESSIE DILLON	O'Neill	30362
MAY HUNT	O'Neill	4200
MARGARET SULLIVAN	O'Neill	1800
LILA JONES	O'Neill	2300
MARGARET O'SULLIVAN	O'Neill	1200
RUTH HARNISH	O'Neill	3200
ELSIE LAWRENCE	Emmet	3000
PEARL ROBINSON	Atkinson	5000
GENIE KRIER	Atkinson	800
KATIE GALLAGHER	Page	1200

First Prize—A Bush & Gerts Piano, mahogany veneer, bought of G. W. Smith.

Second Prize—A Gold Watch, 15-jewel movement in a 20-year case, bought of W. M. Lockard.

Third Prize—A year's Scholarship in the Wayne Normal

the house was doubled in size; now there is more room needed and we say give the young urchins better accommodations for the development of their minds and bodies, for in the coming generation is the greatest strength of the nation.—The News.

EWING

As a result of cancer of the bone, Rob Buffington had to have his left arm amputated by physicians at Clearwater last week.

J. R. Herron and son, Henry, sold twelve hogs to P. M. Conger Wednesday, part of them being spring shoats, which netted them \$184.80.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jaco took the early train for Omaha Monday morning, where the latter will have an operation performed to remove a cataract from one of his eyes.

Mrs. P. M. Conger gave a brown luncheon at her home last Friday afternoon, to the lady members of the Eastern Star, in honor of Mrs. E. S. Gilmour. It was a very pleasant affair and the guests were royally entertained.

L. B. Haneman and Leo Spittler have constructed a boat with iron frame and covered with canvas, that for lightness of weight, far surpasses anything in that line we have ever looked upon. As to its sailing qualities, the owners claim it will be an entire success.—The Advocate.

ATKINSON

Fred Swingley is moving this week into his fine new residence, which, when completed, will be one of the most modern equipped homes in our city.

A. W. Morell of Oakland, Nebraska, purchased 320 acres of land, five miles north of Atkinson, of C. H. Williams last Saturday. He intends to improve it and move here in the spring.

Jos. Modecek of Brainard, this state, has purchased the Bonenberger property south of Atkinson, and will move onto the place after having a residence of considerable proportions erected thereon.

A move is on foot among the farmers to organize a "Farmers Institution," anyone wishing to become a member can call at the Graphic office and enroll their name. It requires the signature of at least 50 before an organization can be perfected.

The city council condemned the stock yards as a nuisance and notified the proper officials of the railroad to remove them in thirty days. The time is up and the stock yards are still in evidence, instead of being torn down they are being filled in with old ties and cinders.

J. P. McNichols' fine residence caught fire in the basement yesterday. The bell rang, the fire ladies responded and were soon at work with a large crowd of citizens with buckets ready to assist if needed but the fire had not

made much headway and was soon under control after doing damages to the amount of \$100 which is covered by insurance.—The Graphic.

STUART

John Robertson lost fifteen head of cattle Sunday at his ranch over north, of corn stalk decrease. This is the first case reported this fall.

Mrs. John Ripp departed this morning for Portland, Oregon, where she was called on account of the severe illness of her mother.

Station Agent Whitney is loading his household goods into a car today preparatory to moving to Battle Creek. He does not know who will take his place here.

Dick Walters and family are making preparations to move to Cassey, Iowa, where they will make their future home. They expect to some day this week.—The Advocate.

Wm. Krotter has been in Valentine this week. He bought the old government buildings belonging to the fort and was distributing the lumber to his various yards.

Judge Macy of Harlan, Iowa, who was out here looking for land, has pur-

chased the half section adjoining the Barclay ranch.

The Interstate Telephone Co. is building a new copper circuit on the line between Stuart and Atkinson. When completed, it will give service to Omaha, Kansas City and other eastern points. Fred Valentine of Johns town and Mr. Morrisey of Omaha are in charge of the work.—The Ledger.

LINGERING COLD.

Withstood Other Treatment But Quickly Cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

"Last winter I caught a very severe cold which lingered for weeks," says J. Urquhart, of Zephyr, Ontario. "My cough was very dry and harsh. The local dealer recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and guaranteed it, so I gave it a trial. One small bottle of it cured me. I believe Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to be the best I have ever used." This remedy is for sale by Gilligan & Stout.

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