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Thanksgiving Proclamation.

By the President of the United States of America.

Reminded by the changing season that it is time to pause in our daily vocations and offer thanks to Almighty God for the mercies and abundance of the year which is drawing to a close; the blessings of a free government continue to be vouchsafed; the earth has responded to the labor of the husbandman, the land has been free from pestilence, internal order is maintained, and peace with other powers has prevailed. It is fitting that at stated periods we should cease from our usual toils and the turmoil of our daily lives and unite in thanksgiving for the blessings of the past and [illegible] of kindly feelings [illegible] and therefore I, U. S. Grant, President of the United States do recommend to all citizens to assemble in their respective places of worship on Thursday, the 26th day of November next, and express their thanks for mercy and favor of the Almighty God, and laying aside all political contentions, and all secular occupations, and to observe such as a day of thanksgiving and praise.

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

Done in the City of Washington, on the 27th day of October, 1874 and of the independence of the United States the 99th.

(Signed) U. S. GRANT

By the President:

HAMILTON FISH,
Secretary of the State.

A Proclamation by the Governor.

In conformity with the Proclamation of the President of the United States, respect for a custom of our forefathers, and in reverential acknowledgment of dependence upon Divine Providence, I do hereby recommend that Thursday, Nov 26th 1874 be observed as a day of prayer and supplication; that upon that day the people of this state abstain as far as practicable, from their usual occupations, and observe the day in a manner becoming our circumstances.

[illegible] which blesses the receiver and giver alike, and which is always an offering peculiarly acceptable to Him who holds the lovely in the solicitude of His infinite care."

In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of State. Done at the Capitol this twenty seventh day of October A. D. 1874 and of the Independence of the United States the Ninety-ninth and of this State the Eighth.

ROBT. W. FURNAS.

By the Governor,

JOHN J. GOSPER,
Secretary of State.

A Miracle of the Middle Ages.

At a certain epoch, in the good old mediæval times,—so runs the legend, when the place now known as Perpignan was but a rustic village, that small parish was presided over by a cure, who had managed to fall into disfavor with his bishop. The latter often had occasion to censure him for his inattention to the cares of a pastor in charge, always closing his reproofs with the apostolic doctrine that "faith without works is dead." This last remark finally had its effect upon the priest, who earnestly set to work to redeem his character and regain the confidence of his superior. He betook himself to fasting and prayer, meditating in the night-watches, and watering his couch with tears. At last, his resolution was taken, and he only awaited an opportunity to carry into effect his ambitious project, which was nothing less than the working of a miracle, and the converting of his parish into the scene of many mighty pilgrimages.

Near by the village, in a sequestered place, was a small field, occupied as a pasture for a cow, which was watched over by a simple boy of lazy intellect—one of those rare beings whom Longfellow somewhere describes as troubled with a chronic suspension of the mental faculties.

His drowsy mind found a sympathetic friend in his own well fed body, and when satisfied that his gentle charge was doing well, he was wont to roll upon the turf and go to sleep.

This season of the boy's repose was the priest's opportunity. Taking with him a basketful of salt, he approached the docile animal, and [illegible] certain pot where the salt had been previously poured, and then [illegible] the remainder upon the ground. The next day, and for several succeeding days, he repeated this operation, taking pains each time to remove some of earth before placing the salt in the excavated place, until at last the cavity became so deep that the animal was obliged to drop down upon her knees in order to reach the coveted salt with her tongue. When he had brought her to this stage of her education he contrived in some way to make the sleeper, without himself being seen. The lad on awaking, espied right of the beast on her knees, apparently in the act of devotion and lifting the earth with pious affection. Overcome by astonishment he bounded off toward home, and with shouts and wild gesticulations roused the whole village,—men, women and children—who came running with him to the scene of operations. The shout, "a miracle," "a miracle," was instantly raised, and passed from mouth to mouth till the whole country round about resounded with it. The cure was soon upon the ground and, as may be supposed, was quite equal to the gravity of the occasion. He ordered the earth to be excavated, and what was their astonishment to find, a few inches below the surface a leaden statuette of the Virgin Mary, of about a cubit's length! This was carefully exhumed; and, a procession having been formed, it was borne great pomp to the humble village church, where it was placed upon the altar.

The following morning, at the first sound of the Angelus,—the morning bell for prayer,—the whole village came hastening to pay their respects to the new found Virgin, but on entering the church, it was discovered that the image had mysteriously disappeared. Their first thought was of the pasture, and hastening thither, strange to say, there they found the cow, which had just been turned out for the day, again prostrate upon her knees, over the same place. On re-opening the earth, the statuette was there seen reposing in the same position as before. The people were about to disinter it again, when the cure interposed and arrested their work, telling his simple flock that he looked upon the miraculous return of the image to its former resting-place as a happy omen, and that it might be interpreted as the expressed wish of the Holy Mother that a chapel should be built in honor upon that very spot, to which pilgrims from all quarters might resort to do her reverence.

The bishop's sanction was sought and obtained, the chapel was built, and the [illegible] the Virgin was placed upon the altar, whence, for many a year, she dispensed her favors and miraculous cures to the devoted pilgrims who came to her shrine. Thus the enterprising cure managed to redeem his character; and the amiable bishop, seeing such proofs of faith in his heart to chide the priest who had so successfully brought the miracle of the cow.—*Charles Fairbanks, in Skillner's for November.*

The Farm Preferable to City Life.

There is no doubt that farmers, as a class, perform more labor and work more hours for a given amount of money than any other persons who furnish hire their own capital, supplement it with their labor. The farm laborer must also necessarily work more hours than those in cities who labor by the day; but there is no doubt that the farm hand working and receiving his board besides his wages, if he choose, may lay up more money than the day laborers in cities; and simply for the reason that if he choose to be economical, his individual expenses are but light. If determined to curtail every unnecessary expense a few years will suffice to give him money enough to start for himself on the frontier. It is true the labor of making a new farm is hard, continuous and exacting; so, however, must it be with any young man in any position who has nothing but his hands to work with, whatever the industry followed. Considering the social position of those laboring on farms, their lot is not, as a rule, worse than that of those laboring in cities.

If one is contented with his condition in life, and while earnestly and honestly and striving to better his position does not envy those whom circumstances, generally the result of individual effort, have placed in a position better than his own—if he weigh carefully the disadvantages as well as the advantages of city life—if his tastes remain true and simple, there is no doubt that the country, with its pure air, its [illegible] simple diet, unmingled water and delightful scenery, is a better [illegible] for [illegible] and [illegible] than the city. [illegible] But be [illegible] means for the education of children, and also congenial society outside the family. Even in a new country this is not impossible, if individuals locate, as they should, in communities. In the daily round of labor it should be remembered that our duties are not simply to ourselves and families. We cannot get along without the assistance of others. Therefore [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] meet with discouragement—if we yield to them, be more dispirited and simply give up our energies to daily labor—no longer [illegible] [illegible] and little better than beasts of burden.

It is easier to break one's way out of trouble than to yield to it; easier to climb the fence than, rushing against the barriers, try to break it down. We must, therefore, yield in some measure to circumstances, bearing and forbearing, and taking such pleasure as we may, while practicing the divine precept to do as we should be done by.

The farmer, although he may attire himself in rough and, perhaps, to ultrafashionable eyes, unsouth garments, is nevertheless the peer of any in the land, and is so considered and estimated by all who, like him are engaged in multiplying the wealth of a nation. It is not the parasite, men nor the butterfly women who ever are heard of outside their own immediate circle of puppets and painted moths. It is not from the ranks of "society" that, in the hour of a nation's peril, the General, the President, the "king of men" arises. From the farm and the work-shops come forth that vigor of brains and body before which the herd of emasculated exquisites is driven as the chaff is before the wind.—*Western Rural*

ESTRAY LAW.

The following is the law regarding estrays as it stands in the Revised Statutes of Nebraska. It is important that every farmer and stock owner should understand the law, and it would be a good plan to preserve this for reference.

SECTION 1. It shall be lawful for any person holding land in this State by deed, title, bond, or lease, for one or more years, and being in possession thereof to take up any estray horse, mule or ass, neat cattle, sheep or swine, found within his enclosed premises, at any season of the year; and an estray found around the premises of any house or freeholder between the 20th day of October and the 1st day of April may be taken up by such lessee or freeholder; and any horse, mule or ass, with any portion of the harness attached to them, and any oxen, with yoke, that are believed to have strayed away from their owners, may be taken up by any person at any time.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of any [illegible] description of the same to the county clerk within ten days after taking them up, and the county clerk shall immediately record the same in a book kept for that purpose, for which he shall receive the sum of twenty-five cents. The person taking up the estray shall, within twenty days thereafter, procure the publication of the description of such animal in any newspaper published within the county.

SEC. 3. The proprietor of such newspaper shall publish said description for at least five consecutive weeks, and shall receive therefore the sum of three dollars; *Provided*, that if two or more estrays of the same species shall be taken up by the same person at the same time, they shall be included in the same publication; and in such cases the aforesaid publisher shall receive no more than for one of such species, except where the number so described shall exceed three, he shall receive one dollar for each estray beyond that number included in such publication.

SEC. 4. The owner of an estray may at any time previous to its sale, reclaim the same on proving the said property by oath or otherwise, and paying for the advertisement, and a reasonable compensation for any other necessary expenses incurred by the person taking up said estray.

SEC. 5. In case the parties cannot agree upon the amount of the expenses incurred, they may each choose a disinterested person to act as arbitrators, and the two chosen may choose a third. The decision of the arbitrators shall be final.

SEC. 6. When an estray, if it be a sheep, swine or colt, under the age of one year, has not been reclaimed within six months after the advertising of the same, it shall become the property of the person taking it up without further proceedings. If the estray be a horse, mule, ass, bull, cow, or steer, over the age of two years, it must be reclaimed within six months from the time it was first advertised. If the estray is an animal over the age of one year and under two years, it must be reclaimed within six months from the time it was first advertised. If any estray in the last two named classes shall not be reclaimed within the time specified respectively, the person taking up an estray shall notify a justice of the peace of the county wherein said estray was taken up, who shall appoint two disinterested persons, and administer to them an oath or affirmation to faithfully and truly appraise said estray, and said person, upon actual view of said property shall appraise the same at its true value, and make [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]