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#### THANKSGIVING.

Praise and thanksgiving and feasting mark the day in this favored land, set apart from the other days of the year for the special purpose to which it

Why should we as a nation and as individuals continue this observance of a festival that was commenced so many years ago that its exact origin is lost in a mist of conflicting stories?

Throughout all ages man has from time to time humbly acknowledged his dependence upon Almighty God, when not irreligious; even the savage or the pagan, celebating a successful hunt or rejoicing in presence of a bountiful harvest, has voiced his thanks to a deity from whom he received and looked to for favors. Grace before meat, the daily custom of Christians, is but the continuation of the practice begun so long ago that no man can tell when it started.

Thanksgiving day simply unites all hearts in a unified admission of indebtedness to that God, to quote St. Chrysostrom, "Who hath given us grace with one accord to make our common supplication unto Thee." On this day we express by words and deeds as well gratitude and appreciation of mercies and favors enjoyed during a year of activity, and in such act confirm again our reliance on Divine

Even a glance at the rest of the world must convince Americans of their especial reasons for gratitude; no other people is so favored as we, whether or not we be especially set apart particularly to enjoy the blessings that are ours. That we may without conceit present ourselves to others will not be denied, for we have not wasted our time and opportunities, but have taken advantage of the material as well as the spiritual privileges that are before us, and through industry and diligent application have thrived, and yet with humble pride we do in all sincerity ascribe our fortune to the bounty of an All Wise Creator, who stored this land with the wonderful resources the people have developed and daily

We have peace and plenty at home; no war or pestilence has ravaged the land; harvests have been unusually bountiful; employment is such that few of our workers are idle, and all our surroundings and conditions of life are such as should incline the heart to earnestly confess the gratitude that becomes a true partaker in the good fortune that is so generally shared.

Into those homes where sorrow and affliction come today, or where poverty and want replace the joy and comfort that is all but universal, some measure of the day's spirit may penetrate. Generous hearts will do all that is humanly possible to do to banish suffering and privation, when the conditions are known, and the helpless and unfortunate will be given a chance to share with all in the munificent blessings that are our common possession and from which none should be shut out.

So, today, let us not in our own rejoicing forget those who have cause to sorrow, but where we can give such aid as will mitigate if not remove the cause of their trouble. For ourselves, let the service of thanksgiving precede the festival, so that with Whittier we join:

"And let these altars, wreathed with flowers And piled with fruits, awake again Thanksgiving for the golden hours, The early and the latter rain."

## ONE NIGHT OFF FOR MOTHER.

Here comes Mrs. Grace Grill, prominent clubwoman of New York, to answer a judge who ruled that a married woman should not dance outside the home. Mrs. Grill stands for the principle of allowing every married woman one night off each week, to be spent where she likes and how. She also advocates a school for husbands, where they can be taught how to treat a wife properly.

Study the proposition a minute. Men long have arrogated to themselves the right to go out and come back as they see fit, and to submit to no questioning as to what they did while absent from the home nest. Most of them probably could explain without danger to themselves or anyone else, for very few men do the devilish stunts they are credited with doing. Yet they object to giving an account of where they were or what they had been doing.

Reverse the situation, and what do we find? Very few husbands but will resent being called jailers, but even fewer will consent to his wife doing as he does in the matter of going out. Men get accustomed to seeing the wife in her appropriate place at home, just as they get used to seeing the dining table, or the kitchen sink, and when one is missed, even for a moment, they get a little nervous and want to know why. Not that they lack confidence, or have no trust, but they just naturally want to

Maybe if Mrs. Grill's thought were given practical application and more wives took advantage of an occasional evening off and no questions asked, the trust on which the home rests would be strengthened and some of the things that now wreck marriages would disappear. Men like to think they are liberal; why should not their wives give them a chance to prove the fact?

Modern improvements are reported to have prevented an even worse disaster in the latest Illinois coal mine explosion. This is all right, but what is most needed is some device to do away with explosions all together.

A Tennessee revivalist made pointed remarks to a woman in his congregation, and was soundly thrashed by the woman's husband after services. A moral lies in this simple tale.

A stitch in time saves nine, and removing the leaves from the gutters before the snow flies will prevent many flooded drains next spring.

Will it be considered proper to remark that although Doc Cook missed the north pole he will be safely on ice for the next few years?

#### A SPECTACLE TO CONTEMPLATE.

Doubtless you have read the reports from Seward outlining the proceedings in the trial of the three Vajgrts, father, mother and daughter, charged with killing Jerry Lana. Lana betrayed the 15-year-old daughter of the Vajgrts, and parents and daughter took vengeance into their own hands. Dull, bowed down by unremitting toil, the parents are on trial for their lives. The victim of the slain Lana sits

But it is not these three that demand the attention of the people of today. There are four others of the family, the little 4-year-old girl who nestles in her weary mother's arms and watches with wide-eyed interest the strange scenes going on about her, and three children who remain at home, trudging off to school each morning. What about them? What about little Frank, the oldest of the three at home, who is trying to keep the home fires burning and each morning trudging off to school with his two little sisters under his protection? Is not society in some part to blame for the awful situation those ignorant and hard-working parents are in today? Does society not owe something more than it is paying to Frank and his two little sisters?

What have native-born Americans been doing to acquaint Adolph Vajgrt, foreigner by birth and toiler in this country, with his rights and duties as a citizen? How many have shown an interest further than to call him a "bohunk" or growl about the "foreigners taking the country?" How many American-born mothers have taken an interest in this peasant-born woman who now faces trial for having killed the betrayer of her first-born; taken enough interest in her to explain to her our American ways, our American opportunities and our American

Not alone are the Vajgrts, father, mother and daughter, on trial. Society is on trial at the same time and place; the society that is too intent upon selfish gain and selfish pleasures to take note of the trials and struggles of the peasant-born of Europe who have come to us in the hope of making a home in free America. Society owes much to that sturdy little boy and his smaller sisters, and society should be paying installments on that debt every day.

As he gazes in bewilderment on the strange and unaccustomed scenes of an American court, too, is Adolph Vajgrt not warranted in his plea that he did not know; that he had no time from unremitting and know why, if the farmer ill-requited toil to study the laws and languages and for the usual volume of manufacture the customs of the new country to which he came tured products. Every man hates to to escape oppression and compulsory military service? And if Adolph Vajgrt did not know, who is

The sins of those ignorant parents, if it shall be eclared a sin, must not be visited upon those innocent children. That sin rests properly upon the shoulders of recalcitrant society, and society must can spend freely. not be allowed to shift it to the shoulders of Frank Vajgrt and his little sisters.

It may be true, as Senator King says, that the democratic party is not so bankrupt of presidential timber that it has to go outside of the party for a candidate, but isn't it equally true that the importation of a little new timber might average up the democratic supply quite a little bit.

A Spokane woman is suing for divorce on the ground that her husband has not spoken to her in 20 years. Due note should be made of the fact that it is the wife, not a husband, who is asking the di-

Noting that a Chicago man paid \$400,000 income tax, the Cedar Rapids Republican offers to bet the manufactured Christmas neckties. Take it! He period of high prices. Many of these pensive each year, and if some plan he manufactured Christmas neckties. Take it! He published Christmas illustrated mottoes.

The late Baron Rothschild spent enormous sums of money to make the world's largest collection of fleas. Others of us have spent anxious moments trying to locate just one.

Iowa claims the champion cornhusker of the world, just because he won from an Illinois man. Several Nebraskans may have something to say about

Senator Magnus Johnson says he is going to milk a cow while in Washington. This will be a welcome change from the senatorial habit of milking the

And it may be, too, that the stamp of "Broadway success" is not always sufficient to put a show over in a community that knows a thing or two worth | topics

A \$20 a week girl should get along without a fur coat, says a Brooklyn uplift bunch. Most of them do, or they get along without eating a part of the

The city council having taken its parting wallop at Senator Howell, the muddy water issue may be regarded as history.

The new fourth party recently organized in Omaha will doubtless try to sing bass in the political

Henry Ford has just bought an oxcart 100 years old. Here is a chance for at least one more story.

Army and Navy battled to a scoreless tie. Prov ing again, as in 1918, that both are unbeatable.

If ever a man is entitled to exceed the speed limit, it will be on his honeymoon.

# Homespun Verse -By Omaha's Own Poet-

Robert Worthington Davie

## THANKSGIVING.

There come to thought unnumbered things Thanksgiving brings: The richness of immeasured loam, The kindliness of God-and home: Resplendent Star of Love that lives For all that true devotion gives. And lights the winding future way With pure reflection of the day When others saw the path aglow-Of harvests dreamed, and paused to sow The symbols of all earthly things

Along the path pray let us lead Till dream is deed-That we may reap year after year The virtue, grace and beauty here. And let us scatter as we go The spirit of the past to grow Immortal in the hearts of men And blossom and be fragrant when Beyond their cradleland they rise With minds mature, prophetic eyes-To cherish and promote the things Thanksgiving brings.

Thanksgiving brings.

The Omaha Morning Bee: Thursday, November 29, 1923-

#### "The People's Voice'

Editorials from readers of The Morning Bee. Readers of The Morning Bee are invited to use this column freely for expression on matters of making interests.

#### A Call for Norris.

University Place, Neb.-To the Edi r of The Omaha Bee: Do the voters of Nebraska appreciate the situation nvolved in the possible loss to th senator, Hon, G. W. Norris? A loss not only to our state, but all the "midwestern" states, and also the agricultural interests of the entire country. For by fitness and senority he ha on a chairmanship of one of the important senate committees which, if lost by his retirement from senate would be a staggering blow to that already much distressed and epressed industry.

If we appreciate his splendid serve so faithfully rendered, let us tel him so, and ask if he cannot consento continue in the "seat of power" to N. M. SOMMERVILLE.

A False Charge. Omaha-To the Editor of The Omaha Bee: The National Farmers' union favored Omaha with their national onvention. They passed resolution on various subjects. The Omaha World-Herald gave publicity to these ers' resolution on the financial ques The farmers are asking one another why their financial resolu on was suppressed, while praising their resolution on the tariff question. The readers of The Omaha Bee and to know what the farmers in conven-

tion had to say. T. S. FENLON. Editor's Note: The Omsha Bee is the only newspaper in Omsha or elsewhere that published the resolutions of the Farmers' union in their entirety. On page one of The Omsha Morning Bee of November 23, the headline on the farmers meeting called attention not only to the tariff resolution, but also to the resolutions for changes in the credit system and for public ownership of railroads.

#### Ways to Help the Farmer.

McCook, Neb .- To the Editor of Th Omaha Bee: The merchant and the manufacturer will, perhaps, want to acute straits, he is not in the market and the farmer is as reluctant as any other to admit that he has been dis But that is just exactly sipating. what he did during the war, and his present disinclination to buy freely is lue to the fact that he has disposed until he accumulates more before he

When the farmer saw land values ising by 10 and 20-dollar jumps, when he saw pure bred cattle selling for thousands of dollars a head and hogs way up have retired on their winnings, but those who bought and held
have depreciated property on their
hands. If it is true that the farmers
as a class are in hard circumstances
the consumer there will
as evidently been studying social and
political economy. He declares that
so long as they can pass the cost of
strikes on to the consumer there will
with respect to our national duty,
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so long as they can pass the cost of
strikes on to the consumer there will
with a progressive turn, and there is
always be strikes. ondition is their failure to resist the unruly.

thereby missing all of the opportunitheir return that values had risen periods such assistance would be val-enormously and that more capital is uable.

It is only men who do not distin-

guish between the farmer of the 80s and the farmer of today who propose for his benefit (or more likely to at ract his vote) such unsound measures as price fixing, government purchase of surplus or export bonuses. The farmer knows that government price manipulation is not only poor eco-nomics but very poor business for him. He appreciates just what the sovernment purchase of wheat or of any other commodity in unlimited quantities and at a fixed price would to to the country as a while. He would like to see reduced railroad rates only if and when such reduction can be made without interfer-ing with the quality of the service and with the necessary extension and imevernent of the lines.

The farmer does not expect nor does ne need very much assistance from the outside in the solution of present r future problems. He may occasdispleasure with the way the government is being conducted by electing a overnor, or a senator, or a repre-entative of the party opposed to pres

## Daily Prayer

Being then made free from sin, ye beame the servants of righteousness-tom. 6:13. Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the rest which has come to our bodies in sleep. During the long podies in sleep. During the long nours of the night Thou hast been watching over us. Thou art always mindful of us, not only in the night. but also in the workaday. Help us, dear Father, to be as mindful of Thee as Thou art thoughtful of us. For bid that we forget our God. May w not become so occupied with worldly affairs that we have no time or place

As we talk to Thee, our sins rise like mountains from the deep. We are ashamed of our weaknesses. We onfess everything, and plead for Thy forgiveness. Leave us not in our humiliation, but take us by the hand and lift us up. Give us the assurhelp us to live this day as the blessed

lesus lived every day. We pray for the discouraged and distressed; Lord, give them cheer. We pray for all the people who are living in darkness; Lord, give them light. We pray for those who fight against themselves, against each other and against God; Lord, give them peace We ask it all in the name of Jesus, for Thy glory and for our good, Amen. LUTHER E. TODD, D.D., St. Louis, Mo.

#### Hoss Tradin'

out in the country lives old Bill Frick Who looks like a millionaire;

When it comes to tradin' hosses thinks he's real slick. But his methods have not always been fair.

started for town. When he meets a neighbor, named Si

Who's pretty keen at tradin' too,

Frick reins up and says, "Good morn-Have you got anything you'll swap?"

And gave his terbaccer a flop, Well, now," says SI, "how old do local elevator.

They sure ain't much fer looks; And that off horse is sprung in the knee. You see, Si's on to the crooks.

Says Si, "Here's jest what I can do, Fer they don't size up jest nifty, "Il give this team and the harness

Fer your team and even fifty." Frick hops out, looks at Si's bay and brown,

That's one trade he'll never forget.

He was right down worthless for sure. And that old bay had been eatin' loco, For which there never was any

Bill stayed in town until quite late Before he hitched up his bay and or well he knew what'd be his fate If his neighbors saw him comin'

from town. He finally reached home, by drivin' And slipped the old team in the lot, freely proof that but for he did not want the boys to know growing more effeminate. What a sure enough stinging he'd

Well, Si took the team he'd traded with Frick, And sold them for a cool three hun-

es, sir, boys., it made Bill sick To see how he'd gone and blundered. Now Frick sits up most every hight, ing price of the land. It doesn't exle thinks: Jest wait, I'll trim him up. Whenever the chance comes around.

Well, boys, I'm not advisin', no-sir-ee, But just a word or two to the wise:

-Walt Nye, Ogallala, Neb. for hundreds, he lost his head and plunged into the game. The farmers who sold while everything was on the to replace inertia and have no radical the one outstanding reason for their no danger of his becoming politically

condition is their failure to resist the difference of the line of assistance which farm an expert in feminine psychology, perts in medicine and surgery who on luxuries the unusual profits of the ers in all branches of the trade would says that when a woman goes in for war years.

One line of assistance which farm an expert in feminine psychology, perts in medicine and surgery who appreciate is in connection with the folly she takes the plunge entire and appreciate is in connection with the folly she takes the plunge entire and the same and the However, there is one class among improvement of farm labor conditions. goes the limit farmers which must be made an exception to these statements. A great farms, require additional labor at cermany young men from the country entain times of the year. In recent listed or were drafted into the army years the supply of seasonal labor has and navy and served during the war, been uncertain, generally inefficient thereby missing all of the opportuniand high priced. Itinerant labor bemen were forced to sell their stand-ing crops and their equipment at a towns could release labor to the farmacrifice when leaving only to find on ers, during harvest and other rush

required to start up a farm now The farmer could also use to ad-than was necessary before the war, vantage more service than he is at The farmer could also use to ad-This one class of farmers has suffered present getting from the manufactur-loss for which it is in no way to ers of farm machinery. Every farmer olame.

A great many writers and speakers of his methods by the adoption of the on political and economic affairs, it latest labor saving devices, but he is appears, have falled to observe the restrained to a great extent by lack progress of enlightenment which has of expert advice and assistance. If come to the rural districts with the the manufacturers of tractors and of improvement of the mail service, the farm machinery of the more compliwider circulation of the magazines and cated kinds would send more experi-the city dailies and the broadened so-enced demonstrators and fewer salescial life made possible by the automo- men into the country their business as he was in the old days of the gran-receive greater benefit from the latest ger movement, the populist party and developments in efficient equipment. free silver. The truth of the matter The value of the tractors which stand is that the average farmer today is idle in fence corners totals an ap-just about as well educated as the palling amount, and the fault lies with average city man, and he is probably the manufacturers. Many of these a good deal better read on current machines could be put to profitable use under proper direction.

EARNEST CORDEAL.

#### Appreciate Lay Sermon.

Glenwood, Ia.—To the Editor of the Omaha Bee: I just want to say now much I appreciated and enjoyed your editorial in The Sunday Omaha Bee of two weeks ago, "Christ's Part-It came at an espeing Promise." ially appropriate time to use in connection with the Sunday school lesson for November 25, and I used it in my class as a summary of the lesson A. D. FRENCH.

#### Center Shots

If there must be fighting by Germans, it is better that it be done in Germany than in France or Belgium. -Elgin Courier.

The candidate for mayor in Chanute. Kan., who is running on a platform of milk for babies seems to have neglect-ed to include beer for papas and for grandpas.-Rockford

Samuel Gompers re-elected president of the American Federation of Labor. Well, he's one man that comes pretty close to having a steady job.-Day

It really wasn't surprising that Vanderbilt's cousin started driving a taxi as the most available means of recovering a fortune.-Philadelphia

After all, perhaps the worst thing about poverty is a nickel cigar.-Col ado Springs Gazette.

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Subacribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of November, 1923. W. H. QUIVEY, (Seal) Notary Public.

# LISTENING IN

The York News-Times demands hat the anti-spitting ordinance of that city be rigidly enforced. The few in eterate chewers of the weed in that cleanly little city must be taught to once he hitched up a team and hold it until they reach a street inter-

section. Every newspaper in Nebraska is irging their readers to do their Christ nas shopping early. The editors will follow their own advice if the delinquents will come in promptly and settle up.

The Merna Messenger man is in Si sized up his team with practiced doubt. He doesn't know whether it was an earthquake shock that shook farmer unloading an ear of corn at the

duce taxes, they are inclined to wonler why the effort was not made bebrown,
And says, "I'll take yer bet;"
fore certain large interests were women generally. In 1920 more than awarded their adjusted compensation.

they make the change—Frick went awarded their adjusted compensation.

for evertain large interests were women, it would be low for American enough t'help it if we would. Ther's about a failure—he hain't allust this about a failure—he hain't allust the perfect of women of 15 or above the hain't allust the perfect of women of 15 or above the hain't allust the perfect of the perfect of

slow,
And slipped the old team in the lot,
merely proof that our women are

ing it on. Adam bad joke, we calls it

The Gordon Journal suggests that and taxes be based on income derived therefrom instead of on the sellplain hew the deficit would be made

When you go tradin' hosses, where'r they be.

Look 'em over close with both yer eyes.

Corollals Neh that Moscow was a safer city to live of bribery. But, Gene, would that sort of thing make New York a safe place in which to live?

#### "From State and Nation"

-Editorials from Other

## Vassar Wives.

From the New York Herald. Vassar college sends more of its graduates to the altar than any other large college for women. Of its alum nae 60 per cent marry and in the last ation and marriage has been decreas-ing. Each year shows an increase in

the proportion of married women to the whole body of Vassar alumnae. When the complete statistics are presented it will probably be found that the graduates of other women's colleges are following the same trend oward matrimony. As higher edu The Kearney Hub insists that the mon man seems less inclined to fear American people are tired of the per-petual din of the political ballyhoo ar. Familiarity, in this case, breeds re tists and quite ready for a period of spect: Graduates of women's colleges peace coupled with mental conva. have proved their ability in the hom as well in the arts and sciences.

There is still, however, a gap be The Fremont Tribune says that while ex-service men approve of Secretary Mellon's determination to reduce taxes, they are inclined to won-duce taxes, they are inclined taxes, they are inclined taxe of marriages is high for college in the United States were married buttin' in with advice. The Tekamah Herald remarks that while 11.1 per cent were widowed. Why, that ornery brown, you couldn't one thing the matter with politics is the too numerous class of voters who divorcees. Close to three-quarters of expert advice in governmental or public or class. the entire female population of eligi- lic affairs! There are enough selfble age were or had been married.

Vassar, coincidentally with publish The McCook Tribune asserts with ing its marriage statistics, announced out fear of successful contradiction that the gravel road is the solution of Nebraska's road problem. Then it admits that finding the gravel first and then the money to spread it on the roads is an all-important factor in the solution.

Ing its marriage statistics, announced a \$400,000 gift to be used for the establishment of a school for alumnae who wish to return to the college and study "on their own." There may be more than coincidence in the solution.

Crewident Here. Noble MacGenetics. President Henry Noble MacCracken sets up in business, in the government Hearing about increasing number of will provide a refuge for weary wives He is either a grafter or a thief, acwomen who smoke cigarets, the worn fretful by domestic and social cording to the chorus of fools who can be that our women are obligations. Perhaps Vassar college immediately breaks out when he immediately breaks out when he ambition of excelling in matrimony. the monotony of double harness.

#### Listening to Fools From the Nebraska City Press.

America is listening too much to Most of the advice which is being so freely scattered about these days omes from the mouths of rattle

Gene Westervelt of the Scottsbluff
Republican does not take seriously a
Methodist bishop's recent assertion
that Moscow was a safer city to live
than New York. He tells us that heads and ne'er-do-wells. stood by and offered advice and pre- ment started for them, most of them dicted disaster, fools have offered free are prosperous. Deer meat in the ence the world to do as they thought the ordinary carcass. the ordinary carcass. The natives now own at least 200,000 reindeer,

Lew Shelley of the Fairbury News these days. Especially is this true America needs some expert opinion The Falls City News, qualifying as are able to call to their bedsides ex-But what a sorry mess of it we Abe Martin



Th' worst thing about bein' in' pads, an' believin' we know

cording to the chorus of fools which

fers something really worth while. We are the laughing stock of the crowing about a rooster that hatches out chickens, declares that that's laywise men in America refuse to have anything to do with public affairs, sometimes because the pay is too small, but usually because not willing to face the chorus of

> Alaskan Eskimo Progress In 20 years the Alaskan Eskimos

which are under government supervis-ion.—Cleveland Plain Dealer. A Handy Place to Eat

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