

**PRESIDENT SETS DAY OF THANKS.**

ISSUES ANNUAL PROCLAMATION FROM WHITE HOUSE.

**TELLS OF PROGRESS OF U. S.**

Asks Every American Citizen to Make November 26 a Day of Thanksgiving for the Many Favors Given them.

The president issued the annual Thanksgiving proclamation last Saturday. He pointed out the steady growth of the nation in strength, worldly power, wealth and population, and that our average of individual comfort and well being is higher than that of any other country in the world. For this, he declares, Americans owe it to the Almighty to show equal progress in moral and spiritual things.

The proclamation follows: By the President of the United States of America.—A Proclamation:

Once again the season is at hand when according to the ancient custom of our people, it becomes the duty of the president to appoint a day of prayer and thanksgiving to God.

Year by year this nation grows in strength and worldly power. During the century and a quarter that has elapsed since our entry into the circle of independent peoples we have grown and prospered in material things to a degree never known before and not now known in any other country. The thirteen colonies which struggled along these coast of the Atlantic and were hemmed in but a few miles west of the tidewater by the Indian-haunted wilderness, have been transformed into the mightiest republic the world has ever seen.

Its domains stretch across the continent from one to the other of the two greatest oceans and it exercises domain alike in the Arctic and tropic realms. The growth in wealth and population has surpassed even the growth in territory. Nowhere else in the world is the average of individual comfort and material well being as high as in our fortunate land.

For the very reason that in material well being we have thus abounded, we owe to the Almighty to show equal progress in moral and spiritual things. With a nation, as with the individuals who make up a nation, material well being is an indispensable foundation. But the foundation avails nothing by itself. That life is wasted, and worse than wasted, which is spent in piling, heap on heap, those things which minister merely to the pleasure of a body and to the power that rests only on wealth.

Upon material well being as a foundation must be raised the structure of the lofty life of the spirit, if this nation is properly to fulfill its great mission and to accomplish all that we so ardently hope and desire. The things of the body are good; the things of the intellect better; the best of all are the things of the soul; for in the nation as in the individual, in the long run it is character that counts. Let us, therefore, as a people set our faces resolutely against evil, and with broad charity, with kindness and good will toward all men, but with unflinching determination to smite down wrong, strive with all the strength that is given us for righteousness in public and in private life.

Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, president of the United States, do set apart Thursday, the 26th day of November, next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, and on that day I recommend that the people shall cease from their daily work, and, in their homes or in their churches, meet devoutly to thank the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received in the past, and to pray that they may be given strength so to order their lives as to deserve a continuation of these blessings in the future.

In witness 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 thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eight and in the independence of the United States, one hundred and thirty-third.

THEODORE ROOSEVELT

**OVER VERGE OF TIMBER FAMINE.**

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Few statements could be made which would better convince the average man that this country leads the world in the demand for timber. It is made by Theadwell Cleveland, Jr., in a circular which treats of the conservation of the forests, soil, water and, and all other great natural resources, which has just been published by the United States Forest Service. In speaking further of the consumption of timber in this country, Mr. Cleveland says:

"At this rate, in less than thirty years all our remaining virgin timber will be cut. Meantime, the forests which have been cut over are generally in a bad way for want of care; they will produce only inferior second growth. We are clearly on the verge of a timber famine."

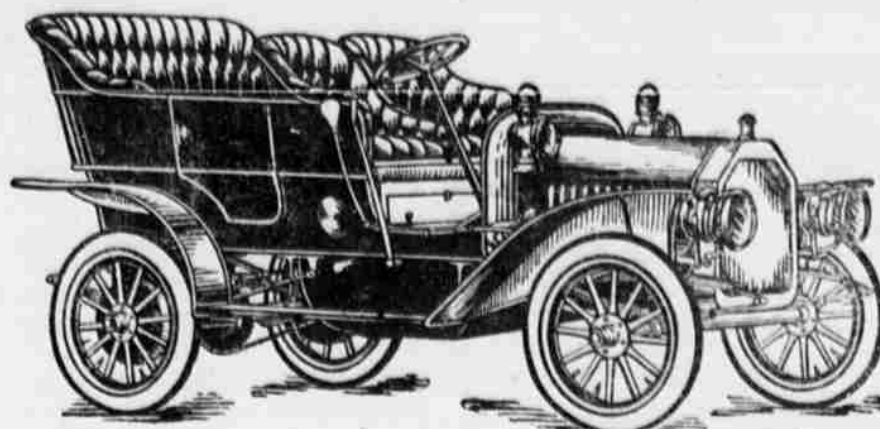
"This is not due to necessity, for the forests are one of the renewable resources. Rightly used, they go on producing crop after crop indefinitely. The countries of Europe know this, and Japan knows it; and their forests are becoming with time not less, but more, productive. We probably still possess sufficient forest land to grow wood enough at home to supply our own needs. If we are not blind or willfully wasteful, we may yet preserve our forest independence and, with it, the fourth of our great industries."

"Present wastes in lumber are enormous. Take the case of yellow pine, which now heads the list in the volume of annual cut. In 1907 it is estimated that only one-half of all the yellow pine cut during the season was used, and that the other half, amounting to 8,000,000 cords, was wasted. Such waste is typical. Mr. R. A. Long, in his address on 'Forest Conservation' at the Conference of Governors last spring, pointed out that 20 per cent of the yellow pine was simply left in the woods—a waste which represents the timber growing on 300,000 acres."

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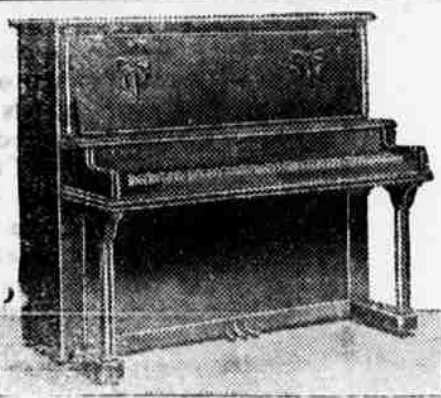
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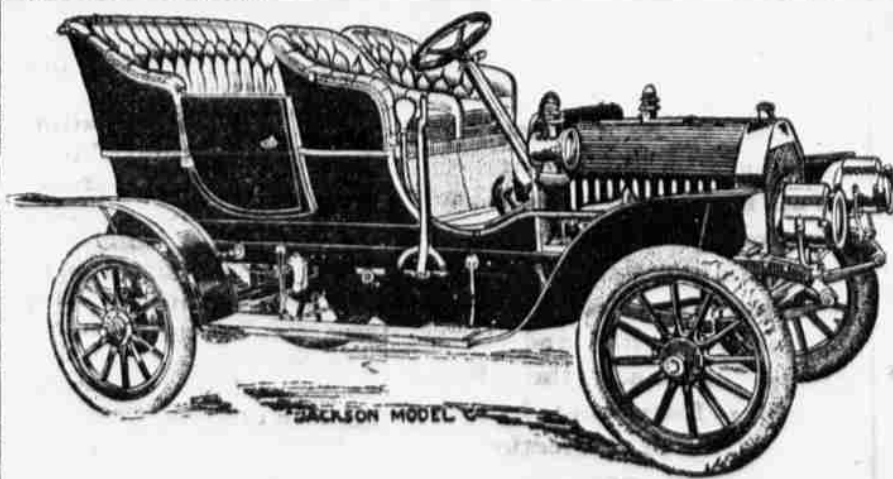
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"But there are other ways to conserve the forest besides cutting in half the present waste of forest products. The forests can be made to produce three or four times as rapidly as they do at present. This is true of both the virgin forests and the cut-over lands. Virgin forests are often fully stocked with first class timber, but this stock has been laid in very slowly, on account of the wasteful competition which is carried on constantly between the rival trees. Then, too, in the virgin forests there are very many trees which have reached maturity and stopped growing, and these occupy space which, if held by younger trees would be laying in a new stock constantly. As regards the cut-over land, severe cutting followed by fire, has checked growth so seriously that in most cases reproduction is both poor and slow, while in many other cases there is no true reproduction at all at present, and there is but little hope for the future."

**Boys and Girls to Omaha.**

Prof. E. C. Bishop, deputy state superintendent of public instruction has announced that the convention of the Nebraska Boys Agricultural Society and the Nebraska Girls Domestic Science Association, will meet in Omaha December 11th during the National Corn Exposition.

More boys and girls in Nebraska are interested in these associations and the work they are doing than ever before and the most conservative estimates place the number who will attend the meetings of the young people in Omaha between 2,500 and 3,000

The opportunity offered of attending the meetings and at the same time seeing the National Corn Exposition is an unusual one, as it will show the young people what it is possible to accomplish along agricultural and industrial lines of education. They will see the results of the work they are doing in advance, as it were, and the exposition will doubtless be an inspiration to the boys and girls of Nebraska.

Prof. Bishop also announced thirty four counties in Nebraska have now arranged for local contests and lectures and the University of Nebraska has detailed a number of competent Judges to assist in handling the local contests. From the prize corn in the different contests, the counties will select their samples for entry in the various classes at the National Corn Exposition in Omaha

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