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THANKSGIVING.

Thanksgiving! Thanksgiving! Of yore, In the youth of the nation, When the harvest had yielded its store

Our home was a wilderness then, With the floods to enfold it; To-day, with its millions of men, We rejoice to behold it.

War flaunts not a red pennon now, For the olive is regal; Like birds that are twin, on one bough, Sit the dove and the eagle.

For the fruit of the time is our toll; For what'er we have fought for, Whether born of the bran or the soil, Be the meed we have sought for; For the gifts we have had from his hand

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A GREAT INSTITUTION.

Bank consolidations, enlarged and increased capitalizations have been a marked feature in banking circles during the past year.

We are pleased to announce that one of the most important events of this kind that has occurred in the northwest is in process of completion in our own city; we refer to the arrangements that have been made between the First National bank and the Helena National bank to combine.

This desirable result has been brought about largely by the influence of Mr. A. J. Davis, cashier of the First National Bank of Butte City, in connection with Mr. Talbot, representing the estate of the late Mr. A. J. Davis, of Butte.

For several weeks negotiations have been going on and Mr. Davis, during this period, has spent considerable time in Helena carefully going over the assets of the respective banks and selecting only those which represent sound and available values.

The result of the negotiations is practically that a bank will be established, bearing the name of the First National, which will represent a reorganization, enlarged capitalization, and in entire change of management of the First National bank of Helena.

The First National bank is the pioneer national bank of the state and has long been held high in the esteem and affection of our people, and is widely known throughout the entire United States as the largest and most popular bank in Montana.

The Helena National has shown a magnificent growth during the past year, having more than trebled its highest known deposits prior to the panic, they having reached in the short space of one year nearly nine hundred thousand dollars.

This reorganization is mainly due to the work and energy of Mr. Davis and we cannot refrain from expressing our gratitude to that young financier who has taken so deep and active an interest in Helena and its leading financial institution and who will be one of the main factors in its management in the future.

The new organization will have a capital of eight hundred thousand dollars, with about two hundred thousand dollars undivided profits.

The executive control and management will be entirely in the hands of Mr. E. D. Edgerton, president of the

Helena National bank, and Mr. George F. Cope, the cashier of that institution. The bank will be officered by Ex-Gov. S. T. Hauser, president; E. D. Edgerton, vice president and manager; and George F. Cope, cashier.

This move secures to the First National bank, and thereby directly to Helena, the support and active co-operation of James Talbot, administrator of the Davis estate, which owns about 50 per cent. of the stock of the old bank, and will own about 25 per cent. of the capital stock in the new association; of the influence of the First National bank of Butte, and the personal care and attention, as well as the unbounded influence, of Mr. Davis, who is prospectively the wealthiest man in the state of Montana and who has managed with rare tact and ability the large financial institution controlled and owned by him and in itself worth two millions.

The contribution of new money by the Davis estate and their friends will amount to over one-quarter of a million dollars. This will give the new institution cash balances of over three-quarters of a million dollars.

This, with the absolute certainty of the prosperous times to be anticipated, makes the new bank not only sound in every respect, but gives it the largest cash resources and the largest line of depositors of any financial institution in Helena. The general balances of the two banks when consolidated will be little less than five millions.

As the personnel of the leading officers we can only say that Ex-Gov. Hauser is the best known man in the state of Montana and has for years occupied a prominent position in its financial interests; and from the organization of the First National bank to the present time he has occupied the position of president. His retention as president of the enlarged and re-organized institution is but another mark of the high esteem in which he is held by his business associates at home as well as abroad.

Mr. Edgerton came here twelve years ago from New York City and is well known in connection with the Second National bank, which he organized and remained president of from 1882 until its consolidation with the Helena National bank last year. The fact that he succeeded in bringing both the Helena National and the Second National banks safely through the panic of '93, that no men were discharged nor wheels stopped in all the business enterprises in which he was engaged, and that all obligations not only personal but of his respective banks, were promptly met, and the since rapid growth of the Helena National bank, afford the best evidence that can be adduced as to his ability to safely and properly handle the large affairs of this new organization.

Mr. Cope is a man eminently fitted and qualified in every respect to discharge the duties of cashier. Largely to him may be attributed the success of the American National bank during the trying times of one year ago, and his long connection with Montana interests in the southeastern part of the state, his well-known integrity, business ability, conservative methods and thorough acquaintance with every detail of the arrangements of banking, especially qualify him for the trust and confidence that is reposed by his selection for the responsible position he is to occupy.

We feel this consolidation is a most fortunate result for Helena, and is one of the most desirable things that could possibly occur. The confidence of our own people in the future of our city certainly will be strengthened by the investment of such large sums of outside money in our material interests.

The new bank will be one of the largest, most solid, and, under the present management, we believe the most conservative institution in the state of Montana, representing an aggregate of capital and deposits that cannot be equalled by any financial institution between St. Paul on the east, and San Francisco on the west.

THANKS.

Let us give thanks. First of all that we are citizens of America, the freest land that the sun ever shone upon.

That we are Montanians—dwellers in the fairest, best and most promising state in the American Union.

For the result of the recent elections—as republicans, that there are so many of us; as democrats, that there are still a few of us left; as populists, that we are still in the middle of the road; and as prohibitionists, that our principles are still left to contend for.

Let Helena be thankful that she got the capital. Let Anaconda be thankful that there is just as much of her as there was before.

Let the goldbugs be thankful that they have pulled through another year without the wrath of the people descending upon them. Let the silver men be thankful that they are one year nearer free silver and prosperity.

Let Grover Cleveland be thankful that he has only a three-months' session of congress on his hands. Let David B. Hill be thankful that he did not resign his seat in the senate under the mistaken conviction that he had a sure thing on the governor's chair.

It all depends upon the way you look at it. There is something for which every American can be sincerely thankful to-day.

The annihilation of the populist party in Colorado and Kansas and Oregon has opened the eyes of the leading organ of that party, The Rocky Mountain News, to the fact that the party is among the back numbers. It now demands that the populists should throw overboard the main features of their platform—the government ownership of railroads and the sub-treasury scheme—and declare from the free coinage of silver as their

only principle. This is good advice as far as it goes, and we would add only one more suggestion, and that is, that the populist party dismiss its leaders, Peffer and Weaver and Walte and Pennoyer, and the other wild-eyed cranks who have made it ridiculous, and then disband.

A silver party has already been organized. It has carried the state of Nevada at two successive elections on a platform declaring for free coinage of silver at a ratio of sixteen to one. Such men as Jones and Stewart and Newlands belong to that party. Senator Jones, during the recent campaign, squarely repudiated the populist and allied himself with the straight silver party. Such a party would carry Montana or any other Rocky Mountain state. The populists will never again carry any of them. As the Rocky Mountain News truly says, "There are thousands in every state who will not espouse free coinage, if it must be taken at the cost which other measures that they can not approve, will make necessary."

The Merchants' hotel building has been selected by the governor as the meeting place of the legislature, and it will be remodeled so as to make it convenient and comfortable. There will be abundant committee rooms and other accessories. It is understood that the senatorial aspirants will secure the auditorium for a canvassing ground. Overflow meetings will be held in tents pitched in the vacant lot in the rear.

Latest reports regarding the massacre in Armenia make the situation still more terrible. It is now believed that as many as 15,000 persons were slain by the Turkish butchers. Don't forget a Thanksgiving day contribution to the cause of these oppressed people. Every true American heart will beat in sympathy with them.

What should be done with persons who mutilate the files and books in public libraries? In olden times ear-slitting was a form of punishment for certain classes of offenders. Perhaps it would be a good thing to revive it for those who clip articles from the library files.

Two years' steady, persistent agitation will bring about the restoration of silver to the place it held up to 1873. The universal depression in prices is serving as a terrible object lesson to those who have resisted the restoration. They are being forced our way.

A special Thanksgiving remembrance is asked for that excellent and worthy institution, St. Peter's hospital, in this city, and we hope it will get it. It is an institution that does a great deal of charity work and relieves many a poor sufferer.

An edict has been issued forbidding the circulation of newspapers in Turkey. Let us forgive the Sultan; he does not know any better. Anyhow, we will permit an extensive circulation of turkey through this country to-day.

At the last moment the dark horse from Butte was compelled to decline the invitation to take his Thanksgiving dinner in Helena. He will attend the football match to-day in Butte and will arrive in Helena to-morrow.

The Montana turkey, like the Montana potato has no equal. The American bird ripens here in all his perfection. May you heartily enjoy yours to-day.

In order to give our readers an opportunity to fully digest all the good things in to-day's paper, no Independent will be issued to-morrow.

In the language of some of their number, those Butte football boys are "the Omahas clear out of it this afternoon."

MISTAKES OF HISTORY.

"What is history but universally accepted fable?" said a learned theologian professor to a writer for the Star. "I quote the great Napoleon. For example, consider Plymouth Rock. In the town of Plymouth is a rock with a fence around it. It is a sort of local fetish. On Forefathers' day every year exercises are held there commemorating the alleged fact that on this rock the pilgrims landed. As a matter of fact, there is no evidence that such was the fact. Professor Channing, the historical expert of Harvard, has traced the story back, and believes it to have been started by an old man named Faunce, who many years ago pointed out the rock to some children, saying: 'Here they landed.'"

"History states that the pilgrims arrived on Sunday, but refrained from landing until Monday lest they should break the Sabbath. That is pure nonsense. As a matter of fact the women and children stayed on the ship all winter because it was more comfortable. "The gorgeousness and high civilization of the ancient Mexicans at the time of the Spanish conquest have been permanently embalmed in history. The whole story is a misrepresentation. Cortez naturally wished to give an impression at home that he had conquered a great and rich nation. In reality it was only a half civilized and untutored people. The mode of living was patriarchal, whole families of 100 or more persons living in one house. The communal dwelling was of one story and necessarily of large size. These structures were described by the Spaniards as 'palaces.' The people ate only one cooked meal each day, for the rest of their food depending on a 'grub diet' picked up anyhow. The dinners, partaken of by so many individuals, are reported in history as 'banquets.'"

"The school boy learns that Columbus was the man who first conceived the idea that the world was round. Nothing could be more nonsensical. The truth is he merely accepted a notion on this subject which had been handed down from classic times by scholarly men. Strabo, the Latin author, was one of these. The conception was for many centuries as a faint glimmering in darkness. "Let me call your attention to an instance of the making of fictitious history: There are good reasons for believing that the Norsemen reached the shores of North America before Columbus. The records of their sagas, however, give no notion of the locality where they landed.

We Are Thankful To-day. Because the past year has been one of prosperity. Notwithstanding the great disadvantages under which all have labored, our business has been all we could expect and in some respects better. You have given us a liberal patronage, and if our methods of doing business have not been satisfactory, you have failed to tell us so.

Only a few such non-descriptive facts are stated as that they found grapes growing. Yet an enthusiast named Horsford, trustee of Harvard, a few years ago built on the Charles river a tower between Waltham and Newton to commemorate the landing of the Norse voyagers at that point. The sagas tell of going up a river, and Horsford chose to assume that the Charles river was the river referred to. Very likely the notion thus recorded by a monument will gain general credit some day, though there is no more reason to suppose that the river was the Charles than that it was the Delaware or the Hudson, or any one of dozens of other rivers.

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