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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1909.

ABUNDANT REASON.

Thankful? Why not? This question, answered by a question, covers the ground. Why, indeed, should not we of Missoula be devoutly thankful? We have abundant reason for the most sincere thanksgiving and if we are not grateful, we are the most unappreciative people in the world, for upon us have been showered the unstinted blessings of a Good Giver; temporal and spiritual are these mercies and they are numerous if we will but pause to count them. Look up, not down. Forget the mud underfoot in the contemplation of the breaking clouds overhead. The year has been fruitful of much good to Missoula. Physically, the city has made a forward advance that is little short of marvelous and, combined with the growth that has taken place, is the assurance of the continuance of the broad development that has been the characteristic of the season now closing. In the higher sense, Missoula's betterment has been great; the city is better morally than it was a year ago and the tendency is toward further improvement in this direction. There is every reason why we should be thankful; as individuals and as a city we have prospered and we should not fall in making due and formal recognition of the fact. Give thanks for what the year has brought and combine with the expression of gratitude the resolution to exert every effort to bring about further betterment in the months that are to come. The boosters have "50,000" as their motto; these figures are but a symbol; they stand for the mark that is higher and better than our present position. And, upon this Thanksgiving morning, let our determination be to see to it that we strive for that which is better and broader—strive for ourselves and for our neighbors. Then will this University city become the place which we all earnestly desire to have it.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

From time that antedates history it has been the custom of mankind to give thanks for delivery from peril or for the triumph of arms. The ancient sun worshippers made sacrifice of thanksgiving to their blazing god; the idolaters made burnt offerings to their graven images; the Greeks and Romans and Egyptians had each their thanksgiving rites. With the dawn of modern institutions, rulers proclaimed special days for thanksgiving and there were seasons of rejoicing for whatever cause existed at the time and upon the occasion. But it remained for America to establish a regular Thanksgiving day.

The first observance of Thanksgiving day in America was in St. John's, Newfoundland, in 1621, the day being set apart by the first settlers to give thanks for the safe arrival on the island after a long and stormy passage.

In New England the Puritan fathers, who had abolished Christmas as a Popish festival, originated Thanksgiving day about 1631 in order that they might have a day to take the place of Christmas for religious and other festivities.

History states that in February, 1631, the colony at Charlestown, Mass., was reduced to the very point of starvation, and when a vessel with supplies arrived from England a day of public thanksgiving and rejoicing was ordered by the governor. This is considered to have been the first Thanksgiving day held in America. During the following year frequent days of thanksgiving were appointed in the New England colonies, sometimes twice in one year and for special reasons—a victory over the Indians, the arrival of a ship with colonists or provisions, or some other

happy event. Later the day came to be set apart in the autumn or the early winter to give thanks for the abundant harvests and general prosperous condition of the colony.

Thanksgiving day was a national institution during the revolutionary war, and was annually recommended by congress; but after a general thanksgiving for peace in 1784, there was no national appointment till 1789, when President Washington, by request of congress, recommended a thanksgiving for the adoption of the constitution. In 1815 a day of thanksgiving for the restoration of peace was recommended by President Madison.

During the early part of the century Thanksgiving remained an institution peculiar to New England, but was not always held either on the same day or in the same month, each state appointing its own day. Proclamations recommending special days of thanksgiving for victories in the civil war were issued by President Lincoln in 1862 and 1863, and in 1864 he appointed the national proclamation. Since that time it has been customary to celebrate Thanksgiving day throughout the United States on the last Thursday of November.

THE PRESIDENT'S DAY.

Although President Taft takes a nominal holiday today, there will be some matters of state that will require his attention and some urgent visitors who will be received at the executive offices. But there will not be much time for Mr. Taft to devote to business, however pressing the demand may be. The president has agreed to attend the Pan-American Thanksgiving service at St. Patrick's Catholic church, where he will have as companions the vice president, members of the cabinet, the diplomatic corps, the supreme court justices and others high in official life. The services at the church will include a solemn high mass which will be celebrated in the presence of Cardinal Gibbons, Monsignor Falconio and other high churchmen. The plans for the Thanksgiving dinner at the White House are comparatively simple. The Horace Vose turkey this year weighs 27 pounds and it will be supplemented by a six-foot mince pie, made for the president by the striking pie salesman of New York. If Mr. Taft survives this ordeal, he will give further evidence of his powers of endurance.

Thankful for the improvement which has taken place in Missoula and for the betterment which is assured for the future.

Thankful for the booster spirit, which prevails in Missoula and which strives for better as well as bigger things.

Thankful for the mud, because the worse it is, the more urgent will be the demand for pavement.

Thankful for the thousands who will settle on the reservation lands.

Thankful for the Red Apple and for the climate that produces it.

Thankful for the thousands of readers of The Missoulian.

Thankful for coal in the bin and for wood in the shed.

Thankful for the university, growing bigger and better.

Thankful for kind neighbors and for a big turkey.

Thankful, we have no more troubles than we have.

Thankful that the electric railway is coming on.

Thankful that turkeys didn't roost any higher.

Thankful that Andrew Logan is mayor.

Thankful for the prospect of sunshine.

Thankful for the best country on earth.

Thankful for a good appetite today.

Thankful for sunshine and for rain.

Thankful for foes as well as friends.

Thankful that Bill Taft is president.

Thankful we don't live in Nicaragua.

Thankful for a home in Missoula.

Thankful for the cranberry sauce.

Thankful for the record of 1909.

Thankful for the new bridge.

Thankful for the mince pie.

Thankful? Sure.

LARGE DIVIDEND FOR STOCKHOLDERS

Boston, Nov. 24.—A quarterly dividend of \$8 a share was declared today by the directors of the Calumet & Hecla Mining company. The rate is the same as that of three months ago, and brings the total dividend for the year to \$27, compared to \$20 in 1908.

With the payment of today's dividend the stockholders will have received \$105,550,000 since the formation of the company.

HOWARD'S STORY OF LIFE STRUGGLE

CHERRY MINER'S DIARY TELLS OF HORRIBLE SUFFERINGS FROM BLACKDAMP.

Cherry, Ill., Nov. 24.—A diary was found in the clothing of one of the bodies taken from the mine yesterday. It was begun on the day of the disaster, and was written by Samuel D. Howard, 21 years old. It describes the slow death of the men by blackdamp, and refers to Samuel's effort to save his brother, Alfred, 16 years old, who died by his side.

"Alive at 10:30 o'clock yet; by Sam D. Howard; brother Alfred is with me yet; a good many dead mules and men; I tried to save some, but ran almost losing myself; if I am dead give my diamond ring to Mamie Robinson; the ring is coming at the postoffice; Henry can have the ring I have in my good clothes; the only thing I regret is that my brother could not help my mother out after I am dead and gone.

Tried to Get Out.

"I tried my best to get out, but could not; I saw Jim Jamieson and Steve Timke lying along the road, and could not stand it any longer; it is five minutes past 11 o'clock, and the air is fine, but sometimes it is so bad it almost puts a fellow's light out; it is something fierce to see men and mules lying down all over like that.

"To keep me from thinking I thought I would write these few minutes; there is rock falling all over; we have our buckets full of water, sump water, and we drink it; 10 to 12 o'clock, 7 after 1 o'clock, 2 o'clock, 3 o'clock, and poor air and blackdamp.

"4:12 o'clock, change of place; one man tried to get out and could not get back.

"7:50 o'clock, tired, hungry and sleepy, but could stand quite a bit of this if I could get out of this hole.

Blackdamp Comes.

"7:50 o'clock in the morning; this is Sunday; there is no air; we fanned ourselves with the lids of our buckets; 25 after 9 o'clock and blackdamp coming both ways.

"25 after 10 o'clock we gave up all hopes; we have done all we could; the fan had better start above soon.

"25 after 10 a. m. Sunday; we are still alive; the only hope is the fan.

"I think I won't have strength to write pretty soon.

"15 after 12 p. m. Sunday; if they can give us air we can make fans ourselves; we take our turn at the fan; we have three fans ourselves; we have three of them going.

"27 to 3 p. m., and the blackdamp is coming in on us; only for the fans we would be dead.

"11 to 4 p. m.; dying for the want of air; we have six fans moving; one fan after another 15 apart.

"25 after 10 p. m. Sunday evening; we all had to come back; we can't move front or backwards; we can stand with our fans until Monday morning.

Still Alive.

"15 after 2 a. m., Monday morning; am still alive; we are cold, hungry, weak, sick and everything else; Alfred Howard is still alive.

"9:15 a. m., Monday morning; still breathing; something better turn up or we will soon be gone.

"1:15 a. m.; still alive at this time.

"16 to 1 p. m., Monday; the lives are going out; I think this is our last; we are getting weak; Alfred Howard is well as all of us."

The diary was scribbled in lead pencil on loose leaves torn from an account book.

FATALLY INJURED.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 24.—E. D. Gurfey, formerly assistant secretary of state under Governor Bradley and now an attorney of Oklahoma City, Okla., was probably fatally injured in a runaway near Beaver Dam, Ky., today.

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Vienna, W. Va.—"I feel that I owe the last ten years of my life to Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Eleven years ago I was a walking shadow. I had been under the doctor's care but got no relief. My husband persuaded me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and it worked like a charm. It relieved all my pains and misery. I advise all suffering women to take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. Emma Wheaton, Vienna, W. Va.

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If you would like special advice about your case write a confidential letter to Mrs. Pinkham, at Lynn, Mass. Her advice is free, and always helpful.



THANKFUL INDEED!

We are very thankful to the men and young men of Missoula and vicinity for their liberal patronage and many acts of appreciation during the past year. We will endeavor to warrant even a greater demonstration from you in the coming twelve months by bringing to Missoula merchandise that would command space in the most aristocratic Fifth Avenue tog shops.

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GERMANY TO SPEND LARGE SUM ON SHIPS

Berlin, Nov. 24.—The Ford Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung prints the chief features of the naval budget. These provide for a total expenditure of \$108,500,000, an increase of \$7,000,000. The ship building and armament requirements are estimated at \$60,875,000, an increase of \$5,350,000 being necessitated by final appropriation for the construction of the battleships Gestriland, Heligoland and Ersatz Beowulf.

A provision is also made for the completion of the cruiser battleship Von Der Lann. The sum of \$3,750,000 is asked for the construction of, and other experiments with, submarines, this being an increase of \$1,250,000 over the previous budget.

The expenditure for naval artillery is estimated at approximately \$19,000,000, an increase of \$2,500,000.

GOVERNMENT RESTS IN COAL LAND CASE

Seattle, Nov. 24.—The government rested its case in the Cunningham coal land hearing this morning, following which adjournment was taken. The session today was occupied by an effort of the attorneys to reach an agreement as to the course to be pursued in continuing the inquiry. Counsel for the government said it was the government's intention to get the testimony of every claimant and assignee and such of them as were not called by the defense would be put on the stand by the government. Counsel for the defense assented to this arrangement, but declined to state how many or which of the claimants would be called by the defense. It is settled that former Field Agent L. B. Glavin will not be called as a witness.

ACCUSED OF MANSLAUGHTER.

The Dalles, Ore., Nov. 24.—S. B. Lewis, a watchman on the Oregon Railroad & Navigation railroad tracks, was arrested yesterday, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Thomas Rogers, an engineer, whose train was wrecked in a wash-out. It is alleged that had Lewis remained at his post the wreck would not have occurred. Lewis was taken to Portland.

CROCKER NOT SO ILL.

New York, Nov. 24.—George Crocker, the wealthy Californian, who is critically ill at his New York home, passed a comfortable night and if anything seemed somewhat improved this morning.

CORNELL IS READY FOR PENNSY GAME

Philadelphia, Nov. 24.—The Cornell football squad arrived today at Wayne, near here, where final preparations will be made for the annual game tomorrow with Pennsylvania on Franklin field. All the men are in fine condition. The University of Pennsylvania eleven is putting on the finishing touches for the game at Winslow Junction next Thursday.

MRS. TEAL SECURES RELEASE FROM PRISON

New York, Nov. 24.—Mrs. Margaret Teal, wife of Ben Teal, the stage manager, obtained today an order of release from prison. She was serving a term of one year on being convicted of subornation of perjury in connection with the Frank J. Gould divorce case, when the court of appeals yesterday ordered a new trial for her. Mrs. Teal was admitted to \$1,000 bail and late today will be taken to her home. She is said to be ill.

In tests of egg preservation by the department of agriculture it has been discovered that the amount of moisture in the air surrounding them is a vital factor.

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