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THANKSGIVING.

"Rest and be thankful" is the inscription carved in the rough stone of which a seat is made on the crest of one of the Scotch Highlands. The traveler, pausing there after his climb, settles upon the bench and, perforce, is grateful. "Rest and be thankful" is the motto which should greet each one of us this morning. The season's harvest has been garnered and a nation takes account of boundless blessing and abundant prosperity. As the traveler upon that Scotch mountain settles comfortably upon the seat provided at the summit of his climb, surveying a scene of rare beauty, so we this morning look out over this world of ours and gaze upon an endless list of gracious gifts of Providence. Poor in spirit, indeed, is he who returns no thanks this morning. Devoid of appreciation and utterly unworthy would we be if we took no account of the mercies which environ us. Here in Missoula, as much as in any place on earth, the people should be grateful; their lines have fallen in pleasant places. "Rest and be thankful."

SLANG.

Slang is good language in the making; there is plenty of proof for that. The language of the street today will be that of the drawing room and lecture platform tomorrow—part of it, at least. Listen to such of your educated friends as you may wish to select for the experiment and note how frequently they will grope for a word, a phrase that will convey their exact meaning. Note with what inexorable regularity they will have recourse to slang. Of course, Dr. Rowe of the university will not approach Dr. Elrod and ask if the latter is "Joseph" to the fact that the "big noise" of the "knowledge works" is expected to "blow in" the following evening; he will not suggest that they "pikie" along on the "main drag" for a constitutional, nor will he intimate that the varsity's eleven will "come under the wire" Thursday "with blankets on." Dr. Rowe does not talk like that. No, but the next generation of college professors may adopt the picturesque language of the proletariat; it may be common usage then. Even now, it's probable that both Dr. Rowe and Dr. Elrod understand every one of the expressions above, so widely used in such slang. It may be advisable—for safety's sake—to state that this is altogether a hypothetical case.

WORK AND MEN.

An advertisement in a Boston paper asks work for a "young man, American, aged 26," who states that he "will work at anything," although he has had experience in a drug store and would like to continue in that line. The spirit of this "will work at anything" is commendable; the young man of the advertisement should come west, where he would be appreciated. It has been announced recently that the development of the Pacific coast states is being hampered by a lack of laborers. It is even suggested—in desperation, probably—that the admission of a few hundred thousand Chinese to do the work of the unskilled laborer would be of untold benefit. At the same time comes the announcement that a New York mission has started a campaign for the jobless. The mission's appeal to the railroads for low rates for the unemployed to the great west is to be heeded. It will serve as the means that will bring the man out of work to the states that need his labor. Still, this will not help the out-of-a-job man, who is too proud to work at anything but his trade or profession. The young druggist who is willing to "work at anything" is the proper sort. There never was and never will be any disgrace in labor,

Thanks for Sorrows and Joys

(BY WILL CARLETON)



We thank thee, O Father, for all that is bright—
The gleam of the day and the stars of the night,
The flowers of our youth and the fruits of our
prime,
And the blessings that march down the pathway
of time.

We thank Thee, O Father, for days yet to be,
For hopes that our future will call us to Thee,
Let all our eternity form, through Thy love,
One Thanksgiving Day in the mansions above.

Give Thanks

(BY CARLOTTA FERRY)

For sweet hopes born and for sorrows dead,
For true songs sung and for fond words said;
For the ready cup, for the daily bread.

For the truth that liveth forevermore,
For mercy's graciously open door;
For the light that shines from the other shore—

Give thanks, give thanks! Lo! the Spirit saith,
Let everything that hath voice or breath
Give thanks for life—for life and death.



no matter of what sort it is. There can be nothing shameful in honest toil. There may be discomfort in eating breakfast before dawn and swinging a pick or shovel until the sun sinks low, but it's healthful and is better than begging. A job's a job. After all, there's mighty little difference between drawing pay and receiving a salary.

UNION TRAMPS.

The American Federation of Labor has organized the hoboes of the United States, which will prove itself a far-reaching departure. The name is to be the "Migratory Laborers' union," a title of good sound, a mouthful, sure enough. It would seem to the impartial man, however, that the middle section of the name is superfluous. At any rate, it is sure that the new organization's officials will be called upon to issue many traveling cards. From now on, it will not be proper for such of us as are ultra-loyal to union principles to feed the peripatetic mendicant at the back door unless he have the documents that prove him a member, in good standing, of the "Migratory Laborers' union." There is another possibility in the new union: What if the migratory ones should strike? Then it would be goodbye to Puck and Judge and the comic supplement, for on the hobo do they live and have their being.

Thanks in medium quantity for the sewer system so well started, with the understanding that there will be a perfect flood of appreciation when the diggers vacate the streets.

Devoutly thankful that the constitutional amendment received the support of the best people in the state and that there were so many of them.

We should, moreover, not be so thankful for our own blessings that we lose sight of the opportunity to make others happy.

Mexican nomenclature is even more disagreeable than that which was served up to us in the stories of the South African war.

Just a few thanks for the prospect of paved streets, reserving the great bulk of gratitude for the completion of the work.

The Mexican disturbance causes a resurrection of the atlas, which has been laid away ever since the Japanese war.

Thanks are due, as well, for the progress which is being made toward the construction of the federal building.

We will be thankful if the next Mexican battle is fought in some place whose name is easily spelled.

As to the election—well, thanks that the landslide was no deeper and swifter than it was.

Thanks for a fine, big Missoula and for the prospects that she will be finer and bigger.

There are the new Fort Missoula buildings as another cause for local thanks.

Thanks for the Montana spirit which is developing at the state university.

Dr. Parkin's bitter medicine is a good dose; it is the sort of corrective

which Americans need. We know we are the best people on earth, but we should not rest upon that knowledge; there is a chance to be better.

Specially shall we be thankful if varsity fulfills our expectations today.

Instead of kicking, why not be thankful that the mud is no deeper?

Also, we should be thankful that the Crippen affair is a closed incident.

Thankful, too, that the football season is over.

Thankful for home and its inmates.

Thankful for smiles.

Thankful for friends.

Thankful for all.

BE THANKFUL

(Written for The Missoulian.)
When you think the worst has happened, you are wrong:
If your wife has spotted the coffee, hope away;
She might be making trouble right along.
By taking music lessons day by day,
If you have not won renown,
Think of him who plays the clown,
And, although his teeth are aching,
must be gay.

Remember, if you have to walk the ties,
That it's better thus than if you had to crawl;
If your nose or ears are of enormous size,
Be thankful that your hands and feet are small;
If the salary you get
Is but meager, do not fret,
You might easily possess no job at all.

Do not take your foolish little cares to heart;
Every trouble that assails you might be worse;
If you haven't any cash with which to part,
No villain will relieve you of your purse;
If the streets are muddy, smile,
And remember all the while
That walking's better than riding in a hearse.

MATINEE AT BIJOU.

Manager E. J. Myrick of the Bijou has secured one of the best programs of the season for his Thanksgiving matinee and the evening's entertainment. "Abraham Lincoln's Clemency" is the title of the feature picture. The incidents pictured in this film are founded on fact and relate to William Scott, a young soldier from the state of Vermont. Scott is on guard after a heavy day's march, and being found asleep, is placed under arrest. He is tried by court martial and sentenced to death. Meanwhile President Lincoln is in his study at the White House in deep thought and meditation, and seeing a vision of the terrible war going on and the sorrows caused by it. The vision disappears and he sees a letter from the mother of the young man sentenced to death, pleading for his pardon. Becoming deeply affected the president orders a dispatch sent to the general of the army with a pardon for the young man, which came just in time. This picture is said to be the best on the road today. "A Simple Mistake" is a splendid dramatic picture full of life and causes laughter from the very start, while "The Fireman's Daughter" is a dramatic picture of exceptional merit, which is giving satisfaction every place the film is being shown.

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It is important to note that every garment we offer is part of our regular stock, personally selected and bought for a discriminating trade—there is not a "sale" garment in the entire collection, though every one is on sale. Because each suit is an individual model, we cannot too strongly urge the advisability of attending this Sale early if the widest variety of styles to pick from is desired.

\$18.75 Suits now \$15 **\$30.00 Suits now \$24** **\$45.00 Suits now \$36**
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