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THANKSGIVING DAY

We all know the origin of Thanksgiving Day. It is therefore not necessary in this connection to repeat the details concerning it. We may, however, say in all sincerity that the observance of this day set apart for us by our Pilgrim fathers has meant much to the American Nation and has proved to be one of the customs which has helped to bind us together as a nation and to keep fresh in our minds the sacrifices and perils which our Pilgrim Fathers underwent in order that we as a country might live and grow and expand until we have become one of the greatest nations upon the face of the globe.

It is the custom of large business houses to take account of stock at least once each year in order that they may compute their gains or losses and take a fresh start for another year. And it would seem, upon serious consideration that Thanksgiving day might well mean the individual something similar to this. Only the average individual sometimes finds it hard to put a proper valuation upon his blessings and allows a little streak of hard luck which may have affected him temporarily to his disadvantage to obscure his sense of proportion and make him see things in a blue light.

For instance, how many of us put a proper valuation upon continued health. Very few of us give it even a passing thought until we are deprived of that greatest of blessings, temporarily or permanently. Then we feel that nothing is of so much importance as the regaining of that which we have lost. Therefore, when you prepare your budget of thanksgiving this week why not take this into consideration. Then again who can put an adequate valuation upon friendship, upon home, upon family, upon education, upon a thousand and one other things which we accept day by day as a matter of course, but which if taken into account must perforce make the balance for us upon the thankful side of the ledger of life a very large one.

We have therefore great cause for thanksgiving individually this year. And it is largely our own fault if we do not stop for a day and allow this feeling of thankfulness to permeate our minds so that it will remain with us throughout the year to come. And for our own good we should deliberately pick out our many blessings and give thanks to Almighty God "who has given us liberally all these things to enjoy."

We have also great cause nationally for thanksgiving. We are at peace with all the world. We have maintained our national integrity and our national honor through all the trying times of the last few years. We are taking the leadership in the great conference now in session to consider the definite limitation of armaments.

Just what the outcome of this conference will be it is too early to say, but we hope much from what has already been done and should give thanks that at last definite steps are being taken to make war an improbability if not an impossibility. For when we consider the far-reaching effects of the last great war, the amount of money expended, the appalling loss of human life, the enormous burden of debt which is piled up and must be paid in one way or another, we are staggered by the sum-total of it all, and must feel that war has always been one of the greatest curses upon the world.

We have many other causes for national Thanksgiving, so many that we cannot begin to enumerate even a small part of them. Therefore as this Thanksgiving day dawns, we feel sure that as a nation and as individuals we shall ponder upon the real significance of this occasion and that the day will mean much to us all because we shall make it mean much to us all through thoughtful consideration of the real significance of the day, through thankful prayer for all our blessings, and through real service to others less fortunate than ourselves.

UNCLE SAM'S PROPOSAL

Never in the history of the United States, probably never in the history of the world, has there been proposed a plan of such great importance that met with such universal approval as the suggestions submitted by President Harding and Secretary Hughes as the basis for discussion of limitation of armaments at the conference now in session in Washington. Not only from the press of this country, also without regard to politics, and from the people of this country, also without regard to politics, but from the representatives and the press and the people of other countries there has come the warmest commendation of the proposals which have been made for the relief of the world from the great burden of military preparedness.

"It is at once apparent from a mere glance at the plan for discontinuance of construction and the scrapping of ships already constructed or under construction, that President Harding proposes for the United States a program of reduction of armament far more drastic than that which he suggests for other leading nations. This in itself is the most tangible and substantial evidence of our good faith. It is a manifestation not only of our confidence in the practicability of maintaining national safety without continuing our competition in armament, but it is an expression of confidence that all of the other nations have come to the conference inspired by the same desire that we entertain for limitation of armaments and reduction of military expenditures. The United States offers to meet the other nations more than half way in full confidence that they will receive our advances in the brotherly spirit in which they are offered.

There has been for several weeks a feeling that probably not much would be accomplished by the conference on limitation of armaments. This feeling is very materially dispelled by the proposals the American delegation has submitted and by the cordial manner in which those proposals have been received.

MASTERLY ECONOMY

President Harding's accomplishments in the way of reducing government expenditure are beginning to take a shape in which the figures speak for themselves. Critics of the administration have been saying that much of the reduction for which credit has been given to Congress was a reduction on paper only—meaning that cuts in the appropriation bills would be offset later by deficiency allowances. They would have had to be offset this year to a considerable extent, undoubtedly, but for the President's determination to restrain the spenders.

The estimates for 1921-22 were prepared by the Wilson administration. There was no budget lay in effect then, and spendthrifts like Mr. Baker and Mr. Daniels still had a free hand. Secretary Houston asked Congress for appropriations totaling \$5,259,000,000. Congress granted much less, the appropriations made amounting to a little more than \$3,800,000,000.

But many hold-over obligations had to be assumed by the Treasury along with a few new obligations notably a charge of \$120,000,000 for the better care of the disabled veterans. Secretary Mellon reported on August 5 last that the expenditures for 1921-22 would run as high as \$4,554,000,000.

At this point Mr. Harding and General Dawes stepped in. They told the department and bureau chiefs that operating costs must be scaled down. On August 10 it was announced that the government would find a way to save \$520,000,000, bringing the outlay for the year down to \$4,034,000,000. Sending in the deficiency estimates for 1921-22 last Thursday the President announced that a further saving of \$94,000,000 would be made, reducing the 1921-22 total to \$3,940,000,000. Since Congress appropriated \$3,800,000,000 and is now asked to grant deficiencies of \$187,000,000, expenditure for the year will be within the appropriations.

This is an extraordinary record in retrenchment. For 1921-22 the government will spend \$1,319,000,000 less than Secretary Houston thought it would be possible for it to get along on.—New York Tribune.

CO-OPERATE TO AVOID CONFLICTS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ASKS THAT DATES OF FUNCTIONS BE REPORTED TO OFFICE.

Early in the present year, the Alma Chamber of Commerce asked that all organizations in the city when planning functions, list their dates with the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, so that there might be no conflicts.

The need of listing dates for the various entertainments and other matters has recently been made apparent by a conflict in dates, which was smoothed out only after some little difficulty. Only in this way can the various organizations of the city hope to secure open dates for attractions that they may have, at which they hope to have a large attendance.

The Chamber of Commerce headquarters has the regular meeting time of the various meetings of the churches of the city, and in addition to this only two organizations of Alma have been consistently reporting their dates to the Chamber of Commerce, these being the Elks and the Presbyterian Brotherhood.

The Alma Chamber of Commerce can do considerable in this respect for the organizations of the city, if they will co-operate in the matter. Such co-operation is certain to work out for the best interests of all.

With Our State Contemporaries

NO GUN NO ROBBERY

That happening in Bay City, Tuesday afternoon, illustrates what effect would be had on the bandit and robbery industry if prohibition in revolvers obtained. A rascal, armed with a revolver, successfully held up a dealer and his bookkeeper in the former's place of business, made them lie down on the floor, roll over and do other stunts at command of the loaded revolver he held in his hand. Not content with the loot he obtained the robber sought to beat information out of the proprietor with the butt end of the gun and the weapon was knocked out of his hand.

Thereupon, and notwithstanding a lacerated scalp, the dealer jumped to his feet and proceeded to give his assailant, who is much the bigger man of the two, a sound beating, while the bookkeeper secured the revolver, called in the police and the bandit was taken where he belongs.

It is quite evident that this robbery would not have been attempted had not the murderous coward who tried it had possession of a loaded revolver; and the same applies to the vast majority of holdups and robberies committed from day to day. There is every good reason why it should be made impossible for revolvers to have general circulation. There does not seem to be one really good reason why the present laxity obtains. A Detroit prohibition agent testified that he takes several big drinks every day on business. Which no doubt accounts for the extreme difficulty experienced in recruiting whisky detectives.—Saginaw News-Courier.

SUMNER

Arthur Forquer left Monday for Saginaw on a few days business trip. William Price was in Carson City on business Monday.

Mrs. F. H. Gurn returned Monday from an extended visit with her daughter in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Vincent Phillips left Monday for Florida where he has employment.

A. E. Fowler and wife have returned from their hunting trip in the northern part of the state.

Mr. Hayden of Grand Rapids was here on business Wednesday.

Mr. Penne has returned from a business trip to Cedar Springs. Frank Smith and two sons and Will Seifried returned Thursday from their hunting trip in the upper peninsula, bringing home with them ten deer.

Ezra Leonard, wife and mother, Mrs. White were Alma visitors Tuesday.

Chas. Black and son, Lyle, were in Carson City on business Wednesday. George Schlappi of Alma visited with friends here the first of the week.

Mrs. Joe Cooley was forced to close her school near Elwell Tuesday because of illness.

William Phillips has installed a telephone in his residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Seaman entertained relatives from Alma last week. James Duffield has returned from spending the summer at Ionia.

A. J. Mulford, and Mr. and Mrs. Willard Clark of Maple Rapids visited the latter part of the week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Mulford.

Harry Fisher and Vance Woodard spent Friday in Alma.

Oliver Duffield and daughter, Vestis, visited Friday at the home of his father in Ferris.

Earl Shuttleworth, wife and daughter of New Haven spent Saturday afternoon with friends.

Elmer Evey has returned from his hunting trip.

Mrs. Shaver has returned to her home after having spent several months with her sister, Mrs. S. Corbit of St. Johns.

Carl Leonard and Ina Neusbaum spent Sunday with Mt. Pleasant friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Evey of Ithaca spent Sunday here with relatives and friends.

C. L. Boothe and wife of Alma visited relatives here Sunday.

Frank Hicks has moved to Alma where he has employment.

Charles Stafford, wife and children spent Sunday with Mrs. Stafford's parents in Carson City.

Charles Black has purchased the Byron Summers farm west of Sumner.

A new floor is being laid in the I. O. O. F. hall and will be ready for November 24, when a dance and oyster supper will be held there.

HEAD WENT ROUND LIKE A BUZZ SAW

So dizzy had to sit down where he was. Very bilious and nervous.

Claims three bottles of Dreco have purged his liver and relieved him.

"I think I had the worst liver in the town and nothing seemed to clean it off," stated Mr. William Carter, residing on North Rose Street, Kalamazoo, Mich.

"I'd get so dizzy that my head felt like it was going around like a buzz saw and I'd have to stop and sit down right where I was when these attacks came on. I was bilious, had a vile taste in my mouth, and the pains in my back often kept me awake at night, some nights I didn't sleep over three hours.

"I have taken three bottles of Dreco and it is remarkable the way it has cleaned out my entire system and built me up. My liver has been purged of the excess bile, I never get dizzy these days, my breath is pure and sweet, pains in my back are gone and my nerves are steady. I sleep sound all night long and get up feeling refreshed and full of energy. Dreco is a great remedy and I strongly recommend it."

Dreco acts on the liver day by day cleansing it in a pleasant smooth manner. It is not harsh but the action is positive and prompt. Dreco tones the liver so it performs its duties naturally, that is why relief is lasting.

Dreco is being specially introduced by Chas. R. Murphy in Alma and sold by all druggists.—advertisement

ALMA-ST. JOHNS BUS LINE

Table with bus routes and times. Includes sections for 'GOING SOUTH', 'GOING NORTH', and 'One Trip Sunday'.

Tracing Origin of Billiards.

Billiards is believed by some to have been brought from the east by the Crusaders, while others claim an English origin for it and find it allied to the game of bowls. Still others assert that the French developed it from an ancient German game. It seems pretty certain that the first person to give form and rule to the game was an artist named Henriques Designe, who lived in the reign of Charles IX. One writer sees in billiards the ancient game of palle-malle played on a table instead of on the ground, and this is a reasonable assumption.

RAILROAD TIME TABLES

Table with railroad routes and times. Includes 'Pere Marquette Railroad' and 'Ann Arbor Railroad'.

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Preserve This and Then You'll Know

President and Congress President, Warren G. Harding, Ohio, salary \$75,000, with allowance for traveling expenses up to \$25,000 extra, and \$150,000 more for clerk hire and White House expenses—\$260,000 in all. (Subject to change). Vice-President, Calvin Coolidge, Mass., salary \$12,000. President pro tem of senate, Albert B. Cummins, Iowa. Speaker of House, Frederick H. Gillett of Mass.; salary \$12,000. The 96 Senators and 435 Representatives of 67th congress receive \$7,500 salary each, with mileage extra at 20 cents a mile each way, each session, figured on distance between their homes and Washington; also \$125 extra for stationery, newspapers, etc. Each is also allowed \$3,500 a year for clerk hire. Ratio of representation, one member to each 211,817 population. Party Division in 67th Congress: House 231 Rep., 138 Dem., 1 Soc. Senate 69 Rep., 27 Dem. U. S. Senators—Chas. E. Townsend, Truman H. Newberry. Representative in Congress—Joseph W. Fordney.

The Cabinet Arranged in order of presidential succession: Secy. State, Charles E. Hughes, N. Y.; Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, Pa.; John W. Weeks, Mass.; Atty-Gen., Harry M. Daugherty, Ohio; Postmaster-Gen., Will H. Hays, Ind.; Secy. Navy, Edwin Denby, Mich.; Interior, Albert B. Fall, N. Mex.; Agriculture, Henry C. Wallace, Iowa; Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover, Calif.; Labor, James J. Davis, Pa. Salary of each \$12,000.

The Supreme Court Chief Justice, William Howard Taft, salary \$215,000. Associate Justices, salary \$14,500 each: Jos. McKenna, Calif. (Rep.); Oliver W. Holmes, Mass. (Rep.); Wm. B. Brandeis, (Rep.); Willis Van Devanter, Wyo. (Rep.); Mahlon Pitney, N. J. (Rep.); James McReynolds, Tenn. (Dem.); Louis D. Brandeis, Mass. (Dem.); John H. Clarke, Ohio. (Dem.)

Michigan Government Governor, Alex. J. Groesbeck, salary, \$5,000; Lieut. Gov., Thomas Reed, salary, \$400.00; Secretary of State, Charles J. Deland, salary, \$2500.00; State Treas., Frank E. Gorman, salary, \$2500.00; Auditor Gen., Oran B. Fuller, salary \$2500.00; Attorney Gen., Martin Wiley, salary \$5000.00; Supt. of Public Instruction, Thomas E. Johnson, salary \$4000.00; State Highway Com., Frank T. Rogers, salary \$7500.00; Senator of District, Aaron Amon, salary \$800.00; Representatives of District, David G. Lockie, salary \$7000.00; Joseph B. Moore, Joseph H. Steere, Howard West, Grant Fellows, John W. Stone, Geo. M. Clark, John E. Bird, Nelson Sharp.

County Officers Circuit Judge, Edward J. Molinet, salary \$3500.00; Judge of Probate, James G. Kress, salary, \$2400.00; Sheriff, A. T. Willett, salary, fees, Clerk, Herrie Case, salary, \$1500; Treas., Sidney Evey, salary, \$1500; Pros. Atty., Romaine Clark, salary, \$2200; Register of Deeds, Chas. Heilecke, salary, fees; School Com., Howard Potter, salary, \$1600; Circuit Court Com., Archie McCall, Wm. A. Babick, fees; Drain Com., Erva Laycock, salary \$1500; Coroners, W. K. Ludwig, Dr. Hall, fees.

City Government Mayor, Chas. R. Murphy, salary, \$3500.00; City Commissioners, John C. Chick, Floyd Glass, A. J. Archer, Philip Creaser, salary, \$2000.00; City Manager, Wm. E. Reynolds, salary \$5000.00; City Clerk, Francis C. Hayward, salary \$3000.00; City Treasurer, D. W. Adams, salary, \$1800.00; City Attorney, Wm. A. Babick, salary, \$1200.00; Health Officer, Dr. John N. Day, salary, \$1500.00; Chief of Police, James E. Campbell, salary \$1750.00; Supervisors, 1st ward, Jesse E. Fuller, 2nd ward, Nicholas E. Sand, 3rd ward, Albert P. Cook, 4th ward, Joseph D. Heiman, salary, \$500 per day on actual time.

THURSDAY and FRIDAY A Special Thanksgiving Day Attraction "The Old Nest" Showing continuously Thanksgiving Day from 2:30 to 11:00. Admission 11c and 35c

SATURDAY WILL ROGERS —in— "Boys Will Be Boys" Chester Comedy

SUNDAY and MONDAY The Sensational Under-Sea Drama "WET GOLD" Toonerville Trolley Comedy

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Republic 2 1/2-ton, pneumatic tires, cab, gravel body, stake rack \$1500
Oldsmobile Speed Wagon, express body, canopy top, starter \$500

Thompson's Garage SALES AND SERVICE 230 West Superior Street Alma, Michigan