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Thanksgiving Proclamation

In conformity with custom, the annual observance of which is justly held in honor by this people, Chester A. Arthur, president of the United States do hereby set apart Thursday, the 30th day of November next, as a day of public thanksgiving. The blessings demanding our gratitude are numerous and varied. For the peace and unity which subsist between this republic and all the nations of the world; for freedom from internal discord and violence; for the increasing friendship between the different sections of land; for liberty, justice and constitutional government; for the devotion of the people to our free institutions, and their cheerful obedience to mild laws; for the constantly increasing strength of the republic, while extending its privileges to fellow men who come to us; for improved means of internal communication; and increased facilities of intercourse with other nations; for the general prevailing health of the year; for the prosperity of all our industries; the liberal return for the mechanic's toil, affording a market for the abundant harvests of the husbandmen; for the preservation of the national faith and credit; for wise and generous provisions to effect intellectual and moral education of our youth; for the influence upon a restraining and transforming of religion, and for the joys of home for these and for many other blessings we should give thanks. Therefore, I do recommend the day above designated be observed throughout the country as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer, and that people cease from their daily labor, and meeting in accordance with their several forms of worship, draw near to the throne of Almighty God, offering to Him praise and gratitude for the manifold good which He has vouchsafed to us, and praying that His blessings and mercies may continue; and I do further recommend the day thus appointed may be made a special occasion for deeds of kindness and charity to the suffering and needy, so that all who dwell within the land may rejoice and be glad in this season of national thanksgiving. 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 25th day of October, in the year of our lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and seventh.

(L. S.) CHESTER A. ARTHUR,
By the President,
FREDERICK T. FRELINGHOUSE,
Secretary of State

This must be the winter called discontent.

Kentucky, the land of bourbon, bluegrass and hermitage liquors, that have acquired a world wide reputation for purity and flavor, is now working up a Texas reputation. A stage coach was stopped yesterday two miles from Bellsville by a solitary masked robber, who relieved the passengers of their surplus wealth and then started for Louisville, probably to take a hand in one of the famous Kentucky poker games.

The Fargo Republican tells of a farm in that vicinity on which is raised cucumbers that when ripe are utilized for sewer pipes by having the centre cut out by the aid of a spike driver. That's a very reasonable story, and tallies with the mosquito story that was in circulation around Miles City two years ago, about the winged buzzers breaking off government telegraph poles and using the pointed ends for lances to start the elms from passengers on the boats plying up and down the Yellowstone river. The singular thing about it, the mosquitos lived on cucumbers, it taking thirty or forty to satisfy the appetite of one mosquito, and all these cucumbers were raised in the vicinity of Fargo.

A terrible fire occurred at Providence, R. I., yesterday, causing the death of several persons mostly young girls employed in a manufacturing jewelry establishment. There being no fire escapes, the panic stricken girls in their mad flight from the devouring element jumped from the windows, some escaping from a creamed death, only to meet it in another form. The laws of Rhode Island require fire escapes placed on all buildings used for manufacturing purposes. Had this law been enforced these terrible results would have been averted and half a dozen persons saved from being plunged into eternity without a moments warning. The building was owned by Amos C. Barstow, formerly United States Indian commissioner, and doubtless remembered by many in connection with a snide stove contract, made between the Interior department and the Barstow stove company, of which he is president and principal owner. The building was originally occupied by Knight and Clark, once prosperous flour millers, and who became bankrupt at the outbreak of the rebellion, by attempting to get up a corner on "beans" by buying up all there was in the country.

TREE PLANTING.

We would advise our citizens to take a general interest in this matter. Taking into consideration the location, altitude, climate, soil, etc. The location being on a level plain and the altitude lower than any other town of importance in the territory. The soil is a rich loam containing plenty of mineral matter, and not impregnated with alkali to that extent as to be injurious to tree and plant growth. It is a mistaken idea with many that their grounds must first be put under a high state of cultivation before they can plant trees. This is not so, especially here where the ground is so well suited for trees and plants. In planting trees on a large scale on unbroken ground; first plow a shallow furrow, then harrow well with a harrow to pulverize the ground and make it subtile, and after this subsoil, which prepares the ground for growing vegetables or trees. For small grounds and street planting the ground can be pulverized with a spade with equal results. Time is too short, and life too precious to postpone this—small matters as well as great ones help to make up life, adding to our comfort and general prosperity. Miles City can secure the reputation of being the Park City of Montana, the same as Colorado Springs is to Colorado, having acquired this reputation by the enterprise of its citizens in building neat residences with grassy lawns covered with trees and flowers, with her miles of street and avenue trees. This not only makes it pleasant for her citizens, but adds materially to her general prosperity, by attracting men with capital who make themselves pleasant and attractive homes. There by increasing population and enhancing property interests about the city. Now taking the wise provision here of laying out this city, with her wide streets and avenues and with a decided advantage in the way of altitude over Colorado Springs, it having an altitude of nearly 6,000 feet above sea level. We ask why cannot Miles City, with an altitude of only 2,200 feet equal, if not surpass Colorado Springs in the way of trees growing in making this location in particular? Now with the ditch finished for irrigating purposes what will prevent our citizens from engaging in a general tree planting in the spring?

Where's that gold discoverer? is the question that is agitating the public mind, just now.

The Sioux commission are evidently making considerable fuss about an Indian reservation. If the Indians got what they deserve they would have no reservations, not even mental ones.

The editor of the Billings Herald offers to give his print shop to anyone who will pay his taxes, from which we would infer that his stock in street railways must be below par.

The Virginia City Madisonian thinks that if the newspapers down this way are any criterion, the wonderful Yellowstone valley must indeed be booming, and that too much cannot be said of its great resources.

A steam printing house and a morning daily paper, containing associated press reports, were but a short time ago sitting Bull and his bloodthirsty Sioux roamed in search of defenseless people to cruelly murder, where but a short time ago the memorable battle was fought which robbed the frontier of the gallant Custer, is but a marker of the booming progressiveness of life in this far west.

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