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Thanksgiving Day.

Not only at home, here, but abroad, all over the land and across the seas, wherever that proud emblem of liberty, the American flag floats, Thanksgiving day will be properly observed in accordance with the recommendations contained within the recent proclamation of the President of the United States, and those of the governors of the several commonwealths thereunder to the same important end.

As a national holiday, Thanksgiving became such during the progress of the war of the rebellion when the lamented Lincoln issued his proclamation to the end that all loyal people of the Union should assemble together in their several places of worship and give praise to God, the giver of all good, for his manifold blessings amid the carnages of an internecine war, where brother was cruelly pitted against brother, and father hostilely arrayed against son till the life blood of the brave flowed like wasted water. Those were terrible times which tried the souls of good men and true; but those dark days of national peril have passed. They have gradually faded away into the vista of the dead and dreary past only to be vividly recalled merely by some such event as is marked through the recurrence of Thanksgiving or some other festal day in our nation's history.

Prior to the war, the governor of each state or territory, as the case might be, set aside a day for Thanksgiving offerings upon the part of the people of his particular commonwealth. The same generally was assigned to a date toward the close of the month of November, but it was by no means uniform, and it did not become so until during the progress of the war as already set forth, and which resulted in making the same national in its character. The origin of the day is readily traced back to New England in its earliest history—the time when the Pilgrim Fathers left the good old ship Mayflower which had borne them safely across the tempestuous Atlantic when they were escaping from religious persecution that engulfed them on every side in Old England, and where religious and political intolerance has ever since large held sway, ultimately, at one period, in the separation of the American colonies from the mother country, all of which is supposed to be fully familiar to every well informed school boy or school girl throughout our free and happy land.

The old Puritanical custom has very properly prevailed through a long series of generations with such modifications as best suit the localities and circumstances surrounding the celebration of the important event which is so dear to every heart that beats in true union with our republican institutions. Here, in our midst, the day will be appropriately celebrated as clearly set forth in various items appearing in our local columns pertaining to the occasion, and which we hope one and all in our midst will enjoy to their hearts' content in accordance to the dictates of their own good consciences.

District Court.

The case of the Territory against George McCown was resumed at the opening of court and all of the forenoon was occupied in the examination of witnesses for the prosecution. Just before the noon recess the attorney for the defendant stated the defense to the jury at the conclusion of which the usual midday recess was taken.

Upon the reassembling of the court the examination of witnesses for the defendant was begun and took up all the afternoon. Much of the testimony was for the purpose of impeaching some of the principal witnesses who had testified for the territory. The evidence of the defendant's witnesses developed the theory of the defense to be that McCown had bought the cattle from Andy Williams in good faith and without any know-

edge of any crookedness connected with them.

A sensation was created in the court room at the conclusion of the defendant's testimony by the court ordering the sheriff to take into custody John McCown, a brother of the defendant, who testified that he had said he would kill any man who would swear to lie against his brother and result in his conviction and being sent to the penitentiary, or words to that effect. The witness was accordingly forthwith arrested and placed in jail in default of bail in the sum of \$1,500 to answer to the charge of making threats in a proceeding ordered to be instituted against him to give security to keep the peace. A number of witnesses were then examined by the district attorney to rebut the impeaching testimony produced by the defendant. Both sides then rested the case and announced that the testimony was concluded.

At 7 o'clock, p. m., court reassembled and District attorney Burleigh made the opening argument to the jury, and was followed by Franklu W. Knight, who made a long argument to the jury in behalf of the defendant. The district attorney then made the closing speech to the jury after which the court delivered an exhaustive charge to the jury, who retired at 10 o'clock to decide upon a verdict.

To-day being a legal holiday court was adjourned until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

A Romantic Episode.

Two young men of Celtic origin, named Thomas Milligan and James McNulty, are co-partners in the ownership of a cattle ranch about fifty miles southeast of Helena. Their cattle do not roam over a thousand hills but in the round-up their stock makes a creditable display. In other words they are moderately well-to-do in a wordly way and, with energy coupled with their knowledge, hope to some day be classed as "cattle kings." They reside on their ranch, and last winter they wisely concluded to look around for wives. Women are scarce in their neighborhood, and accordingly they answered a "personal" in the columns of the Chicago Times of two women who desired correspondents. In due time answers were received, and the result was that eventually the young cattle men became engaged to the young women, and November 5th was agreed upon as their marriage day. However, when the day arrived on which the swains were to start for Chicago, cattle thieves stole several head. Here the inclinations of the heart and the monetary considerations were in opposition, for it was necessary to pursue the thieves. However, with a Damon-like trust, McNulty deputized his partner to go to Chicago while he pursued the thieves. It was agreed that Milligan should get married and on his return bring McNulty's fiancée to Helena where the latter would join the party and have the ceremony performed. This plan has been carried out so far as time allows, and the happy groom with his wife and partner's fiancée have just moved westward over the Northern Pacific railroad, and to-day the whole party will pass a genuine Thanksgiving together Montana.

The Buford Manging.

It seems utterly impossible to get at the facts in the reported Grinnell hanging, says the Bismarck Tribune of Tuesday, and now it appears that Mr. G. is still enjoying life in the upper country. The Montana papers have received the same report that came to us and travelers from the north and west confirm the statements made so far as rumor goes. A private letter to the Tribune states that on October 13th between fifteen and twenty cow boys visited the Mouse river country and recovered forty stolen horses. They also took three men to Montana with them—two white men, Ravenwood and Bates, and one half breed named Gardapee. The letter ended with the words, "They intend to have a necktie party when they get home." This letter does not name Grinnell, but indicates that several of the boys were strung up. A reliable gentleman arrived from Washburn yesterday morning, and being interviewed on the subject said that there was no truth in the report. He said that two men from the Mouse river region had informed him that Mr. Grinnell had not been hung. The report started from the fact that several of the gang of cow boys had threatened to lynch him, and their presence in this region. There has been much hanging in the northern country during the past season, and no one will ever know who or how many have gone to stardom through the courtesy of the vigilantes or cow boys. It looks now as though Mr. Grinnell still lives. Marion Pace, of the Mouse

river, arrived in Bismarck Sunday evening and says that on Saturday night, the 15th, his uncle and cousin camped in the Dog Den mountains, and saw the vigilantes who had Ravenwood, Bates and Gardapee as prisoners. T. F. Berry and Jacob Pendroy, the men referred to as having camped in the Dog Den mountains, conversed with the cow boys and their prisoners and were informed that the three men would be taken back with the vigilantes. Gardapee, one of the prisoners, said that he would go as far as Washburn and return from that point, and just then one of the cow boys carelessly remarked that when Gardapee got to Washburn he would conclude to go on. This is all the information Mr. Pace could give on the subject.

In speaking of this matter the Glendive Times says: "According to latest advices Grinnell was not hung as reported in the Bismarck Tribune. There no longer remains any doubt but that Brounson has made his last journey by way of the hempen route and some others may have passed in their checks to the same conductor, but we don't think that Grinnell is of the number. We understand that Bob Mathewa was ordered to leave, but instead he went to Buford and sought protection which, we understand, the commanding officer granted."

Reliable advices received in Miles City, yesterday, by letter, make it appear most conclusively that Brounson and his partners in crime were hanged!

Preparing the Turkey.

The young housekeepers of Miles City and the surrounding country who are preparing to cook their first Thanksgiving turkey on the auspicious day may profit in the annexed directions which will enable them to have their fowl done to a nicety: Choose a nice fat turkey of eight or ten pounds, clean it, wipe it carefully with a damp towel but do not wash it in water, and fill with the dressing which has been prepared as follows: Grate enough stale bread to fill loosely, not pack tightly; to this add your butter cut into small pieces, one onion chopped fine, pepper and salt to taste, and about two tablespoonfuls of thyme rubbed fine; mix all these well together and your dressing is ready for use; stuff your turkey, tie it well in shape; either lard the top or lay slices of bacon over it; wet the skin, and sprinkle it well with pepper, salt and flour. It is well to allow a turkey to remain some time stuffed before cooking. The secret of having a good roast turkey is to baste it often and cook it long enough. A turkey weighing ten pounds should cook three hours and a half at least. The excellence of the turkey depends much upon the frequency of basting it; occasionally baste it with a little butter; oftener with its own drippings. Just before taking it from the fire or out of the oven, put on more melted butter, and sprinkle over flour; this will make the skin more crisp and brown. While the turkey is cooking, boil the giblets well, chop them fine, and mash the liver. When the turkey is done, put it on a hot platter. Put the baking pan on the fire, dredge in a little flour, and when cooked stir in a little boiling water or stock; strain it, skim carefully, add the giblets, season with salt and pepper. Besides the gravy, always serve cranberry jelly with the turkey.

An Express War.

The recent decision of the United States supreme court, decreeing that the Wells, Fargo & Co. express could do business over the Northern Pacific line from the Pacific coast to St. Paul, instead of Helena, as heretofore, is against the interest of the Northern Pacific express company, and is likely to cause much trouble. A Northern Pacific express official recently said: "If the Wells, Fargo & Co.'s express company signalize their opposition to us when running over our own line to St. Paul, there will be the hottest war ever known in express history, ancient or modern." On the other hand it appears that both companies are under \$25,000 bonds, and should the Northern Pacific Express company not abide by the decision rendered by the supreme court it will be condemned. An appeal has been made by the Northern Pacific from the decision recently rendered, but the case will not come up for hearing before three years and if the case shall be decided against Wells, Fargo & Co., the Northern Pacific will be given as much of the \$25,000 bonds deposited as they may establish allowed on their claim for damages.

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