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THANKSGIVING SENTIMENTS FROM HOME PEOPLE

A Thanksgiving Soliloquy

Rev. C. A. Cole

To give thanks or not to give thanks—that's the question. Whether it be better to act the madman in the wild rush after worldliness, to spend 365 days in the year accumulating from the storehouse of the Creator, to be an ingrate and act as though all I have were mine alone, to accept the gifts of Providence like the swine its swill; or whether it is better to have and show gratitude for the beneficent bestowments of our Father, to set aside a day of special thanksgiving occasionally, to appear to our fellows as thankful at least as the bird, which at the waters edge, lifts its head toward Heaven, to personally give thanks to God as have our fathers—that's the question.

You are the recipient, my brother, of the common gifts of hearing, sight and speech; you have enjoyed the love of family and the confidence of friends; you have health and can sleep; you have been blessed.

Better imitate the Psalmist and exclaim "Bless the Lord, O My Soul, and forget not all his benefits."

Schools Are Thankful

Superintendent W. A. Stacey

For the public schools it should be said that the administration is thankful for the generally prosperous condition and effective work of the schools of the city; for the blessing of almost perfect health among the children, their continued freedom from all contagious diseases that bring fear and anxiety to all our hearts; for a body of teachers who are earnest, thoughtful, sincere and sympathetic in all their work, who appreciate the child's outlook on life; for the wide prevalence of the spirit of appreciation and loyalty among all the students of the schools from the children of the first grade to the young men and women of the senior class in the high school; for the cordial support of the community in general and for the tokens of special appreciation from the particular friends of the schools.

The students have reason to be and are thankful for many of the above-mentioned things, but also are and ought to be thankful for the vacation, the time to rest from study and exercise the right to play as well as the right to work, and for the beautiful weather that blesses the season.

In closing let me in behalf of the administration of the schools extend to all our teachers, pupils and friends our kindest wishes for a happy and heart-felt Thanksgiving.

LET the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us:—Psalm LXVII: 5, 6.

The Thanksgiving Call

Rev. Dr. F. S. Haysary.

We are drawing near to our National Thanksgiving Day and the manner and the spirit in which we approach it will depend on our interpretation of the call which summons us.

If we can hear only the voice of material things and earthly products sounding in our ears then it would be appropriate to go out and worship the wheat bin and corn crib, or, at best bow down to the earth or look up in adoration to the sun; but, if we are answering the higher call of divine love and mercy from "Our Father Which art in Heaven," singing its way down into our hearts with the unnumbered blessings of the season, or writing itself in the harvests which fill the world with hope and joy, or smiling out from peace hushing even the rumors of war and commotion; from all these messages of good will wafted down on angel wings of love and mercy and awaking in the deepest soul sympathetic chords and kindred ties of comradeship with all our brothers and sisters; then we ought to look up to the throne of grace and mercy and join all our hearts and voices in singing: "Praise to the Lord, for he is good His mercy is everlasting and his truth endureth to all generations."

"Not Unto Us, O Lord"

State Secretary J. B. Engle.

Who gave me birth, and joy of infancy, and discipline of youth? Who gave me inborn aspirations toward purity and honesty and truth? Who gave me the impulse to wish to serve my fellow-men, to seek the welfare of the civic whole, to feel a fellowship of joy with all mankind? Who gave me the love of beauty, and of lovely autumn days, of sunless sunshine and refreshing rain? Who taught me how to gratify the rightful longings of my body, mind and soul? Who gave me heritage of patriot's blood and martyr's boldness and of godly parentage? 'Twas He, and therefore I give thanks.

Some Reasons for Gratitude

Rev. W. H. Schrock

In naming the blessings for which we should be grateful we naturally turn to our material gifts, for these supply our immediate and pressing need. Our harvests have been bounteous this year; and with the millions of bushels of grain and the large store of fruit gathered insuring abundance till another harvest we should be devoutly grateful.

We have somewhat departed from the old custom of making it a day of prayer, but there is still sufficient of the original element left to make us feel, if only for a brief interval, how thankful we should be for the extension of religious thought. Some are pessimistic because of the character of the observance of Thanksgiving in our day, but a careful study of the facts show the best of reasons why we should be thankful. We are growing more rapidly in church membership than in population, and the splendid work done along all lines of religious activity should be a source of gratitude.

Besides, most splendid progress is being made along educational lines. We can be proud of the culture of our people. Our wealth is growing by leaps and bounds, and we are learning more and more the right use of it. In politics we are advancing. The vilification and slander of former days, so disgusting to pure minds, are becoming a thing of the past. Many are the evils corrected. We face the future with confidence and hope, believing that the standards of our day will lead to glorious ends. Let us give thanks to the Giver of all good.

Thanksgiving for a Kansan

By Charles A. Case

What does Thanksgiving mean to you today? What is the answer that your own heart makes to the message of the anniversary of this Providential day?

To you and to me Thanksgiving means more than lands or glories of positions—it means the love of life that brings happy homes, smiling faces, loving glances; it means peace on earth, prosperity—and joy of living—the thankfulness and realization of our dreams of pleasant lives and comfortable surroundings.

It comprises our own Kansas prairies, our Kansas streams, our Kansas plains and valleys, laden with their bountiful harvests, our happy Kansas homes with their prosperous and contented people.

Talmage Has a Close Fire Call

Talmage, Nov. 21.—Fire was discovered in the basement under Engle Bros. store about four o'clock Saturday afternoon, and only the prompt and efficient work of a bucket brigade which was organized to check the flames prevented a heavy loss. Fortunately the fire occurred at a time of day when there were a good

many people in town and there was no difficulty in securing volunteers. Otherwise several adjacent buildings would probably have been destroyed. As it was, the loss was about \$200, covered by insurance. The town is building up rapidly and the need of some system of fire protection is being strongly urged.

NOT MANY BUYERS.

W. H. Hansen's Poland China Were Fine Animals.

Not many buyers attended the Poland China sale of W. H. Hansen's Saturday afternoon at the Daer feed yard on North Buckeye. Mr. Hansen's offering consisted of some 24 young boars which were the best

lot of animals ever offered in Abilene. He also had on exhibition four of his brood sows which were said by judges to be the very best of the breed. Mr. Hansen is entitled to much credit in raising only the best and while this was his first offering it gives him a place in the list of Poland China breeders that he may well be proud of.

WILL PAY FOR IT.

Clay Center Authorities Will be Sued for Damages.

The Clay Center Republican says that damage suits will be filed against the parties who cut down the electric light poles at that place last week and adds:

It can now be definitely stated that the plans and purposes of the owners of the light plant have practically matured, and that proceedings involving the prosecution of every means of redress and restitution growing out of the recent midnight raid, are already in course of being put into operation. The questions raised, cover such a large scope, and involve damages of such magnitude, as to render the initiation of the necessary legal steps, a task of generous proportions.

As the magnitude of the offense committed is beginning to dawn upon them, and the sum of probable damages looms up, some of the inner circle are beginning to exhibit traces of panic, and are endeavoring to ascertain whether there will be any opportunity to take advantage of the "immunity bath." In the scramble to disclaim responsibility, the testimony of two of the Louthun's leaders, is found to be in fatal conflict, while on the other hand, two who had been suspected, seem to have been able to disprove the charge of complicity.

ROCK COMING IN SLOWLY.

Contractors Have Been "Running Close to the Wind."

The paving contractors have been running "close to the wind" all day today for lack of paving rock. The concrete mixer on Third street was idle for a while this morning, the supply being exhausted. Later in the day one car arrived. Several more are said to be on the road somewhere between here and Strong City.

Received Black Hand Letter.

Mrs. Alma Lafferty, the only woman member of the Colorado legislature, and a former resident of Abilene, has had all the thrills that would have been hers had she been a man, the last of these being a black-hand letter. She was warned by a letter from a town in Pennsylvania that she was doomed unless she became less interested in suffrage for women. She turned the letter over to the postal authorities.

TELL THEM THE TRUTH.

Children Are Sensitive Beings—Hints to Young Mothers.

If you tell a lie to a grown-up person, it is ten chances to one that he or she, is not altogether "taken in" by it. But if you tell an untruth to a little child you are deceiving someone who has implicit confidence in you and your spoken word. No one with any proper feeling would willfully misdirect a foreigner who asked his way in a strange city, yet thousands of parents daily and hourly mislead their children—who are such little strangers on the highway of life—"just for the fun of the thing!"

If you cannot tell your child the truth, tell him nothing. Let him learn from Mother Nature—from the bees, the birds and the flowers, for they, together with the wind and the rain, the moon and stars, all tell wonderful tales to baby ears and eyes. If your child listens to Nature, he will learn nothing that he need forget.

Do not worry your child in his infancy either by teasing him or expecting him to amuse him. A young child has quite enough to do without being turned into the family entertainer.

Remember he has to do his own growing, both mental and physical, inside himself, and you cannot do that for him. All you can and should do is to place him under conditions conducive to growth and development. That is to say, give him plenty of light, plenty of air, abundance of quiet rest and sufficient suitable food.

Do not "force the pace" in any way; let him take the lead, not you—you are apt to go too fast. When he asks questions answer truthfully, plainly and brightly, but do not put questions to him; questions only weaken and tire his brain.—Ex.

MUST TAKE THE RISK.

No Use in Limiting Children to "Safe" Plays.

"Speaking of teeter-totters," said an Abilene man today, "and of swings and shifty and climbing trees, and a lot of other amusements and games children have at school, I am frequently surprised when I watch children at play that more of them are not injured or put out of commission than there are. But I guess it is in the scheme of things. I presume children need some rough plays, some strenuous exercises in order to give them full use of their muscles and

Marshal Engle Is Victor in Fight

City Marshal Engle got on the trail of considerable trouble when he started out to arrest Ralph Switzer on a police court warrant about three o'clock Sunday morning. The warrant charged Switzer with being drunk. The marshal found his man at the Union Pacific depot. He also found Switzer's brother, Ora, who seemed disposed to get in on the play. Switzer resisted arrest, and the brother helped the fun along by doing some resisting on his own account. Engle drew his club, and then a free-

for-all scrimmage ensued, from which all three combatants emerged much the worse for wear. The marshal's club finally decided the bout in his favor, but when the dust cleared away, Ralph Switzer, the man he wanted, was not to be seen. He is still at large.

Ora Switzer was captured and lodged in the city calaboose. This morning he was fined \$100 and costs in Justice Quinn's court for resisting an officer.

teach them skill, and care, and strength and courage. I recall what our strenuous ex-president said about football, to the effect that the fear of getting hurt in the game should not argue to keep any healthy young man out of the game; that his boys should go into it if they wanted to, forgetting or never thinking that possibly they might come out of some game on a stretcher with one or more legs tied up in a sling. And that isn't bad doctrine for a boy. He is quite likely to get knocked good and plenty if he is to make or have any place in the world worth having and it looks almost like a duty to tame him as early as possible some points in the game, that he may not be wholly unprepared. Of course there are exceptions to this just as there are exceptions to everything else, but the rule holds good.

"Now for the matter of that, when my daughter, a school girl, with a strong, active body, wants to climb the highest tree she can find, or try to outrun an automobile, I say to her go ahead if you want to, slip up that tree or tear off down the road, but with this postscript, if you fall out of the tree and skin yourself up pretty much, which is very likely to be the case, or fall head over heels in the race, just cry a little, not very much, get up and try it again and the next time probably you will come through safely. And she is growing strong and fearless and capable. The old Methodist revival hymn contains a deal of truth, 'Sure I must fight if I would win,' and that's about the size of it."

SHIFTING SOIL.

C. E. Sheppard and wife to Orlando J. Horsman lots 1, 2, 5, 7, blk 2, Sheppard's add Herington, \$400.

The Methodist Revival.

Great crowds attended the revival at the Methodist church yesterday, and an intense interest is being manifested. Rev. Hill and his wife will arrive from Kansas City today and will have charge of the music tonight and through the week. Mrs. Hill is organist of the Washington Avenue Methodist church in Kansas City and her work here will no doubt attract great interest. Song service begins at 7:30 o'clock.

The Great Annual Dividend Company.

Union Central News

Matured policy of Robt. Cassidy.

Robert Cassidy of Minneapolis, Kansas, insured Sept. 30 1887, for \$2500 in the Union Central Life. He selected a Ten Payment Life Rate Endowment policy on which there was an annual premium deposit of \$140.00. The premiums paid by the assured aggregate \$1400.00 and the policy now matures Sept. 30th for \$2620.45. This makes a profit to the insured of \$1120.45 besides 23 years insurance and protection for \$2600.00. Comparison with any company in the world on results is invited.

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