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THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

STATE OF OREGON,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
SALEM, NOVEMBER 7, 1888.

This year now drawing to a close has been one of unexampled peace, plenty and prosperity within the borders of the state. It is proper that public acknowledgment should be made to the Great Ruler of the Universe for His innumerable blessings. I do, therefore, designate Thursday, the 29th day of November, as a day of Thanksgiving to Almighty God, to be observed by the whole people of this Commonwealth in token of their gratitude for His great mercies.

In witness thereof, I have set my hand and caused the seal of the state to be affixed, this, the seventh day of November, A. D., 1888.

SYLVESTER PENNOYER,
Governor.

By the governor:
GEO. W. MCBRIDE,
Secretary of State.

WHAT CAMPAIGNING COSTS.

Now that the counting of votes has been completed, it may not be a waste of time to learn something of what it cost to get all these voters to the polls. Gleaning from both republican and democratic sources, it would appear that it cost in round numbers about $6,000,000 to carry on the campaign on both sides, saying nothing of what the prohibitionists and others put out. This amount covers only what was disbursed through official sources, and does not cover the private expenses of candidates, or many of their local contributions, and hardly touches the matter of uniforms, equipments and other necessaries for the city and country demonstrations throughout the states. In the minds of the people unacquainted with the inside workings of politics this vast sum is classed as "boodle," and is generally regarded as a "corruption fund." But this impression is, in a great measure, unjust. It is estimated that fully $1,000,000 went through the hands of the National Republican Committee and that fully four times that amount was handled by the democratic managers. The bulk of the sum was legitimately expended by both sides in hiring speakers and printing campaign literature, and with all the funds at its command the democratic committee at the end of its fight finds itself about $50,000 in debt; $16,000 it owes for printing, and it don't know where it is going to get any of the money to square itself. As said before, these are National Committee expenses and do not include the money subscribed to and used by the local campaign clubs all over the country.

The democrats, it is said on good authority, sent out 50,000,000 documents, including all the speeches of their free trade congressmen, which were franked from Maine to Oregon. Another item of their expenses was the country weeklies, to which they supplied "editorial" matter, and whose editors they paid generously for printing. This item of expense is reckoned by some to reach as high as $750,000. It is noteworthy that the expenses of the republican literary bureau in this line did not reach $200,000, all told.

Oratory comes high, but the campaign managers must have it. Men who couldn't earn $25 a week at any other business ask and get from $50 to $100 a week while on the stump and some even go as high as $125, the amount Anna Dickinson received. One man, it is said, asked $150 from the republicans, and when they refused to give it, he sold his oratory to the other side. When it is known that probably 2,000 speeches were made in Indiana every night for two weeks before the election, some faint idea may be gained of what it costs to thoroughly stump the country. It ought to be said in this connection that the most valuable men cost the least. Such men as Depew, Foraker and Blaine never accept anything for their services, though their expenses are paid by local committees at the points where they speak.

One day it was learned at republican headquarters in New York that $30,000 had been sent into Virginia by the democrats and $12,000 was asked to counteract it. The amount was immediately sent, and not a dollar of the $12,000 went for anything except the expense of hiring speakers and arranging mass meetings.

As for the sums personally spent by candidates, there is no way of computing them, but directly and indirectly they ran into the hundreds of thousands. Some went into expensive litographs of themselves, others spread their names abroad over the bill boards, printed large advertisements in the newspapers, and others dropped their five and ten dollar bills in the saloons like snow flakes. Expenses of this kind, of course, were generally confined to such cities as New York, where probably more money is used at election time than at any other point in the country. To show what an election costs there, counting but what are reported as "legitimate" expenses, take the amount which Chief Inspector O'Brien asked of the Board of Estimates and Apportionment:

Inspectors and poll clerks	$164,430
Rent of polling-place	28,420
Salary of chief and chief clerk	7,000
Contingencies	15,000
Probabilities	15,750

The whole makes a nice little total of $231,000 to begin with. To this may be added $50,000 of extra salaries for the members of the police force.

Here are a few other items:

For rent of headquarters, hire of clerks, parades, telegraphing, etc. The Republican National Committee spent $144,000 in New York City alone, and the Republican State Committee bill was fully $150,000, and all this before Election Day. Such meetings as those at Madison Square Garden cost from $8,000 to $10,000, and such parades as those of the Saturday before Election Day about the same amount.

Where all the money comes from it is not easy to say except in a general way. In the first place it will be understood that the office-holder, either of the national or state government, must make his voluntary contribution: then the candidate is expected to be liberal, and then the patriotic partisan. Probably the amount of large individual contributions is generally much exaggerated, but the sum total is not far different from what has been given. In some way it is raised, and in some way it is expended—the bulk of it legitimately.

LETTER LIST.

The following letters remain uncalled for in the Salem postoffice, November 28th:

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Fred Ge[illegible]ge	Foster Jasper T
Goodall Annie	
Halinon Mrs L A	Hale Richard
Jackson George	Johnston Mrs Petra
Kelley Mrs Jennie	
Lee Mrs Sarah	Leffler Bill
Milon Amidio	Morse W B
Morris Fred	
Perjon Avon	Peck Will
Perkins Edna—2	Smith Frank (Barber)
Clark Frank	Clark Robert Sr
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