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### HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving Day, is essentially and peculiarly an American institution, handed down by the pilgrim fathers. Thanksgiving Day, as we now know it, was instituted by Governor Bradford, the first governor of Massachusetts colony, who set apart a day for feasting and rejoicing as well as for prayer and praise. A little pleasure was beginning to creep into the lives of the colonists; a plentiful harvest had been given them, and in gratitude for this, Governor Bradford appointed the 13th day of December, 1621, to be observed for the expression of joyous gratitude. Of the colonists who had settled there, only about fifty-five had survived the extreme hardships of the first dreadful winter, but these went hopefully about preparing for the joyous feasting. Men were sent into the vast forests for game, which was abundant, and it was at this festival that the turkey was crowned king of the American fall festival.

At daybreak on the eventful morning, the capon on the hill top thundered forth a summons and a solemn procession of men, women, and children, led by Elder Brewster, carrying his bible, with Governor Bradford bringing up the rear, proceeded to the meeting house. The service concluded, the people repaired to their homes to enjoy their feasting, having as guests a band of friendly Indians—King Massasoit and his ninety followers, who proved a welcome addition to their number. Great stores of venison were contributed by the red men, and the festivities were kept up for three days, and consisted of religious exercises, war dances by the savages, and military drills by Captain Standish's well trained soldiers. Other days of thanksgiving were observed as time went on, but not until 1684 did the observance become annual in Massachusetts, and as a national holiday, its observance is of but recent date. After the civil war, it received an annual appointment for the last Thursday in November. Its observance grows in favor all the time. The day is one for family reunions, for the home gatherings of scattered families and friends, and for special outward utterances of sincere and grateful thanks by both nation and individual.

### WILL OPEN EXPOSITION ON SUNDAY.

Sunday on the Lewis and Clark Exposition grounds will be observed in an enlightening and edifying manner. Instead of tightly closing the gates all day, as was the case at St. Louis, they will be thrown open at noon, although all the machinery will be stopped, and all exhibit buildings, except the Palace of Fine Arts, will be closed.

One of the greatest series of institutes the world has ever known is being planned by the Exposition, embracing religion, education, civics, charities and corrections, labor, science, history and woman's world. Notable men and women from all parts of the world will be secured to deliver addresses, including famous exponents of Buddhism, Mohammedanism, and the religion of Confucius. A general program provides for an institute on each Sunday between June 1 and October 15. The plan of keeping the Exposition open, besides giving the people a chance to hear some noted speakers and become enlightened on many different subjects, affords an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful architecture of the buildings and to drink in the glories of the landscape picture and the surrounding scenery. This well.

A Democratic paper has proven the Republican party in favor of trusts. It says: "Of course the Republican party is in favor of monopolies. See how it has cornered the votes."

### Musings.

Cornd beef is a good substitute for pork.  
Tom and Jerry are in town for a brief season.  
Question of the day: What kind of salad will we have?  
Evidently the great need of the day is some man that can stand before Prof. Jim Jeffries.  
Every Oregon county should move lively now about its exhibits at the Lewis and Clark fair. They will pay big. Rustle!  
A young salesman confidentially informs us that about the hardest thing a fellow can do is spark two girls at once and preserve a good average.  
Stage manager—"See if the ballets are all dressed, it is time to ring up the curtain." Boy returns, "About ready sir. Got most of their clothes off."  
A man makes fun of the manner in which his wife keeps her account with the milkman, forgetting that some day she will handle his life insurance in the same way, but it won't matter then.  
A Portland paper says: Four girlish morsels cavorting upon the stage of the Columbia theatre in "nightrobes are a feature of the performance of "The Gay Parisians," which quite upsets expectations.  
Editor McKenney of the Glendale News is responsible for the statement that "The kiss was originally the noble Roman's method of testing whether his wife had been tampering with the wine jug during his absence. The shoe is on the other foot. Have a clove?"  
Now that Thanksgiving feasts are approaching we desire to call Jim Newland's attention to the example of a prominent citizen last year who ate half of a turkey, a plate of dressing, a quart of cranberry sauce, a mince pie, drank a half gallon of beer and left a widow and three children to mourn his loss. A hint to the wise is sufficient.  
We feel like hurrahing over the national election; but every time our mouth gets into just the proper shape to emit a blood-curdling and hair-lifting yell, we see prohibition returns from Coos county in great big poster type and are so overcome with emotion that the yell is forgotten, says Editor Roberts of the Myrtle Point Enterprise.

### Lest We Fail.

(A Thanksgiving Prayer.)  
Father, whilst thy hymns of praise  
With joyful hearts the people raise,  
List, O list, my humble prayer,  
Grant us yet Thy watchful care.  
Thou hast given plenteous store  
For our needs, and something more;  
Hast bestowed, with generous hand  
Bounteous harvests on the land;  
Lest not pride of wealth or station,  
Course with arrogance, the nation,  
Teach Thy righteous justice still,  
Lest we fail to work Thy will.  
Thou hast led us far astray  
From the old accustomed way;  
Thou hast given problems new;  
Brought unwanted paths to view;  
Father, teach us what to do  
That unto Thy charge we're true.  
Guide, we pray, our footsteps still,  
Lest we fail to work Thy will.  
Thou hast kept us safe from harm—  
Cast aside war's rude alarm,  
Given that, not forced nor bought,  
Free to choose, the right we've sought;  
Keep we pray, our conscience bright,  
Lest wrong may win by force of might;  
Grant we bear our brother's falling  
Without anger or bewailing;  
Teach forgiving patience still,  
Lest we fail to work Thy will.  
Thou hast hearts with mercy filled;  
Worldly breasts with pity thrilled  
Till they have, from out their store  
Princely sums laid at Thy door;  
Grant content with honest labor,  
Lest we covet of our neighbor,  
Lest envy to hatred grow,  
Lest we ape vainglorious show;  
Let us trust each other still,  
Lest we fail to work Thy will.  
Thou hast let Thy children see  
Powers that are but toys to Thee,  
On Thy magic screen strolled  
Wonders great and manifold;  
While the part within Thy hand  
Holdeth promise still more grand;  
Let not our o'er weening pride  
Boast itself Thy throne beside—  
Lest we should presumptuous stand,  
Take the gift and curse the hand;  
Father, make us reverent still,  
Lest we fail to work Thy will.  
Geo. H. Wilson,  
Brookway, Ore.

### Turkeys Roosting High.

PORTLAND, Nov. 22.—Twenty-five cents a pound is the ruling retail price for a good dressed turkey today. The market is very firm, and although supplies in the wholesale district were larger, a better demand prevailed. The higher prices on turkeys and the general shortage in the supplies of wild birds are causing the chicken market to take an upward move.

### Portland Gamblers Convicted.

PORTLAND, Nov. 22.—After deliberating less than 25 minutes on the evidence submitted to them, the jury in the case against Eugene Blazier, accused of having conducted a roulette game on July 21, returned a verdict of guilty, as charged, at 12:25 o'clock this afternoon. Immediately after the return of the verdict, Circuit Judge Frazer, before whom the case was tried, informed Deputy District Attorney Mosher, in open court, that Blazier had committed flagrant perjury upon the witness stand and that such a charge against him should be investigated by the county grand jury.

### CATTLE THIEVES GET A HEAVY SENTENCE.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 21.—Sheriff Obenchain left this morning for Salem, in charge of Walter Lerwell and J. S. Stevens, sentenced to eight and ten years respectively, in the penitentiary for assaulting a man named Douglas county and were found guilty at this term of circuit court of cattle-stealing.  
(Lerwell and Stevens were residents of Perdue, this county. Little is known here of Stevens. Lerwell is the son of the man who served a year in the penitentiary for assaulting a man named Horn with a dangerous weapon, near Perdue, about four years ago. Lerwell's flight from the officers and subsequent capture is well remembered from the fact that one of his captors brought him to the earth with a rifle bullet, which penetrated his arm and furlowed along the surface of his breast.)

## POLITICS TO BE BANISHED

Roosevelt Says He Will be President of the People Not of a Party

### NOT GOVERNED BY STATE DELEGATIONS

Will Work to Obey and Please the Public in Every Way Possible

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22.—Theodore Roosevelt will henceforth devote all his energies to becoming a pastoral and not a political president. He will, during the remainder of his incumbency, ignore the recommendations of politicians, working to obey and please the people. Mr. Roosevelt believes his triumphant election is due to the people and not to partisan leaders, politicians or machines. He proposes hereafter to deal with the people at first hands. He intends to mingle much with the masses and become acquainted with their necessities and wishes. He will familiarize himself with their desires. He will appoint to federal offices only such men as are acceptable to the people. In making these selections he will not be influenced by consultations with senators, representatives and other leaders.  
It is clearly realized by Mr. Roosevelt that in ignoring the recommendations of politicians in appointing men to office and distributing federal patronage he may antagonize the senate and experience difficulty.  
He does not anticipate any conflict now, as he believes that in making appointments without recommendations from leaders he will save public men much trouble and embarrassment and enable them to inform their constituents that it is useless to seek positions, as the president has no interest in view to fill them. If the endorsements of the leaders coincide with the wishes of the people it will please the president better.  
No discrimination will be made in ignoring recommendations. Senators Platt of New York and Depew and Penrose and Knox will be all in the same condition. They will be treated with great courtesy and politeness, but the president will give them to understand that the people must be reckoned with first before the leaders receive any crumbs.  
After the same fashion machines and party organizations will not be given recognition.  
This action will be based on the president's declaration that he is under no pledge, obligation or promise to any individual or group of men, that he has no party debts to pay and that he will obey only the

PEOPLE WHO ELECTED HIM.  
The president will make it one of his duties to visit the large cities to ascertain for himself what the people need, what policy they favor, what business changes are needed through legislation, what representative men are desired to serve in local offices and learn what can be done to improve the happiness, prosperity and contentment of the masses.  
In making effective his plan to gain a better acquaintance with the public, Mr. Roosevelt will invade the solid South. The tour, based on a visit to the birthplace of his mother in Georgia, will give an opportunity to explain to the people of the South just exactly what his attitude is on the race question. He will declare that he has never sought to establish race equality. He does not consider this possible or desirable. He will assert that his only idea is to recognize manhood wherever it is found, either in white or black, and that he seeks to elevate manhood in the negro. He will make a strong presentation of his views on this subject. He believes that through such action a better feeling between the North and South will be established.  
It is the intention of the president to make many trips throughout all portions of the country. He will begin at once by going to the exhibition at St. Louis. This journey will be in the nature of a triumphal procession.  
He will go via one route and return by another. He will grasp every hand extended and make a personal response to every salutation. This will be an initial expression of gratitude to the people who have honored him with the largest vote ever given a candidate for the presidency. His trip to St. Louis will

be in especial recognition of the fact that Missouri gives him her electoral vote and will send a Republican to the United States senate. He will go to encourage this leaning toward Republicanism.  
In going to St. Louis the president will pass through West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois—four states that rendered him much honor at the polls.  
While the PLAINDEALER favors the greatest possible practical recognition of the will of the people in matters of legislation and political preference, we doubt somewhat the wisdom and practicality of the President's contemplated reform policy in the selection of persons to fill high positions of trust and responsibility. He certainly cannot personally visit the various states and communities and acquaint himself with the local conditions and express wishes of the people regarding federal appointments, hence, must trust to the judgment and integrity of agents or special representatives in making recommendations for such appointments. It therefore does not stand to reason that an agent or representative would be an impartial and well qualified to judge the qualifications, fitness and popularity of a candidate for a federal position as are the state's or district's representatives in congress, who have been elected by the people and in all cases have fully familiarized themselves with the life career of the prospective official, or have been personally and intimately acquainted with the candidate for years, as well as with his constituency, and is therefore far more competent and better qualified to make recommendations to the President than could be made through any special agent sent from a foreign state and who cannot be personally familiar with the character or former habits of applicants, and cannot be held personally responsible to the people for such recommendations and appointments as are the senators and representatives.

It is to be hoped that in his endeavor to demonstrate his gratitude to the people for their late demonstration of confidence in his statesmanship and diplomacy, the president will not inaugurate any radical measures which will fall short of the object or end desired.—Ed.

### SENSATIONAL TRIAL OF NAN PATTERSON

NEW YORK, Nov. 21.—Mrs. Cassar Young, widow of the bookmaker who is alleged to have been murdered by the pretty "Florador" girl, Nan Patterson, will give sensational testimony in the murder trial that was resumed early this morning before Justice Davis in the criminal branch of the supreme court.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Nan Patterson passed a sleepless, restless night in the Tombs. The scathing argument of the prosecution and the sight of her lover's garments with a bullet hole in them and stained with his blood had been too much for her nerves and she had collapsed when she returned to her cell last evening. The reaction over, Miss Patterson calmed herself and said: "The first day is over and I find nothing to hurt me." Her face was pale and bloodless and looked almost chalky against the somber setting of her black dress and veil as she came into court this morning and sat by her father's side.

Miss Patterson was much perturbed by the gaze of the curious crowd in the courtroom today. When she reached her seat she turned and kissed her father. Police Sergeant Walter Norris of the Leonard street station where the defendant was brought when arrested, was first witness today. He identified the revolver which Policeman Junior handed to him when he brought Miss Patterson in. It contained three loaded shells, one exploded shell and one empty cylinder.

Captain Sweeney identified the revolver and said he talked with the defendant at the station after the shooting. She said Young shot himself and the first she knew was when she heard a muffled shot and her companion fell over in her lap. She said they had been quarreling in the cab. The cabman testified that the cab had been engaged by a man and woman. He recognized the defendant, but could not identify Young from a photograph. Drove down Bleeker street to West Broadway, where the pair went into a saloon, stayed a few minutes, then came out and drove south again, neither of them being under the influence of liquor. After he crossed Canal street on West Broadway he heard a shot. The horse plunged but he stopped him after a block and a half. Defendant asked him to drive to a drug store. He did not look inside to see what had happened. Heard no quarreling.

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