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THANKSGIVING DAY

This day represents the old New England spirit of thankfulness for the blessings, both spiritual and material, which have been received by the American people in all the years of the past. It was appointed and set apart by the little band of Pilgrims who, unnoticed by mankind and little dreaming of the impression they were to make on the world's history, planted the standard of Imperial progress on the gray rock of Plymouth. Not three centuries have passed since the wintry forest where the first Thanksgiving feast was spread resounded to the mirth of happy pioneers who felt themselves opportunely rescued from the presence of famine by the arrival of a long expected but delayed ship from England. The day of fasting and prayer was turned into a day of feasting, prayer and festivities.

No nation in the world ever had or has so much to be thankful for as America. She realizes this and the spirit of the New England Thanksgiving has been caught up in all sections of the continent and influences all minds and hearts. What marvels of providential abundance have been showered on the descendants of those Pilgrims and the millions who have followed them into this new land! How splendidly have they all wrought out the solution of the great problem of freedom! How widespread in every part of the world has the influence of that freedom, civil and religious gone! How permanent and beneficial are the results of it everywhere.

The people in the Coos Bay cities have much to be specially thankful for since the last Thanksgiving festival. They have to be thankful for the fame which has grown so bright and thrown its light so far into the great world. They have to be thankful for the success which has attended all their industrial and commercial efforts, and in the direction of agriculture, horticulture, mining and manufacturing. The year has brought them an increase of population which is almost double what it was a year ago. The location of great manufacturing plants here; the addition of many ships to her commercial flotilla; the prospects of an accession of thousands of substantial citizens to her population within the next year; the increase in her educational facilities and promise of the advent of several important railroads, all tend to make this day memorable for the gratitude which will be expressed in hearty thanksgiving and merry gatherings. This Thanksgiving Day in all the Coos Bay region is one of prosperity, comfort and promise. All are thankful.

THE DIFFERENCE

Talking about custom, it makes all the difference in the word as to who may be affected by it and how. In 1905 Dr. E. E. Straw, Mr. Hugh McLain and others who are now denouncing Ira C. Smith as a bolter, left the caucus and formed a citizen's committee through which they placed Dr. Straw in nomination for mayor. In other words Mayor Straw and his present chairman did at that time what they blame Mr. Smith for doing now. What hedges Mayor Straw about with a divinity and makes an act right when he does it and wrong when another man does it? So far as the 1907 "Caw Cus" is concerned it is not surprising that Mr. Smith refused to have his name presented. It seems that the very nature of the remarkable institution, on which Marshfield has an exclusive patent, has made it appear like a joke to the succession chairmen who have presided over it. Nobody ever looked on it as serious

until it was over and then it only looked serious to those who thought it funny beforehand. It is also said that it is the practice to make the chairman the scapegoat of the caucus miscarriage on every occasion, just as Hon. Tom Hall has done in connection with the last one. Even if there are no bad motives entertained by those who are running it, the system is so easily manipulated by those who organize the meeting, that it is always under suspicion of being employed unfairly. It is possible that a man may be honest and have counterfeit money on his person. But if he is found with such counterfeit money it goes hard with him if he cannot explain. This Marshfield caucus is like counterfeit coin. It is always forcing its manipulators to explain and the more they explain the worse it looks. Mr. Farrin calls it a "Democratic Institution" and says, quoting Jefferson "The people can always be safely trusted." But the Marshfield caucus of Section 15 is counterfeit democracy and the people don't trust it. It is better not to have its support as Dr. Straw found two years ago. This year the caucus did not make any legal nomination for mayor, but it seems that his manipulators propose to put him on the ticket although he was not chosen by the majority of the caucus. Mr. Smith's name has as good a right, legally, on the ticket as Dr. Straw's.

THAT STANDARD OF DECENCY.

The Campaigner affects to be all torn up over a portion of the editorial which appeared in the issue of the Times of November 23rd. Of course the Campaigner must get sympathy somehow and somewhere and so it distorts the meaning of the portion in question and works itself up into a frenzy over it. The Times said: "They feel outraged. They had seen the city of Marshfield grow in importance and they were anxious to please their own civic pride by increasing the dignity of the city government and to bring its morals and manners to a practical standard of decency."

The Campaigner considers that this is insolent effrontery and charges that it attacks individuals connected with the government. It has never been supposed up to date that Mayor Straw thought he was the government, or that the members of the city council thought they were. If they do think so then it is about time for them to realize that the city government is a system provided by law and that no one or two men own it. The Times repeats its statement. It wants the dignity of the city government raised to meet the needs of a city which has grown from 1800 to 5000 people. It wants the morals and the manners of the city raised to a practical standard of decency. It wants the city government to line up to that standard and remove those lessons of immorality and indecency which are being impressed on every child who ventures along Front Street as far as the new extension, from so prominent a location, and thinks that one fine year for such violations of law as are practiced in that quarter both lax and unbusinesslike. It wants the manners of the government brought to such a standard that a police officer will not be kept on the force when it is known that he has repeatedly used his club on citizens in a brutal and inexcusable manner. For the Times to intimate that there were people at that caucus which Dr. Straw claims nominated him, who wanted to correct such flagrant abuses, is regarded by the "Campaigner" as "insolent effrontery." Well the comments are repeated and emphasized.

Notice to Woodmen of the World.

All Woodmen are requested to meet at the lodge room at one o'clock today for the purpose of attending the funeral of late Neighbor Theodore E. Erickson, to be held at the Swedish church, on the 28th day of November, 1907.
 By order of Consul Commander.

In justice to Sengstacken's administration it would hardly be fair to charge the cost of sewerage the main city to running expense of the city for two years—as we believe Sewers are about as good assets as the City Automobile and the Seaman lots on A Street. We mention this as the old gag seems to hold good, "Charge it up to Sengstacken."

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