

# THE NEWS

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## No Cause For Panic.

Certainly the letter of President Roosevelt's to Sec'y Cortelyou should be a source of confidence to the calamity howlers of this country today. It follows:

The White House, Washington, D. C., Nov. 17, 1907.

"My dear Mr. Cortelyou: I have considered your proposal. I approve the issue of the fifty millions of Panama bonds which will be immediately available as the basis of additional currency. I also approve the issue of \$100,000,000, or so much as you may find necessary, of \$50 3 per cent interest-bearing Government notes, the proceeds of the sale of which can be at once deposited by you where the greatest need exists, and especially in the West and South, where the crops have to be moved. I have assurance that the leaders of Congress are considering a currency bill which will meet in permanent fashion the needs of the situation, and which I believe will be passed at an early date after Congress convenes two weeks hence.

"What is most needed now is that our citizens should realize how fundamentally sound business conditions in this country are and how absurd it is to permit themselves to get into a panic and create stringency by hoarding their savings instead of trusting perfectly sound banks. There is no particle of risk involved in letting business take its natural course and the people can help themselves and the country most by putting into active circulation the money they are hoarding.

"The banks and trust companies are solvent. There is more currency in the country today than there was a month ago, when the supply was ample. Since then \$55,000,000 gold has been imported and the Government has deposited ready \$60,000,000. These are facts and I appeal to the public to co-operate with us in restoring normal business conditions. The Government will see that the people do not suffer

if only the people themselves will act in a normal way. Crops are good and business conditions are sound, and we should put the money we have into circulation at once to meet the needs of our abounding prosperity.

"There is no analogy at all with the way things were in 1893. On November 30, of last year, there was in the Treasury but \$161,000,000 in gold. On Nov. 14 of this year, there was \$904,000,000 gold. Ten years ago the circulation per capita was \$23.23. It is now \$33.23. The steps that you now take, the ability of the Government to back them up, and that not a particle of risk is involved therein, give the fullest guarantee of the sound condition of our people and the sound condition of our Treasury. All that our people have to do now is to go ahead with their normal business in a normal fashion, and the whole difficulty disappears; and this end will be achieved, if each man will act as he normally does act, and as the real conditions of the country's business fully warrants his now acting. Sincerely yours, "Theodore Roosevelt."

The road meeting in Vets hall Friday afternoon should be well attended by everybody. County Judge Goodin's efforts along this line should be aided by all lovers of good roads. Through his efforts this meeting is being called when a proposal will be made for a special tax assessment for the districts of North and South Forest Grove, Dilley and Thatcher for the purpose of building some permanent roads in these districts. The time has come when the roads of this county must be built of something more substantial than dirt. Some district or districts must take the initiative step and it's not going to be done without heavy expense. But it must come! The people must do it! Then why not the taxpayers of these above named districts take the step? Come out to the meeting and help.

When the financial stringency tightened up the money institutions in the center of all business, New York, the whole country, cities and towns as though in sympathy, responded to the condition. Forest Grove is feeling the relief, the people are no longer anxious concerning their deposited coin; worried talk has given place to confidence and business which was on the slump is returning to normal. The hotel registration which is an excellent index of a

city's business shows a considerable increase over last week's. The commercial men are traveling and in return the stores are doing business.

Today is a double holiday. Just eat the "leavings" for supper and you will have properly celebrated.

Who said Hood River apples are better than ours?

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

The Tammany tiger has more lives than any other feline.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Perhaps Messrs. Cortelyou and Morgan can save the Jamestown exposition.—Atlantic Constitution.

Considering that it has cost us \$100,000,000, the Panama canal is not such a big hole in the ground.—Baltimore Sun.

Among the president's other troubles is the fact that there are more rough riders in Oklahoma than there are federal officers.—Omaha Bee.

On his birthday King Edward got a diamond about the size of a teacup. The king is now qualified to take a job as a bartender.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

An Ann Arbor professor suggests that President Roosevelt be made king. Thus we discover that Chicago colleges have no monopoly of freaks.—Pittsburg Gazette-Times.

From the remarks handed out to them by Mr. Taft, advising them to become good losers, the Filipinos can readily guess what the future has in store for them.—Washington Post.

If John W. Gates has lost \$4,000,000 owing to the slump in stocks he can easily get it back as soon as he discovers four men who are willing to bet a million apiece.—Chicago Record-Herald.

John Abernathy landed the Oklahoma marshalship without any trouble. Mr. Abernathy is the gentleman who captured a live wolf with his naked hands in the presence of Roosevelt, and such qualifications cannot be challenged.—Houston Post.

## HOWE'S OBSERVATIONS.

The smaller the man, the bigger the chip he carries on his shoulder.

Children never appreciate their parents so long as life is a two-step.

There are many people in every town who have "come down a peg."

"There are a very few women," we heard a man say today, "that I suit."

When a milliner puts out a particularly young hat, all the old girls want it.

A public speaker, in order to become popular, must know when to quit.

Widows seem to shed tears with one eye and use the other to "look around."

It is always said, as a matter of course, that the devil is a man. But who knows?

Boys always like to have their hair cut short so they won't have to comb it in the morning.

What has become of the old-fashioned boy who stopped to spit whenever he saw a caterpillar?

There never was a woman who didn't occasionally pray for a change in her husband's disposition.

Open a door in summer and flies slip in; in winter, it's cats. Always some reason for boys to keep the door closed.

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## The Home Festival

BY MARY FRANCES FARNHAM

Thanksgiving, which is so typically an American institution, was from the first especially the home gathering of the family. With the Puritan aversion to any festival associated with the old world supremacy of church and state Thanksgiving acquired a character all its own. In my childhood I think abundance was the most significant impression. Like the most joyous Hebrew festival, it was a feast of ingathering when the barns were filled with plenty and the "liberal year laughed out." In cellar and storehouse were garnered all manner of store. The good things served upon the table were of an indigenous nature. The American woods furnished both the turkey that satisfied the craving for the "savory goose" of the old English Christmas, and the cranberry that added flavor. Whatever the accessories modern epicures demand, these staples are of unchanging value. Another essentially national contribution to the old time festival is pumpkin pie. Butternuts and shagbarks furnished the best of dessert. All these products of the farm indicate that the country was the best setting for Thanksgiving.

In the New England household all the activities for weeks and weeks had a forward look. House cleaning must be finished that attic and cellar might testify to good housekeeping; the winter clothing must also be in readiness. On the farm the harvesting of fruit and vegetables, the housing farm implements, making ready warm winter quarters for the stock, kept pace with indoor preparations. On Monday of Thanksgiving week was called into service even the youngest member of the household. If at any time there had been a prejudice that plum pudding savored too much of the English Christmas, that scruple had long before my time vanished, and it is doubtful whether there was ever any canon against mince pie. Stoning raisins for the pies that were baked by dozens was my special work, also chopping mince meat, which I always insisted was reduced to the proper degree of fineness long before the critical judgment of an experienced cook would allow me to leave the tiresome task. Again and again the deep cavern of the brick oven was filled with cakes and puddings and pies which made the whole house fragrant with the spicy odor. It is a question whether these days of anticipation were not more pleasant than the great feast itself. The prodigal preparations emphasized the sense of thankfulness. Former retainers were always remembered, and it was often my pleasure to carry a chicken or a pie to these pensioners. The annual coming of old Peter Lambert, an old Hessian soldier, was looked forward to because he could make on our slates graphic pictures of his thrilling adventures. When with well filled bag he would take his leave it was always with the wish that "Thankful-forgiveness" would be a happy day in our home.

It was within our expectations that we might have snow, and the long drive to our grandmother's house was much merrier to the tune of the sleigh bells. It was the custom of our family to attend church in the morning and the sermon gave material for discussion while waiting for the dinner to be served. Thanksgiving was the minister's opportunity to speak with no uncertain voice on national issues and even local politics might come in for a share of comment. The first sermon I remember was soon after I went to live with my guardian. At Thanksgiving an invitation to visit a distant

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relative did not include me. It was explained, that as the frozen roads would prevent using the large family carriage, there was room for only Frederic, who was a pet of these cousins. It was, however, represented to me that nothing should be spared to make the day a happy one for me and that the cook would serve the same dinner that would otherwise have been provided for the family. This sense of my own importance was so flattering that I took at once a philosophical view of the situation and magnified to Frederic the prospective pleasure of my Thanksgiving. When church time drew near Frances Maria dressed me in my best winter gown, and in new hat and furs I set off to church alone. With all the importance of a girl of seven making the first solitary appearance at church I walked up the aisle to the conspicuous "wing pew." During the long sermon I sat there with the dignity of the sole representative of a family that never failed the minister. The text held my thought to the exclusion of any interpretation: "Better is a dinner of herbs where love is, than a stalled ox and hatred therewith." That the times were all out of joint I reasoned if so good a man as "Parson Hawes" could prefer at this joyous season such frugal fare. I mentally contrasted my enviable lot in having something even better than stalled ox served for my own special happiness.

The next Thanksgiving I recall I was included in a large family of grandchildren, and the long drive over the snowy road increased my appetite. The grandmother with dainty cap and lace handkerchief folded at the neck presided over the ample feast. When I wavered between turkey and chicken pie she suggested that I might try both. She had a comfortable belief that Thanksgiving dinner would never do violence to healthy digestion. After dinner we had nuts and apples before the blazing fire in the best parlor and a young uncle told us stories of a far country from which he had just returned. The great West of my youthful Geography lay in Ohio. Next to Peter Lambert this strange uncle was the most traveled man I knew.

In later years the old home has changed; present day life, also, has modified the old time festival. I found my services were no longer indispensable in the preliminary preparations. Seedless raisins and the mince meat grinder make quick work of the pie making process. The old brick oven had given place to a range and pies were no longer baked by the dozen. Christmas holidays have to such a degree supplanted the Thanksgiving limit to the school term that the newer generation cannot so easily join in the family festival. Nevertheless there is still a warm place in the hearts of our people for a day that is more typically American than any other holiday in our calendar. If the spirit of thankfulness is perhaps overlooked too much in our modern life when success seems to depend on sagacity, it is all the more important that we cling to our Thanksgiving festival. Its observance is a recognition of blessings every year made new. As Dickens said of Christmas it should be "a kind, a good and a forgiving time."

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