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## Pres't Taft's

## Proclamation

This year of 1910 is drawing to a close. The records of population and harvests which are the index of progress show vig
orous National growth and the health and prosperous well-being of our communities throughout this land and in our possessions
heyond the seas. These blessings have not descended upon us in restricted measure, but over
flow and abound. They are the flow and abound. They are the
blessings and bounty of God. blessings and bounty of God. with the rest of the world. In all essential matters our relations with other peoples are harmonous with an evergrowing reality cognition of mutual dependence It is especially to be noted that during the last year great progress has been achieved in the cause of arbitration and $t$ he peaceful settlement of international disputes.
Now, therefore, I, William Howard Taft, President of the United States of America, in accordance with the wise custom of the Civil Magistrates since the first settlements in this land, and with the rule established since the foundation of this Government, do appoint Thursday,November 24, 1910, as a day of National thanksgiving and prayer, enjoining the people upon that day to meet in their churches for the praise of Almighty God and to return heartfelt thanks to him for all his goodness and loving kindness.
'In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this, the 5th day of November, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and ten, United States the one hundred and thirty fifth. (Signed)

William Howard Taft.
'By the President, Alvee A Adee, Acting Secretary of State.'

## The News

## Snarls Again

It seems impossible for the weekly hot air reservoir to handle any subject of general interest without injecting the ever-pres without injecting the ever-preswords to "knock." Note, for instance, the following, elipped from last week's issue of the balloon sheet. Note particularly the undercurrent of rejoicing which it contains, and the equally plainly evident presence of the subtile insinuation.

tax payers.
commit itself, through its co upon the High School Fund bill: but we have it upon good authority that one of the publishers endeavored to exert, in a personal manner, such little influence as de possesses, seeking toward the defeat of the measure; and judg-
ing from the clipping above, the assertion is probably true.
The bill in question was feated by but 117 votes, and we have no doubt but that a special election will see the adoption of
the measure by considerably more the measure by considerably more than 117, for many who voted against it did so through an imperfect understanding of its provisions and benefits.
As to the amount of money expended in bringing the attention of the voters of Washington county to the High School bill, not one cent comes out of the pockets of the taxpayers. but the cost is borne by individuals en-
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Such indiscriminate criticism is not only unjust, but unfair to the children ave the welfare of the children at heart. It looks
very much as if the entire attitude was inspired by personal and not public, feeling.

To-Day
Give Thanks
To-day, the fourth Thursday f November, designated by the President of these United States as a day for thanks giving, and recognized throughout the length and breath of the land as one of general prayer and rejoicing for
the blessings received, should the blessings received, should be properly observed by every
We can all give thanks to Him who is above, no matter how seemingly small the favors received. We can render up for the life giving sun shines, for the very blood that pulsates through our veins, creat ng, stimulating, and up-holding that life which is ours through the generosity of the Omnipotent Being who, though invisible, rules every action of our exis ence, with an eve far-seeing and a hand far-reaching.
Let us, indeed, give thanks, as did the Jews under the Mosaic Law, when they celebrated the goodness of God in a harvest restival. As do the German formed, in their "Harvest Home." As did the Pilgrims, in heir general rejoicing for the which harvests and blessing them in a new land. Let us, today, give thanks to that Su preme One who has showered upon us the blessings of a pros perous year, who has seen fit, in His goodness, to prolong our life another twelfth month; Who holds, in the hollow of His hand, our future prosperity and the prosperity of our sons and daughters. Let us make of it a day of give thanks

## Sidewalks

## Still in Poor Shape

Some improvement can be noted in the condition of several walks about the city since our last issue, but there still remain any number which will be the better for a $n$ occassional new plank, or the insertion of a few nails. We could specify, but dislike to adopt that method except as a last resort, and then only when absolutely necessary. A property holder and taxpayer should have su the appearance of his holdings to photographers would starve to the appearance of his holdings to photo
maintain good walks, if no con- death
sideration be given to the com fort and safety of the pedestrian. The poor walks of Forest Grove comment is hearlded abroad, to the detriment of the tow
It is apparent that dra
It is apparent that drastic ac tion will be necessary in some cases, and we recommend the cil, of such walks as are in a flagrant state of disrepair. Such action only will result in the necessary remedy being applied, the better for all concerned.

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## Show the Way

It has remained for the Women's Club of this city to once more show the way in the matter of the city clean and beautiful. We refer to its recent action in ordering recepticles for waste paper, circulars, etc., to be placed in the business district. Such action is to be commended, although it is regretted that the ecessity of the moment compelled the ladies to take such an the case in most every instance, they have stepped to the fore, after a reasonable wait for those who should have anticipated the requirements, and who are di
rectly affected and benefitted. Now that provision is made for taking care of the quantities of waste paper and material similar nature, which has been an eye-sore to so many, as it acroadway, every co-operation should be given to make and keep he plan effective. Just a little each and every one will be all that is necessary, and a marked mprovement in appearance he business district will be quickly noticed.

A writer in a newspaper makes the statement that profanity is useless, which is no doubt true in most cases, but there are exceptions in all cases. Having a form fall to pieces on press day or the pow
think of.

Every time you think you are having a pretty hard time i this old world, look about and see how many people are in a much worse condition than you are. This isn't half as bad
world as it might be.
One of the advantages of hav ing a brain, says a barber, is that it affords much nourishment for the hair. And that's about all it does do, in some cases we might enumerate.
 ahead, don't mind me I'm thick skinned'. He's just the kind that isn't. $\qquad$
Every man gets to the fron sooner or later. If in no other way, he heads his own funeral ession.

People who take time by th orelock are not so likely to be kicked in the ribs.

A woman believes what she wants to and a man what he can't help.
f photographs didn't flatter, death.

January first will see the re comment by practically every placed in operation, one bank be stranger who comes within the ing opened for business in every city limits, and naturally such state in the Union. The reason
social economist, when the post a subject of unfavorable al savings bank system will be

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