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THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

In conformity with a time-honored custom established by President Washington one hundred and eleven years ago, at the suggestion of congress to "recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God," the President of the United States has set apart Thursday, the twenty-ninth of November, as a day upon which all our people are requested to rest from their labors and give thanks to the Supreme Ruler of the universe for the many blessings vouchsafed to them during the past year.

The people of Oregon have special reasons for engaging in thanksgiving exercises, since this has been one of the most satisfactory years in all lines of material prosperity our state has ever known. As no time in our history can it be said that our people have enjoyed greater freedom from contagious or other diseases, or from want or calamity of any kind. There is an abundance of the necessities of life everywhere, easily within the reach of all classes of our people, and as high a percentage of our population is employed upon terms of satisfactory remuneration as has ever prevailed in the history of the state. Our schools are liberally supported, largely by the munificence of the general government through the agency of a perpetual endowment, and are well attended in all our rural as well as in our more populous districts. Our people are orderly, and peace prevails everywhere within the domain of our cherished commonwealth whose future is undimmed by any presage of untoward circumstance.

On the occasions of our indulgence of general thanksgiving we should not fail to remember with grateful hearts the courage and high purpose that animated our pioneer fathers and mothers, who, with a fortitude surpassed only by the children of Israel, sought out and redeemed this promised land of the west, and not only gave it to us, their descendants, as a goodly heritage, but added it permanently to the growing jurisdiction of a conquering civilization, to be enjoyed and shared by those who, in later years, have come among us to become a part of our stable citizenship. We have a form of government, both state and national, under which the greatest measure of freedom is guaranteed to the humblest citizen as well as to those possessed of a greater portion of material wealth. To all these is to be added the privilege of worshipping God according to the dictates of the individual conscience.

Recognizing that, as a Christian nation, it is our duty to praise God from whom all blessings flow, I, T. T. Geer, governor of Oregon, do hereby designate Thursday, November 23, 1900, as a day of general thanksgiving and praise to the Giver of all Good for the unnumbered mercies granted us during the year and century just closing, and I recommend that our people, as far as possible, abstain from their usual vocations on that day, and that it may be devoted in some appropriate manner to an expression of gratitude to the Lord of Hosts for His remembrance of us as a nation and state, and that deeds of charity may be performed wherever possible in cases where the burdens of our fellow men, through misfortune or other causes, may be reached by the tangible evidences of the promptings of generous hearts. "Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving."

Done at the Capitol, at Salem, on this the tenth day of November, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred.

T. T. GEER.

By the Governor, F. I. DENBAR, Sec. of State.

The big steel companies and the navy department have reached an agreement in the matter of armor plate. The government gets its plate at \$420 per ton with a possible increase of \$35 to be paid as a royalty to the inventor of one of the hardening processes. This depends upon the termination of a patent right suit now pending in court. If the plaintiff loses then the government pays \$420 straight. At this price our armor plate costs us less than that of any other nation.

Congressman Tongue well said at the ratification last week that it is prosperity that tries men's souls not adversity. As a party, republicans have achieved success. Now price must not be allowed to make an abiding place with us. Haughtiness must be put to one side. The future success of the party depends on whether or not we seek to keep the party in power by maneuvers or whether we lose sight of that and only look to promoting the best interests of the country. If the party formulates the best laws for the country and honestly executes them, we may rest assured that the party will succeed.

COMMON POINTS.

Major Sears, hydrographic engineer, in an article printed some days ago in a newspaper debate of the question whether the mouth of the Columbia should be granted the same freight tariff from the wheat fields of Oregon as is allowed to Portland stated this axiom:

"The commercial port of a region will be as close to the producer as it is possible to reach with the class of transportation demanded by the requirements of the country." The Major then reasons that since Portland is 100 miles nearer the producer it will be the commercial city, and the mouth of the Columbia cannot justify its claim for common point rates with Portland. Some of Major Sears' opponents have denied the truth of his axiom. But the denial does not affect the principal. It is true as stated. Portland however, may not be the shipping point. The transportation demanded to successfully compete with Seattle are 30-footers. If Portland has or can get a 32-foot channel the metropolis will be on the Willamette, but if such channel cannot be had the big ships will stop at Astoria conditioned that the interior freight rate is right. If not they will go to Seattle or Tacoma. Oregon City is nearer the producer on the Willamette, and The Dalles on the Columbia, but those towns are not big shipping points because they cannot be reached by the "class of transportation demanded."

It is understood that Portland, Seattle and Tacoma all have the same freight rate from the Columbia wheat fields where if Portland cannot find a safe channel for the big ships, they will go to Puget Sound and load at a less price than can now be quoted at Astoria. It has been stated within the past fortnight that the railroads have entered into such an agreement that all freight from the inland empire can go over either road. It will therefore go to the metropolis having the "class of transportation demanded." It is nonsense to say that other ports have shallow water. Big ships are building and steaming. They find deep water where they want. The shallow ports will be abandoned or relegated to be the centers of small traffic and Portland may be compelled to choose between having an Oregon town for the great shipping port, or concede that distinction to the competing state of Washington.

THE TARIFF AND OPEN DOOR.

"If the supreme court should decide that the Porto Rico Tariff Act is unconstitutional," says Congressman Ray, of the House Judiciary Committee "it might necessitate our having to give up the Philippines. We are bound to maintain the open door in the Philippines. That means that the products of all nations can come into the Philippines on the same basis as our own. If we cannot raise a tariff against Philippine products coming into the United States, then our labor would be brought into competition with the cheap labor of the Orient. If that condition should come about, we would feel that our interests would demand our withdrawal from the Philippines."

Mr. Ray does not use language in the above to express his meaning or he has not the proper conception of Secretary Hay's Open Door policy in the Orient.

The Open Door in China does not mean free trade or untaxed commerce. It means that all nations may trade in Chinese ports on the same footing. Secretary Hay's note proposing the Open Door to England contains these words:

"That the Chinese treaty tariff of the time being shall apply to all merchandise landed or shipped to all such ports as are in such 'spheres of interest' (unless they be 'free ports') no matter to what nationality it may belong, and that duties so leviable shall be collected by the Chinese government."

Mr. Hay never supposed that American merchants would trade in China without paying import duties. We never, by advocating the Open Door policy, engaged to admit foreign merchandise into the Philippines free of duty. We do engage to observe the doctrine of the Open Door there the same as we do in San Francisco or New York. All nations are permitted to trade in the ports of the United States, be they Continental or Insular without let or hindrance, but they must pay the revenue tariff fixed by congress. Congressman Ray need not have any uneasiness on that point. If congress chooses to extend the U. S. coasting laws to the Philippines it will be well. The Philippines may be declared territory of the United States and thus establish free trade between the Insular and Continental ports. Such would be proper. The Open Door would be proper. The Open Door need not be disturbed.

But Mr. Ray may have used the term Open Door, when he was thinking of Art IV of the Spanish treaty, supposing that free trade between Manila and the Continental ports of the United States would nullify our tariff laws. Rather than do that he would surrender the Philippine Islands. To whom? The American people do not propose to sail away from Manila, nor do we propose just now to repeal the Dingley Tariff Act.

Article IV of the Spanish treaty reads: "The United States will for ten years from the date of exchange of ratifications of the present treaty admit Spanish ships and merchandise to the ports of the Philippine Islands on the same terms as ships and merchandise of the United States." It is admitted that our com-

missioners blundered when they permitted the Article to be inserted, but we do not have to enact a tariff law to apply to commerce between the Continental ports and the Philippines that we may maintain a tariff law for the nation. If in an unguarded moment we let Spain have for a period of ten years, the same rights that we have, we will stick to our bargain. Spain will not send many Leghorn hats to Manila for the sake of getting them landed at New York free of duty. And there is no reason for nervousness over the possibility of England, France or Germany selling to Spanish merchants their wares and shipping to Manila in Spanish ships to be entered free of duty and then be re-shipped to Portland as coasting traffic. Portland does not do things that way. But if China should try a cargo of silks it would not be received free of duty. Chinese silks are not Spanish merchandise. All we have to do is to observe the spirit as well as the letter of the law. But suppose a Spanish merchant does claim that all his importations are Spanish merchandise, because owned by a Spaniard his assertion does not make it so, and when we refuse to admit his English, French, Japanese or Chinese purchased merchandise free of duty, what is he to do about it? We did not go to war to acquire the Philippines, but we will go to war to hold them. No nation is going to risk a war with the United States intending to establish free trade at Manila. We will let Spanish products and manufactured goods go to Manila in Spanish ships free of duty, but not the products or manufactures of other nations. We will hold the Door Open too, but there ships is no need of becoming rattled as Congressman Ray seems to have done.

Mr. Bryan seems to be hopelessly joined to his idols of sophistry and evasion. He clung closely to them before election, of course, in futile hope of thus winning the campaign. But not even crushing defeat can part him from them, or cause him to see straight and to speak frankly. After election he remains as specious and sophistical as before. In his formal post-election address, for example, he says: "The prosperity argument was probably the most potent one used by the republicans. They compared present conditions with the panic times of '93 to '96, and this argument had weight with those who did not stop to consider the reasons for the change." That means, if anything, that Mr. Bryan thinks the republican party and its policy have received undue and undeserved credit for the restored and enhanced prosperity of the country.

Four years ago, however, Mr. Bryan said: "If McKinley and the republican party are successful and put in power for the next four years, wages will be decreased, hard times will come upon us, mortgages upon our homes will be foreclosed by the money lenders, shops and factories will close. We will export no goods, and we will import from foreign lands all the goods we use. Thus will ruin, want and misery be with us." That meant, if anything, that these dreadful things would come upon the Nation because of republican success, and there can be no doubt that if they had come upon Mr. Bryan would have declared they were the direct effects and results of republican policy.

His argument appears to be, then, something like this: "If the country suffers hard times under republican government the republican party is to be held responsible for it; but if the country is prosperous the republican party is not to receive credit for it." We are not trying to maintain that republican policy is to be credited with all the good the Nation has enjoyed in the last three or four years. It was not the republican party that made short crops in Europe and Asia and at the same time full crops in the United States. That the republican policies of honest money and protection have wonderfully contributed to the restoration of business confidence and prosperity and the extension of trade is, however, confidently to be maintained. And in any case credit and blame must stand upon the same ground. The party is to be credited for good times as much as it would have been blamed for hard times. Mr. Bryan's present sophistry is nothing more than a paraphrase of "heads I win, tails you lose."

There is one thing which, in spite of Mr. Bryan's disclaimer, people did stop to consider. That is, that Mr. Bryan's doleful forebodings in 1896, which we have just quoted, and which he made unconditionally, were not realized, but that, on the contrary, exactly the opposite in every detail came to pass. People considered that if he was so false a prophet in 1896 his prophecies in 1900 were of little worth. And they took him at his word, too, and considered that if the republican party was to have been held responsible for the evils that happened it was also in common justice to be credited with the good. That is sound common sense, and Mr. Bryan's inability to appreciate it, or his unwillingness to acknowledge it, must be regarded as of little credit to him in his defeat.

Hawaii did not go for McKinley or Bryan notwithstanding it was the vote of those islands that fastened the mill stone of 16 to 1 about Mr. Bryan's neck. The delegate to congress is Wilcox a royalist by a small majority.

Chanting the reorganization of the democratic party, commenced the next day after election, but the air as now warbled will not develop democratic voters. Note that every utterance of the "leaders" looks to formulating a policy for the success of the "democratic party." There is not a word for a policy that will benefit the nation. Until men lose sight of self and seek the interests of the state, they will be doomed to defeat. True, these leaders assert they are "champions of the people," but in what respect? Whatever success that has come to the republican party has been due to formulating and adopting into law policies for the benefit of the nation. The honest-law, system of internal improvements, protective tariff, maintaining a stable and sound currency, and fostering export commerce are examples. People saw that the policies are good and they voted them. The democrats evolve policies for party success alone. The people have hitherto been suspicious, and they will continue to be distrustful.

Multnomah's action last year in lowering the valuation of the taxable property in the county had its effect. All the other counties in the state so far have reported have met Multnomah's reduction. It begins now to look as if a time will come when there will be no property in the state for the purposes of taxation. A state board of equalization is needed after all.

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Administrator's Notice. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, by the Honorable Court, the county court of the state of Oregon, for Washington county administrator of the estate of M. L. Donahue, deceased, and has been duly qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly verified to the administrator at his office in Oregon City, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated this 23rd day of Oct., 1900.

Administrator of the estate of M. L. Donahue, deceased. THOS. E. RYAN, 24-25

NELSON & REED. MANUFACTURERS OF Rough and Dressed LUMBER. We will have our sawmill ready to saw lumber on or about June 5th. The body of timber tributary is the best in the state and hence with our superior machinery and mechanical skill our product will be actual to that found in any market and superior to most. We invite orders. If

Notice of Appointment of Administrator. The undersigned having been duly appointed by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Washington County, administrator of the estate of C. A. Raymond, deceased, and having duly qualified as such, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same properly verified to the administrator at his office in Oregon City, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated at Hillsboro, Washington County Oregon, this 15th day of October, 1900.

Administrator of the estate of C. A. Raymond, deceased. H. A. RAYMOND, 25-31

Beauty's Refuge. The finer or more delicate your complexion, the more it will suffer from the weather for several months now. Just a little lack or a little excess of moisture in the atmosphere and chapping will result. Those who care little for beauty, and least care for comfort, and there is comfort in a smooth, soft skin.

Cream of Roses keeps the skin like velvet. We make it. It is harmless as dew. We do not believe the skin can possibly chap where it is used properly, or stay chapped long after it is applied. Price 25 cents.

Delta Drug Store, Main St., Hillsboro, Ore.

Administratrix Sale of Real Estate at Private Sale.

Notice is hereby given, that in pursuance of an order of the Hon. County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County made in the matter of the estate of Simon H. Humphreys, deceased, and dated the 24th day of November, 1899, authorizing and directing the sale of the real property belonging to said estate, I, the undersigned, administrator of said estate, all from and after the 15th day of December, 1899, proceed to sell at private sale for cash in hand on the 24th day of December, 1900, the following described property, to-wit: The Northwest corner of the Northeast corner of the forty acre tract of the Donation Land Claim of Michael Moore and Ma J. H. Moore, conveyed by Charles L. Teater and Zerilda Teater, his wife, to Mary A. Garrison, by deed dated August 10, 1881, and recorded October 24, 1881, on page 26 of Book 47 of record of Deeds, for Washington County, Oregon, said tract hereinafter being bounded by beginning at the Northwest corner of said forty acre tract and running thence East to the East boundary of said forty acre tract, a distance of 100 feet, and thence North to said East boundary, a distance of 100 feet, and thence West to the West boundary of said forty acre tract, a distance of 100 feet, and thence South to the South boundary of said forty acre tract, a distance of 100 feet, and thence East to the East boundary of said forty acre tract, a distance of 100 feet, and thence North to said East boundary, a distance of 100 feet, and thence West to the West boundary of said forty acre tract, a distance of 100 feet, and thence South to the South boundary of said forty acre tract, a distance of 100 feet, and thence East to the East boundary of said forty acre tract, a distance of 100 feet, and 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