Thanksgiving Proclamation

Washington, Oct 28.—The president today issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation:

By the President of the United States, a Proclamation:

The approaching November brings to mind the customs of our ancestors, hallowed by time and rooted in our most sacred traditions, of giving thanks to Almighty God for all the blessings he has vouchsafed to us during the past year.

Few years in our history have afforded such cause for thanksgiving. We have been blessed by abundant harvests, our trade and commerce have been wonderfully increased, our public credits been improved and strengthened. All sections of our country have been brought together and knited into a closer bond of national purpose and unity.

The skies have been for a time darkened by the cloud of war, but as we were compelled to take up the sword in the cause of humanity, we are permitted to rejoice that the conflict has been of brief duration, and the looses we have had to mourn, though grievous and important, have been so few, considering the great results accomplished, as to inspire us with gratitude and praise to the Lord of Host. We may laud and magnify His holy name, that the cessation of hostitilties came so soon as to spare both sides the countless sorrows and disasters that attend protracted war.

I do therefore invite all my fellow citizens, as well those at home as those who may be at sea or sojourding in foreign lands, to set apart and observe Thursday, the 24th day of November, as a day of national thanksgiving, to come together in their several places of worship for a service of praise and thanks to Almighty God for all the advantages of the year, the mildness of the seasons and the fruitfulness of the soil, for the continued prosperity of the people, for the devotion and valor of our countrymen, for the glory of our victory, the hope of a righteous peace and to pray that the divine guidance which has brought us heretofore to safety and honor may be graciously continued in the year to come.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the great seal to be affixed.

Signed: WILLIAM M'KINLEY.
By the President.
John N. Hay Secretary of State.

Children Were Kin

Children bearing the close relationship of brother and sister, but still unknown to each other, have recently come together from widely separated parts of the state under the benign roof of the Boy's and Girls' Aid Society. The story as told by Superintendent Gardner is an interesting one, and is strong testimony to the value of such an institution straightening the morals of the friendless and ungoverened children of the commonwealth.

September 9, 1892, a woman giving her name as Bancoch came to the Home, stated that she was the mother of a little girl about 8 years old, and that she was unable to keep the child, which she surrended to the society. In December of the same year a boy aged 12 years was picked up on the streets and turned over to the society. He gave a name different from that of the girl, and the children were both under the same roof for a couple of months before it was found that they were brother and sister. It appeared that the father of these children, who was said to have been a heavy drinker, died some years before, and the mother had married a man then residing in Vancouver, from whom she was subsequently divorced.

August 16, 1898, two children, a boy and girl, were committed to the society from Klamath county, the mother being dead, and the father being described as a drinking man who mistreated the children, especially the boy, who recites stories of atrocious cruelty by his father. One of these is that he came home drunk one night, tied a rope around the boy's ankles and lowered him about 20 feet into a well. The shock was so great that the boy has been afflicted with nervous trouble ever since. This boy and girl, after being in the Home for a week or two, found that they were half-sister and half-brother, respectively, to the two children admitted in 1892, being children of the same mother. Thus, after six or eight years seperation, the children meet once more in the Home. The inference is plain that the parents on both sides must have been cruel and inhuman people, and totally unfit to have the custody of their children.—Oregonian.

Hanna's assessment of the millionaires did not prevent the republican office-holders at Washington having to come down with "voluntary" contributions.

Republicans are now willing to admit that the democrats will make gains in the house; on the morning of November 9th they they will admit more than that.

There was probably a hot old time in the harem of the Sultan when news of that priceless diamond necklace presented to the Eempress of germany reached there.

Before France gets too gay on the promise of Russia to back her in the quarrel with England she should put out a feeler to ascertain whether Germany would be found on the side of England.

Chorus of republican managers: "Walk this way, you republican voters, and take a close look at the prestdent; observe his worried look, and then go out and hustle for votes, or we are booked for a trip up Salt creek."

A bill appropriating money for the support of the army must be passed by congress before January 1, as the present appropriation was for six months from July 1. That bill will furnish the basis for a congressional investigation.

Supposing that Boss Quay and his man, Penrose, prove John Wanamaker to be as bad as they are, that is no reason why Quay should be returned to the senate, nor why his other man, Stone, should be elected governor of Pa.

Maj. B. B. Taylor, chief surgeon of the general hospital at Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga., testified before Mr. McKinley's Commission that requisitions he made last May were still unfilled, and that 25 per cent of the contract surgeons were not up to the standard.

Horses branded as above on left shoulder or left stifle. C. A. Bonnett, Crane, Ore

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STOCK BRANDS.

FREE BRAND COLUMN.

Horse brand ⌐ on left stifle, cattle brand same left hip, mark tag in left ear. D. M. McMeamy Burns, Ore.

Horse brand barten on left shoulder; Cattle barten on left hip and upper clip on both ears. T. A. McKinnon, Burns Ore.

Hardin & Riley, cattle branded Y on left side Horse brand ⌐ left side. P. O. Burns, Oregon.

J. C. Foley, cattle brand ⌐ on right side Horse brand ⌐ on left shoulder.

Horses branded)(on left stifle. Cattle branded)(on left hip. Marion Bunyard, P O Burns

Cattle diamond on left hip; horse CV on left shoulder. Charles H Voegtley, Burns Ore.

Horse branded P on right shoulder, cattle P on right hip. R. A. Hendricks, P. O. Lawen Or.

Horse brand 36 on left shoulder, also three dots in shape of triangle, cattle branded same. E. K. Grout Burns Or.

J. P. Dickenson cattle brand J P connected on left hip. Horse brand anvil on left stifle. P. O Lawen Ore.

Cattle brand figure 7 on either hip; mark light crop off each ear, slip in each ear, and waddle on left jaw. Horse brand figure 7 on either hip J. H. Bunyard, Burns Ore.

Horse brand barren on left shoulder; Cattle brand barren on left hip and ribs. Catherine Marshall P O Narrows Ore.

Horse brand on left shoulder 8 Miss Laura Stanciff, Burns Ore.

Horse brand ⌐ on left shoulder and same on muscle of right hind leg. Phil Smith Burns Ore.

S. Lampshire and Son cattle brand > B connected. Ear mark swallow fork in right ear underbit in left. P. O. Burns Ore.

Horses and Cattle branded J P on left shoulder same branded JP connected. Mary J. Price. Burns Ore