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Thanks-giving Day

The First Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation

Lost For More Than 100 Years; Found at an Auction Sale

Few Americans know that the original Presidential Thanksgiving Proclamation was lost for over a hundred years; that it was found at an auction sale in 1921; that it was bought by the Library of Congress for \$300.00; and that it now reposes in the archives of that institution—one of the most valuable documents in the world. The Division of Information and Publication of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission, in a statement issued November 19, relates the story of the lost proclamation.

On September 25, 1789, Elias Boudinot introduced the following resolution in the House of Representatives:

"Resolved, That a joint committee of both Houses be directed to wait upon the President of the United States, to request that he would recommend to the people of the United States, a day of Thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging, with grateful hearts, the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them opportunity to establish a Constitution of government for their safety and happiness."

Some Opposed The Holiday

Harmless as this resolution seems, there were objections to it. In reading the Annals of Congress of that period, we find that Representative Aedanus Burke of South Carolina thought we should not mimic Europe "where they made a mere mockery of thanksgiving".

Representative Thomas Tudor

Tucker, also of South Carolina, argued that it was not the business of Congress to ask for a national day of Thanksgiving.

"They (the people) may not be inclined to return thanks for a Constitution until they have experienced that it promotes their safety and happiness."

These objections, however, were overruled; the resolution was passed and sent to the senate for concurrence. The senate approved and appointed its committee to wait on the president. The joint committee was made up of Ralph Isard of South Carolina and William S. Johnson of Connecticut, from the senate; Elias Boudinot of New Jersey, Roger Sherman of Connecticut, and Peter Sylvester of New York, from the house.

Washington complied with the request and on October 3, 1789, issued his proclamation, calling for a National day of Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26.

Document Lost From Files

And then the document dropped out of sight. It apparently was misplaced or attached to some private papers in the process of moving official records from one city to another when the capital was changed. However it happened, the original manuscript was not in the official archives until 1921 when Dr. J. C. Fitzpatrick, then assistant chief of the Manuscripts Division of the Library of Congress, and now the editor of the forthcoming George Washington Bicentennial Commission series of Washington's Writings "found" the proclamation. It was at an auction sale being held in the American Art Galleries of New York City. Dr. Fitzpatrick, an expert in Washingtonia, examined the document and found it to be authentic. It was written in long hand by William Jackson, secretary to President Washington at the time, and was signed by George Washington's bold hand. Dr. Fitzpatrick purchased the document for \$300 for the Library of Congress, where it is now kept as a treasure. And no amount of money could remove it.

Text of First Proclamation

The original Proclamation of Thanksgiving, and, indeed, the first presidential proclamation ever issued in the United States, reads as follows: "By the President of the United States of America.—Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor,—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me to recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanks giving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

November Designated Month

"Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be.—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of his providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with

which we are blessed and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

"And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly—and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the People by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us) and to bless them with good government, peace and concord. To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

"Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

(Signed) George Washington.
Celebration of Thanksgiving Day in America can be traced back to the earliest days of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. From there the custom spread to all parts of the United States.

Time Table of 1830

The first railroad time table published in the south, issued at Charleston in 1830, announcing the schedule for a short line out of that city, contained a provision which would appear amusing to present day travelers. It gave the information that arrangements for special trips could be made "by agreement with the engineer."

There was only one locomotive in service on the road. It was the "Best Friend of Charleston," the first locomotive built in America, and weighed only about four tons. It arrived in Charleston from the West Point foundry in New York city by ship on October 23, 1830, and was put in regular service on Christmas day of the same year. The first time table, which has been preserved, contained the following information:

"The Public are respectfully informed that the Railroad Company has purchased from Mr. E. L. Miller his Locomotive Steam Engine and that it will hereafter be constantly employed in the transportation of passengers.

"The times of leaving the station in Line street will be 8 o'clock, at 10 a. m., at 1 and at half past 3 o'clock p. m.

"Parties may be accommodated at the intermediate hours by agreeing with the Engineer. Great punctuality will be observed in the time of starting."

But perhaps 100 years from now people will look upon the facilities and practices of the present day with as much amusement as we now find in looking back upon those of a century ago.

If the national league pennant race gets any hotter some club will ask for a recount.

FOR QUICK SALE

1120 acres, 900 farm land, 300 seeded. Good 2-story house, garage and other outbuildings, wind mill and cistern, water in house. Price \$16.50 per acre. \$3000. or \$4000 cash. Balance long term at 6 1/2 per cent.

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400 acres, 150 farm land. 30 acres irrigated with free water. 20 acres alfalfa and 10 acres blue grass. Good house, plenty of water. Price \$7500. \$2500 cash, balance on long term, 6 1/2 per cent interest.
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4to31n21 Heppner, Ore.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT
All persons are hereby notified to file their objections, if any, to the final account of the administrator of the Estate of Logan B. Rayburn, deceased, on or before the 26th day of December, 1930, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, which is the time fixed by the County Court for Sherman County, State of Oregon, for the settlement of said account. 4121d12
John V. Rayburn, Administrator.

WANT ADS

GOOD USED 60 Caterpillar tracks, Cheap, A. B. Loud, Eugene, Ore.

RELIABLE MAN WANTED to call on farmers in Sherman County. Wonderful opportunity. Make \$8 to \$20 daily. No experience or capital needed. Write today. FURST & THOMAS, Dept. F, 426 Third St., Oakland, Calif.

WE PAY parcel post one way on all shoe repairing. Good quality work and leather. Joe Amore, The Dalles, next door Pacific Power & Light Co., opposite City Hall, The Dalles.

WE CAN fit all kinds of people. Any size or weight. Crippled or deformed feet. Wernmark's Shoe Store, The Dalles.

Sherman County Budget Committee Makes Total Cut of \$37,718.50 in Amount Proposed For 1931 Taxes

More interest was manifested at the meeting of the county budget committee for Sherman county at its initial meeting this week than has ever been evidenced before by the general tax paying public. Conditions have changed very materially since the voters of Sherman county at a general election some years ago voted to pay a two years tax in one year and wrote into the state constitution a tax measure to continue the paying of the same tax indefinitely. Now, this year, the people all over the state want to pay less taxes than ever before; in state, county, city and school upkeep. The tax budget prepared by the committee is \$37,718.50 less than the adopted budget under which the county carried in its financial affairs for the year now closing. This budget as now prepared is subject to approval and modification at a public hearing to be held in the near future at which time final action will be taken as to just how much tax will be voted for county affairs for the coming year and also determine where the money will be spent.

The amount that has been taken from the county budget and the items that will be affected by the reduction are printed below, in tabulated form, showing the items as voted for last year and the same items with their proposed amounts allowed each in comparative columns. The entire county budget is not printed here, only the items that have been changed in the amounts allowed.

	1930	1931
Deputy Clerk, salary	\$ 1,440.00	\$ 1,020.00
Record books and blanks	300.00	200.00
Deputy Assessor, salary	700.00	600.00
Appraisal work	300.00	300.00
Office work, Superintendent's office	1,300.00	400.00
Health Nurse	150.00	100.00
Coroners fees and expenses	100.00	75.00
Surveyor fees and expenses	50.00	50.00
Board of prisoners	300.00	200.00
Relief of soldiers	300.00	300.00
Wayward Baby Home	300.00	75.00
Judges and Clerks of Elections	600.00	500.00
Ballots	200.00	100.00
Bureau of Biological Survey	700.00	500.00
Stock Inspector	325.00	300.00
School Library	135.00	85.00
School Children Fair Fund	600.00	500.00
County Fair	3,500.00	2,000.00
Witnesses and Jurors fees	1,000.00	800.00
Reporters fees	150.00	50.00
Stationery, circuit court	25.00	25.00
Meals for jurors	50.00	25.00
Bailiffs fees	80.00	40.00
Justice court fees	200.00	100.00
County school apportionment, \$10 per capita	10,000.00	9,000.00
High school tuition fund	16,500.00	14,000.00
Market Road Tax	67,750.00	64,000.00
State Tax	25,771.00	17,000.00
County service truck	1,056.00	
Insurance of building and premiums on officers bonds		708.50
Demos Memorial Park	975.00	150.00
County Machinery	3,500.00	2,000.00
Interest on bonds	10,900.00	9,220.00
Roads and highways		
Salary Roadmaster, laborers	18,000.00	16,000.00
Improvement and repairs to complete Finnigan Road	5,000.00	
Repairing Roads from floods of 1927 and 1928	5,000.00	
Totals	\$176,267.00	\$139,648.50
Income from other sources than taxation	1,000.00	2,000.00
Approximate balance in general fund	1,500.00	1,600.00
Income from County Clerk's office	2,500.00	3,600.00
Totals	2,500.00	3,600.00
Grand Totals	\$173,767.00	\$136,048.50
Budget for 1931 Reduced	\$ 37,718.50	

A "WANT" ad in THE MORO OBSERVER will reach more people in Sherman County than by any other medium available.

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IT IS QUICKER AND MORE CONVENIENT
Daily Deliveries -- Storage for Small Lots
Freight accepted for all points in Oregon, Washington, Idaho, and California
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The Dalles' Newest and Best Hostelry
Centrally Located
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Our usual pre-war transient rates still prevail. Special Rates to permanent Guests

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Special rates where more than two persons occupy one room.
Let us show you our Accommodations

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THANKSGIVING NIGHT
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All the Old Timers, who haven't been here for a long time, will be here with bells.
Come along and meet your friends and enjoy it!
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Stock Reduction Sale!

The wellknown stock of Furniture and Hardware of the Moro Hardware & Implement Co., is to be drastically reduced and prices have been cut to make this possible.

Sale Prices Are Cash Prices

MATTRESS
\$5.79 TO \$12.49

Allen Parlor Heaters
each \$60.00

Monarch Ranges
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Kerosene pressure stove
was \$58.00, Now \$29.00

Coleman Lamps
was \$10, Now \$7.00

Coxwell Chairs
In Wool Velour, was \$39.00 now \$27.00

Dining Room Sets to Attract the eye of any hostess.

A Pleasingly, Modern and Beautiful Bed Room Suite.

Border Linoleum
Reduced to, per yd. 59c

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9x12 Reduced to \$8.79

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Baby Buggies
each \$5.00

ROCKERS
Genuine Leather was \$25.50, now \$17.50

Silver Ware

JEWELRY

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WICKER SET
Davenport and two chairs, 3-tone double spring, was \$156.50 \$79.50

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