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"For These Things I am Grateful."

I am thankful for the opportunities of today, and I am thankful for all the days that have gone before. I thank the great men and the great women who left happy homes, cheerful surroundings and made a beaten path to this great state across the plains and through dangerous mountain passes. Who fought the Indians, snows, cold and difficulty and made this a safer place in which to live. Who hewed logs and made homes, who cleared land and made it laugh with flowers, grasses and life-sustaining grains.

I thank the men who leveled hills, filled waste places and made good roads which are monuments to their builders. I thank the men who spent their lives in the service of their country, carrying the mails across the uncharted routes to distant hamlets out on the firing line of civilization. For the men who passed cheerless nights on lonely stage-coaches that loved ones might meet and that the world's happenings might be carried to them and life be made fuller and better.

I thank the teachers who left profitable callings in life to educate, inspire and lead the youth of the early days, and the preachers who rode from house to house, from community to community preaching the gospel of Christ, asking little, doing much. I thank the early settlers who in their wisdom provided for schools and churches, which serve as powers for good, and which are now ours to enjoy. And especially for dreaming of a college where girls and boys would study, learn and work in joy.

I am thankful to those who live in this community and who speak well of it. To the men and women who give of their time and money that we may hear good and great men speak from their hearts, that we can delight and enjoy hearing the great musicians of the state and country, and thus grow strong, broadened and cultured, my thanks go out. I am thankful that I live among businessmen who regard honesty as a business asset and where I know whatever I buy is worth the money. For the association with those with whom I labor in the community, for all their help, kindness and sympathy am I deeply thankful.

I thank the thinkers, the poets, the painters, the singers, the inventors, the business men who have lived and are living all over the world. I thank Benjamin Franklin for his mirth, persistence and his common-sense. I thank Emerson for light, power and for incurring the displeasure of his Abna Maters.

I thank James Watt, the Scotch boy who watched his mother's teakettle to a purpose. I thank Edison who fixed his name in the science which lightens labor and carries the burden that once bowed human backs. I thank Aristotle who knew that a bad boy was a good boy who did the wrong thing and Forbel who utilized the tendency of play in children and made them play to a purpose. I thank Thomas Jefferson who founded the public school system and also wrote the Declaration of Independence.

I thank Perry G. Holden, the man who started Corn Clubs and made two ears of corn grow where only one grew before. I thank Woodrow Wilson, William Bryan and all the men who have guided this country during the past years. Those men and others like them, their names less known, have made this world a fit dwelling place for liberty. Their graves are mounds from which flows freedom's torch. And I thank and praise the simple, honest, unpretentious multitudes who have worked, struggled, toiled, carrying heavy burdens, often paid with ungratitude, scorned, misunderstood—who still stand on an aim succeeded or failed, robbed of recognition and the results of their toil. To all those who sleep in forgotten graves, my heart goes out in gratitude over the years and centuries and ages that have passed.

Champ Clark on "Licking the World"

Champ Clark, speaker of the house, divested himself of a piece of lumber the other day. He should have uttered it in a Fourth of July speech in the backwoods of Missouri, instead of giving it as the deliberate opinion of a high official of the government. He boasted that the Americans are such good fighters that if all the nations of the world combined against us they could never get far enough inland to water their horses in the Ohio river. That sounds big. It affords some men great pleasure to defy the whole world. It is an American habit. He based this opinion on the strength of "the men born of the blood of the revolution who would fight like no other fighters that the world knows."

As a matter of fact the "men born of the blood of the revolution" constitute only a small portion of the population of the United States today. Millions of men have come to this country since the revolution was fought. Nine-

tenths of our German blood has come to this country since and no one will deny that they also have fighting blood. Millions of Slavic blood have come since, and millions of their races. There are in this country more men who are born of blood brought here since the revolution, than there are descendants of the revolutionists. If the descendants of the revolutionary blood had to do all the fighting there would be a lot of fighting left undone.

One is surprised that a man of Champ Clark's intelligence should base the safety of this country on the original stock. The stock that has been added since has done a great deal for the United States. The best mechanics in all the factories of the United States today are men who have come here recently. One man who knows made the statement that if the German element alone were withdrawn, one half of the fine-work factories of the country would be without competent mechanics. It was a German-American who gave this country the Mergenthaler linotype machine, an invention which has revolutionized the art of printing and multiplied the intelligence of the world two fold. It was a Swedish-American who gave this country the Monitor which revolutionized naval warfare and helped to decide the issues of our civil war. Our army and navy lists are filled with the names of "foreigners," names added to this nation long after the revolution. For Mr. Clark to impose on the "men born of the blood of the revolution" the task of saving this country against foreign invasions is a piece of characteristic bombast, nothing more.

Nor is it true that the United States could defy the whole world. If the whole world should combine against us we would not last long. In that event our navy would be destroyed in a week's time and the soldiers of the Orient and of Europe would overrun the United States and water their horses in the Mississippi, instead of the Ohio. We may be mighty, but Mr. Clark makes us out to be fools. Nor is there any occasion to contemplate such an emergency. The world is not going to be combined against us, if we discharge nobly our mission in the world. Boasting that we can lick everybody will not insure us peace, but attending to our own business, without hostility to any others, will maintain both peace and honor for us and out of peace and honor will come national glory and achievement.

Who Represents God on Earth?

In Chicago it has been established that in order to pose as a "divine healer" one must have very long whiskers. In other words, such fakes must be covered up. But as long as human beings are credulous they will be imposed upon by all sorts of men who pretend to have some unseen connections with God. In Europe even war-lords are fighting their men to the death on such presumptions. It will take humanity a long time to come into the realization that to God all men look alike and that He has given no favors that He has not bestowed on all. God at least is impartial, as He is with his sunshine and his rain.

He comes nearest to Godlikeness who develops all his powers along the highest lines, and the highest lines of human development are in godness and helpfulness for one's fellow men. He best reflects God on earth who does the most good in the earth. Abou-Ben-Arhem, of the poet's conception, and not czar, not kaiser, nor the Schalaters and Dowies, represents the spirit of God among men. But while humanity remains in semi-darkness, the darkness of ignorance and superstition all sorts of misbeliefs and impositions will be forced upon them—and that long also will poor humanity groan in the slavery whose mantle is ignorance. The few only seem to be able to stand in the sun—to use a current phrase of Europe—self-conscious without being self-righteous, free, untrammelled, independent in thought.

Europe should not lose sight of the fact that Japan is retiring the western nations one by one from the Asiatic waters. She retired Russia a few years ago by taking Port Arthur and now she has retired Germany. It is a safe bet that Japan will never again allow a European nation to acquire such a stronghold on the oceans that wash her own island empire. Those who go to trade in the east will more and more have to see Japan about it.

Do you appreciate the fact that you have plenty to eat three times every day? If so, try and remember the inmates of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society Home with a few things for their Thanksgiving table.

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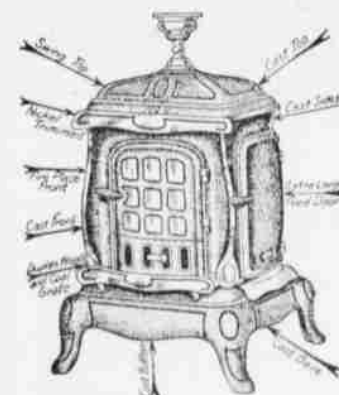
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