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THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

WHY UNITED STATES SHOULD BE A THANKFUL NATION.

Short Sketch of Wonderful Growth in Wealth and Population of Country.

The President has issued the following Thanksgiving proclamation:

"Thanksgiving: A proclamation by the President of the United States of America. Once again the season is at hand when, according to the ancient custom of our people, it becomes the duty of the President to appoint a day of prayer and of thanksgiving to God.

"Year by year this nation grows in strength and worldly power. During the century and a quarter that has elapsed since our entry into that circle of independent peoples, we have grown and prospered in material things to a degree never known before and not now known in any other country. The thirteen colonies which struggled along the seacoast of the Atlantic and were hemmed in but a few miles west of tidewater by the Indian-haunted wilderness, have been transformed into the mightiest Republic which the world has ever seen.

"Its domains stretch across the continent from one to the other of the two greatest oceans, and it exercises domain alike in the Arctic and tropic realms. The growth in wealth and population has surpassed even the growth in territory. Nowhere else in the world is the average of individual comfort and material well-being as high as in our fortunate land.

"For the very reason that in material well-being we have thus abundantly, we owe it to the Almighty to show equal progress in moral and spiritual things, with a nation, as with the individuals who make indispensable foundation. But the foundation avail nothing by itself. That life is wasted, and worse than wasted, which is spent in piling, heap upon heap, those things which minister merely to the pleasure of the body and to the power that rests only on wealth.

"Upon material well-being as a foundation must be raised the structure of the lofty life of the spirit, if this nation is properly to fulfill its great mission and to accomplish all that we so ardently hope and desire. The things of the body are good; the things of the intellect better; but best of all are the things of the soul; for in the nation as in the individual, in the long run it is character that counts.

"Let us, therefore, as a people, set our faces resolutely against evil and with broad charity, with kindness and good will toward all men, but with unflinching determination to smite down wrong, strive with all the strength that is given us for righteousness in public and in private life.

"Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, do set apart Thursday, the 26th day of November next, as a day of general thanksgiving and prayer, and on that day I recommend that the people shall cease from their daily work and, in their homes or in their churches, most devoutly to thank the Almighty for the many and great blessings they have received in the past, and to pray that they may be given strength so to order their lives as to deserve a continuation of these blessings in the future.

"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 31st day of October, in the year of our Lord 1908, and to the independence of the United States the 13th.

"Theodore Roosevelt.

"By the President:
"Alve A. Ade, Acting Secretary of State."

Blames Fairbanks' Machine.

The Indianapolis Star (K.) only blames the defeat in Indiana to the Fairbanks machine. It says,

"The vote is a rebuke and shows resentment at the rule of the Fairbanks machine, whose members have been in greater sympathy with Cannon than with Roosevelt, lukewarm toward the administration's policies and apathetic toward tariff reform."

"This organization worked with the allies at the Chicago convention, while not one of its members took the trouble to welcome Gov. Hughes to Indianapolis, but it was left to Mayor Bookwalter to meet him at the train and for Senator Beveridge to introduce him to the audience."

New Laws.

Publication of the new local option law was held up until after the election that it might not interfere in the campaign. Since the passage of the law the state printer has been working on the books and has about completed them. It was said Wednesday that the law will probably be published within the next week and will become effective upon its publication.

Song is Promoted.

Michael J. Sorg of this city and wife went to Ft. Wayne Thursday, from there he will go to Pittsburgh where he has been promoted to lieutenant detective. Mr. Sorg has been a detective on the Pennsylvania road.

The new position will require his presence at Pittsburgh, but they will remain this city as their home for the present.

RIVERSIDE HOTEL CLOSES.

Proprietor C. H. Mattix Sells Fixtures But Will Continue to Re-side in this City.

The Riverside Hotel, located on South Michigan which has been operating in this city for six months, has closed its doors. The hotel fixtures have been sold at private sale. The proprietor C. H. Mattix and family are moving their household goods to east Washington street, where they will reside.

Mr. Mattix moved here from Argo. He says that his hotel venture here was an unpaying investment because of the remoteness of the hotel from the railroad stations. The vacated room has not been rented.

Leave for Southern Trip.

There is some talk of the Pennsylvania road putting on an accomodation train from Valparaiso to Chicago within the next thirty days.

CONTROL HOUSE MAJORITY 41

DEMOCRATS GAIN NINE IN LOWER BRANCH OF NATIONAL CONGRESS.

Contests Close in Many Districts and Official Count May Change the Totals.

Washington, Nov. 5.—The Republicans will, according to returns from all congressional districts in the United States control the next National House of Representatives by a majority of forty-one. The figures show the election of 216 Republicans and 175 Democrats, a gain for the latter party of nine.

The majorities in several districts are reported as extremely close, and it is possible in a few instances the official count may change the figures.

The following table shows the number of representatives elected from all the states:

Dem. Rep.

Alabama 9
Arkansas 7
California 8
Colorado 3
Connecticut 5
Delaware 1
Florida 3
Georgia 11
Idaho 6
Illinois 19
Indiana 11
Iowa 10
Kansas 4
Kentucky 8
Louisiana 7
Maine 4
Maryland 3
Massachusetts 11
Michigan 12
Minnesota 1
Mississippi 8
Missouri 10
Montana 5
Nebraska 5
Nevada 1
New Hampshire 3
New Jersey 3
New York 11
North Carolina 7
North Dakota 2
Ohio 12
Oklahoma 2
Oregon 1
Pennsylvania 5
Rhode Island 27
South Carolina 7
South Dakota 8
Tennessee 16
Texas 1
Utah 1
Vermont 9
Washington 1
West Virginia 5
Wisconsin 10
Wyoming 1

Totals 173 216

RECEIVING CHRISTMAS GOODS

Plymouth Merchants Are Now Preparing for a Big Holiday Trade

Already many Plymouth merchants are receiving their Christmas goods and others are now sending in large orders. Commercial men are now making their last round with samples of holiday stock. The local toy stores will carry a larger assortment than usual. There are many new articles in this line that will undoubtedly go good sellers.

BUYS WALKERTON DRUG STORE.

Grover C. Spahr of this city has purchased the drug store formerly owned by B. E. Williams at Walkerton. Mr. Spahr is an experienced pharmacist, having been engaged in the business at Plymouth for several years.

DANCE WELL ATTENDED.

The dance given by Percy Kemp at Kuhn's hall Thursday evening was attended by about 40 couples. Excellent music was furnished by Messrs Huff and Zimmerman of South Bend.

DEMOCRATS HAVE BUT THREE

OFFICIAL FIGURES GIVE DEMOCRATS GOV. LIEUT. AND SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

Plurality for Marshall is 14,809—Billheimer and Other Republicans Pull Through.

The count of the official returns at the secretary of state's office for governor was completed Monday afternoon. Thomas R. Marshall, Democratic candidate for governor, received a total vote of 348,849 and James E. Watson, his Republican opponent, 334,040, a plurality for Marshall of 14,809. The Socialist party candidate for governor received 11,948, an increase of 957 over four years ago. The independence candidate polled but 385 votes, and the people's party got 573, a loss of 854 from the vote four years ago. J. H. Haynes the prohibitionist candidate for governor, obtained 15,926 votes, a loss of 6,604 votes from that polled in 1904.

The official vote on the following was completed Monday night:

Lieutenant Governor—Hall, Democrat, 340,577; Goodwin, Republican, 338,905. Hall's plurality, 1,672.

Secretary of State—Cox, Democrat, 339,007; Sims, Republican, 339,522. Sims' plurality, 492.

Auditor of State—Bailey, Democrat, 339,294; Billheimer, Republican, 339,522. Billheimer's plurality, 258.

Treasurer—Isenbarger, Democrat, 338,907; Hadley, Republican, 339,744. Hadley's plurality, 837.

Attorney General—L. C. Democrat, 339,017; Bingham, Republican, 339,805. Bingham's plurality, 788.

Robert J. Aley (Dem.) has been elected superintendent of public instruction over Lawrence McTurnan (Rep.) by a plurality of 780 votes.

TALBOT CASE IS POSTPONED.

Judge Tuthill Grants Continuance Until November 12 on Petition of Plaintiff for More Time.

The Talbot disbarment trial at South Bend has been postponed until November 12 by Special Judge Harry B. Tuthill of Michigan City on petition of the plaintiff for more time.

The case was called for trial Thursday morning, and the petition presented asking for a continuance until the next term of court. This, however, was not granted, but more time was allowed by the judge in the statements made to the court.

Judge Tuthill in rendering his decision explained his position by stating that from the evidence he was confident that the plaintiffs had been diligent and were entitled to more time in order to secure the testimony necessary although he did not think that it was necessary to pass the trial over until the next term of court as asked for.

Thomas Honan of Jackson county is thought to be the most probable.

W. H. Blodgett writing for the Indianapolis News, has the following to say regarding the speakership fight in the next Indiana house of representatives.

"The contest for speaker promises to be a lively one with a hot finish.

It is well known that the brewery interests will endeavor to control the organization of the house and elect the speaker, who has the appointment of committees in which the brewery interests will be specially interested.

Thomas Honan of Jackson county, is the candidate the longest in the public eye. He declared when he announced himself a candidate for representative that he was going into the race only in hope of being elected speaker practice and is not tied up with corporations.

Another candidate is Harry G. Strickland, of Greenfield, who is a business man and noted for his conservatism. He voted for high life and during his career in the house made a good record.

James Garrard, of Vincennes, is also a candidate. In the last house Mr. Garrard was again all temperature laws and reform measures and was regarded as a part of the machine.

"Dr. Peter J. Coble of Dubois and Perry, has announced himself. It was Dr. Coble who advocated, in a speech, the removal from liquor of all licenses and government tax—just let it be free as water and sold unrestricted.

Another one is Andrew Jackson Beckman, of Madison county.

Really there is not much to say about Beckman except that no greater

wrong could be done the people of Indiana than to elect him speaker of the house. Otherwise he is all right for the system and the interests."

The speaker was warmly and enthusiastically received by the members of the conference. Each had provided himself with a small American flag and the presence of Mr. Tuthill was the signal for a pretty demonstration. At the end of his speech he was overwhelmed with personal congratulations on his success at the polls.

Marshall and Option Law.

Thomas R. Marshall is a temperance man. The fact that he is the choice of the people of Indiana for governor does not indicate that the liberal element is in the lead. Mr. Marshall made his campaign on a platform that called for a kind of local option.

He stands on that platform today, we believe, just as firmly as he ever did. Also, we believe, he never will repeal the local option law.

In the first place, Marshall does not want the law repealed, and in the second place, the people of this state never will let him repeal it.—Warsaw Union.

Closed Up.

The last saloon door in Fulton county was closed at 11 o'clock Saturday night under operations of the remonstrance law. From the day of the organization of the county in 1836 to the present date there has never been a time when a man could not get all the liquor he wanted at any of the numerous places in the county where it was kept on sale. The closing of all saloons and restrictions placed upon the sale of liquor by druggists is a new condition for this county and the result will be watched with great interest by all the people.—Sentinel.

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COST OF ELECTION

In Marshall County Was Over \$1300—Average About \$40 in Each Precinct.

The cost of the recent election in Marshall county will reach about \$1300. All of the townships have not presented bills to the county auditor, but those presented indicate that the average cost in the 33 precincts will be about \$40 per precinct.

The expense is made up as follows,

this being the bill from the 1st

Precinct in Tippecanoe township:

One inspector 5 days at \$2.00,

and 8 miles at 5¢ \$13.40

Two judges 2 days at \$2.00 8.00

Two clerks 2 days at \$1.50 6.00

21 meals for election officers 2.50

Total \$40.65

The expense in various precincts

runs from \$35.50, to \$50.20.

OTTOWA WEBER RESIGNS.

Otto Weber has resigned as deputy county auditor, under Chas. Walker.

He will leave the office as soon as

present work is completed, which

will be within a day or two. Mr.

Weber has not announced his plans

for the future.

THE HOST SEEK STATE OFFICES

CANDIDATES HAUNT MARSHALL AND GOV-ELECT ISSUES STATEMENT.

Chairman Jackson Says He Will

Take No Part in Distribution of

Patronage.

The host of candidates for appoint-

ments under Governor-elect Thomas R. Marshall is growing daily.

Most of the applications are going

to Mr. Marshall at his Columbus City