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EDITORIAL

A THANKSGIVING THOUGHT.

Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father.—Ephesians 5:20.
To observe one day a year as a day of "thanks giving" would be a fine and proper procedure.
There is every reason why the American people should do this. It is very much to their discredit that they neglect the opportunity.
For, with a vast majority of the American people, the day is devoted to cooking, eating, foot balling and merrymaking of one sort or another.
Whereas it should be a solemn day—a day wherein we should be brought to a sense of all the benefits and blessings we have been able to call to our aid in the daily course of living, and a day of preparation for the better use of such possibilities during the year to come.
We need to come more solemnly to our senses once in a while.
We need to think more seriously about the really vital matters of this existence—not the show, pretense and fleeting pleasure of what we miscall life.
We are a favored people—favored by time and nature. We live in the period of the world's greatest progress and we are set down in a land which, if rightly conserved and cultivated, will furnish food for centuries to come.
But food is only a means to a higher end.
To make of our day of thanksgiving a mere food-feast is to lower it to the level of the animal that is in us—the animal that is needed, but must be controlled else it gain the mastery.
As with nearly every other high day, we have allowed this one to degenerate into a more or less hollow mockery. It is saved only by the fact that it does bring together loved ones who have long been separated, or who have little chance to get together at other times; because it does renew and strengthen the home-ties, which are the ties that ought to be strengthened in most cases.
But why not lift this day out of the rush and riot for private food shows and display; why not lift it to the high and fitting plane of a REAL Thanksgiving? Not that we need to go about as if approaching a funeral task, but that we should go about it as if intent upon something more than a "good time."

It was to thank God for countless "good times" that this day was originally set aside. Is the need for such procedure less now than when our forefathers had to risk life or limb every time they walked from the cabin to the corn-patch?
If we give thanks in due measure for all that has come to us during the past year, we would not have time for anything else during the day. But that is not needed—for God does not ask repetition of words or ceremonies. It is not what God asks, after all, but what we ought to do.

And when we stop to think about the innumerable blessings which are ours—when we consider sleep and children and the blue skies and the green grass and trees; water and sunlight and all the common gifts which are vital to existence, and when we measure, even scantily, their profusion and perfection—does it not seem that we have cause for a somewhat more solemn and serious observance of the day than is commonly given it?—Philadelphia North American.

The lake that burneth with fire and brimstone, is far too good for the fellow who lately cut out the tongue of thirteen horses in Pittsburg. Old Nick himself would not be guilty of such a horrible and fiendish act.

President Taft's message is a brief one—only six thousand words. That's no touch to the length of his trips. His late trip was three months, and the message can be read in three minutes. It will be put out as soon as congress meets.

Philadelphia is booked for one of the greatest and best Christmas gifts in this state. It will consist of a democratic administration. There has been satanic rule there for over a quarter of a century. Blankenberg will order a housecleaning from garter to collar.

The rioting of the women suffragists in storming the house of Parliament in London, one day last week,

smashing windows, and committing violence otherwise, would have disgraced male rowdies—and what shall be said that the mob was by women who figure in high society and pass themselves off as the oppressed of mankind? Such scenes as were enacted, as are referred to above, are not recorded of the "gentler sex" in all scripture.

Ex-Governor Pennypacker has again made a noodle of himself, by writing a book in which he sets forth that the state capitol was not a fraud and that the parties prosecuted were innocent. Well Penny, how is this, when the capitol was finished up proclaimed to the people of the state that it was erected at a cost of five million dollars; but when Mr. Berry was elected state treasurer and examined the books, he found that the cost was actually thirteen million dollars! We take this opportunity to thank Hon. Samuel Pennypacker for a copy of his wonderful book, handsomely gotten up, 104 pages.

SAY VOTERS WILL DECIDE.

Which is the Legally Organized Democratic State Committee.
George W. Guthrie, chairman of the Democratic state committee; Congressman A. Mitchell Palmer, national committeeman; J. S. Blakeslee, secretary of the state committee, and Vance C. McCormick, of Harrisburg, held a conference in Philadelphia on Saturday.
Details of the meeting were not made public but it is supposed that the reported intention of Walter E. Ritter to test the legality of the recognized Democratic state committee was discussed.
Congressman Palmer said after the meeting: "We will welcome any court action but the dispute will be settled by the voters of the party in the primary next April and we expect to win by a vote of more than 3 to 1."

HUSTON WANTS PAROLE.

Graft Capitol Architect Faces a Board Divided.
Doubt, with a big D stands between

Joseph M. Huston, the graft Capitol architect, and his parole from the penitentiary where he is serving an indeterminate sentence of six months and two years for participation in the Capitol frauds.
Formal application for parole has been made to the Board of Prison Inspectors of Philadelphia. It will be considered at the board meeting, December 4, and according to information received, the board is very much divided over the question of extending him clemency. His minimum sentence expires Friday and if the Parole Board wills it, he may be discharged on parole, subject to monthly reports.
It is understood that members of the board take the position that if former Auditor General Snyder and former Superintendent of Grounds Shumaker served two years, there is no reason why Huston should not do the same.

Infernal Machine a Joke.
What was apparently an "infernal machine," sent through the mails to Governor John K. Tener, at his home at Charleroi shortly after his election, has proven to be a harmless device of pasteboard and pine sawdust. Officials who had in hand the investigation of "a dastardly outrage" are shielding their grinning faces with one hon while trying to get the matter a practical joker friend if the Governor, had had his fun.
Assistant Postmaster Dennis Oates with several newspapermen dissected the paper cylinder and touching a match to the supposed powder, were disappointed to see only a smoldering which gave forth the pungent odor of burning pine wood.

Election Officers Held.
Edward Degnan, James Wright and Thomas Loney, members of the election board of the Sixth District of Larksville borough near Wilkes-Barre, were convicted in court late last week of committing fraud at the late election. The specific charges against the defendants were that they failed to turn affidavits of non-registered voters and made a cuspidor out of the ballot box. When the defendants were arraigned Judge Garman scored them severely and said crooked elections were in the same class as crooked judges, which gave forth the pungent odor of burning pine wood.

We Are Thankful.
For several days the entire front of "The Centre Democrat" office is entirely obscured from view by a large pile of newspaper, constituting a car load shipment direct from the mills. It naturally attracts attention and evokes much favorable comment, for it is the final proof that "The Centre Democrat" has some circulation to lay in such a supply. A similar supply was purchased for "The Centre Democrat" last spring, and this lot will keep us going until late in summer. When you realize that we issue over 5,500 copies each week, it means that we use almost 600 pounds of white paper for each edition.
This calls to mind the fact that when "The Centre Democrat" was first issued by the present publisher in 1888, the entire edition each week came by express weighed 65 pounds, and the outside invariably bore an offensive mark "C. O. D." that often was the occasion of much anxiety for us. At that time the subscription list was a sediment or residue, had lost its flavor, all strength (financial) gone.
It certainly is gratifying to know that since that time there has been a steady, substantial growth of this paper from year to year, which must have been achieved on merit, until it reached its present high mark of public appreciation, now having the largest circulation of any similar country weekly newspaper in Pennsylvania.
While Centre county has many well edited papers "The Centre Democrat" stands pre-eminent, distinct, and alone in its class—with out an acknowledged competitor. To some this may seem an idle boast, but the immense stock of paper purchased, the large edition sent weekly through the mails, as the postal receipts show, and our mailing list, which is always open for the inspection of all, are facts—eloquent and convincing—to vindicate the claim, that no one has ever successfully contradicted.
"The Centre Democrat" has grown, and increased its field of usefulness; it has labored faithfully to serve its patrons, and guard public interests and promote public good. The liberal patronage we enjoy can only be regarded as a mark of public approval which it will be our highest aim to retain in the future.
That is one of many reasons why "The Centre Democrat" is thankful on this 30th day of November, 1911.

Red Cross Campaign On.

Monday marked the opening of the Red Cross Christmas Seal campaign in Pennsylvania. From now on in every city, town and hamlet the Christmas Seals will be bought by persons interested in the prevention of tuberculosis in this state. The Pennsylvania Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis has ordered 3,000,000, and the seal used this year is better looking in design than last year's. It shows a snow scene with a farmhouse in the centre. Near it are two Christmas trees. Above the farmhouse are the words "American Red Cross" and the red cross itself, while below are printed "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year." This year's seal, therefore, will make an attractive addition to Christmas presents and all packages.

The United States government has given permission for the placing of the seals on the back of letters. From now on the mails will be full of the spirit of Christmas.

LIVONIA.

Mrs. Hannah Hall is visiting her brother, Samuel Conser.
Miss Charlotte Shima, of Altoona, spent a few days with Livonia friends.
Mrs. Roy Snook is spending a week in Tylersville.
Miss Jessie Adams, on account of illness, has been unable to teach school the past week.
The hunters stopping at Mr. Stover's though failing to get a deer, found the smaller game more plentiful than for years, having killed 80 pheasants in our immediate vicinity besides a large number of rabbits and grey squirrels. The house was full and every one had a most enjoyable time, partly owing to the presence of Miss Maude Mott, daughter of one of the hunters.

Bayless Accepts Warrant Service.

George C. Bayless, president of the paper company whose dam broke September 30th last and almost wiped out the town of Austin and swept more than three score persons to their deaths, appeared before Justice W. W. Thompson Friday, and admitted service of a warrant charging him with involuntary manslaughter. He was held for the December grand jury in the sum of \$1,000.

PUBLIC SENTIMENT AGAINST TAFT

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the smaller Republican counties in the state. A man living in that county picked out sixty insurgent Republicans in all parts of the county and sixty standpat Republicans, and wrote each of them a letter involving identical questions. The results of that inquiry were as follows—ninety-seven replies being received to the hundred and twenty letters mailed:

1. Do you approve the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill? Yes, twelve; No, eighty-five.
2. Do you approve President Taft's action in the Ballinger matter? Yes, two; No, ninety-one.
3. Do you favor conservation as taught by Roosevelt and followed by Pinchot or as proposed by Ballinger and Taft? Roosevelt, ninety; Taft, two.
4. Do you approve the attack on Doctor Wiley? Yes, three; No, eighty-one.
5. Do you approve Canadian reciprocity as proposed by President Taft? Yes, twenty-one; No, seventy-one.
6. Do you approve the action of Senator Cummins and other Insurgents in opposing reciprocity? Yes, twenty-two; No, fifty-two.
7. Do you approve President Taft's veto of the woolen schedule as passed by the last session of Congress? Yes, eighteen; No, seventy.
8. Do you believe President Taft's Administration favors the farmers and laborers or the Trusts? Farmers, six; Trusts, fifty-eight.
9. Choice for President: First—Taft, twenty; Cummins, fifty-six; La Follette, twenty-one. Second—Taft, fourteen; Cummins, twenty; La Follette, fifty-nine.
10. If President Taft is renominated will you support him? Yes, twenty-one; No, sixty-four; blank, twelve.

Now there is a fair, average poll of a fair, average lot of Republicans—both "Progressives" and standpaters. It represents in a fair, average way the temper of the Republicans not only of Iowa but of about all the West, except the boroughs.
Thus it will be seen that in this section of the country Taft will have a preponderance of the delegates to the convention; also, that Wilson and Harmon are the two leading candidates, with Champ Clark a bad third. So far as the Republicans are concerned, the spirit is largely insurgent; but the result in delegates will be largely Taft. The great reason for this is that almost everybody recognizes the futility of trying to defeat Taft for the nomination and nearly all are willing the nomination shall go to him. The nomination doesn't concern them so much as the election. The election is another matter. If conditions remain as they are, which is more than likely; and if Wilson, for example, is nominated against Taft—or any other candidate for whom the Republicans have a friendly feeling—Mr. Taft will carry very few of the states I have included in this summary. He will carry Utah and Wyoming without question, and probably Nevada. He will lose California, and he will lose Montana and Colorado. The chances strongly favor his losing Oregon and Washington. If the Mormons are strong enough he will carry Idaho. He will lose Arizona and will probably carry New Mexico. Assuming that conditions remain about as they now are, Mr. Taft will be hard put to carry Kansas against a man like Wilson, and will lose North Dakota and, likely as not, South Dakota. He will have desperate troubles in Nebraska and be in most difficult case in Iowa and Minnesota. The chances are against him in all three states unless the miracle works out and opinion shifts to the other side.

Mr. Taft is scheduled to do everything in his power to solidify his shattered party. His pursuit of the Trusts and the Trust-masters is to be more active. Some more of the big men are to be indicted if possible. He will come out against lynching, et cetera, to help along with the negroes. He will continue on world arbitration and universal peace. He will overlook no bet; but the fact is his recent trip did him no good, and these demonstrations will not do him much, if any. So far as this section of the country is concerned Mr. Taft can hope for little—and he will get even less than he hopes.

Since the above was published, ex-President Roosevelt has given out an authorized statement that he "will not support any man for the nomination in 1912 neither Mr. Taft nor any one else." This is considered a severe blow to the hopes of Taft. The statement has attracted attention throughout the country and no doubt will cause Taft much uneasiness. Then following this comes the report that U. S. Senator Crane, of Massachusetts, recently announced that he would support Roosevelt instead of Taft, as he felt uneasy over the possibilities of re-electing Taft.
The same character of news is coming from all points, that at the present time is discouraging to the Taft administration, which seems to be in disrepute with the people. With this is the corresponding prediction that if the Democrats do not make fools of themselves they will be quite certain of electing the next president. Wilson, at this time, seems to have a strong lead over all others, with Governor Harmon, of Ohio, and Speaker Champ Clark good seconds in the race for the Democratic nomination.

This day being Thanksgiving also closes the hunting season for deer, for which these animals would gladly give thanks had they one-fourth the understanding of merciless man—and this day even may see the crippling and killing of these noble animals of the forest. To-morrow the season begins prohibitive, yet some will not heed the law and will make game of the deer if an opportunity presents itself.

The 2-year-old son of Archibald Kelley, of Newberry, was killed in a horrible manner while playing along the railroad tracks near that place on Saturday morning. The engineer of the train states that he noticed the child playing on the path at the side of the tracks and blew the whistle repeatedly as a warning. The boy, however, toddled in front of the approaching engine and was decapitated. The crew immediately notified the nearest house, which happened to be that of the dead child's parents. The mother is almost crazed from the shock.

Prefer Prison to Fines.

The cases of the 223 suffragettes arrested in connection with the disorders around Parliament House, in London, came up in the Bow Street Court. All those heard were sentenced to fines or alternative terms of imprisonment varying from a fortnight to a month. The women all elected to go to prison.
Most of the prisoners arrived in court carrying grips with a change of clothing in anticipation of spending some time in jail. A number of those who had broken windows in excess of the value of \$50 were held for trial at the London sessions. All of these, however, were permitted to go bail.
Many of the women receiving sentences are prominent in the social life of London as well as being well known in the woman suffrage movement. A number of them have suffered previous imprisonment for activities in the suffragette cause.
Many of the prisoners were badly battered in their fight with the police. Black eyes and scratched faces were numerous and many of the women declared that their bodies were covered with bruises.

Tarred a Girl.

At Lincoln Centre, Kas., two of the three men charged with complicity in the tarring of Miss Mary Chamberlain, a school teacher, John Schmidt and Sherril Clark, on Friday, were found guilty of assault and battery by a jury in Judge Grover's court, while A. N. Simms, the third defendant, was acquitted. The jury was out for nearly thirty hours. Sentence was deferred to permit attorneys to argue a motion for a new trial.
Earlier in the day the court imposed sentences of one year each in jail, the extreme penalty.

DON'T GET MAD.

When You Receive a Statement For Your Subscription.
Every subscriber to The Centre Democrat receives a statement for his subscription as soon as he owes one dollar. The statement is mailed as soon as the year is completed and it goes to every subscriber.
Each subscriber is requested to bear in mind that there is nothing personal about any particular case. Hundreds of statements are mailed at a time, and everybody is treated exactly alike.

The Largest Bath Tub.

Ellison N. Cooper, secretary of the Penn Reduction company, of Philadelphia, has just received the champion bathtub of the world. It is large enough to float a rowboat. In Mr. Cooper stands six feet four inches and weighs about 400 pounds. The bathtub is seven feet four inches long, three feet four inches wide, four feet deep and weighs 1,940 pounds. It will hold 800 gallons of water and is made of solid porcelain four inches thick.

Metal Found Under Maine.

The board of inspection to determine the cause of the wreck of the battleship Maine has discovered a mysterious piece of metal in the debris, and Rear Admiral William Capps, the navy's most expert constructor, has been sent to Havana to aid in establishing its identity.
Naval authorities here are confident that the official report will show not only that the piece of metal was foreign to the battleship, but that it is actually a part of a mine.
—Mr. Garman is assuring the public that the "Rosary" will be first class, next Tuesday.

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The new California Walnuts are very fine. Large extra fine quality Olives at 40c per quart.

We are now making our Mince Meat—same grade, the best we can make it, and the price is 15c per pound, same as last year. Our Sweet Potatoes are selected—no jumbos or little runts in them. Oysters, medium and select; Celery and Cranberries.

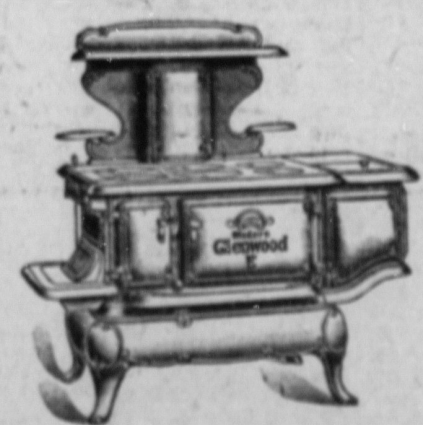
Our new crop Golden New Orleans Molasses will be here about December 1st. We can also suit you on fine, pure sugar table Syrup.

Coffee goes higher and higher, and still higher, but we are holding down the prices to 25c for a high grade goods. We are nicely fixed on dried and evaporated Corn—the regular dried good goods at 12c, or 2 pounds for 25c; and the fancy evaporated goods at 15c per pound.

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