

Thanksgiving.

Governor Hoyt issued his Thanksgiving proclamation Friday afternoon. It is as follows:

In the name and by the authority of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Henry M. Hoyt, Governor of said Commonwealth:

A PROCLAMATION:—During a season of drought and partial failure of the harvests, which in a less fruitful land would have brought famine and distress, and in a time of public trial and tribulation, which under less happy institutions might have led to dissension and strife, the people of the United States and particularly of Pennsylvania, have been preserved in health, in estate and in peace.

Now, therefore, I, Henry M. Hoyt, Governor of Pennsylvania, do ordain and set apart Thursday, November 24th, A. D. 1881, (being the day appointed by the President of the United States), for the observance of those religious services, recognizing the beneficence and care of the Father of us all, and those household customs, strengthening the bonds of families and common brotherhood, in which the time honored traditions of the Commonwealth have been embodied in thanksgiving and prayer of a grateful people.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State at Harrisburg, this tenth day of [L. S.] November, in the year of our Lord 1881 and of the Commonwealth the 106th.

(Signed) HENRY M. HOYT, Governor.

M. S. Quay, Secretary of the Commonwealth.

The trial of Guiteau has been in progress since Monday and whatever else can be said it can not be averred that there has been any indecent hurry about this case or any desire to wreak mere revenge or to satisfy the unthinking passion of the people. The business has taken the regular course, the points involved have been coolly argued, and the ground laid out as dispassionately as though the assassin was one of the multitudinously obscure criminals to whom the attention of Judge and jury is constantly called, instead of being the murderer of the chief ruler of one of the leading countries of the world. There is no reason to suppose that this dispassionate attitude of the people toward one who has wronged them so deeply will not be maintained until the close, and the self-restraint does the country credit; it shows the entire reliance of the people upon the law, the one assurance of a high civilization, and it affords an added proof to the world that this tragedy was entirely personal in its elements, and that it in no way involves the safety of American society or its principles of government.

A GOD-FEARING GOVERNOR.—The thanksgiving proclamation of Gov. Long of Massachusetts, is quite a unique document. Here it is:

Whereas, It is a good and ancient custom to set apart after the harvest a day for public thanksgiving and praise to Almighty God;

Now, therefore, I, John D. Long, Governor, by and with the advice of the council, appoint therefor Thursday, the 24th day of November next.

"Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks.

"Thou visitest the earth and waterest it. Thou blessest the springing thereof. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor.

"Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

The first square issue has been made under the recent act of Assembly forbidding pool playing for drinks, and it will be a good thing if the case gets before a good, sensible jury. The case should be tried with care, for there are few things more demoralizing to the youth than this

abominable practice of pool playing for drinks. The act of the legislature against it was needed; and it will be a subject for great regret if it is allowed to fall away into the general mass of legislation for the regulation of mere drinking houses that has been allowed to become dead letter law.—Hazleton Sentinel.

The munificent and well directed charity of Eastern men has again been illustrated by the gift on Tuesday, by John P. Howard, of Burlington, Vt., of an Opera House, valued at \$125,000, to a Home for Destitute Children in that city; and by the bequest in the will of the late Col. Charles H. Northam of Hartford, Conn., of \$230,000 to educational and charitable institutions. Neither of these men were Goulds nor Vanderbilts in what the world calls wealth, yet it is not impossible that they were both far richer in the consciousness of good works than either of the great railroad Kings.

A Geneva, Switzerland, dispatch reports that the destruction of a Swiss village appears to belong a question of time and bad weather; because the summit of the peak nearest the village is moving. In this enterprising country, under such circumstances, the village would be sure to move too, and that without standing upon the order of its going, especially if its destruction depended upon "bad weather."

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One or two papers on "The Adventures of the Tile Club," and an original Life of Berwick, the engraver, by Austin Dobson, are among other features to be later announced.

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