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Proclamation for Thanksgiving Day.

By the President of the United States of America—A proclamation: It has long been the pious custom of our people, with the closing of the year, to look back upon the blessings brought to them in the changing course of the seasons, and to return solemn thanks to the All Giving Source from whom they flow. And although at this period when the falling leaf admonishes us that the time of our sacred duty is at hand, our nation still lies in the shadow of a great bereavement, and the mourning which has filled our hearts, still finds its sorrowful expression toward the God before whom we but lately bowed in grief and supplication. Yet the countless benefits which have showered upon us during the past twelve months call for our fervent gratitude, and make it fitting that we should rejoice with thankfulness that the Lord in His infinite mercy has most signally favored our country and our people. Peace without and prosperity within have been vouchsafed to us. No pestilence has visited our shores. The abundant privileges of freedom, which our fathers left us in their wisdom, are still our increasing heritage. And if, in parts of our vast domain, some affliction has visited our brethren in their forest homes, yet even this calamity has been tempered and in a manner sanctified by the generous compassion for the sufferers which has been called forth throughout our land. For all these things it is meet that the voice of the nation should go up to God in devout homage. Wherefore I, Chester A. Arthur, President of the United States, do recommend that all the people observe Thursday, the 24th day of November, inst., as a day of national thanksgiving and prayer, by ceasing so far as may be, from their secular labors and meeting in their several places of worship, there to join in ascribing honor and praise to Almighty God, whose goodness has been so manifold in our history and in our lives, and offering earnest prayers that His bounties may continue to us and to our children.

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 fourth day of November, in the year of our Lord 1881, and of the independence of the United States, 106.

[Signed] CHESTER A. ARTHUR.
By the President.
JAMES G. BLAINE,
Secretary of State.

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 fine 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.

A Journalist's Pen Picture of Ireland.

D. R. Locke, (Nasby) tells in the *Towanda Blade* how he was converted by Redpath on the Irish question. Redpath only said, "Come with me." He declined to argue; he merely showed Mr. Locke a series of pictures of rags and starvation, of destitution indescribable, of misery beyond the power of tongue or pen to depict. He counted, "in a five miles' drive" five hundred women without shoes or stockings, walking in the mud. In Fermoy, "a tolerable prosperous village" for Ireland, the women not only had neither shoes nor stockings, but they had scarce-

ly anything to wear. Locke saw evicted tenants—hungry, barefooted, barelegged, and bareheaded women, and pretty at that—trudging along the cold, wet road in a drenching rain storm. And next he saw a flying squadron of 150 soldiers—fine looking fellows, well fed, well mounted, and well armed with loaded carbines. Redpath invited "Nasby" into a typical cabin, where in its single room, 10 feet by 12, with a hole in the wall for a window, the wet earth for a floor, a smookey fireplace in one corner, he introduced him to its seven occupants. About the fire three or four children, dressed in scanty cotton slips, were huddled. In another corner there was a brood of chickens and a pig repeatedly poked his snout in at the loose hanging door. The little holding attached to the cabin had been improved by three generations of family tenants from three shillings to forty shillings per acre a year. In America Mr. Locke thought the land for which the tenant pays \$10 per acre might sell for \$1 per acre! In another cabin Mr. Locke saw a bed consisting of four posts driven into the ground, some stringers covered with rough boards, and on the boards dried leaves and heather covered with some potato sacks. This is the manner of living of the Irish people against whom Mr. Gladstone is employing the "resources of civilization." When Mr. Locke entered the Emerald Isle he was prejudiced against the Irish. He says he tried to "convince Mr. Parnell that he was a demagogue; that the Irish had no reason for agitation; that Ireland could only be properly ruled by the English; and that he ought to be thankful to the kind Providence that had given them a superior race to protect and care for them." After a day with Redpath, Lock was "wet, weary and mad." The day's sights, he says, "were too horrible for talk." Mr. Locke will not dispute any more with Mr. Parnell.—*Chicago Times*.

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