

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

Washington, D. C., Oct. 26.—President Roosevelt today issued his Thanksgiving proclamation through the Secretary of State, naming the last Thursday in November, the twenty-eighth.

The proclamation follows: "Once again the season of the year has come when, in accordance with the custom of our forefathers for generations past, the President appoints a day as the especial occasion for all our people to give praise and thanksgiving to God.

"During the past years we have been free from famine, from pestilence from war. We are at peace with all the rest of mankind. Our natural resources are at least as great as those of any other nation. We believe that in ability to develop and take advantage of these resources the average man of this nation stands at least as high as the average man of any other. Nowhere else in the world is there such an opportunity for a free people to develop to the fullest extent all its powers of body, of mind, and of that which stands above both body and mind—character.

"Much has been given us from on high and much will rightly be expected of us in return. Into our care the ten talents have been entrusted; and we are to be pardoned neither if we squander and waste them, nor if we hide them in a napkin; for they must be fruitful in our hands. Ever throughout the ages, at all times and among all people, prosperity has been fraught with danger, it behooves us to beseech the Giver of all things that we may not fall into love of ease and luxury; that we may not lose our sense of moral responsibility; that we may not forget our duty to our God and to our neighbor.

"A great Democracy like ours, a Democracy based upon the principles of ordinal liberty, can be perpetuated only if in the heart of the ordinary citizen there dwells a keen sense of righteousness and justice. We should earnestly pray that this spirit of righteousness and justice may grow ever greater in the hearts of us all, and that our souls may be inclined evermore both toward the virtues that tell for gentleness and tenderness, for loving kindness and forbearance one with another, and toward those no less necessary virtues that make our manliness and rugged hardihood—for without these qualities neither nation nor individual can rise to the level of greatness.

"Now, therefore, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States, do set apart Thursday, the 28th day of November, 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 home or in the churches meet 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 the twenty-fifth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seven and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and thirty second.

"THEODORE ROOSEVELT  
By the President:  
"ELHU ROOR Sec. of State.

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The Appalachian Forest Reserve

Mr. Editor: Sometimes when a question like this is before the people it is very necessary to stop and think soberly. There must evidently be reasons pro and con, but the most I have heard on either side is not satisfactory. I wonder if the speakers and writers themselves know what they are talking about? In some things I am sure they do not. I want to ask some questions and see if we can answer them.

Will this enterprise be a paying one for the United States? Can Uncle Sam, without too much cost, preserve the timber? I am afraid it will belike the man who shayed the hog. Such a thing as a park is entirely out of the question. Can the Government keep enough men in the field to keep down fires? I think not. There was not any trees in the forests 150 years ago except a few old ones. Since the country has been settled we keep the fires down by every man flying to the spot at first sight of smoke and then thousands of our best timber is burned in spite of all that can be done. Uncle Sam, unless he has the help of many citizens, would have a task indeed.

Will it do the good hoped for in keeping off the floods? In my opinion it will not. Men for it, in the same breath, blow hot and cold. They first say that if the timber is on the lands we will have no floods; then they say if we take it off we will have a desert, that the trees draw rain, etc. What shall we believe? The truth is that trees do increase the amount of rain-fall, and intensify the destruction by water spouts. I am sure that this has no sweet sound to us in the mountains, nor can it much to those on the rivers below. A water spout passed through Clay county some time ago and in one place it cut out a hole large enough to bury a common court house taking up trees two feet in diameter and carrying them for half a mile across the country, and the rain continued until the valleys were covered with water from hill to hill. This started in a gorge covered with large trees. These things will occur in this country in spite of the laws of the land. If Congress can pass a law that will stop some of this rain, the people of Watauga would be very grateful. Last year it rotted our hay, cabbage and corn, and kept our summer boarders away. If timber will keep away floods Noah should have planted trees instead of building an ark, and had a foest reserve law. I know that we are so located between two great hot belts that we will surely have rains and floods. We are wasting some of our best timber, and the best way to stop it is a question that a statesman like our Governor should be able to settle inside his own territory. Others could do the same. Save it for the people to use now and in the future, to use to the best advantage instead of taking it from the people. That sounds too much like we were children. We have bird laws, fish laws, temperance laws, and could have timber laws. If so, why not the State look after her own interests. North Carolina would lose more, or gain more, as the other side has it, than any other State perhaps, and she needs it the least.

The sixteen counties in the west are mainly fine farming lands, ranging from \$20 to \$200 per acre—worth more in grass than in trees. Does our State want to sell and get rid of such values as this? The question is what do we want and what will we get?

The Speaker of the House with his great brain, certainly saw difficulties in this thing. He said it was going through "like a dose of salts." All the daily papers I have seen that venture to say anything at all, have just talked one side. Turn on the light.

J. H. BRENDALL.  
Boone, N. C.

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Odd Fellows Celebrate

Mr. Editor: Will you please allow me space in your paper for a few items descriptive of the District Meeting of the 17th North Carolina District I. O. O. F., that convened with the Grandfather Lodge, No. 285, on Friday, Oct. 18?

The meetings on Friday and Friday night were well attended and much interest was manifested for the good of the order and quite a lot of earnest work was done, among which was a resolution asking the Grand Lodge of North Carolina to grant the lodges west of the Blue Ridge to build and support an orphanage and Industrial School in connection with some other good school to be situated as near the center of the territory as convenient.

After the meeting adjourned on Friday night the delegates and visiting brethren were assigned homes and all were handsomely entertained.

Saturday morning at 8:30 the meeting reassembled and took up the program for the day. The march was led by Silver Link Lodge while the Walnut Grove brass band gave the music for the day in a manner very creditable to the members. The wagons and buggies had been arriving all the morning loaded with provisions, and after the march an address of welcome was delivered by Bro. G. W. Robbins, and I assure you that he made every one feel welcome, which was responded to by Rev. A. Graybeal, of Montezuma Lodge, in a touching and beautiful address. He was followed by John H. Bingham in a splendid speech, his subject being "Love." Many said it was the effort of his life. It was indeed a masterly effort in the interest of the order.

After the speeches dinner was announced and the writer has never seen in his long life a more bountiful table spread, and the most tempting variety of good things that could be thought of was there. It was estimated that there were from 800 to 1,000 people on the grounds, and all were feasted to their heart's content, and yet the good things were not consumed.

Dinner over, the meeting had a few moment's private session, after which the Rev. A. Graybeal made a short address and many regretted that his time was so short that he could only speak 15 or 20 minutes but in those few minutes he said many good things which made us feel that he was a brother indeed.

The meeting then re-convened and resolution of thanks was tendered to the good people of Foscoe and surrounding community for the right royal manner in which they had entertained the meeting. The meeting adjourned to meet with Lansing Lodge in Ashe county, on the 7th and 9th of Oct. 1908.

R. L. HENSON, President,  
J. W. HOLDSLOW, Secretary.

The notion prevails to large extent, in labor circles that when a strike is won, labor has gained a victory and capital suffered defeat. This is a mistaken notion, for the success of any strike means additional cost to production and higher prices to the consuming public.—Janesville Gazette.

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss Margaret Angeline Burkett, of Greensboro, and Mr. Sumter C. Brawley, an attorney of Durham. The ceremony will take place in Greensboro November 6th. Mr. Brawley is an Iredell man.—Landmark.

[The bride-elect is a native of Watauga, and has many relatives and warm friends here who extend congratulations and best wishes. She is certainly a lady possessed of many most admirable traits of character.]

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To The Macon Telegraph it seems that "the Taft boom has fallen by the wayside and the Cortelyou boom was stillborn, and the Foraker boom kicked and squealed and the Cannon boom shot over the garden wall while the Roosevelt boom alone is booming and it booms a little louder every day.—Charlotte Observer.

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