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1000 THANKSGIVING DAY.

The observance of Thanksgiving day In an inheritance from some of the first settions of this country, from whom the American people has received so many priceless traditions of strength. manliness, and confidence in the Afmighty. It should never be forgotten or neglected.

Thanksgiving day was, originally, a day upon which to acknowledge the marcy of God in the bestowal upon His children of many blessings and to prepare, in the proper spirit, for future gifts of mercy. The day is still set apart, by executive authority, for worship and praise.

We fear that, to many, it has lost its significance. It has become a day of eating and drinking, and bolsterous hilarity. This may be in harmony with the spirit of the age, but it is certainly regrettable. For never before, in the history of the country, did the American people have more cause for gratitude than at this time.

We hope the Latter-day Saints will not forget the observance of the day in the proper spirit. They may not everywhere assemble in their respective places of worship. But they should make the day, or part of it, an occasion of family worship and contemplation of the mercies of the Heavenly Father. They have cause for gratitude, as well as supplication, at all times.

We hope the grand object of the day will not be overlooked in the feasting and the merrymaking. The latter features are all right, too, in moderation and singleness of heart. It certainly is pleasing to the Father to see His children enjoying His gifts, but if should be with grateful hearts and loving thoughts of the Giver. Let the object of the day not be lost in thought-Inna levits

THE FOOD SHOW.

Any undertaking which aims to set before the public a better way of doing things is a worthy affair. Such is the purpose of the Greater Salt Laks Food and Industrial Show now being held in the Auditorium in Richards A visit to the exhibition of atreet. foodstuffs will repay the housewife and her helpmeet. There are many showings of articles of dally use in the household and the foods shown there are selections from the best produc tions of the nation's large industrial plants. All are wholesome. There are shown, too, devices which make woman's work easier-and let the fertile in of the Am

ing them than in handling wheat. He- , was about a million dollars, rose in p ever were caught, but they are few and uldes, the grain car will take back a high class of freight on its return trip. while the cattle car may have to return empty. And although the car of cuttle weighs only 22,000 pounds, while the car of wheat weighs 70,000 pounds or more, it probably costs the railroad as much to haut the car of cattle as the car of wheat. When, however, the grain farmer

learns of this difference in rates and especially when he discovers, as he must before much dealing, that he is the person who pays the \$00 freight charges on the car of wheat, he is likely to become furious in his denunclation of the discrimination. Yet here again the real reason for the difference in the rates is that the stock raiser usually ships his own cattle and thus he realizes the full effect of the freight rate on his profits. He has orced concessions from the railroads by his own competition with them; the grain grower has not.

Good roads would enable grain grow ers to compete with the railroads and thus to secure a more favorable, because a more nearly competitive, rule, It must not be supposed, either, that the railroads necessarily make exorbitant profits on the higher rates. They charge "all the traffic will hear," but this rate may be a very reasonable one. Sometimes, in newly settled districts or in places where a new industry is to be developed, the railroads make a rate that yields them no profit. In time, of course, the officials expect the business or territory thus developed to yield good freight profits.

Cotton is carried from Texas to Seat tle rather than due west to Pacific ports in California haif as far away, because the empty lumber cars that carried lumber from Oregon to Texas cannot be allowed to return empty. If is said that the railroads control all the Pacific ports excepting those owned by the public at San Francisco. but there is still water-way competition around South America or by way of The cost of water trans-Panama. portation is only a small fraction of that by land; and where time is not important goods, can be successfully shipped from the east to the west coast by the long journey around the Cap As a result, the railroads are con pelled to give much cheaper rates b tween the East and Pacific coast to minals than between interior points the Rocky Mountain region and th East, and it is claimed that a Ute cattleman discovered last summer this he could ship his cattle eight hundre miles to Los Augeles and then sh them back over the same track and e to the East for less money than

could ship them direct from Utah. Now, it is claimed by railroad me that there is little margin of profit the rates they are compelled to mal to meet water competition, and the a sertion probably is correct in some in stances. And when it is asked why th roads attempt to carry business the does not pay them, the ready answe is that if the railroads did not cars this competitive traffic the rates interior points would have to be muhigher.

There are certain fixed expenses the must be met by a railroad, wheth traffic is heavy or light. The roadb and equipment must be maintained, interest on bonds must be met, taxes must paid, and the salaries of officers remain the same; the wages of trainmen and freight handlers and the cost of fuel to pull trains are lessened if wffic is light, but the other it ms are

value and extent, and was in 1999 oatlmated at \$500,000.000.

There was a time when the ability to annass such fortunes was admired, and the successful manipulators of the financial affairs of monopolles were held up for the admiration of youth Their success was regarded as the proper reward of sagacity, honesty, and in-But moral standards have duntry. changed of lote years, and money kings are frequently denounced as robbers of the public. Couri decisions such as those given against Standard Oil, would hardly have been expected a few years ago. With the change of sentiment in regard to monopolisis, the public ap-

PROTEST NOT TOO LATE.

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deplorable Nicholas Tchaffrovsky, it appears from the dispatches, is to be tried for treason in Russia, and the trial is to be held behind closed doors. That means that the world will hear nothing ed up to be of the evidence, and will be in no position to judge of the proceedings. The matter will remain a secret, until some day a shot will be heard around the world, announcing the death of another sacrifice upon the altar of oppression Tchalkovsky and Mme. Breshkovsky his fellow prisoner, had been promised an open trial by the premier, but, under what pressure he alone knows, he Bits withdrawn his protection, Both have been in this country. They have friends here, and they are not regardsake is right. ed as traitors but as patriots.

In the case of Ferrer, who was killed in Spain, the world protested too late, The victim had already been smurificed when, in one country after another, meetings were held and the judicial proceedings that ended in condemnation were loudly denounced. In the case of the Russian prisoners the error of delay should not be committed. Let the protests come quickly and let them be so emphatic that the Russian government will listen and grant a free and open trial. Public opinion is a power even in Russia. But it must be exerclaed before the end of the tragedy has come and it is too late to protest.

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By E. J. Edwards.

By E. J. Edwards. This daily series of anecdotes and incidents that threw new, interesting and frequently dramatic light on fam ous events and personalities of the past have been collected by Edwards during nearly forty years of more or less inti-mate acquaintance with many of the country's leaders since the Civil War. Each anecdote or incident is fresh from Mr. Edwards's notebook, and, either in whole or in part, it constitutes New News of Yesterday, garnered from the men who made the news-the history-or from equally authoritative sources. As im-portant contributions of the "Human In terest" sort to American history, these articles have a distinctive value all their own.



grow weary in striving to invent some 'Yankee contraption" to do this.

An object of much attention is the exhibit collected by State Dairy and Food Commissioner Williard Hansen and State Chemist Herman Harms. In this display are set before the public the adulterants which enter into the cheaper foodstuffs. A serious study of this department of the show is well worth the time of every visitor to the Auditorium. There are many polsons being taken in small quantities daily. and all because the nousewife is not informed as to their presence in the food: or, if she is, she does not know the danger which lurks within the name of the preservative, the dye or the fla voring of the tood. The showing of adulterants is an educational feature of the show which should not be over looked. Much credit is due the commissioner and the chemist for the splendid feature. The food show, to which admission is free, is a display that should merit a large attendance -and it is receiving much notice, especially from the womenfolk, but the men may profit by a visit there as well.

RAILROAD FREIGHT CHARGES.

The justice of railroad freight rates to a subject always much discussed. At present some of these matters are being tested in various courts, incluiding an important hearing in this State

What arouses the public sentiment on vailroad freight quotations is the admitted fact that freight from easte a points to Salt Lake City is higher than from the same points to San Fran-Cisto

Thus, it has been allown that the rate on certain commodities from New York to San Francisco is \$1 per hundred. upon goods that may go directly through Denver. - But if the same goods are sent to a merchant in Denver, he must pay a rate of \$1.50.

This looks like unfairmose and diserimination; but the reason given is that if the railroads did not make rate of \$1 per hundred from New York to San Francisco, the freight would go by water around Cape Horn.

According to an authority on such matters, it costs about \$20 to ship an average car of wheat to one of the grain markets along the Missouri Erver from the wheat regions 200 miles farther west. That \$50 comes out of the peachet of the farmer who grous the grain; but as no usually does not ship the grain himself, but sells is to a local dealer, he does not feel the effect of the freight rate.

Yet to ship a minimum carload of cattle the same distance, we use told, the railroad charges only \$96.30. Moreover, the nattle must be rushed through by fast freight, they must be accounpanied by a caretaker, and there is granier risk for the railroads in haulnot sonsibly diminished by a light traf-

The case has been put this way:

"Suppose a certain commodity is shipped from New York to San Fran-cisco on which the rate is \$1 a hundred pounds, made to meet water competi-tion, although the actual cost of carry-ing the traffic is \$1.30, half of which is the cost of handling the freight and the other half is the cost of fixed expenses, salaries and maintenance. The \$i rate would pay the cost of carrying and 40 conts toward the fixed expenses. At Chicago another shipment of the same Chicago another shipment of the same commodity is picked up, consigned to Salt Lake City, and although the dia-tance is only half as great the rute is \$150. The cost of handling this ship-ment is \$1, leaving a margin of fifty cents profits. Twenty cents of that amount, however, must go to pay the definit on the New York-San Francheco shipment, actually leaving only thirty cents to apply on surplus and dividends. "But suppose the railroads should withdraw the low rate on the San Francheco business and allow it to go by water. The Pacific const would get its water. The Pacific const would get its freight at the same rate, but the railrouds would lose that much gross revenue. Their fixed expenses and the com of maintenance and salaries would con-

tinue just the same, and they would lose the forty cents which the San Prancisco traffic contributed toward these items. That forty cents would have to be made up on the Sait Lake

it would meen, therefore, that the mere fact of a difference in rates, as for instance the carrying of goods cheaper to San Francisco than to Salt Lake and compelling the Sulf Lake consumer to make up what is lost by the railroads meeting the water-freight rates, while it is clearly a discrimination, is not. you the stampoint of the railroads, unjust, but simply noceasiry.

STANDARD OIL.

The court decision branding the Standard Oil company as an illegal combination in restraint of trade is considered as one of the most important ever rendered in this country. If it is upheid by the Supreme court, and carsted out, it will affect a number of sim-Har combinations. For nearly every commodity is cornered by some trust. and all are guilty, if one in. However, the Supreme court will have to pass upon the case, and every effort will, undoubtedly, be brought to bear to se cure a reversal of the decree. In the meantime business will go on uninterrupted.

Standard Oil is one of the gigantic corporations that grew up in this country shortly after the Civil war. It was chartered in Ohio in 1870, and directed principally by John D. Rockefeller, for the purpose of manufacturing illuminating all out of petroleum. Soon it became one of the largest and most profitable corporations in the country it absorbed, or consolidated with, other compania. It made special contracia with milipoads, and by and by stiffed

If Hannibal Hamlin, Vice President of the United States during Lincoln's first term in the White House, were alive today he undoubtedly would take a great deal of sufficient on the fact "Now, sometime ago, as I was sit-

that fourteen of the states have so far that fourteen of the states have so far made of Lincoln's birthday a legal holiday. For he it was who really started and crystalized the movement that has led to legal observance of the day, though I believe you won't find this stated in any account of the estab-lishment of the day as a legal holi-day. day. Mr. Hamila, who was simost the last

Mr. Hamilin, who was almost the last survivor of those who were of the im-mediate administrative family of Mr. Lincoln, died in 1821 in Bangor. Me. It so chanced that in February of that year I was a passenger on the Boston express for New York, and after din-ing. I went into the smoking car. A moment or two later a sturdy old genmoment or two later a sturdy old gen-tleman entered, threw himself easily upon one of the divans, took from his pocket a very black cigar, lighted it and began smoking. It was Hannibai Hamiin, looking not a day older than he did when, on his retligment from the Senate in March of 1881, 1 had bade him goodbye in Washington. das

Quite naturally, we renewed our ac-quaintance, and after a little conversa-tion I expressed interest in the self-evident fact that he, in the dead of winter at his age, should be making a rather lengthy railroad trip.

"Now, you are not going to interview e," declared the old gentleman, with smile. "I never have been inter-

ADVICE TO EXPLORERS.

Now York Tribune. In addition to the usual equipment, every excursion to the north pole in the future should be supplied with a carefully selected has ilbrary. It should also be unduritied that while the leader is not required to take all the nembers of his company with him on his hast dash be chail alwars bo sepported through that stags of his journey by eminent counsel.

NEW HAMPSHIRE FEMININES. Houston Post.

For the bencht of those who are in-terested in such subjects, it is proper to say that while New Hampshire puts up a choice sittle of kuxom little Wanker schoolmarm. It produces the homilest and most angular grade of widow in the country.

LOOKING FOR A QUEEN.

Hoston Trainscript. Though an offer of marriage from the king of Portugal seems a good deal like an invitation to dance on a volcano, he will probably not sue in value. A throne is a throne, even if it is a triffe rickety. Gramp says that he could be happy with either Princess competition. Its property, which in 1810 Alexandra of Fife or Principal Partricia

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