

TO-DAY is Thanksgiving Day, the day that is annually designated by our Chief Magistrate for the people of the United States to lay aside their daily duties and to assemble in their respective places of worship and give thanks for the many blessings that have been bestowed upon them during the past year.

This year the people of the United States have especial cause for thanksgiving. Peace and plenty have smiled upon our people. There has been no pestilence or widespread disease. Bountiful harvests have rewarded the husbandman, and the products of the soil have been sold at unusually high prices.

In this State there is greater cause for thanksgiving to-day than almost ever before. North Carolina is governed with wisdom and righteousness. Our people are contented and prosperous. Greater strides have been made in all industrial lines than during any previous year.

Temperance has effected more during the past year than ever before in this State. North Carolina can proudly boast and devoutly give thanks that whiskey can neither be manufactured nor sold outside of any incorporated town, and is prohibited also in a majority of our towns.

Let us all then recall these great blessings which God has vouchsafed to our State and country, and to-day give our heartfelt thanks therefor.

Hon. Samuel F. Phillips died last week at Washington City where he had been residing for thirty years. He was appointed Solicitor General by President Grant in 1872 and then removed to Washington from Chapel Hill, where he had resided since early youth, his father and brother being professors in the University.

Until he moved to Washington Mr. Phillips had regularly attended the courts of this (Chatham) county, and is well remembered by our older countrymen. He was a learned lawyer and very dignified in his demeanor. He retained in his old age an affection for his North Carolina friends, and the last time this writer met him in Washington he inquired most pleasantly after many of his friends here, and his eyes were suffused with tears as he recalled in reminiscent mood the incidents and friends of his earlier life here.

COLOMBIA is indignant at the connivance of the United States in the secession of Panama, and threatens to raise an army of 100,000 men to coerce that revolting republic.

While the action of the United States government in this secession of Panama is totally inconsistent with and contrary to her course with our seceding Southern States, yet the people of the South will hardly complain thereat. In the first place the right of secession is now acknowledged, and in the next place this secession of Panama will insure the construction of the isthmian canal which will be of great benefit to the South.

THANKSGIVING Day is observed by many colleges in a strange way. They select that day as the occasion for their great foot-ball games, where thousands of well-dressed ladies and gentlemen are entertained by these college teams struggling like so many gladiators in this brutal sport. These games are also the cause of much gambling, for thousands of dollars are bet on them.

The next annual Reunion of the United Confederate veterans will be held at Nashville, Tennessee, but the time has not yet been designated. From Nashville the veterans will go on an excursion to St. Louis and visit the Exposition.

Increase in Value of Property.

There has been much speculation as to the amount of increase in value of real and personal property for taxation under the new assessment in North Carolina. For the information of Post readers a reporter has made up a comparative statement from the abstract returns sent to the state auditor's office from the registers of deeds of the various counties in the state. The value of real and personal property in each county for the year is given. Fourteen counties have not reported for 1903 so the comparison includes but eighty-three counties.

So far as the reports are in hand the increase this year over last year's valuation is about \$50,000,000. With the counties of Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Craven, Currituck, Franklin, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax, Moore, Rockingham, Warren and Wilson yet to hear from it seems safe to place the total increase at not less than \$50,000,000.

Every county from which reports have been received shows a substantial increase of taxable value of property. The smallest increase in amount, not percentage, was in Falk county, \$42,852, and the largest was in Buncombe, \$2,415,119.

Three counties, Buncombe, Mecklenburg and Wake, report an increase of over two million dollars each. Seven counties, Beaufort, Durham, Johnston, Lenoir, Pitt, Robeson and Wayne, report an increase of less than two million and more than one million dollars each. Only three counties, Alleghany, Polk and Tyrrell, report an increase of less than one hundred thousand dollars each. All the rest show increases ranging \$100,344 in Dare, to \$284,007 in Alamance.

Lost Child Found.

Greensboro, N. C., Nov. 20.—Little Emily Shoffner, the three-year-old child who left home Tuesday afternoon toddling behind her father's wagon, as it had gotten lost, was found late yesterday afternoon lying curled up in a pine thicket not a mile from home, which is six miles from this city. This is a remarkable case of preservation of a "babe in the woods," for the little one was lost Tuesday when she toddled out of the yard on a warm day, bareheaded and barefooted, and clad in summer raiment. That night it rained hard, the next day and yesterday it was very cold, and the little one had nothing to eat. Search for her had continued, despite the fact that it was expected that the child had attempted to cross a stream which had been swollen by a latter rain Tuesday night. When found, the child was nearly frozen, but was soon able to respond intelligently to the story of her adventure, saying that she had been walking about in the pine thicket all the time, eating for mamma and papa and she could not find them or the dog, and she had been "sleeping" when she was not walking about.

Phillip Shoffner, her father, was in the city this morning, and was overjoyed at the recovery of his child. He said she slept well last night and was bright and happy this morning.

Coughs Up a Diamond Ring.

In discussing the accidents that befall little children and the kind destiny that usually pulls them safely through misadventures that would have, perhaps, fatal results with the grown-ups, it was remembered that Mary Rogers, the attractive little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Gibbons, of this city, had the good fortune to recover from a very curious mishap. When she was three years old, her mother let her play with her engagement ring, a heavy gold ring, with a solitaire setting. The ring disappeared. Mrs. Gibbon insisted the child had swallowed it. Dr. Gibbon, watching the little girl for several days, was sure she had not swallowed the ring. A week passed and Mary Rogers was as strong and bright as ever. Mrs. Gibbon was still anxious, but Dr. Gibbon became confident the ring was lost and had not been swallowed. Ten days after the ring disappeared, James, the small son of Dr. and Mrs. Gibbon, was playing a bit roughly with the little girl. She coughed violently, and the ring rolled out of her mouth.

Washington Letter.

Washington, Nov. 12, 1903.

Another has been added to the long list of scandals associated with the republican party. Senator Dietrich of Nebraska is appealing to the President, the Attorney General and his republican colleagues in the Senate to save him from conviction on indictments for bribery and conspiracy, which have just been returned against him by the Federal grand jury. The Senator is accused of accepting \$1,300 in money and property in consideration for his endorsing the appointment of Jacob Fisher to be postmaster at Hastings, Nebraska. Although the jury, selected from all over the state, voted 19 to 1 in favor of returning the indictment, the senator declares that it is the result of a political conspiracy, and is trying to remove from office W. S. Summers, the United States District Attorney, who prepared the charges. It appears that the Senator had erected a building at Hastings and induced the Post-office Department to transfer the local office to it from a building owned by the Grand Army. The Senator received less rent for the office than he had asked, and the Grand Army men in Hastings regretted the loss incurred by their having bought postoffice fixtures which were now of no use to them.

A new postmaster was to be appointed, and whichever of the applicants received Senator Dietrich's endorsement was certain to receive the appointment. Fisher promised that if he could get the position, he would buy the fixtures from the Grand Army men and also pay the Senator the difference between what he got and what he asked as rent for the office. Fisher is now the postmaster and is under indictment with the Senator. For several months he has paid Dietrich the money to make up the rent until the Senator realized that he was violating the law and returned the money to the postmaster. This may prove an extenuating circumstance in the case, but the buying of the fixtures still remains as an illegal consideration. The penalty for accepting consideration in making public appointments is two years imprisonment or \$10,000 fine. The Senator says he will waive his constitutional immunity from arrest and return to Nebraska to stand trial. It remains to be seen whether he can convince the jury that the indictment was the result of "political conspiracy."

Asided by the democratic votes, the Cuban reciprocity bill passed the House of Representatives. By an arbitrary disregard for the rights of the minority the republicans prevented the submitting of any amendments, and the democrats were forced to accept the bill for want of something better. It will no doubt pass the Senate, for with democratic assistance the necessary two-thirds majority for the treaty has been obtained already in that body. The bill may be passed in time to adjourn the extra session before Thanksgiving. Representative McKellean, mayor-elect of Greater New York, made an eloquent speech in the House in favor of the bill. He said in part: "Now at last, after years of waiting, after the spectacle of an insistent lobby practically dominating Congress, we propose to partially fulfill our pledge to Cuba by giving her this two-penny measure of relief, that is warranted not to offend the susceptibilities of the most sensitive trust in existence. We have made a solemn promise to Cuba. If a republican majority, in its night, is only willing to partially keep that promise, the blame and the shame rest with the republican party. This bill is but a partial fulfillment of our obligation, but as we are confronted with the alternative of either not fulfilling our obligation at all, or of fulfilling it in part, there should be no difference of opinion on this side of the chamber as to the necessity of enacting the bill."

The administration has committed itself to the Panama canal and Secretary Hay has signed a canal treaty with Minister Varilla which gives this country absolute sovereignty over the canal territory as well as the right to insure public peace and sanitary conditions in the cities of Colon and Panama. The two commissioners from the isthmus are in Washington. They are Dr. Manuel E. Amador, minister of finance of the new republic and head of the revolutionary party, and Frederico Boyd, a popular representative of the business interests of the isthmus. They arrived in New York on a ship flying Panama's flag and will ratify the treaty signed by Mr. Varilla. They will get the \$10,000,000 which was to go to Colombia, although it is thought by some officers of the administration that part or all of this money should be paid to the Bogota government as an indemnity for losses incurred by the revolution. \$40,000,000 will have to be paid to the Panama Canal Company and as Secretary Shaw has deposited so much of the cash of the Treasury in the national banks that enough does not remain to pay this sum it is feared that the withdrawal of the money from the banks will have a bad effect on the business interests of the country.

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Cummock Jottings.

Cummock, N. C., Nov. 24.

Several of our people attended court and a good many were defendants. We have surely had a taste of winter for the last few days. The mercury just stayed at and below 40.

The farm of the Chatham Coal and Iron Company has made a record to be proud of this year, especially as to the corn crop, which will be 2,000 bushels or more. I don't believe there is another farm in the county that will equal this showing.

Shelby Groce, with one horse and no help except day hands, made near 500 bushels of corn and five bales of cotton. This crop is nearly all housed. Now let's hear from any other young man who can equal it. Mr. Groce had the advantage of a sulky plow.

Mr. Tom Gross will again superintend the farm for the company. Mr. Gross has made quite a success since taking charge and seems to be the right man in the right place.

We were very agreeably surprised at the evidence of activity in building at Pittsboro since we were last in that old "city." Several handsome dwellings, a large brick store, telephone exchange, blacksmith shops, etc., have been constructed for the last year. We are glad to see our capital city making such gains.

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28 Persons Burned to Death.

Johnstown, Pa., Nov. 21.—Twenty-eight bodies, charred and blackened beyond all possible identification, lie tonight in the ruins of what was once an Italian lodging shanty, located on the Pennsylvania railroad, twenty miles east of this city. In addition to the list of the dead there are thirty-two men who have been taken to the hospital or to the homes of friends. Twelve of this number are in the hospital in this city and several cannot recover.

The fire started early this morning while the men were yet in bed. According to the story of one man who escaped from the shanty, the men lost their lives through a fire which started from an overloaded stove. The stove became red hot, it is said, and the interior of the shanty, which was lined with inflammable paper, caught fire. The shanty was ninety feet long and about twenty-four feet wide. It was occupied by 65 men, mostly Italians, employed on the Pennsylvania railroad improvements between Lilly and Portage. On each side of the aisle which ran down the center of the structure was a row of bunks, three high. In these bunks were piles of straw. One of the water boys on the work said he was awakened by hearing a man cry out "fire." At this time the fire was in the upper end of the building only, where a mass of struggling men were fighting to escape from the building. Some of the men escaped, but a few remained asleep in their bunks.

All at once the foreigners on the outside remembered that they had left their trunks in the blazing building. Then followed a rush of men through the door. Those who fought for the door were in the wildest sort of a panic. When one man got ahead of another the other pulled him back. They fought, bit by bit and kicked, and among those who escaped, there are many who bear marks of the fierce struggle which took place in this battle. One of the witnesses says that he does not believe that a single man of those who went back for their trunks succeeded in getting out again.

In the ruins some of the corpses were close beside the hoop iron bands of the trunks, and melted gold and silver which had been kept in those receptacles, indicated that the owners had died with their treasure in their arms.

The bodies were all practically burned to pieces. Chatham Partridges Confiscated. Governor C. W. Caldwell observed. Last night there was a large number of egg crates loaded on a truck for Washington City. Part of the crates were filled from W. R. Gilbert, Siler City, Chatham county, to D. W. Ballinger, the others from W. C. Cooper, of Siler City, to Krelly, Price & Co., of Washington. Game Warden Wetherly "smelt" partridges so strong, he took a hatchet, prized open a box and found nothing but eggs on top. He cut one of the sides of the crate, about half-way, and there he found birds, nicely packed in the centre of the egg crate. All the boxes were fixed, or "nested," the same way. He confiscated the whole outfit, and sold 400 birds at the court house door this morning.

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N. G. YARBORO, Admr. N. McK. Easer, dec'd. Womack & Hayes, Attys.

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