

Song of the Thanksgiving Bird. Let poets sing the lark a-wing, The thrush's silvery wing, The mocking-bird to rapture stirred, The robin's rhythmic wooing; Aye! let them praise in lyric lays The blue-jay pert and perky, But O for me each time, perdie, The plump Thanksgiving turkey!

A THANKSGIVING SACRIFICE.

PLEASE God we shall all of us eat our Thanksgiving dinner at home this year. The bleak November day might have been blue and glittering with the sunshine of an Italian morn, to judge by Captain Ross' face, as he hurried aft; and the two passengers who leaned over the rail of the Forest Queen, watching the foamy crests of the waves, looked after him.

"Here it is, then," interrupted Dayrel almost impatiently. "I was betrothed to a girl as beautiful as an angel, and, as I believed, true. Well, I had occasion to take such a journey as this one has been. When I returned she was engaged to another man."

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There was a crash and splintering of the timbers, as Dayrel almost pushed Vassar into the boat. The Forest Queen settled lower and lower, and went down in the very sight of the horror-stricken survivors.

George Vassar sat at his Thanksgiving board that afternoon, with red and white chrysanthemums decking the feast, and wreaths of autumn leaves rivaling the coral shine of the red embers on the hearth—sat with wife and little ones at his side, and warmth and brightness all around. Four or five miles below, washed ashore by the cruel rush of the waves, with his white face turned up toward the darkening autumn sky, and seaweed in his wet locks, lay the corpse of Guy Dayrel.

Day was certainly behind time. There was sat craving our necks to locate the glorious bird, but it was too dark to see them in the foliage of the magnolias. When the sky began to clear up we took standing positions, and made our necks ache by looking upward. I was the first to see the game, and this one was directly over my head; and it was only a few moments more when each, except the boy, was sighting along his gun barrel waiting for the word "Ready."

Plum Pudding as the English Make it. For English plum pudding clean, wash and dry one pound of currants, stoned one pound of raisins. Mix the currants, raisins, one pound of suet, chopped fine, three-quarters of a pound of brown sugar, the grated rind of one lemon, half a pound of minced, candied orange-peel, a quarter of a pound of flour, half of a grated nutmeg. Beat five eggs: add to them half a pint of orange juice, then pour over the dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Pack into greased small kettles or moulds. This will make about six pounds. Boil for ten hours. Serve with hard sauce.—Ladies' Home Journal.

The Pumpkin Pie. Oh, on Thanksgiving Day, when from east and from west, From north and from south come the pilgrim and guest; When the gray-haired New Englander sees 'round his board of affection restored; When the care-worn man seeks his mother once more; And the worn matron smiles where the girl smiled before; What moistens the lips and what brightens the eye; What curls back the past like the rich pumpkin pie?—Whittier.

Molasses candy may be quickly made by placing in a granite kettle one teaspoonful of white sugar and 1 1/2 cups New Orleans molasses. Let it boil until it makes a moderately hard candy when tested by dropping a bit from the spoon into cold water. Add one tablespoonful butter, three teaspoonfuls vinegar, then boil two minutes longer. Take from the stove and stir in well one-quarter teaspoonful saleratus, pour on well buttered plates, and before it gets too cold check off with a buttered knife. This may be improved by having a teaspoonful of hickory or walnut meats spread on the buttered plates, before pouring over the hot candy. Popcorn or peanuts also may be used. A foundation for many fancy candies is made thus: Place in a granite kettle two cupfuls granulated sugar, one cupful cold water and a pinch of cream of tartar. Stir until it dissolves but not after it boils, or it will grain. Cover the kettle (and boil about ten minutes. There are several different stages at which it may be removed from the fire, when it is soft and creamy, or hard or quite brittle. If one wishes it creamy, it must be stirred one way until it is cold, commencing when it is a little more than lukewarm. Cocoa-nut, chocolate, almond, fig or nut candy may be made from this fondant.



For what are we thankful? For this: For the breath and the sunlight of life; For the love of the child, and the kiss On the lips of the mother and wife. For roses entwining, For birds and for bloom; And hopes that are shining Like stars in the gloom. For what are we thankful? For this: The strength and the patience of toil; For even the joys that we miss— The hope of the seed in the soil. For souls that are whiter From day unto day; And lives that are brighter From going God's way. For what are we thankful? For all: The sunshine—the shadow—the song; The blossom may wither and fall, But the world moves in music along! For simple, sweet living, (This Love that doth teach us,) A heaven forgiving, And faith that can reach it!—F. L. Stanton.

Indian Chiefs were hospitably entertained by Pilgrim Fathers. The first Thanksgiving was appointed by Governor Bradford, at Plymouth, Massachusetts, in 1621, the year following the landing of the Pilgrims, in order that the Colonists in a more special way could rejoice together at having all things in good and plenty, writes Clifford Howard, in the Ladies' Home Journal.

Atlanta Judges Render a Decision in The Famous Dispensary Case. Judges Pardee and Newman, of the United States Court, handed down a decision in the famous dispensary case at Atlanta, enjoining the Southern from refusing to haul liquors into South Carolina in future.

Shot and Brained in a Potato Patch. The dead bodies of Henry Turner, wife and sister, were found in a potato patch, in Campbell county, Ga. They had been shot to death and brained. Bloodhounds have been called for. There is no clue whatever as to the perpetrators or their purpose.

A Reward of \$250. Gov. Ellerbe, of South Carolina, has offered a reward of \$250 for Constable Newbold, the slayer of Mr. Turner, of Spartanburg. The killing has excited unusual interest throughout the State and public sentiment is strong against Newbold, especially in the up country where the deceased was so well known and highly respected.

A Big Electric Plant. The 2,000-horse power electric plant on Yadin river, thirteen miles from Winston-Salem, N. C., is well under way and will be in operation next February. It is the only plant of its kind in the State. It will furnish power for street cars, mills and factories, and electric lighting for not only Winston and Salem, but all towns within its circuit, and this embraces a large and prosperous territory.

He feels thankful because he can feel.

"THE CITY OF CHARLOTTE."

This Handsome Car is to be Used for Fifteen Years TO ADVERTISE NORTH CAROLINA

A special from Raleigh to the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer says: The exceedingly handsome car, "The City of Charlotte," attracts much attention at the Union station here. It will be here until the end of the month. Next week and the following it will be filled. Mr. Frank Green and another expert will load the car, taking articles from the Museum. This is permitted under a special act of the Legislature.

MCKENNA FOR SUPREME COURT.

In That Case Boyd is to be Urged for the Cabinet. A Washington special says: The appointment of Attorney General McKenna to the Supreme Court bench as the successor of Associate Justice Field, retired, is considered a certainty. The appointment will be made soon after Congress convenes next month.

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Floods in Spain. Great damage has been done by floods in various parts of Spain. This is notably the case in the provinces of Saragossa, Valencia and Malaga, where railway traffic and telegraphic communication have been seriously interfered with.

The Number of Colleges. The late report of the Commissioner of Education gives the number of colleges in this country as 494. Of these 188 have no endowment, 54 report endowments of less than \$25,000, while only 4 have endowments exceeding \$5,000,000.

Washington. Ex-United States Senator Nathan Fellows is dead. The name of Grover Cleveland's son is to be Richard Folsom Cleveland, in honor of Mrs. Cleveland's father.

TOLD IN A PARAGRAPH.

Mr. Joseph Wylie, of Chester, S. C., has presented Erskine College with \$40,000. Morganton, N. C., votes bonds to the amount of \$20,000 to the Shelby railroad.

The management of the Virginia penitentiary report that the institution made a profit this year of \$54,184.34. The fine San Marco hotel, at St. Augustine, Fla., has been burned by firebugs. Loss \$250,000.

Louisville, Ky., recently suffered a \$150,000 fire in the wholesale district. Covered by insurance. The annual conference of the Methodist Protestant church will be held at High Point, N. C., on the 24th.

The "Can't Get Away Club" of Norfolk, Va., has made a donation of \$800 to the yellow fever sufferers at Mobile and Biloxi. A mob broke open the jail at Eufaula, Ala., and lynched Bud Beard for outraging a 7-year-old daughter of Farmer Crocker, at Reform.

At Durham, N. C., Henry Green, col., killed a 10-year-old boy and an officer in turn killed the slayer in attempting to arrest him. At the Jacksonville, Fla., bicycle meet Tom Cooper won in the two professional events; Bald was second. Cooper's time was 2:08.

The Middlesboro Foundry and Machine Works at Middlesboro, Ky., has been burned. Loss, \$500,000; insurance, held in London, \$100,000. At public auction, in Atlanta, Ga., a few days ago, a lot fronting sixty feet on Central street was sold for \$50,000, being \$1,000 a front foot.

The firm of J. B. Reid & Co., of Macon, Ga., has been placed in the hands of a receiver. The liabilities are about \$50,000; assets not known. Hon. Henry Watterson spoke to a large audience at the State Normal College, at Greensboro, N. C., last week. His matchless eloquence held the audience spell-bound.

One hundred and forty-eight bales of cotton were set on fire at Fort Mill, S. C., it is supposed by a small boy and a cigarette. About forty were damaged; seventy-five were insured. Governor Atkinson, of West Virginia, has announced his candidacy for the United States Senatorship. This, however, is conditional on the withdrawal of Judge Goff from the race.

At Goldsboro, N. C., Sam Wright, whose real name was Wiley Vaughn, the negro who murdered Mr. W. A. Carr, was hanged privately in the jail. He confessed to three murders in all. The postoffice at Mocksville, N. C., has been blown open by thieves and robbed of \$300—half that amount in money, and the other half in stamps. The thieves rode off on a hand car and cut the telegraph wires.

Wilmington, N. C., has just organized a paid fire department modeled after that of Atlanta, which is one of the best in the South. An Atlanta fireman will go to Wilmington to train the members of the new department. At the session of the Knights of Labor in Louisville, Ky., Grand Master Sovereign was unexpectedly displaced as general master workman and Mr. I. D. Chamberlain, a newspaper man, succeeding him.

The North. At Hot Springs, Ark., three people were burned to death. Denver Col., has imposed a \$1,000 tax on dealers in cigarettes. On the 10th Plymouth church, Brooklyn, celebrated the semi-centenary of Henry Ward Beecher's ordination as its pastor.

John G. Koerner has been caught after stealing 108 horses and bringing them from the streets of Indianapolis, Ind. Organized labor of Chicago, Ill., demands that \$1,350,000 worth of stone cutting for Chicago's postoffice be done in that city.

At Philadelphia, Pa., Charles Gerbach, a mad cigar-maker, shot his father-in-law and the latter's son, and then killed himself. Judge Grosscup, of Chicago, has held the World's Columbian Exposition Co. responsible for the \$75,000 losses to the French exhibitors by reason of fire.

The beet sugar manufacturers of Nebraska have asked Assistant Secretary Howell, for a hearing before he gives his decision on the countervailing duty on Dutch sugar. Reports received at Boston, Mass., state that heavy snow continues to fall in parts of Connecticut, Vermont and Massachusetts. Several inches cover the ground.

At Carson City, Nev., in revenge for an alleged wrong to his sister, Julian Kiser, aged 16 years shot and killed Charles Jones, United States district attorney. Guinan surrendered himself at the sheriff's office. At Cleveland, Ohio, J. J. Shipperd has been arrested on a charge of embezzling nearly \$200,000 from F. D. Robinson and a receiver has been asked for his firm, which is alleged to be insolvent and owing \$2,000,000.

A court of inquiry has been ordered to convene at the New York Navy Yard to ascertain the causes of the grounding of the United States tugboat Nina, off the Southern coast. Miscellaneous. Twenty-seven steamers are under charter at Philadelphia to load grain for Europe. When Judge Van Wyck becomes mayor of Greater New York he will remove from office all the present city officials. The Inspector General of the Army recommends that a fund be created for the benefit of widows and orphans of military men. The United Mine workers will appeal to Governor Tanner to prevent the importation of Chinamen to Illinois to take the places of striking coal miners.

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THE CROP CONDITIONS.

Government Report on Corn, Tobacco, Potatoes and Hay. ALL SHORT EXCEPT HAY. Favorable Conditions for the Sowing of the Fall Crops From Most Parts of Europe.

The November report of the statistician of the Department of Agriculture gives 23.7 bushels as the average yield per acre of corn, according to the preliminary returns of the department's correspondents. The corresponding preliminary estimate last year was 27.3 bushels, and that of 1895 was 26.6 bushels. The average yield in the principal corn States is as follows: New York 32.5, Pennsylvania 38.0, Ohio 32.5, Indiana 29.0, Illinois 31.5; Iowa 29.0; Missouri 25.0, Kansas 19.0, Nebraska 20.0. The average per cent. of quality is 86.3, as compared with 94.7 in November of last year.

The average yield per acre of tobacco is 646 pounds against 679 pounds per acre last year, and 743 pounds in 1895. The estimated average yield per acre of potatoes is 64.6 bushels, as compared with 56.8 bushels last year, and 100.7 bushels in November, 1895. The average per cent. of quality is 92.3, as compared with 89.3 in November last, and 94.8 in November in 1895. The average yield of hay is 1.42 tons per acre, against an average of 1.21 tons per acre for the last fifteen years.

In point of quality the average is 92.3 per cent as compared with 92.9 per cent in November, 1896, and 91.3 per cent in 1895. Favorable conditions for the sowing of the fall crops are reported from most parts of Europe, and the condition of the crops so far as now is likewise favorable. The opinion is freely expressed that an increased area has been sown in wheat. The crop reports from India continue favorable, and on the whole this is true as to those from Argentina and Australia, but in all these countries the harvest is too remote to permit any very confident prediction as to the final outcome. In the case of Argentina, it may prove that more damage has been done by the locusts and the spring frosts than is yet apparent. There is nothing to indicate that the wheat shortage in Europe is any less than has been supposed, while the crop of Manitoba is now reported to be much below the official estimate issued in August.

DECIDED IN CALDWELL'S FAVOR

Judge Coble Decides the Railroad Commission Act Constitutional. A special to the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer from Statesville, says: After the exceedingly able arguments of the distinguished counsel employed in the case of Caldwell vs. Wilson, Judge Coble rendered his decision in favor of the plaintiff, L. C. Caldwell. The judgment of the court was entered under three heads, viz: 1st, that the act of the Legislature creating the railway commission and giving the Governor power to remove, etc., was constitutional; 2d, the court refused to submit the issues presented to a jury for trial; 3d, the court finds on the merits presented in favor of the plaintiff, L. C. Caldwell, as above stated. Maj. Wilson's counsel made a motion for a new trial, which being overruled, they appealed to the supreme court. Mr. Caldwell naturally feels gratified at his first victory in this cause. The opinion is that the whole matter rests on the constitutionality of the railroad commission.

NEWBOLD KILLS A PREACHER.

Bloody Deed of a South Carolina Constable—Filed to Escape Lynching. A special from Columbia, S. C., says: Detective W. H. Newbold, of the State force, looking after violators of the whiskey law, shot and killed Rev. J. M. Turner, a Baptist preacher. Turner was in a buggy, driving to this city, and was commanded by the detective to halt. He did not stop promptly, and was shot. The detective has fled to escape being lynched. Information from Charleston, S. C., says fire destroyed the Frederick Deming Industrial School at Maryville, S. C. The school was established by a Northern philanthropist for the advancement of the colored race. William White, a negro, who was assisting in the efforts to get the fire under control, was probably fatally injured by falling timbers. The school was insured for about \$2,000. It will be rebuilt.

Pelished in the Flames.

At Charlotte, N. C., Mr. S. M. Davidson, aged about 50 years, was burned to death at his home on North Pine street. He was alone in the house when the fearful accident occurred. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is thought that he in some way upset the lamp and it exploded; or that he had fallen asleep on the bed with a lighted cigar in his mouth and that it had fallen on the bed, setting it on fire. His aged father was painfully burned also, and he doesn't know his son is dead. Mr. Davidson was a school teacher by profession.

THE KNIGHTS OF LABOR

Will Cut a Figure in the Next National Campaign. Chairman of the Press Committee Chamberlain of the Knights of Labor says that the Knights of Labor will cut a big figure in the next national election. "We are growing all the time," said he, "and we intend to vote against politicians who are in politics for office. We want men in office who will better the condition of the laboring man and who are right on the economic questions."