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## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1908.

A THANKSGIVING SENTIMENT.

Some months ago an accomplished which he does all too infrequentlypressed very deeply those who have that way; but for the purposes of this ing Day or with any thought that it trusion upon the Sun's line of thought, paign documents free are monstrous, would ever find its way into print, for | we here permit it to resume: its writer is a modest man and does not pose before the public eye. A to think that the Bard and the Siren Singer are up to the mark set by Miss Wall Street Journal is a serious-minded paper. who wrong from its writer a reluctant consent to its publication. This the Invocation from the press until the Invocation from the press until

Whiskey makes a man a slave,
the morning of Thanksgiving Day, to
which it has peculiar appropriateness.

Tis whiskey that causes ships to which it has peculiar appropriateness, and it is appended herewith in confidence that the judgment of the editor touching its fine thought and high merit will be affirmed by every discriminating reader:

## OUR FRIENDS---AN INVOCATION

Giver of every good and perfect gift, we desire to thank Thee this day for our friends.

Sometimes in our thoughtlessness or in our arrogance we say we make them. Thou makest them, and we meet them on the way. To those who find few, give the comfort of Thy Spirit, and open their eyes and ears that they may see and hear the tokens of love and sympathy about them; and teach us all to grapple to our souls with hooks of steel those whom Thou hast given us.

who had few while here on earth. who has countless thousands now, and yet stands waiting to welcome and comfort all who come unto

—J. L. CHAMBERS.

THE GREATEST OBLIGATION OF ALL.

at all times is that high heaven has not dealt with us according to our deserts. When one reflects upon the many sins committed, the many wrongs done, the little good accomplished, the many opportunities for ervice to God and humanity which have been allowed to pass unimproved; in a word how long the debit and how short the credit account kept are curious, in that when an outsider with us by the Great Book-Keeper, the majority of us must stand amazed ar God's patience and long-suffering. It is not for what He has done for us but for what He has not done to

us that we owe most thanks, We thank Him as we should for life and health; for the increase which the earth has yielded; for exemption from the "pestilence that walketh by darkness and the destruction that wasteth at noonday;" but bethat we should thank Him for not having sent us to hell where, in the course of strict justice, we belong.

Charlotte has lately gotten a great al of praise from the outside on acof its entertainment of the ertion of mayors and on account deserve it. The truth is that sative freight rate which imits speed in the race toward

night was the largtv's history-though you will march next Tuesparade. The siecther as if they will

The New York Sun, upon whose literary discrimination, taste and judg-\$3.00 print of late," it is "inclined to give" its that his defeat was the result of the 4.00 "preference to Virginia authors. It is use of money." Which is very true,

"We yield to none in admiration of the North Carolina minstrels. For the Bard of the Brushles we have long nursed a sentiment which it were inadequate to describe as randingers. is borne in upon us." Continuing: describe as rapturous, and in the matter of the Siren Singer of Hog Elk, to whom we have just been introduced, we are conscious of a rising fervor. The Bard hands us this brief but brilliant scintiliation:

"It is to be noted that among the large disbursements of the Democratic commitation."

'Linville Bum came out to speak, But Linville Bum, he was too weak-

Physically. Physically.

'Linville Bum came out to speak,
But 'bosses' thought he was too weakMentally.

'Linville' Bum came out to speak,

But Linville Bum he did not speak-Orally."
"This is deep and subtle. We follow

Bum with almost speechless fervor. But now comes the 'rhythmic, rippling Hog Elk' trovatore:
"'He ran for Congress did Mr. Cowles,
He reared and snorted like warriors

Hieroglyphically. He ran for Congress did Mr. Cowles, But the folks refused him at the polls Emphatically. 'He ran for Congress did Mr. Cowles, Like striped chipmunks to their holes-Skidoodally.

'He ran for Congress did Mr. Cowies, But Hackett beat him to the goal-O'erwhelmingly.'

This last, we are pained to have to gentleman of Charlotte, one of fine remark, though written in the past whole public any part of them. If Hierary taste and himself a very de- tense, was really an ante-election the politicians were given free run lightful writer when he will write- production. It was written in a prophetic spirit, though in terms as of months in every campaign they would wrote for distribution among about a an event realized. The facts, unhapdozen friends a sentiment which im- pily, did not, however, turn out just as to seriously interfere with the been allowed to see it. It was not discussion that is neither here nor gestion and that that the Governwritten with reference to Thanksgiv- there. Begging pardon for this in- ment Printing office print all cam-

hands of the editor of The Observer | ters (or mistresses) of the pulsating lyre That may be considered later. For the present, however, all our tendrils reach out to Andrew Jackson Andrews, the long gained, it was determined to withhold recognized laureate of Richmond, who has just warbled to this effect:

> By drunken captains, oh! just think—
> That fills his skin with strong drink,
> And send souis to a watery grave.
> Whilst salling over the mighty waves.
> Tis whiskey that causes the sweetheart To forsake her love and depart; Tis whiskey that causes man and wife To frequently separate for life. The forger writes another's name.
>
> Caused by whiskey—shame, oh! shame—
> And sends him headlong to prison—
> Say, can this crime be forgives
> By men on earth or angels in heaven?
>
> Rival lovers whilst on a spree Kill each other frequently; Drunken parents often slay Their little babes in open day.

So, gentle folks. I now me thinks The worst of crimes is caused by drinks. Why then should we whiskey drink? Just think, oh, think. The bitter cup of misery it brings. To destruction our happiness flings Crimes from drink would fill a book That would reach from Richmond Sandy Hook.'

"Possibly we are influenced by the vital bearing of this flood of melody on a topic It seems to drew Jackson Andrews has sounded the

very finest note of modern times." It is undeniable that in accuracy of statement Andrew Jackson Andrews has the Minstrel of Hog Elk beat a block and that as a spokesman for the Moral Forces and a swatter of the Morally Stunted he out-ranks both him and the Bull of the Brushles: but we solemnly affirm that as poet-and the quality of poetry is the subjecthe is not in the class of our new North While the blessings which we as a Carolina favorites. The Sun itself people have received this year have would but for its pride of opinion. been rich and manifold, that for admit this when its mind is again enwhich many if not the majority of us throned. This, however, aside, of the should be chiefly thankful to-day and supremacy of North Carolina in the poetical firmament we shall presently

> THERE IS A DIFFERENCE. The Observer, referring, of course, to the recent statement of Dr. Stiles, of the Marine Hospital Service in regard to health conditions in North Carolina, remarked that our people suggests a deficiency or imperfection

> among us "we swell up about it and abuse him," and The Monroe Journal makes the paragraph the subject. of this observation: We all have sinned. Has even

Observer the right to throw the first stone—it who so valiantly set upon the efforts of the 'Conference for Education' that thought it saw a chance to help, and the cause of education in the South: it, who points the finger of scorn at the good intentions of the outsiders who now and then think they see a need for better conditions in our cotton mill sections? Not carpingly, but honest and straight-can our fight—can our coatemporary throw first stone at the balance of us?"

It occurs to us that there is a good leal of difference between suggestions concerning the public health, made by a government official, co-operating with an Executive commission, appointed to consider the very subjects activities and accomplishments that Dr. Stiles talked about, and a Greater Charlotte Club. This self-constituted "conference" which asing and stimulating to our comes to patronize us, pity us and give who will try to, if they do money to educate our children, who are our own peculiar responsibilities, otte's best friend could not hope or that set of Pharisees who come to to get along better than it is teach us humanity when the real the circumstances and there is spring of their action is their prorse circumstance except the pensity to meddle with other people's business.

The stingless bee, recently developed by breeders, appears to be no good. manta's newspapers are of one It produces honey in sufficient abundone time. They are united in ance, but somehow that honey lacks tion to Jeems. One of gest almost entirely. Some time ago that a Maddox mass meet- the announcement was made that the onion, as formidable among vegetables as the bee among insects, had been robbed of its odor. Who bean Atlanta newspaper's every lieves that it can possess any merit t about a matter in which after undergoing such a subtraction? ad-and that citizens "by We are not particularly hospitable to scientists who produce results of no more value to manking than this

THE SUN GONE WRONG ON CAMPAIGN EXPENDITURES AND POSTAGE.

The Wall Street Journal, discussing the recent campaign expenditures of ment we have always heretofore been the two political parties, those of the able to depend with confidence, has Republicans \$1,656,518 and of the betrayed that faith, and as the result Democrats' \$620,644-41,000,000 less of some sort of mental perversion is -remarks that "this is a large sum, able to announce that "as regards the but it is not larges enough to give Southern poetry that has broken into Mr. Bryan the opportunity to assert true," to quote it further, "that North and it says further that "as a matter Carolina runs second by a bare nose of fact the campaign funds of this the chances are that nine judges out year were much less than in the three of ten would not perceive the smallest previous campaigns, a fact that should difference—but Virginia's excellence be the occasion of public rejoicing. and it is largely due to the new pub-

> disbursements of the Democratic committee was that due to the cost of postage,
> amounting to \$37,552. It might be well
> worth while to consider whether it would
> not be proper for the government to relieve the campaign committees of the expense of sepding campaign literature
> through the mail. This is a service of
> education for the people, and it is in the
> line of a proper publicity, and in this
> way the government could reduce the exway the government could reduce the ex-pense of conducting campaigns. Indeed it might go a step further and permit of the printing of campaign documents at Government Printing Office. course proper restrictions would have to be made, but inaamuch as this is a public service it might properly be made a pub-

lic expense. For heaven's sake, No. There is every year a large deficit in the Postoffice Department; this year larger than ever before. Enough free stuff is already sent out in campaigns under the franks of Congressmen. Let the contributors to political parties pay all campaign expenses-not the of the mails for a period of four and we could not believe that they are "The Charlotte Observer does not seem submitted seriously except that The

## THE WHOLE STORY

It is worth while to repeat, for the sake of emphasis, all of the story told in yesterday's dispatches of the hearing before the committee in Washington Tuesday relating to the tariff on glass and glassware:

W. L. Kann, of the Penn American families. Plate Glass Company, on behalf of eleven plate glass companies, asked for an in-brease in the duty on plate glass. Rep-resentative Boutell, of Illinois, questioned the witness as to whether the American laborer would benefit from an increase in the tariff and when informed that he would not, Mr. Boutell said:

'For three weeks this committee has conducted these hearings and all those who appeared before it did so voluntarily. No one was asked. The testimony has uniformly shown that increased duties will not accrue to the benefit of o which you belong.'
"The poor manufacturer,' suggested

eleven plate glass companies endeavored to put up the prices

This tells the tale. It is seen by the statement of a Republican Representative and the confession of the glassware representative that the tariff beneficiaries do not propose that either the laborer or the customer but only themselves shall profit by tariff revision. With good reason, Lamb. therefore, does Mr. Boutell "want to know" what good except to the manufacturer is to come of this sort of revision. The case does not need

The Norfolk Landmark stands ready to cuss out and quit. "The Bryan business," it says, "has become a farce, unworthy of serious men, and this paper does not intend to be dragged into it again." There are others. When it comes to the jumping off place our Norfolk contemporary will not find itself alone.

Cannon will no doubt be re-elected Speaker of the House but there will be comfort in the knowledge that he had to bow his stiff neck in order to President-elect has brought him to his knees and put the tariff revision saddle on him.

A Mississippi mob frankly admitted on Monday last that it had lynched altogether the wrong negro on the Sunday before. Polite mobs invariably apologize when they make a mistake of this awkward though unimportant nature.

However, for all that the requirements of decency arising from exposures forced a promise from Chairman Cortelyou, the famous Republican campaign fund of 1904 has never yet been officially ventilated.

Dr. Cyrus Thompson is the star correspondent in this morning's paper.

Thanksgiving at Davidson. Special to The Observer.

Davidson, Nov. 25.—College exercises will be suspended for one day only this week, that is to-morrow. paratively few students will go home.
in view of the short holiday and the So that the more they rise, the near approach of the December finals.

Multitude will sink. 10:30 a. m. to-morrow Rev. Dr. M. Richards will conduct public Te desitute! give th orship and make an address.
The usual holiday suspension of painess will take place in town. The December examinations will begin about the 10th and the term close on the 25d. College will open again on January 5th.

So, the lower that you are of keep your wages here.

LFor The Observer. WE OFFER THANKS TO THEE

We thank Thee, God, that from our broad fair land-From Lakes and Guil, from sea to sea— From rock-ribbed hills and from the shifting sand, Our thanks go up to Thee.

We thank Thee that a nation, grand and high, As one man bows the suppliant knee. In whatse clime its broad dominions its, To offer thanks to Thee.

We thank Thee for the safety of our homes; And for our country, wide and free, For countless spires and arching domes,

For peace and honor and for righteous laws, or helpfulness and dignity, For brother-love and finished wars,

For knowledge of Thee, Father, and Thy care, For all that Thou wouldst have us be, For song and sermon and for prayer, We offer thanks to Thee

-ELLEN FRIZELL WYCKOFF.

BROKE CONTRACT LABOR LAW.

Department of Commerce and Labor Alleges That Laborers Were Imported by Firth Carpet Company Under Illegal Arrangement—Cam-Under Illegal Arrangement—Campany Had Advanced Money as an Inducement to Foreign-Bornel Wholesale Deports Inducement to Foreign-Born—Wholesale Deportation, of Law-Breakers to Follow,
Washington, Nov. 25.—A sweeping

deportation of violators of the con-tract labor laws has been ordered by make the largest yield of corn on one of Commerce and Labor. Fifty-three persons, either contract laborers or dependents, who came to this country under an alleged unlawful arrangement with the Firth Carpet Company, located at Firth Cliffe, N. Y., have been ordered to be returned to their homes in England and Scotland. The cases of many others now are under consideration, but no final disposition has been made of them. The Department of Justice has the prosecuion of the Firth Carpet Company, for violation of the contract labor laws,

under advisement.

It was charged in a report to the Department of Commerce and Labor last June that the Firth Carpet Company had violated the contract labor The department in a statement to-day says that after examination of various employes of the concern it was convinced that wholesale im-portations of laborers had been effected. In course of the examination some half-dozen aliens arrived at New York, all destined to Firth Cliffe. They were ordered to be deported. Subsequently on the report of the investigating officers, 88 persons were ordered arrested. They included contract laborers and their immediate

Firt hCliffe is a small village in Orange county, New York. The Firth Carpet Company employs 600 men, a large percentage of whom are experienced tapestry workers. perienced tapestry workers, having received their training in English and Scotch' carnet mills. The department claims in its statement that the books of the company show that from 1902 to 1908 over \$4,410 had been advanced to allens to enable them to migrate to Firth Cliffe.

Spencer, Nov. 25.—Rev. W. H. Mc-Master, State secretary of the North Carolina Sabbath Observance As- ticket. Mr. Kann.

"Precisely," replied Mr. Boutell. 'I sociation, is spending this week in sociation, is spending this week in spending thi each night in the various churches and at the Y. M. C. A. to secure the enactment of such laws s will permit railroad men and others to observe Sunday.

> [For The Observer THANKSGIVING.

You are startled at the injustice of re urning thanks-for what? For having too much, while so many starve."-Lamb

We are yearly called upon to uplift For joys in which the many have no share, nor chance, nor choice. However drear may be the lot of million called upon.

hey must give thanks though ne'er to see a brighter dawn. Tis glorious to give such grateful feel-

For youchsafed blessings to the people of a chosen day! The rich, with turkey crammed, give thanks till they can hold no more; The poor, with empty bellies, stand upor

ings ample play

starvation's shore.

shore where surge and throb a bound less sea of nothingness, And where no friendly bark, with wind spread sail, is seen to pass; barren shore, with reefs to wreck the

hopes of famished men win. To put it another way, the Who, wan and hollow-eyed, stand there the empty void to scan.

> there from shore to shore As they, at last, caught sight of freighted ships to aid the poor Through Legislation's tax afforded by the Dingley bill

But thankful shouts went up, resounding

makes the wealthy richer still. rosperity! oh sing its praises until you Until you land, with Poverty, on famine'

Although it raises not your naught unto you giveak your hearts in thankful air that makes you live.

Although your paunch is em And you can hardly stand starvation bent, You can render thanks the sa gorged and filled up And bless the fates, so you such a vacuum.

Thanksgiving's Day, To render thanks for me and bless the Nation that pr

CORN GROWING CONTEST.

The Prize Acre in a Competition in Moore County Produced Over 102 Bushels,

Moore County News. Last spring Messrs. John M. Wadsworth, W. J. Wadsworth, P. A. Fisher, J. H. Forbis, S. J. Forbis and B. D. Caviness entered into a friendly rivalry or contest to see which could

acre this year.

They measured up a short time ago and it was found that Mr. J. M. Wadshaving gathered from his prize acre 102 26-35 bushels. Some of the other contestants produced tupwards of ninety bushels to the acre, all of

which were fine yields. Mr. Wadsworth planted the Southern Prolific corn, one of the best va-Let's see how well it paid Mr. Wadsworth to grow this prize acre of corn:

Income:

By 102 2-3 bu. corn at 85c. \$87.26 " 800 bundles fodder at 1c. 8.00 " shucks .... 3.00 Total income ...... \$98.26 Expenses: 

subscription to The News free.

Mr. Wadsworth is one of the very best farmers in the State, and we venture the assertion that no other farmer in the county made near so large a profit on an acre of farm pro

The Plurality Against Him Increase Each Time He Runs. Nashville American.

For a dozen years Mr. Bryan has had a wonderfully strong hold on the American people, or a number thereof, but the vote he has received indithe laborer, and that a decrease in the duties will not accrue to the benefit of the ultimate consumer. It seems that no matter what wa do, if we radse or lower the tariff, it will only benefit one class.

Special to The Observer.

Special to The Observer. The His effort is in his first race. He has a following that adheres to him through thick and thin, but he has lost many followers and in the last campaign many supported him who had never done so before, while many who had been his supporters declined to vote for him. a man who has met only defeat in his whole career as a Nationa eader, Mr. Bryan's popularity and in-fuence have been well, sustained, but the figures indicate their decline,

A Happy Old Party.

Washington Post. Commenting upon Mr. Bryan's nanifesto in The Commoner. The Nashville Banner is moved to say: the policies were sound, the candidate was deficient. The policies were nearall of the candidate's making by them and other extreme doctrines he did not put into the platform he was mostly judged."

After a citation of the fact that Me Bryan ran 120,000 votes behind the Democratic State ticket in New York 140,000 in Michigan, 150,000 in Illi-nois, 199,000 in Minnesota, and behind nois, 199,000 in Minnesota, and behind the Democratic ticket in his own State,

he Banner continues:
"The Democratic party will have to abandon all the distinctly Bryan do trines as completely as it has abandoned free silver, and return to its old-time safe basis as a conservative party and defender of a strict construction of the constitution before it can again hope to elect a President."

PLAIN WORDS AS TO MR. BRYAN. Notice That It is Not Go.

Norfolk Landmark. Mr. William J. Bryan spoke before election day as if he would conside a third defeat his quietus as a presidential aspirant. He now suggests rather pettishly, that he may twenty years more if the De party wishes it.

There is no use in attacking the Ne braskan for not renouncing ly all further honors of the bearing kind. The persons are the State leaders, pa

Thanksgiving Day has come again, For women, children and for men. So we'll thank you for all kind deeds, But each thank "Him" for all our needs.

