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TODAY has been set apart by the President of the United States and the Governor of North Carolina as our annual Thanksgiving Day, as a day of special prayer and praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His bounteous harvests and blessings during the past year. This is in accordance with the time honored custom and is commended by us to a Christian people to observe, and yet the day will be to us, and to a large majority of our readers, a day of work. They will go about their daily business as if there was no such day as Thanksgiving Day. Others will observe it, but in far different ways. They will enjoy it as a holiday, believing it to be more pleasure than any other day or will do a better work than usual. After here and there, we go forward and will devoutly and with grateful hearts return their thanks in prayer and praise to our God who is the giver of all good things.

As a nation our people of the United States have great cause for thanksgiving today. Our country is at peace with and respected with all the world. Others there who have experienced the ills of bloody war and cruel suffering can scarcely realize fully appreciate the blessings of peace. Famine and pestilence we should be. As citizens of a great republic we cannot be too grateful for the stability of our government. While we regret that the republicans were defeated in our State and in the country, yet the day will come to us, and at all by a majority of [illegible] Christians. They will go about their daily business as if there was no such day as Thanksgiving Day. Others will observe it, but in far different ways. They will enjoy it as a holiday, believing it to be more pleasure than any other day or will do a better work than usual. After here and there, we go forward and will devoutly and with grateful hearts return their thanks in prayer and praise to our God who is the giver of all good things.

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At the recent election nine of the States were carried by a very small majority, thus showing the importance of every man voting. The vote of Connecticut was 74,920 for Cleveland and 74,692 for Harrison, a majority of only 206. Nearly 600,000 votes were cast in Indiana, and yet Harrison's majority there was only about 2,000. Virginia cast about 160,000 votes, and gave Cleveland a majority of 1,585. In several other States the vote was nearly as close.

The House of Representatives in the next Congress is almost a tie, and it is not yet certain whether the democrats or republicans will have a majority. It will not be more than five majority for either party. Several districts are claimed by both parties, and revising contests over them may be expected.

The official vote of this State for President was duly canvassed last week by the State Board of Canvassers, and the result was announced as follows: Cleveland 147,902, Harrison 134,784, and Fisher 2,402. This gives Cleveland a plurality of 13,118 over Harrison. The Prohibition vote was smaller than most persons supposed it would be.

The board of canvassers will meet again today and canvass the vote for Governor and other State officers. The vote of all the candidates shows that Fowle received 149,502, and Dockery 135,988, making Fowle's majority 13,512.

Our Washington Letter.

[Regular Recorder correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, Nov 23, 1888.

Mr. Cleveland has returned to Oak View in order to prepare his last annual message to congress. There is little doubt that Mr. Cleveland will confirmly stand by the position taken by him on the surplus and the tariff last December. He will make no compromise to meet the situation that is a "Communistic act," a tariff that confiscates." He will still advocate the Democratic policy of reducing the [illegible] and the revenues of the [illegible] but above all he will insist that the income of the Government should be at once reduced. It is thought by some that he may [illegible] the [illegible] to [illegible] that he will advise the Senate to recede from the Senate amendment to the [illegible] bill and to [illegible] the present session of congress. In fact the signs are multiplying that the policy of the democratic leaders at the coming session will be to [illegible] possible to prevent the passage of a tariff bill that will reduce the surplus, and if they [illegible] to accept the republican plan to [illegible] [illegible] as to [illegible] [illegible] all.

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