

TODAY is Thanksgiving Day, when, in accordance with a time honored custom, the people of the United States are called upon by the civil authority to lay aside their daily business and assemble in their usual places of worship, for the purpose of returning thanks in prayer and praise to Almighty God for the many blessings and mercies which he has bestowed upon them.

Yes, the people of the United States are peculiarly favored, even more so than were the chosen people of God—the Israelites—during the reign of the wise King Solomon. In this Heaven favored land of ours all men are equal in the eyes of the law and are entitled to the same rights.

Not only are our people peculiarly blessed in the enjoyment of civil and religious liberty, but also in material prosperity, calmly bestowed to the contrary notwithstanding. We doubt if any people of any country ever lived more comfortably than our people do now.

It is commonly right and just that this Christian people so peculiarly blessed, when at all times grateful for their blessings should set apart some one day in every year for special thanks rendered in prayer and praise to that divine source whence all their blessings flow.

A Reformatory for the youthful criminals of this State will probably be established by the next Legislature. A bill for that purpose was passed by one branch of the last Legislature.

The annual session of the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held last week at Salisbury, Bishop Galloway presiding. The reports showed a favorable progress in all lines of church work.

Washington Letter.

From our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20, 1896.

Has President Cleveland made a deal with President-elect McKinley? Strange as this question may appear current rumors make it pertinent. One of these rumors has it that a list of Federal employes in a number of southern states who took an active part in supporting Bryan in the late campaign is being prepared; that they are all to be dismissed and gold demerits appointed in their places, and that an understanding exists by which these gold demerits are to be allowed to retain their places under the McKinley administration.

The anger the number of public men, Senators and Representatives in Washington, is growing to a more palpable degree than in the past. It is believed that in the next session of the Senate, when they are now convening, an effort will be made to pass a bill which will strip the President of his power to protect and remove any official from the strong arm of the law, to punish. Every man can worship his God according to the dictates of his own conscience, or his own worship at all. Indeed this is a free country and the people enjoy so much liberty that an Irish emigrant, fresh from the Emerald Isle, wrote back to his friends in the "old country" that in this country every man did just as he pleased, and if he didn't they would make him!

Senator W. H. Texas, is among the early congressional arrivals. He says he is going to give weight to the suggestions of Congress, but he is not sure that he can expect any kind of a result. He is not sure that he can expect any kind of a result. He is not sure that he can expect any kind of a result.

Senator West, of Mo., isn't one of those who thinks there is the slightest reason for the Dingley tariff bill to be passed by the Senate at this session. He said, "I have no objection to the Republican Senate who voted with the Democrats at the last session against the consideration of the Dingley bill, with the possible exception of Carter, will stand with us again, and if they do there is no possibility of passing the bill."

The Jackson Democratic Association has invited Mr. Bryan to deliver the address at its celebration of Jackson day, Jan. 8th, 1897, and are hopeful that he will accept. The question of who the few gold democrats in Congress will caucus with at the coming session is being much talked about.

The Starving Millions of India.

From the New York World.

There can be no longer room for doubt that India is fast entering what may prove one of the worst famines in her history. With a million and a quarter people on the verge of starvation in the Deccan and the Bombay provinces, the starvation would be shocked by a representation of the insupportable horror of such famines as those of 1769 and 1876, when people died not by the thousand or the ten thousand but by the million.

The population of British India is now estimated at two hundred and forty million people—twice as many as the Roman Empire, according to Gibbon's estimate, and at its period of greatest strength. Nearly all these people are Hindus living from hand to mouth, and giving no aid to their own production of support to their own parents and hereditary rulers.

Their condition is utterly miserable, and any starvation in America can only be looked at as a thing of course, and not as a thing of horror. In fact, it is not a thing of horror, but a thing of course, and not as a thing of horror.

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Sues Apex for \$5,000 Damages.

From the News and Observer.

The little town of Apex, in this county, has a sensation. It is in the form of a \$5,000 suit—and it is against the town.

A damage suit for that amount is calculated to produce a sensation, especially if it has any sort of tenable ground as its basis. This was seen to have, if one may judge by the version of the matter given by Register of Deeds Rogers, who brings the suit, and who is a resident of Apex.

It seems that some time back in the early summer, an ordinance was passed by the commissioners imposing a tax of \$1 upon all dogs owned in the corporate limits. It appears that no provision was made for taxing the dog owner's property.

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First Taste of Russellism.

From the Raleigh News and Observer.

Macon, N. C., Nov. 22.—The white people of this county have recently had another example of Russellism and negro supremacy. About three weeks ago John M. Coleman, of Chatham, in this county, was grossly insulted by John Mian, colored, in consequence of which J. M. Coleman immediately attacked the negro down with his fist.

Several days ago the negro made complaint to John Wright, a colored justice of the peace, a warrant for the arrest of J. M. Coleman was issued, and a negro deputized to serve it. Mr. Coleman was arrested by the negro constable, and carried to a negro store for trial.

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