

The custom of observing one day in the year as a day for national thanksgiving, is one which fitly becomes our Christian civilization. It has so impressed itself upon our national life, as a people, that even before the annual proclamation by the President designating the day for the national thanksgiving men all over the land begin to inquire about it and express surprise that the proclamation has not been issued before.

This shows the bent of the American mind, and may be taken as one evidence of our growth, as a nation, in those virtues of head and heart that honor God and exalt his name in the earth.

So great is the reverence for this beautiful and commendable custom, that not only does the President of the nation issue a proclamation calling upon the people to assemble themselves together and worship God on the day set apart, but the Governors of the different states, and in many cases, the mayors of cities and towns proclaim it fit and proper for the people to close up business and worship God in thanksgiving together.

And so this has been designated by the President of this nation and also by the Governor of our state as a day of universal thanksgiving to Almighty God for the general blessings of our Christian civilization, and the special blessings that have come to us during the year from His bountiful and beneficent hands. A thousand bells chime out this morning the welcome call to the house of prayer, where every sect and denomination that trusts in God will lay aside all thought of doctrinal controversy, all remembrance of difference in creed, all spirit of criticism of any kind, and unite in one common chant of praise to God for the riches of his blessings thus far bestowed and in one fervent prayer for a continuation of His gracious remembrance.

To some this day has come as only any other day. They go about their daily tasks as though they knew it not. To others it has come as a day of recreation to be gained in outdoor and field sports with dog and gun, or in the chase. To all such the day with its consecration has little meaning and makes but slight impression on their minds and hearts.

But to thousands and thousands of humble souls whose trust is in God and whose God is the Lord, this day has come as perhaps the happiest, gladdest day of all the year. With tender emotion they recall the myriads of blessings which have come to them, and in coming to them to all men about them; and by common thanksgiving with the entire nation, their heart-throbs are quickened and they are stronger, whatever their station, in the battle of life and the conflict with evil.

As a nation, we have been highly blessed. No calamity has fallen upon us. No great destruction has come upon any part of our country and no scourge has swept across our borders. Peace has been our portion, despite occasional commotion, and plenty has abounded all over our land. The earth has yielded sustenance for man and beast, the seasons have been delightful and all things have taught us that ours is a delightful land.

WILL THERE BE A THIRD PARTY?

In the meeting at Indianapolis last week North Carolina was honored in the reelection of Col. L. L. Polk as president of the National Farmers Alliance.

The question now upon the tongue of many is, will there be a third party? Col. Polk has said publicly and privately that he could not say anything for or against a third party.

That as a true Alliance-man he can not give his influence either for or against it. He has been reported as arraigning both the democratic and republican party in his addresses, and especially in his message at Indianapolis. And this it has been said, was looked upon with favor by those of the Alliance who wish a third party.

THE DEMOCRAT has not thought at any time that a third party would have much following anywhere in the Union, and certainly not in the South. And we do not believe that there will be any third party to divide the democratic party.

Doubtless some would blindly fall into the ranks of such a party in the hope of getting relief from some of the ills that we all have to bear in common; but thousands of democrats inside and outside the Alliance would not support a third party.

Indeed we believe very few, comparatively speaking, would do so; but in the event that any considerable number should go into a third party, the democratic party would be so much weakened and the republican party so much strengthened thereby that the latter would capture everything and the country would be handed over to the unmerciful rule of republican maladministration from which there would be no hope of recovery for a quarter of a century to come.

But we repeat, we do not believe that such will be the case. We believe that the wisdom of the more conservative citizens of the country will hold in check all who would unwisely break over the democratic lines and precipitate disaster upon us. We are a democratic people and we will remain so.

WHAT SHALL WE DO?

This is the question almost hourly asked by some discouraged farmer or some one dependent on him. The rather short crop and the exceedingly low price of cotton have greatly depressed not only the farmers but everybody else. And it is truly not without some degree of reason that men now and then ask what shall they do.

THE DEMOCRAT believes in a hopeful gospel. We preach it all the time because we believe it. Whenever hope is lost all is lost. Whenever hope abounds success must be the result. We are as keenly alive to the fact that these are hard times as any one else, but we see no earthly good in continually parroting the same phrase about hard times.

The same earth and air and sun shine and rain and seasons are ours that have been the inheritance of mankind from the beginning. And while we do not see as bright a future just ahead as we would like, we may rest assured that with an untiring energy in the right direction we shall not come to want. To be sure, the people of this country have displayed a zeal and energy for the past twenty-five years seldom, if ever, equaled by any people of the century; and the only thing to do is to take a firm grasp upon the chances we have and make the most of them possible. The lands of this favored climate have never yet refused to yield sustenance for man and beast. So let us all hope on and work on together and it shall be well with us.

FROM WASHINGTON CITY

(Regular correspondent.)  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 23, '91.  
Is Secretary Blaine in revolt against the Administration whose reelection he is opposing? Appearances indicate that he is, and ex-Gov. Forsaker, who is here in attendance upon the meeting of the Republican National Committee, held today, while he refuses to talk for publication, loses no opportunity to let his personal friends understand that Mr. Blaine has promised his aid in the fight he is making against Sherman. In consequence of the effect of the free champagne which was plentiful all day around the hotel at which the republican committee held its meeting, one of Forsaker's friends related the following as the Blaine-Forsaker programme: "You know, of course that Blaine dislikes Sherman and will be glad to see him end his public career by being defeated for the Senate; but you probably do not know that there is yet a stronger incentive for Blaine to combine with Forsaker, and that is to prevent Ohio sending a McKinley delegation to the republican nominating convention next year. McKinley is Blaine's pet aversion and however the Senatorship contest may end, Forsaker has undertaken, in exchange for Blaine's influence against Sherman to control the State delegation to the national convention and to prevent the name of McKinley being presented to that convention."

The cares of administration may be great and pressing, but Mr. Harrison does not forget to "cast an anchor to windward" in the proposition of the Indiana "nigger" vote. One of them—D. R. Roberts, of Evansville—has been appointed Recorder of the General Land Office, to take the place made vacant by the resignation of the negro preacher who went back to Indiana for the openly avowed purpose of aiding to get a Harrison delegation from that State.

All sorts of improbable stories concerning the Speakership contest are being told here for the purpose of aiding or injuring this or that candidate, but there has really nothing occurred here during the week to either encourage or discourage any one of the candidates or his friends, although it is believed that something may have taken place in New York city during the latter part of last week, when several of the candidates were over there, that may later on have an important bearing upon the result; but even that is supposition, for the conferences which took place in New York were secret and none of those who attended any of them care to say at this time what was done. It is now apparent that the majority of the members of the House will not arrive in Washington until after Thanksgiving day; therefore that the Speakership fight will have to wait until the turkey, etc., is disposed of before it can get down to business.

It is said that some of the republican Representatives will make a strong protest against giving ex-Speaker Reed the republican nomination for Speaker. When they do, it will be time enough to believe it. There was not a single republican in the last House who was not afraid of Mr. Reed, and if there is one such elected to the new House he has not been heard of here. Mr. Reed will rule the handful of republicans in the House with a rod of iron. See if he does not.

Gov. Hill spent Friday and Saturday in Washington arranging for quarters for the Congressional session.

Spring medicine is now wanted, for if you are out of sorts and feel badly P. P. P. is the remedy to take and get strong and invigorated.

That "Tired Feeling." The newspapers are having a good deal of fun nowadays over that "tired feeling," so much spoken of in medical advertisements, in connection with the ill-health of females. It may be a source of hilarity to witty paragraphs, but not so to suffering women who by overwork and a disregard of the laws of health have lapsed into a condition bordering on invalidism. What most women need is to be relieved of some of the slavish work that is piled on them, and a free judicious use of strengthening tonics, such as P. P. P. (Prickly Ash and Potassum), the greatest blood purifier and laxative in use Superior as a builder up of women, bringing back lost energy to the body, and color to faded cheeks, restoring the appetite, and thus renewing in her that healthy vitality long lost.

P. P. P. cures all blood diseases such as Rheumatism, Syphilis, Gout, Scrofula, and all ulcerous affections, even vanquishing that melancholy enemy of man Dyspepsia. All druggists sell it.

Scrofula cured, even in its worst forms, by P. P. P. and you will be strong and healthy in a short time by the use of P. P. P.

THANKS, BROTHERN.

The Scotland Neck Democrat has begun its eighth year. It is a good paper. Brother Hilliard is meeting with success, which he deserves.—Kinston Free Press.

The Scotland Neck Democrat has entered upon its eighth volume. The Democrat has greatly improved in appearance and matter and deserves the credit which is due to its successful management.—Southport Leader.

The Scotland Neck Democrat is seven years old. It is well gotten up and is always filled with interesting matter. Bro. Hilliard has our best wishes for continued success.—Goldboro Headlight.

MR. DIXON ON THE ALLIANCE.

(New York Herald, 23rd.)  
The Rev. Thomas Dixon had something to say for the Farmers' Alliance yesterday in his remarks preceding his sermon in the Association Hall. He said that it was by no means sure that the recent election had proved a death blow to the Alliance—this nameless hobgoblin with hayseed in its hair.

"The simple truth is," he said, "that all this talk about the death of the Farmers' Alliance and industrial union is cheap partisan twaddle. Its life was not involved in the fight. It was not seriously affected by these elections because it is primarily a moral, not a political movement. The movement is in its last analysis a religious movement and finds its basis in the religious nature of the millions of under masses who compose its rank and file.

"Not a single one of the problems that gave birth to this movement has been met as yet. They have not even been given a hearing. They have been hooted out of court by the hired assassins of thought in the older parties, who fight not for principle but for office.

"In spite of good crops, gaming in the bread of a starving world still holds its carnival of hell on the floor of your exchanges.

"Conservatives may hoot and scoff! and but the movement is one of resistless power. You had as well try to sweep back the sea with a goose's tail feather as to try to stop it with the pen of ridicule. You had as well try to dam Niagara with an anathema."

Correspondence.

FROM ROXBEL.  
Personal Notes—News in General.  
Last Wednesday was the coldest day we have had this season. We learn that there will be a dance in town Thursday night of this week. The musicale at Mr. W. J. Capehart's last Friday evening at which quite a number were present, was greatly enjoyed. But little cotton has been shipped from this point as yet. Mrs. Geo. W. Wood left sometime since for a visit to friends at or near Raleigh. Rev. Archibald Cree preached in the Baptist church here again Sunday, a. m., and at eight. A call was extended from the church to him for the month of December, after which time the church is expected to call him for the year 1892. He is much liked here. Mr. T. R. Hedspeth, of Conway, N. C., has accepted a position as clerk in the establishment of L. C. Hedspeth, Esq. Several of our people are unwell at present with the lagrippe or something near skin to it. It was one of our constant visitors last year and it is hoped we will not be troubled with it any more. Rev. J. W. Powell, the late pastor of the Baptist church here, but now pastor of the Mildred church in Edgecombe, made a visit to Roxbel last Saturday and preached at the church in the morning. We were all pleased to see him and hope to have him make us another visit soon. Nov. 23. TYRO.

PERSONALS

Mr. C. Speed is clerking for Mr. M. Heilbroner.  
Mr. H. H. Rastberry, of Edgescombe, was in town Monday.  
Miss Sallie Neal went to Raleigh last week to take in the Exposition.  
Miss Nellie Christian of Urbans, Va., is visiting her brother, Dr. C. C. Christian.

Mr. B. G. Smith, who has been in Arkansas for some time returned Tuesday.  
Mr. R. E. Hancock has gone to Suffolk to attend the Alliance Peace Union.  
Miss Sallie Turner Smith went to Raleigh Tuesday to visit the Exposition.

Mrs. Knight, of Henderson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. H. S. Hyman, returned home yesterday.  
Mr. William Hodges and wife are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Farmer, at Hucksford, Va.  
Prof. J. M. Fleming went to Raleigh yesterday to be present at thanksgiving services at his home today.

Mr. D. M. Baird has moved to town with his family. They occupy rooms in the Savage house at Greenwood.  
Miss Mamie Jones, who has been visiting the family of Mr. B. D. Webb, returned to her home in Raleigh last week.  
Mr. E. M. Bloomberry, representing S. M. Stern & Co., of Philadelphia, whose house is one of the largest in that city, was in Scotland Neck this week.

Mr. Paul Kitchin was home last week and spent one night. He was here as a witness in the Superior court at Halifax. He likes Wake Forest and says he is getting on very well.  
Mr. S. M. Gary of Halifax came down Monday and is spending some time hunting with Mr. T. W. Fenner. We hope he will have a good time and will bring in much meat.

Judge H. R. Bryan now presiding at Halifax Superior Court, spent Sunday in town, the guest of Mr. W. A. Dunn. He has been on the bench only a short while, but has made a good record and favorable impression wherever he has been.  
Rev. C. N. Donaldson of Norfolk, Va., was on a visit to his son here last week, who is a student in the military school. Rev. Mr. Donaldson conducted prayer meeting services in the Baptist church Wednesday night to the delight of his audience.

SUPERIOR COURT.

Judge Bryan has made a favorable impression upon the public mind. His reputation for that fairness and impartiality that characterize a Judge of a high-toned Christian character, has been sustained by him in this court.  
The report of the grand jury on the jail and poor house was as follows: "We, the grand jury of this honorable Superior court of Halifax county for the full term of 1891, beg leave to report the following:—We have examined the common jail of the county and find it in good condition, with the exception of a few window lights out, to the discomfort of the inmates.

We further state that we have examined the poor house of the county and find it also in good condition and well kept."  
The criminal docket was one of more than ordinary interest. Willie Thomas, a colored boy, was tried for killing a colored girl last spring near Aurelian Springs in this county, which was mentioned in THE DEMOCRAT at the time. A verdict of accidental homicide was given and he was sentenced to one year imprisonment.  
George Foreman who last spring entered the house of Mr. Wiley Chervy at night, was tried for burglary. He submitted to a verdict and was sentenced to the penitentiary for five years.

Wade Doyle, who is in jail charged with killing and robbing John Odom here last spring, was not tried, but the case was postponed until next court, at the request of the Solicitor, in the hope of getting evidence against other parties.  
G. T. Deberry and L. T. Bell were indicted for an affray. Bell was fined \$50 and Deberry \$10.  
No other preparation combines the positive economy, the peculiar merit and the medicinal power of Hood's Sarsaparilla.  
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SPARKS FROM THE DYNAMO.

A remarkable experiment was made by the inventor of the dynamo. A small motor, which was driven by electricity, was used to run a steam engine. The motor was so arranged that it could be started and stopped at will. The inventor claims that this is the first time that a steam engine has been run by electricity.

The leading electrical journals have abandoned the terms such as "motors," "motors," etc., to distinguish the electric car drivers, and now more sensibly call them "motors."

Electricity has been introduced for the purpose of instantaneous photography of large assemblies. At the University of Cambridge, a photograph was taken of a large assembly of men, which was instantly fired by an electric current, and a photograph of over six hundred persons was successfully made.

READ AND REMEMBER.

ONE TENTH OF THE WORLD IS UNEMPLOYED.  
ONLY ONE MAN IN 200 IS OVER SIX FEET IN HEIGHT.  
At least one-third of the earth is composed of oxygen.  
Three pints of liquid a day is sufficient for the average adult.  
Some insects are in a state of maturity thirty minutes after birth.  
Remember that children are only small editions of older people, and that they have feelings quite as acute.  
There are estimated to be 95,000 deaths in the world every twenty-four hours, 10,000 births, or about 700 every minute.  
Dr. Goltz, an eminent physician of Germany, says that we should not sleep less than nine hours' sleep while we are under twenty-one.

GATHERED ABOARD.

The Vatican contains 208 staircases and 1,100 different rooms.  
There are 307 workhouses and 77 prisons in England and Wales.  
RAIN is always falling in some part or other of the British Islands.  
There are now 62 towns in England and Wales with more than 50,000 inhabitants.  
The tower to be built near London will be only sixteen feet higher than the Eiffel tower of Paris.  
The Farmers' Society, for the Home and Abroad, has elected a new president, Mr. J. H. P. Jones, of the Home and Abroad.

Catarrh

Is a constitutional and not a local disease, and therefore it cannot be cured by local applications. It requires a constitutional remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla, which, working through the blood, eradicates the impurity which causes and promotes the disease, and effects a permanent cure. Thousands of people testify to the success of Hood's Sarsaparilla as a remedy for catarrh when other preparations had failed.

Catarrh

"I will say I have been troubled for several years with that torridly disagreeable disease, catarrh. I took Hood's Sarsaparilla with the very best results. It cured me of the continual dropping, itching, and itching and itching. It has also helped my mother, who has taken it for many years of health and kidney troubles." Mrs. S. D. HEATH, Putnam, Conn.  
"I have used Hood's Sarsaparilla for catarrh with very satisfactory results. I have received more permanent benefit from it than from any other remedy I have ever used." M. E. REED, of a. Reed & Son, Watertown, N. Y.

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