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M. B. HUNGATE, Notary Public. What would Thanksgiving be without turkey?

GEORGE B. TZSCHUCK.

Net daily average.

Now for the annual feast of foot bal and turkey.

The man with the chrysanthemum hair is in perihelion today.

The fact that Chicago speculators are is forced.

The official figures of Iowa's election make McKinley's majority in the Hawkeye state 98,413. That is close enough fastidious.

A committee of fifteen has undertaken the task of purifying New York. The task imposed upon Hercules was as nothing compared with that of this committee.

Omaha women have just been edified out for the projection of novelties in feminine apparel at any moment.

The city of Kearney, Neb., has had more bad luck than any other community in the state, the rulnation of its of the legislature of 1891 to reapportion which in 1890 was struggling for the power plant by flood from its artificial the legislative districts has kept Omaha honor of being the "third city" shows lake capping the climax. Kearney ought and Douglas county out of their due either a decrease or only a trifling into change its luck.

Nebraska fusionists evidently had all during the campaign and are not inclined to take up with his governorship contest scheme. They burned their fingers once before with one of Edmisten's recounts.

At last the final remnant of the city penses of the city. That city hall conif the figures could talk.

The activity of the troops in China sumption that it was loot rather than justice the allied powers were seeking. failures were caused in the past year was settled once for all and not even The United States has done itself credit by loans to bank officials, or 17 per cent the supreme court of Georgia can bring in withdrawing from these later opera-

With all due respect to the scientific character of the alleged glove contests that are being held in this city The Bee suggests that they are closely akin to the ordinary prize fight and that a halt should be called upon them. Omaha is not anxious to achieve a reputation as a center of pugilistic industry.

Outgoing fusion state officers are said to be planning to devote their energies to various enterprises in Indian Territory. Would they not show their gratitude to the people of Nebraska, who have covered them with honors and emoluments. if they devoted their attention to the development of their own state?

Under the present legislative apportionment Douglas county has twelve less the limit of credit has been thus members as against Lancaster's seven. fixed an application for a loan by a di-On the basis of the new census Douglas county would have seventeen members as against Lancaster's eight. This would be more like it in point of comparative population and wealth.

years and is rapidly increasing its bal- the depositors by discouraging to too

THANKSGIVING.

been manifest.

Rarely have the American people had more or better reasons for thanksgiving. there is still opportunity for reform and Since the last observance of this day improvement in the national bank syswe have made honorable progress along tem and there will be no better time all lines. The nation is greater in than the present to correct whatever both material and moral power than a faults there are and to increase the year ago. Its influence in behalf of safeguards to depositors, whose interthose things that make for the better- ests, as Comptroller Dawes points out, ment of mankind has grown and broad- the law should have primarily in view. ened. There has been a splendid vindication of the integrity and patriotism of the people, giving renewed assurance of the security of our free institutions. The pride of Americans in their country is stronger than ever, as is also their faith in a future of even more wonderful achievement than has already been realized. There is still a great work to be done for the correction of evils and abuses and the amelloration of unfortunate social conditions, but there can be no doubt that there is a steady improvement in the social life of our people-a more general aspiration for those things that are uplifting and elevating.

This annual expression of a nation's gratitude is an inspiration to all that is best in human nature. It especially brings an awakening of that sentiment which is too little cultivated by most of already boasts a cornerstone in the right us-the sentiment of gratitude. In its place. MTO.NTH social aspect Thangsgiving Day is the most gracious of the year in its festivity and its hospitality, and while there may be some excesses the social observance of the occasion is on the whole beneficent in its effect and influence.

DOUGLAS COUNTY'S REPRESENTATION. Under the constitution of Nebraska it devolves upon the coming legislature to make a new apportionment of legislative representation among the various counties in the state. The platform adopted short on corn does not worry the Ne- by the republican state convention braska farmer a bit. His cribs are full pledges the republican majority to make and he does not care how high the price this apportionment on the basis of the census of 1900 "that will accord fair and equal representation to the people in all sections of the state." Although the publication of the detailed census figures by counties leaves considerable latto the 100,000 mark to satisfy the most itude to the lawmakers in the makeup of different legislative districts where two or more counties must be joined together, the number of senators and representatives to be accorded to Douglas county is a plain problem in arithmetic.

The population of this county is given at 140,590, while the population of the state is 1,068,539. With 100 members by a lecture from one of the ploneers of of the house and thirty-three members dress reform, so we may be on the look. of the senate, which is the maximum number under the constitution, the pop-Masked bank robbers have cleaned process of division this gives Douglas out a little Illinois bank to the tune of county thirteen members of the house \$4,000. The masked bandit is not in and four members of the senate, with it with the slippery bank clerk who the possibility of an additional repredoes the business by juggling book bal- sentation in the senate in the shape of a float with some neighboring county.

The Douglas delegation, therefore, Another reason for which we have after this year should consist of not cause to give thanks is that more peo- less than seventeen members, instead of republican party of one of the ablest ple are able to regale themselves with twelve members, as at present, or a little turkey since republican prosperity has more than one-eighth of the entire legisset in than during the hard times that lature. Not until the new apportionment will it have a voice in the legislature commensurate with its share of the state's population and its contribu- state. The most notable one is that tion to the state's wealth. The refusal have a right to expect this injustice to towns and the agricultural section to address on "Abraham Lincoln," delivered of Edmisten's advice they wanted be remedied at the hands of the incoming legislative body.

BANKING REFORMS URGED.

banks. One of these relates to the loan- on its own bottom-and ten years from hall construction fund, consisting of ing of money to directors and other now will show its true rate of increase. \$10.11, is to be transferred to the gen- bank officials. He urges that a restriceral fund and used for the current ex. tion should be placed by law upon such loans and the substantial reason for this resurrected the doctrine of states rights in Boston, but Lincoln would not do it. struction fund could tell several stories is found in the fact that on June 20 last, is reopening a question which can do When the confederate firebug. Kennedy, whenever it is rumored there is treas- rectly or indirectly indebted to national out of the sectional feeling engendered ure to be found might create the as- banks under their management. It is by the war have been the work of the after getting within our lines in the dress of the total for that period. The aggregate sum owed by these officials exceeded \$202,000,000, or more than 32 per cent of the capital stock of the national banks.

that no national bank shall loan to its place to come for them. officers or employes until the proposition for the loan shall have been submitted in writing to and approved by the directors or executive committee It further provides that the directors may fix by resolution the limit of credit to a director and within this limit the executive officers may loan to directors without other action by the board. Unrector must be in writing, approved by

two other directors. The report says: "In formulating provisions of law restricting loans to executive officers and directors, it is important not to make them so unreasonable The figures compiled by the State as to drive from such service the active. Bureau of Statistics show that during responsible and honest business men of the past year Nebraska sold outside the country. The problem is to devise its borders products of the farm to the such restrictions for the safety of the amount of \$173,849,207. Nebraska has depositors as will discourage improper been doing well during the past few loaning to directors while not injuring

duties of bank directorship by the ac-In his Thanksgiving proclamation tive and responsible members of the President McKinley pointed out the business community. Primarily, the blessings with which the nation has law should have in view the safety of been favored during the past year, the depositors." Another recommenda-The harvests have been abundant; tion is that the law be so amended in labor and the great industries of the regard to reserve funds as to require the has spread over the world; we have vaults. The provision of law authorizextended our power and influence in the ing banks in the smaller reserve cities cause of freedom and enlightenment to keep one-half of their lawful money of religion and charity have everywhere cities the comptroller thinks should be

repealed. These recommendations show that

WHY OMAHA SHOULD BE THANKFUL. Omaha has special reasons to give

thanks this year: Because the census man did not take

all its population away. Because those auditorium bricks are promised as soon as the kiln can be heated.

Because it saved the day for the republican state ticket. Because Mayor Moores continues to

hang his starry flag from the city hall

Because Ak-Sar-Ben has nearly \$10,000 as a nest-egg in his treasury. Because there are still a few keys to

the city left. Because its police court is no longer advertised as the vagrants' paradise. Because the new High school building

Because it has in The Bee the most reliable and best newspaper published in the whole western country.

DEATH OF SENATOR DAVIS.

In the death of Senator Davis of Minnesota the country has lost an experienced and able statesman. Eminent as a lawyer, thoroughly familiar with public affairs and especially well-informed as to our foreign relations, Mr. Davis was one of the most valuable members of the United States senate. As chairman of the committee on foreign relations he is said to have been the only member of the committee thoroughly familiar with the treatles awaiting action by the senate. These are the Hay-Pauncefote treaty, the French reciprocity treaty and the treaty with the Argentine Republic.

Mr. Davis, it has been stated, was the only member of the committee on foreign relations who had mastered the complicated details and could explain the effect upon our commerce and international relations of the ratification of these various conventions. Hence he was, so far as our foreign relations are concerned, perhaps the most important man in the senate and will be ereign, with a real court and a real arismissed by that body at this time as tocracy. The thought is enough to cast few others would be, particularly in a cloud of gloom over society, but then number under the constitution, the population required for each representative view of the fact that it is hardly posbery's dream had been an actuality the exis 10,685 and for each senator 32,085. By sible during a single session for any isting Four Hundred might not be in it. member of the committee to familiar ize himself with the intricate manifestations of the provisions of the reciprocity

The death of Cushman K. Davis is, therefore, a national loss, while Minnesota is deprived of the services of and staunchest advocates of its principles and policies.

The Nebraska census figures present some interesting facts concerning the body politic, we should never have taken every county which contains a town LINCOLN'S MERCIFUL DISPOSITION. representation for ten years, and they crease. It remained for the smaller hold up the position of the state. Another section which shows a decrease is the sandhill country, which is now weakness. Lincoln was merciful when he given over altogether to stock raising. The annual report of the comptroller while ten years ago deluded people of the currency makes some important were attempting to convert it into recommendations regarding the national farms. Nebraska is now down-a tub

The Georgia court in which was the date of the comptroller's call for a the south no good. Whatever stumstatement of condition from the banks, bling blocks have in recent years been out of 28,700 directors 18,534 were di- placed in the way of a complete wiping also pointed out that sixty-two bank south itself. The states rights issue it to life again.

Japan has tried the experiment of having some war ships built in this gentle or lovable at all when his sense of country and is so well pleased that it The comptroller thinks these facts has sent over experts to view the latest when he did well to be angry, as his stern show clearly the great importance of ad- improvements since then with a view rebukes of Hocker, Meade and other unsatditional restrictions and safeguards of ordering more. If you want the isfactory generals in his official correaround these loans and he recommends best and most up-to-date mechanical apthe passage of the bill introduced at the pliances, from a sewing machine to a last session of congress, which provides man-of-war, the United States is the public man who is true to justice and truth

An attorney has just been formally admitted to practice in the federal court who has been trying cases there for picket post. He pardoned a few young twenty years past only to discover that deserters who he believed had been dehe had never been legally qualified to moralized by reading Vallandigham's practice there. This is in contrast with those who have been admitted for soldiers with discontent and disloyalty. He twenty years and never had a case to pardoned some other youthful deserters

After scrutinizing the election figures the Kansas City Star gently insinuates that tombstones, old hotel registers and old city directories did their full ice to be fairly held responsible for his duty in arriving at the grand total of acts. There has been a great deal written St. Joseph's population." If an Omaha about Lincoln that is romance, and the paper indulged itself as caustically it popular impression that he invariably inwould be accused of sour grapes.

France is shouting "Vive in welcome of Paul Kruger it to obtain a large bounty, enlisted, then since on the right side of the ledger. great an extent the assumption of the struts and trusses in the Liberty statue in death, Lincoln never interfered.

Thanksgiving in Manila

Lesite's Weekly Every regiment or every battallon that is surplus and thus establish "company funds." stationed in the city will have its forenoon. It is out of these funds that the cold-storage program of achietic events-boxing, wrest- turkeys and tinned cranberries will be people have prospered; our commerce banks to keep more money in their lirg, running and the like. In the late after- bought. Visiting soldiers from "up the noon there will be a band concert on the Luneta. Canteens will be strictly closed; favored company mess, or else have to dethe saloons, too, will be legally shut up, pend on a comrade's invitation. As the but there are always men who will risk evening cool follows dark the men will sit over distant sens and lands; the works reserve in balances in central reserve conflict with the law for the sake of pander- out in the cuartel courts or on the parades ing to holiday thirst. By early evening the and talk about-well, the things that soldiers soldiers will be in their quarters again, at generally talk about. the various cuartels, or else will run the

risk of trouble with the guard. Uncle Sam's fighting men in the Philip- get into a town of considerable size, the day pines will have a chance to buy turkeyscold-storage birds killed months before in actually the states. There will be tinned cranberries agile foe Thanksgiving will be a different on sale at the commissary depots, with all the ordinary vegetables, also in tins. Uncle Sam supplies neither the turkeys nor the cranberries as rations, but he furnishes his will be lucky who do not get Mauser bullets soldiers so liberally with the plain articles of food that they are able to dispose of the

New York harbor to elevate its sinking

Boston Globe.

Poor Old Democracy.

Washington Post.

Enough for Emergencies.

Minneapolis Journal.

Right Kind of Expansion.

McKinley's Towering Strength.

If He Would Pay Up.

Indianapolis News.

The sultan might, perhaps, refuse to allow

an American consul at Harpoot with better

grace if he had paid that little bill, now

many years overdue, for the destruction by

a mob of American property in that region.

Another Jeremiah.

Minneapolis Tribune.

Senator Teller has emerged from his cave

of gloom long enough to reiterate his faith

in the future of free coinage-which is per-

feetly natural in the nature of his environ-

ment-but he has very little faith in the

future of any other question involving the

have lived to see their doleful prognostica-

What Might Bave Been.

New York World.

Lord Rosebery's address that a slight cir-

cumstance might have averted the revolu-

tion and left us all subjects of a real sov-

A Curse or a Blessing.

San Francisco Chronicle The Philippine islands will be a curse to

flag. There is but one way in which this

terests. If they are not one people with

us, they will inevitably desire to become

held in subjection by American garrisons.

might in time become assimilated into our

Ambassador Chonte's Conclusions

Shown to Be Exaggerated.

Ambassador Choate, in his recent fine

Portland Oregonian.

at Edinburgh, exaggerated the merciful,

philanthropic side of the great statesman

te a degree that implied gross executive

could safely blend justice with mercy. He

was not merciful, but hard as flint, when

Gordon, the captain of a slave trader, was

tried and convicted in Boston and sen-

tenced to death as a pirate Lincoln was

sentence, he sternly refusing. President

Jackson promptly pardoned the captain of

a slave trader who was sentenced to death

who tried to burn New York City, was

convicted and sentenced to death, Lincoln

refused to commute his sentence, and he

was equally inflexible in other cases where

men were captured executing acts of war

of spies. Lincoln as an executive never

abused the pardoning power as grossly as

many other presidents who had small repu-

very stern side to Lincoln's nature. His

mercy never degenerated into abusing

justice was offended. He was a man who

clearly believed that there were times

spondence attests. He was benevolent and

philanthropic, but his predominant quality

was his love of justice and truth, and no

As an executive, Lincoln probably never

pardoned a man justly convicted of murder

or theft. He pardoned one or two soldiers,

raw country volunteers, for sleeping on

speeches commending the example of de-

sertion from the union ranks and inspiring

can always be merciful.

power on the side of mercy. He was not

tation for merciful temper. There was

in vain pleaded with to commute his death

It is really distressing to learn from

tions come to naught.

southern democratic pluralities.

'took sick" at the critical moment.

arm to a posture of enlightenment.

mount issue in these United States?

democratic party.

object.

for that meal.

line" will have to "pay their chow" in some

For those garrisoned in the cities or who

are able on account of "good conduct" to

will pass pleasantly enough. With the men

affair. The day's menu for them will be

Breakfast-coffee, bacon and hardtack;

dinner-a few gulps of water; supper-they

SOME INCOMING APPOINTEES.

engaged in the field against an

Wood River Interests: There is a swarm of hungry pap-suckers beseiging the newly elected state officers. These officers should see to it that none but clean and worthy Is mind or muscle to become the paramen be appointed and that a lot of the old party barnacles and incompetents be given

the marble heart. North Platte Tribune: There is talk Mr. Bryan traveled all the way from Linthat Norris Brown of Kearney will be apcoln to Chicago to confer with two former pointed deputy attorney general and it is republicans concerning the future of the not too much to say that if he desires the place it should be given him without hesitancy. He is a bright lawyer, an honorable man and his republicanism has never The Nebraska legislature now shows a rebeen questioned.

publican majority of nine. That is a good Tecumseh Chieftain: Governor-elect working majority even if two or three are Dietrich has appointed Hon. H. C. Lindsay of Pawnee City as his private secretary and the latter has accepted the appointment. No better choice for the position could have been made. Mr. Lindsay American manufacturers are now said to is the chairman of the state republican aware, as he was, of "the danger of exbe invading the markets of South Africa, in committee and in that capacity won a spite of British competition. That is a kind brilliant victory. He was not an applicant of expansion to which Americans cannot for the secretaryship, the honor coming danger by an address, remarkable for its to him without solicitation.

Kearney Hub: The policy of Governorelect Dietrich with reference to his ap-McKinley's popular plurality is unofficially pointments is quite different from that of his predecessor. Dietrich makes up his estimated at \$50,000, the largest ever received by a presidential candidate. There mind quickly, lets the public into the se- ble and humane disposition will be gratified is a large falling off in the aggregate of cret, ends the heartache and scheming of that the president puts most prominently sible it advance of his inauguration and to no person.

Auburn Post: It is understood that Chairman H. C. Lindsay is to be Governor-elect Charles H. Dietrich's private secretary. This is a well merited selection and shows that Governor Dietrich proposes to select the present congress and to the congresspersons fitted for the positions which they elect. It announces the scope and the limit welfare of the country. However, there are to fill. Now that all doubt is removed of legislation. In it speaks not only the have been other Jeremiahs in the past who the republicans will come into com- executive, a master politician, but one plete control of the state on the first of whose assent is required to all laws to be January next. The victory has been won passed and whose dissent to bills, sent to by such a small margin that it behooves him for his consideration, equals a two the republicans to give the state an eco- thirds vote of both houses. The deteriornomical businesslike administration. This ation of other second terms will be avoided, will restore confidence in the minds of the if a man who has been slow to make and voters of the business ability of the re- sure to keep pledges adheres to that habit publicans and it will give them a hold on for the next four years. The republican the people that the anti-republican forces party has heard from the republican presicannot shake off.

Norfolk News: The news of the appointment of Dr. Teal will be read with pleasure tions as more a moral and national than as by many Norfolk people to whom the superintendent-to-be is well known. Dr. Teal
made Norfolk his home for several years

notice or as a promise, the speech is of the nade Norfolk his home for several years and was graduated from the Norfolk High school in the class of 1892. Since completing his medical course he has been lothe United States if their inhabitants do cated at Omaha and has been rapidly forgnot acquire an attachment to American ing to the front in the ranks of his proinstitutions and loyalty to the American fession. Although a young man he has shown an ability in his calling that might attachment and loyalty can ever arise, and be envied by men of more mature years. its most distinguished citizen and the that is by an identity of commercial in- His friends are ready to predict without hesitation that under Dr. Teal's management the Norfolk Hospital for the Insane one people by themselves, and can only be will become a model institution and that the patients will receive the best care and If we did not want them in order that they attention possible.

Fremont Herald (dem.): There is never evil without good. No matter how democrats as party men may look at the result of the election, in some respects at least, the tion with a sympathetic temperament, that state will not suffer from the success of the president largely owes his success to Mr. Dietrich. At least it makes possible which he has in such ample degree attained. to use the professional knowledge and mar- It is through the exercise of this faculty velous medical skill of Dr. J. L. Green of that he has been enabled to exert so strong University Place. As a specialist in nerv- an influence over so many different kinds ous diseases Nebraska has never in any of people. respect possessed his equal. He has had experience in insane hospitals, being assistant physician both at Norfolk and Lincoln. He is a pronounced republican and has no hesitancy in expressing his views. Even then, and knowing his strong party he thought mercy would mar justice. When inclinations, Governor Holcomb sought his services as first assistant physician. His pre-eminent fitness would allow the appointment of no one else. Ill health prevented his long continuance at the Lincoln asylum But his ability and loyalty to the institution was never questioned.

PERSONAL POINTERS.

North Dakota people want their old law hat granted "divorces while you wait," back again. It was a great thing for hotels and stores. Bishop Potter of New York deplores the

row for the coming of what he calls the Roscoe Coukling Bruce, the son of the late olored United States Senator Bruce, will

decline of home cooking and expresses sor-

be the head Harvard debater this year in the debate with Yale next month A competent referee has reported that the services of a New York lawyer in a case for which the disciple of Blackstone

put in a bill for \$17,000 were actually worth no more than \$300. *Charles Francis Adams says that Winchester, Mass., has "within its limits more natural beauty and a higher average of civllization than any other place" in that sec-

tion of New England.

The plague cost the city of Glasgow some \$5,000,000, though there were only twenty-eight cases in all. The cost was incident to the sanitary precautions which the city was forced to take after the plague ap-

A Colorado report is to the effect that there have been seventy-three murders committed in Denver and vicinity since the repeal of the state capital punishment law Of the murderers but nine have received

sentences of life imprisonment. The Havana Post sings a tuneful editorial who he was persuaded did not, through song about the charms of November in ignorance and military inexperience, appre-Cuba. "Here we sit in offices and dwellclate the enormity of their offense. He did ings," says the Post, "with doors open; w not pardon any "bounty jumpers" senwalk the streets with perspiration and use tenced to death, nor any soldier old enough fans to cool our temples, while the people in years and military experience and servof the north are hurrying from homes to offices and from offices to homes in order to enjoy the atmosphere of well warmed rooms." Granted. How much better, though, is the invigorating air of winter which, stimulating every muscle, tones the serters is without foundation. He did not system to greater action and produces reinterfere in some cases when he seemed to have just ground for clemency, but there sults impossible where summer is a conwere hundreds of cases where he refused tinuous performance. Perpetual summer la to interfere, and in the cases of men who, is just the thing for physical cripples or as a preparation for future ordeals, but might not be inapt for the American gov- deserted, enlisted again for another bounty, an Omaha winter, with its calms and ernment to replace some of the rusted and were finally caught and sentenced to blasts, sunshine and clouds, is, in comparison, a priceless tonic for live people.

UNCOMMONLY STRONG.

Oakland (Cal.) Enquirer.

Edward Rosewater, editor of The Omaha Bee, is mentioned as a possible senator from Nebraska, since the republicans are known to have the majority in the legislature, and are supposed to be looking for available timber. Rosewater is an uncommonly strong, independent and fearless man, and his election would give Nebraska the right kind of representative in the United States senate; but no editor accepts public office without losing some of his independence, and Mr. Rosewater is probably of more value to the country where he is than he would be even in the senate of the United States.

PRESIDENT M'KINLEY'S SPEECH. Baltimore American: If there are any anti-imperialists left they should make a careful study of President McKinley's Phila-

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delphia speech. Washington Post: It seems to us that in his speech at the banquet of the Philadelphia Union League club last Saturday night Mr. McKinley was at his best. He was the patriotic thinker and philosopher, the humane apostle, the clear-eyed statesman with whom the country has been familiar all these years and whom the people have come to love and trust as, since the days of Lincoln, they have loved and trusted

no other president. Indianapolis Press: If President Mc-Kinley's speech at the Union league banquet in Philadelphia is to be taken as the keynote of his next administration-and that would seem to be its significance—the country has cause for congratulation. Fully aggregation on any occasion of exultation over a political victory," he avoided that sobriety, its dignity and its evidence of the president's patriotic sense of the great esponsibility imposed upon him by his reelection.

New York Times: All voters of reasona scores of aspirants and is getting the among the things for which he feels that ground cleared up just as rapidly as pos- he has received the authority of the people "peace and beneficent government under the meeting of the legislature, to leave his American sovereignty in the Philippines." time unhampered as far as may be for It is certain that the president weighed the pressing duties of the first few months these words, and that he understands the of his term. Poynter, on the other hand responsibility imposed on him. Peace canwas never able to decide or to remain of not be obtained and maintained by force the same mind, hence was harassed and alone, and beneficent government must go beset on every side and gave satisfaction with equal step in all our operations in the islands. The people will await with eager interest the progress of the policy designed to secure these ends.

Brooklyn Eagle: The speech is more than a pledge to the country. It is a notice to dent. He regards his re-election as more a national than a party act, and his obligahighest possible value

Philadelphia Inquirer: The salient characteristic of the felicitous little address delivered by the president on Saturday evening was the extreme tactfulness by which, from beginning to end, it was distinguished. This is a quality with which Mr. McKinley has constantly shown himself to be exceptionally well endowed. He may always be trusted to say the right thing in the most felicitous manner, and, without making the slightest surrender of his own convictions, without at all failing to present or to defend or to maintain his own principles, to refrain from giving unnecessary offense or arousing needless antagonisms. It is to this happy faculty, the result of an analytical mind in combina-

IF THE CZAR SHOULD DIE. Rules Governing the Succession

San Francisco Chronicle. The illness of the czar has given rise to speculation regarding the succession and the future of the Russian empire in the event of his death. Under the decree issued by Peter the Great, in 1722, each sovereign was required to select his successor from among the members of the imperial family, irrespective of the claims of primogeniture. But this decree was annulled n 1797 by one issued by the Emperor Paul, which defined the succession to be that of regular descent, by the right of primogeniture, with preference of male over female

As the present czar is without male offspring, the succession to the throne will fall to the eldest of his three daughters, Olga, who was born November 15, 1895. But as an ancient law of Russia determines that the heir apparent is not of age until the end of the sixteenth year, Olga will not be qualified to ascend the throne until November 15, 1912. Should the present sickness of the czar, therefore, prove fatal the empire will be ruled in the interim by a regency. The latter will devolve upon the Grand

Duke Michael, who is the eldest brother of Alexander II. He has long been regarded as the real ruler of Russia. He will become regent by virtue of his official position as president of the imperial council, body which deals with all great matters of state submitted to the czar. The council practically decides peace or war, acts as

gency in his absence abroad or in the event of the sudden demise of the sovereign The grand duke held this important post during the lifetime of Alexander III., as he has since Nicholas II. ascended the throne

He is now in his 68th year. Most of the reforms introduced in Russia during the present and the preceding reign are attributed to Grand Duke Michael's influence. He has served over fifty years in the Russian army and devoted much of that period to army reforms and to the cause of humanity and philanthropy. He has been a firm friend of the education of the masses. If, then, death should enter the imperial household and carry off the czar, the policy of the empire will undergo no radical change and its affairs are in no danger, for the grand duke is idolized by the army and venerated by the Russian people.

CRANBERRY SAUCE.

Detroit Journal: The Second Cook-Shall prepare a dressing for the horse meat? The Chef-No, a curry, merely.

Chicago Record: "Does your new office clock give satisfaction?
"Yes; it keeps such unreliable time that the clerks come and go as they please."

Indianapolis Journal: "Have you any cause for gratitude this year?"
"Yes, indeed; I'm giad that some things are so and that other things are not so." Brooklyn Life: Gerald-There's a black sheep in every family. Geraldine-Why don't you make your family an exception to the rule?

Chicago Tribune: "No. Eph'm," admitted the Carolina negro to the northern relative who was disposed to crow over him, "I don't have no vote, but I'se rep'sented in Wash'n'ton by a heap mo' congressmen dan you is."

Cleveland Plain Dealer: "Bixby wants to run for mayor,"
"Bixby! Why, he couldn't carry his own precinct."
"Carry his precinct! Bixby couldn't carry his own household. Say, he couldn't carry his own wife."
"I should say he couldn't. She weight

Detroit Free Press: "A burglar carried off one of our turkeys."

"You don't say so?"
Yes; and he left a note saying that he left us the other so we would have something to be thankful for."

Thoughts of the Day. Chicago News.

The Man of the House:

No man in this town—I here safely opine-Sits down to a better planned dinner than

For many things she's grateful, but one boon is most in sight; She's thankful that the dinner went off

The Small Boy: "We had to go to church," says Freddy, with a groan; "Carve th' turkey quick, pa; I'm starved clear to th' bone."

"Now, none o' yer sauce!" sex missus to "Exceptia" yer cranberry souce," sez she THANKSGIVING, 1900.

James Whitcomb Riley in San Francisco

Father, all bountiful, in mercy bear
With this, our universal voice of prayer.
The voice that needs must be
Upraised in thanks to Thee.
Oh Father, from thy children everywhere

A multitudinous voice, wherein we fain Wouldst have Thee hear no lightest sob of pain—
No murmur of distress,
Nor moan of loneliness,
Nor drip of tears, though soft as summer rain.

And, Father, give us first to comprehend No ill can come from Thee. Lean Thou and lend Us clearer sight to see
Our boundless debt to Thee,
Since all thy deeds are blessings in the end,

And let us feel and know, that being Thine
We are inheritors of hearth divine
And hands endowed with skill,
And strength to work Thy will
And fashion to fulfillment Thy design.

So, let us thank Thee, with all self aside,
Nor any lingering taint of mortal pride
As here to Thee we dare
Uplift our faltering prayer,
Lend it some fervor of the glorified.

We thank Thee that our land is loved by Thee—
The blessed home of thrift and industry—
With ever open door
Of welcome to the poor—
Thy shielding hand o'er all abidingly.

Even thus we thank Thee for the wrong that grew that grew
Into a right that heroes battled to
With brothers long estranged
Once more as brothers ranged
Beneath the red and white and starry blue

VIII.

Aye, thanks, though tremulous the thanks Thanks for the battle at its worst and

best—
For all the clanging fray
Whose discord dies away
Into a pastoral song of peace and rest.

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