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If you want more, be thankful for what you have. For today the turkey supplants the eagle as the national bird.

The doubling of the deposits of the Omaha banks within a period of two years is a fact that carries its own commentary.

If worse comes to worst, it may be necessary to compel the State Journal and the World-Herald to arbitrate their differences.

The foot ball players who not only survive today's battles, but also carry victory on their banners, will indeed have cause for thanksgiving.

No new cabinet officer has been added to the president's family since the first term of Grover Cleveland. The ninth cabinet officer is almost due.

The next amendment to the rules of the Commercial club should be one against telling stories of questionable propriety at its public banquets.

It turns out that Nebraska is not the only state in which land frauds on the public domain have been perpetrated. There may be some consolation in that.

It now takes \$2.85 in Mexican silver to buy what one dollar in gold will buy in that country. But we will not say anything more about the sacred ratio of 16 to 1.

Now that the contending telephone companies of South Omaha have gotten into court with their troubles, inquiries of central will bring the response that the judicial line is busy.

Not since the days of the James and Younger brothers has the industry of bank robbery flourished as it has lately. The trust principle may have to be resorted to in suppressing it.

If the forecast of Governor Mickey's appointments to his clerical force should prove to be correct it would seem that the First congressional district is the only one on the governor's map.

The governors of eighteen agricultural states are expected to attend the live stock show at Chicago next week. The governor of Nebraska must be in the list, and no bull fight among the attractions, either.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

President Roosevelt's proclamation designating a national thanksgiving day says that in the more than a century and a quarter since the United States took its place among the nations of the earth we have had on the whole more to be thankful for than has fallen to the lot of any other people.

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The necessity of constitutional revision will be admitted by everyone who looks into the matter with unbiased judgment. How to accomplish this object, however, is still a perplexing problem. Mr. McGilton has expressed the opinion that in view of the failure of all previous attempts the only course remaining is through a constitutional convention.

When three-fifths of the members elected to each branch of the legislature deem it necessary to call a convention to revise, amend or change this constitution they shall recommend to the electors to vote at the next election of members of the legislature for or against a convention.

That paper says that if capital accepts whatever decrease may be necessary in its profits, in order to advance wages without increasing prices, looking to the expansion of business and wider opportunities for investment for its reward, then the position of this country in competition for the trade of other countries will be made better instead of worse.

HALT OF CANAL NEGOTIATIONS. The announcement that the Panama canal negotiations had come to a halt, owing to the rejection by Colombia of the last proposition of the United States, was a distinct surprise.

Those helter skelter newspapers which a few days ago proclaimed the anthracite coal arbitration all off and all differences between miners and operators adjusted might at least 'fess up to their readers that they got the cart ahead of the horse.

Jealousy is not an admirable emotion, but like the wrath of man it sometimes eventuates in good, as in the relations between Henry W. Frick and Andrew Carnegie. The former, it appears, is not to be outdone in public benefactions, and proposes to build and endow an educational institution at Pittsburgh which will throw the Carnegie institute in the shade.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGING.

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The Commercial club, through its executive committee, has undertaken again to advise the city council as to what it should do with the pending franchise ordinance. In this case, as in most instances in which the name of the Commercial club is used in this way, the action was taken on merely an ex parte statement from parties interested in defeating the franchise proposition without even the courtesy of a hearing to the promoters of the proposed power canal.

People who should be most thankful of all are the owners of the railroads in Nebraska, who for years have been unloading the taxes they should pay for the support of the government onto the shoulders of other property owners. Not knowing how much longer this outrage will be tolerated, the beneficiaries should be thankful while it lasts.

Reason for Thankfulness. Editor Bryan is not absolutely without cause for thanksgiving. It might have been worse. Suppose Missouri had gone republican!

Pass the Nerve Tonic. Silver is still declining in the Philippines. It is now down to \$2.60. In proportion as silver goes down the nerve of the republican senators who were afraid to give the Philippines the gold standard should go up.

We Have the Means. If some of the essentials of a Thanksgiving dinner cost more now than in 1885 and 1895, people have a great deal more money with which to purchase. The public soup house of those years is not a possibility of next winter.

Time to Stop the Drain. The Philippine government has lost over \$1,000,000 in a comparatively short time owing to the fluctuation in the price of silver. Perhaps the senate will now consent to abolish the absurd silver standard.

Slow but Sure Progress. The impatience of the people for the actual construction of irrigation reservoirs and canals by the government is beginning at once causes Secretary Hitchcock to say a few wise words about making slow but sure progress in the great enterprise.

Prosecution of Land Grabbers. Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock's annual report has much to say regarding the extensive frauds which are being practiced by large cattle owners and others who wish to secure a monopoly of government land.

Hoch der Grosse Halmerich! It is now said that the man after whom America was named was a German, and his name was Halmerich, Italianized into Amerigo. We never fancied being discovered or named by a Latin.

These are the conditions upon which, beyond question, there is now a systematic effort among those who control the carrying properties to establish a general advance of freight rates, with a strong probability that it will be done.

What further steps our government will take it is impossible to say, but probably there will be no effort to re-

On the Giving of Thanks

It is a very easy matter to argue that the blessings and the other good things of this life are not evenly distributed—that some have far more than their share and others far less.

It is for such reasons that all can rejoice at the conditions now existing in the country and can in sincerity follow the advice of the president and the governor in giving thanks for the blessings of the year.

During the crest of the campaign for control of congress last month a Washington reporter dropped into the democratic congressional headquarters to interview Chairman Griggs and observe the machine at work.

Secretary Edwards' lip curled in disdain. "See Ben Cable! Talk over the situation with him!" he exclaimed. "Why, he wouldn't know Ben Cable if it ran against him, and he hasn't sense enough to realize that there is any situation. Between ourselves," he continued, leaning toward the visitor and adopting a confidential air, "he goes there to get drunk. He's the biggest tank not employed by the Standard Oil company. He can't find whisky enough to drink in Washington, so he has to go over there to get his fill. Oh, don't talk to me about Griggs. I can't bear to hear his name mentioned."

The United States government has never issued a postage stamp decorated with the head of a woman. But this cannot be said after December 1. On that day the Post-office department will begin sending out to postmasters a new 6-cent stamp on which will be the head of Martha Washington.

Three years ago George H. Hamilton of Washington erected a six-story building of concrete under what is known as the Ransome system. He had trouble in obtaining a permit to erect the building, an expert alleging that it could never be taken down except by blowing it up with explosives.

Perhaps few persons know that all of Uncle Sam's postage stamps are made in a little shop at Lodge, Northumbria county, Va. It is a writer in Chat. Hon. Benjamin Chambers, an expert machinist, has for a number of years had a contract with the government for this work.

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ment to a number of skilled workmen. The new stamps wanted are furnished by the government, and the work is sent to Washington complete, even to the polished wooden handles.

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PERSONAL NOTES.

A thirty-ton granite monument of plain design has been erected over the grave of John Sherman in the Mansfield (O.) cemetery. The only inscription is "John Sherman," cut on the massive block.

The Treasury building in Washington is being thoroughly secured on the outside by order of Secretary Shaw. Every sign of age, which to most observers only added to the beauty of the building, is being removed.

Some of the men at the New York Horse show appeared in costumes rather startling in their kaleidoscopic tints, but the majority were quieter than of yore in this respect. Hotel men there say that never before did a horse show attract so many strangers to town, the number being put at from 40,000 to 50,000. As a consequence the hotels were enormously overcrowded.

Anticipating the speedy confirmation by the United States senate of the appointment of Chief Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes of Massachusetts as a justice of the supreme court of the United States, the Bar association of Middlesex county, Massachusetts, has tendered him a complimentary farewell banquet in Boston on the evening of December 2, and he has accepted the invitation. Judge Holmes is a member of the association. All the judges of the supreme and superior courts of Massachusetts will be invited to attend the banquet.

Town and Country: Attorney—Ignorance of the law excuses no one. Client—Except, of course, a lawyer.

Cheerful Plain Dealer: Bimler says that if a man's heart isn't in his business and his liver all right he can't succeed. "Bimler ought to know. He used to be a butcher."

Judge: "Few men are as good as they pretend to be." "Well, what of it? Few men want to be."

Philadelphia Press: "I've just thought of a good joke on Lincoln." "You mean by Lincoln." "The town that's named after him out in Nebraska is the home of William Jennings Bryan."

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New York Sun: Sir Walter Raleigh had just laid his cloak in the mud when Essex inquired the reason. "Because," replied the wily courtier, "I wanted to raise the dust." And a subsequent present from the royal bounty showed it was indeed paid dirt.

Washington Star: "Don't you think our voting system should be reformed?" "I do," answered a man in a blue frock. "The way things are at present you can't tell half the time whether the people you pay to vote for are serving the goods or not."

New York Sun: "Why did he marry the widow after courting her daughter?" "He concluded that he would rather have the girl as a stepdaughter than the widow as a mother-in-law."

Chicago Tribune: "What made you think I'd even look at you?" she asked him. "Well," replied the youth whom she had rejected with scorn, "the other girls have got all the really desirable young men away from you, and I thought maybe you'd take one of the ones you could get now. Good evening!"

Baltimore American: "I wish to be very exact," said the man who was cataloguing the books in the new library of the city, "in writing on etiquette as the civil authorities."

Brooklyn Life: An automobilist was once halted on the highway by an ordinary person. "You have killed my baby!" said the ordinary person, displaying some temper. "But why should you kill me? Am I not ready to pay for all the damage I do?" demanded the automobilist, with a severe look. At this the ordinary person was quite abashed, and drew back, stammering apologies.

THE OLD THANKSGIVING DAY.

A. J. Waterhouse in New York Times. If dreams could bring them back again, the old Thanksgiving days; If wishes had the cheery art of alterin' our days, I'd sit again by grandpa's board an' see his kindly face; I'd view the table, bundy stored, and listen to his 'gracious' And if the blessing halts some I would not twist, I know. As for my sister and myself, oh, long, long years ago, For now Thanksgiving's not the same; It lacks the genial cheer That glorified an' allowed it, since grandpa pa isn't here.

The blessing that he asked was long, or so it seemed to me; It covered everything in sight, an' some you couldn't see. The turkey an' the President, the things of cheer and joy— I wriggled less to hear him bless "his orphaned girl and boy." "An' bless our congress, too," he said, "with all its sharps and flats, please forgive the errin' ones that's known as democrats." And while the mighty turkey steamed and forth its odors dealt, I pinched my sister 'neath the board to show her how I felt.

To all things mortal comes an end, and so the blessing passed. And grandpa and the turkey met in conflict fire at last. And how we children ate and ate, unmindful of the load, Till auntie said in warning tones: "Them 'children will be eatin' that turkey up!" We didn't mind, what auntie said; we ate, an' ate, an' ate. An' frequent 'nough bland remark: "Some more upon my plate!" And when a wink alone remained upon the festive board, While grandpa offered final thanks, we lack of room deplored.

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Are you prepared for it? Possibly you will feel the need of a Dress Suit or a Tuxedo. No telling what is going to happen on short notice. Our lines are perfect—every detail precisely right. The custom tailor can give you no better goods nor better fit— And Then the Price Difference Dress Shirts, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Collars, Cuffs, Neckwear, etc. All in keeping with your needs.

Thanksgiving Day No Clothing Fits Like Ours. We Close at Noon. Browning-King & Co. R. S. Wilcox Manager.