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THANKSGIVING.

Thanksgiving Day was originally, as is well known, a holiday suggested by the Puritan spirit which prompted the first settlers of this country to gratefully acknowledge their dependence on a kind Providence for life and all temporal and spiritual blessings. As the descendants of the settlers of New England went west, they took with them the beautiful custom of observing one day in the year as one of special thanksgiving, and finally it was by the government made a national holiday.

It is regularly observed every year, but its original significance is about lost sight of. With the majority of prople it is merely a day of feasting and sport. It is a day of carousal instead of one of fasting, prayer and praise. Very few churches arrange for special services on that day, and it is doubtful whether, as a rule, around the family altar the original significance of the

day is specially remembered. It would be well, could a change in this respect be effected. Not that longfaced, artificial sanctimoniousness is preferable to natural, sound rejoicing, but it should be natural to a people possessing the light that is shining in the midst of this nation, to turn joyful hearts toward the Giver of all good, Instances and to remember Him even in their plays and recreations.

Especially appropriate would this be on this Thanksgiving Day, the last in the present century. Looking back a hundred years we find that during this | Transvaal in France, that his visit to period thrones have crumbled, repubics have risen and fallen. Three coun- for peace. He does not expect to entries, besides our own, England, Russia | list France, or any other country, in a and Germany, have had a remarkable military expedition to South Africa growth by expansion, but the develop- against the British, but he seems to nent of the United States in every di- have an idea that through some powtion has been most marvelous. From erful influence it may be possible to

is something that will probably be reas that of our reeast as important red to the courts for adjudication. ormers who seem to be bidding for pop-It is manifestly unfair and unjust, to ularity by urging an old remeby for ompel the people of those three cities the suppression of a certain class of to pay taxes for the support of their rimes. own city schools, and control them It is not denied that these crimes

present a vexed problem at the end of the county, and at the same time pay this advanced century, but at the same another tax towards the support of the time, efforts at reform should never schools in the county. There is a State go backwards. If the present methods tax which is general, and to which those are inadequate, others should be sought in conformity with the spirit of the tifes contribute a very targe amount age in which we live. Penology can no which goes to maintain all the pub e schools in proportion is the school more be allowed to go backward a cenpopulation. That is a sufficient burtury or two than can any other science, without doing irreparable injury to the

en on the citles named, in addition community at large to the cost of sustaining their own The ineffectiveness of flogging as moral agency was well illustrated in a We are inclined to think that many story of a slave live in this country, votes were cast for this measure without a correct understanding of its sigan incident of which was told in the iffection. We are also of the opinion

November Pearson's. An overseer finding a slave girl on the side of the that there are points of general law of road, decided to make her tell which the courts will take cognizance, the truth about her presence there, a provent the manifest injustice of the and to use the only means he, in his

The third provides for the Populistic ignorance, knew anything about. "What you doin' down theah?" was nethed of initiating and passing upon his stern question. egislation by the people. If laws are

unied in accordance with this plan, the "When de gang went back to de fiel' Aunt Phoebe lock' me in the of the people, or a certain "fraccabin, an' I only jus done got out fru tion" of them, may get up a law them serves to be voted upon by themselves, that the cabin key hung to the string and may hinder the enforcement of any about her waist. aw enacted by the Governor and Les-

dative Assembly until it has been "Swish!" and the lash of the overteer's whip curied about her shoulders, bringing forth a cry of pain. Again The effect of this measure will not be and again, up to fifteen or twenty ally appreciated until the trouble, exand obstruction it will entail times, the whip flew through the air, and landed on the girl's back, arms and s experienced by the people of the breast. Each blow brought out a cry We are inclined to think that and an appeal for mercy.

it has been voted upon in the affirmative by many of our chilzens without "Now tell the truth," he said at the finish of the whipping. "Why ain't you full understanding of its purport. One intelligent man informed us that he at wuhk?"

supposed he was voting on the right "Foh de Lawd, Massa B." said the of the people to elect United States girl between sobs, "ah done tell you the truf. Ann' Phoebe, she-"' senators direct. Othils have enter-

ained as greatly erroneous iceas con-"Lie down on yo' face!" commanded the overseer, dismounting from his The only guard against the folly of horse, "Ah'll tend to you." "Swish!" the scheme is the measure of wisdom went the lash through the air, and to be possessed and exercised by the landing accurately on the girl's bare members of our State Legislature, flesh was pulled away with a sort of which we trust will prove sufficient to drawing movement, leaving behind a prevent a rush into this extreme and ridge slightly darker than the surumbersome plan so unadapted to our rounding skin. The second blow crossed the first, and before the third national and State system of legislalescended a drop of blood appeared

The danger of patching up Constituat the meeting place of the first two tions is strongly illustrated by these ridges. This continued until the girl's two amendments which we have here legs and back were covered with welts briefly touched upon. To let well and blood. The proceeding was puncalone is political prudence. To tuated with the girl's cries, her aptamper with the fundamental law, so peals for mercy, and her protestations as to gain political support for any that she hadn't "done nuffin," but she party, or persons, is always to be dedid not tell the truth. She might have been murdered right there, but she necated and ought, in our opinion, o have been avoided in these notable. would apparently have stuck to her lie to the last breath.

Such treatment of human beings was KRUGER'S MISSION OF PEACE not abandoned by the civilized world

on account of any sentimental sympa-It seems clear now, from the adthy for crimes and criminals. Nor was dresses made by the ex-president of the torture, burning at the stake, and similar punishments relegated to the past Europe is not for war purposes, but for such reasons. It was done because civilization found it was necessary to do away with them for its/own sake. They were an impediment to progress. If they are again adopted, the conclusion is inevitable that civilization itself will begin to look backward. and that there is danger of retrogression. Some modern philosophers believe this to be a fact. Are they really ment and the late Boer republics. This correct in their interpretation of the is the only inference that can be drawn signs of the times?

historic we-the-people meeting Tooley street.

The ministers at Pekin might do well to remember the old motto: "United, we stand: divided, we fall."

Pedestrians will please take notice that the dangerous and often deadly blke now has the right to use some of the sidewalks.

The lieutenant-general of the army wants an elastic enlisted force. If he gets it, it will be paid in an elastic currency no doubt.

Bp. Potter seems quite as able as Rev. Parkhurst to put all New York's city government on needles and pins. And they seem to prick badly. Mass.

Emperor William carries a pulpit with him wherever he goes. Being his own preacher it is not necessary for him to take a volume of sermons along.

All our citizens will heartily welcome the Denver High School football play ers, but still their hearts are true to the boys of our own High School. It should be a great game tomorrow.

"Green Apples of Imperialism." is the title of an article in a recent number of de window." This in face of the fact | the Springfield Republican. This .explains why the Republican does so much belly-aching over imperialism.

> Captain Daly of the Harvard football team has been appointed a cadet to West Point. That is a very proper place for finishing his studies in the art of war and maiming men.

The New York Evening Post, commenting on General Miles' army reorganization plan, says that he is as infatuated with the ratio of one soldier to every 1,000 inhabitants as Mr. Bryan is with 16 to 1.

The "National Sea Power Company," with a capital of \$500,000, was incorporated at Newark, N. J., last week. Its object is to harness the ocean. Old Neptune and Capt. Mahan might very properly be made directors of the N. S. P. Co.

An exchange says that Mrs. Leland Stanford now explains that she doesn't particularly object to the professors of economics in her university expressing their minds freely on the subjects they are employed to teach, but that she is of the opinion that they ought to have better taste and judgment than to use as an awful example the career of her late husband, whose money pays the salaries of the economic professors. And so far as derogatory references to the late Senator Stanford are concerned the good lady is exactly right. Good as essential in a university professor as deep learning.

trouble it is the proposed establish-ment of a "concert" of powers in the role of business manager for China. How long would such a concert last? Who would be the final arbiter of its controversies? What would it be ex-pected to do in case China chose at any time to violate some of the new regulaions imposed?

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

In the current issue of The Living Age, the story of "The Siege of the Le-gations," by Dr. Morrison, the London Times correspondent, is continued. This is a most valuable periodical, as by its aid the reader is enabled to keep well with the literary and scientific progress of the age, pages each week are devoted to best that is written on science, politics, biography, art, travel, literary critietc.-The Living Age Co., Boston

The first number of Pow Wow, magazine for children about animals, published in British Columbia, ha nade its appearance. It has for fron-lapiece a portrait of the countess of linto, wife of the governor-general of 'anada, and its contents are devoted to stories of animals. The proprietress and editor is Mrs. A. Wintworth Sarel. grand-daughter of Thomas Larkin who was United States consul at Mon-terey, before the Mexican war, and whose historic holsting of the United States flag, before he was aware that war had been declared, is an episode in the history of the country.-The Kamloops

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It is evident that the foreigners resilent in China are keenly exercised over pronounced contempt of the nese for white men, to which is added an impenetrable ignorance. So angry does this make the foreigners that they wish to convince the Chinamen by the most violent means. They appear to feel like the man who, after stating certain facts to another man and prov-



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fifteen sparsely settled States on the arrange for arbitration, in accordance Atlantic shore, the Republic has extend. | with the principles of The Hague coned across a continent and far beyond, to | ference, between the British governthe other side of the Pacific ocean. From a population of about 5,000,000 inhabitants it has grown to 76,600,000, and from his public utterances, as reported from poverty to a national wealth of in the neighborhood of ninety billion dollars. There is nothing in the world's history to compare with this. And not only has the country grown externally, but it has successfully withstood the storms that threatened to overthrow the magnificent structure and tear up its very foundations, and now it faces the new century more united in all its sections, larger and stronger than ever to grapple with the new problems that may present themselves. If ever a nation had cause for thanksgiving, the American people have such #ause

Besides, every individual in this Republic has his or her own subjects for gratitude and praise. The opportunities for work at good wages, the facilities point of view. for education and for enjoyment, the blessings of liberty, both religious and political, are more numerous than in any country under the sun. And all these are the gifts of God. We may talk, at times, of the wisdom of those prominent in the affairs of government, but ultimately the source of this wisdom is the Almighty, and to Him alone belongs honor and glory for evermore. with Great Britain's "internal" affairs As a nation and as individuals it is Were it possible for the leader of the necessary to recognize and acknowledge | lost cause to influence public opinion in this fact. Even elect nations, when Great Britain to the extent that a they have forgotten this and become majority of the people would rise in lifted up in pride, have been brushed protest against the extermination of aside and their mission has been en- the Boers, a peaceful arrangement trusted to others. That is one of the most impressive lessons of the history of the world.

CONSTITUTION PATCHING.

The proposed amendments to the State Constitution submitted to the voters at the late general election, have all been carried by large majorities, in vain to resist to the utmost the arparticulars of which will be found in mies of the greatest empire. In the another part of this paper. They are world, he approaches the liberty-loving three in number, and are of much im- nations of Europe with a supplication portance to the people of Utah. The first, authorizes the Legislature to give power to the proper boards of in the role he has now undertaker

equalization, to remit or abate the taxes | On the contrary, he easily stands forth of the indigent. This is a good provi- as one of the most herole characters of sion, but should be guarded by wise leg. the century, and as such he will be reislation, so that it may not be subjected garded in history, whatever may be to great abuse. The power granted will the outcome of his mission to Europe. have to be used with discretion, and it will give much trouble to the boards. endowed with this authority.

The eastern reformers who are look-The second simply takes out the word ing backward, lovingly, to the giorious "maintain" from the following providays of flogging as a corrective of sion in article ten, section six:

orime, should meditate upon the last "In cities of the first and second class, annual report on prison referm in the public school system shall be main-Great Britain, by the commissioners tained and controlled, by the Board of Education of such cities, separate and reported in the London Medical Jourand directors of convict prisons. As apart from the counties in which said | nal, they point out that the changes

As the Constitution will stand, such introduced by the prison act of 1898 has had gratifying practical results. One schools are to be controlled by the of these changes is the limitation of the Board of Education in cities of the first and second class; that is, in Sait Lake; ishment can be administered, and the list of offenses for which corporal pun-Ogden and Provo. Whether this control can be exercised without the means discipline in the prisons has in no commissioners state positively that the of maintenance being also separate and | way suffered by this humane relaxaapart from that of ine county schools, tion of the law. That testimony is at

AGUINALDO'S PREDICAMENT.

The stirring words Mr. Kruger first uttered on his landing in Marseilles, A writer in the December number of to the effect that his people would fight Juccess, Mr. Oscar F. Williams, former to the bitter end, and that nothing but consul at Manila, explains the reason total extermination could deprive them why, in his opinion, Aguinaldo is still of their independence, do not conflict keeping up a show of resistance. He with the view that his mission is one says the rebel leader is afraid of asof peace. On the contrary, if it is a sassination by his own countrymen, fact that Great Britain is confronted should he now give up the struggle with but two alternatives-to evacuate This places the Filipino chief and his the republics or to massacre the popurebellion in a light different from that in lation: that fact itself should be the which they are sometimes viewed. But strongest incentive for the European Mr. Williams claims to have such ingovernments to ask Great Britain for timate personal acquaintance with the arbitration, and for the British governgentleman as to entitle him to speak ment to apply to the case the princi-

with authority on this subject. ples subscribed to by the peace dele-According to the ex-consul, Aguinalgates at The Hague. Undoubtedly Oom do knows that his cause is lost; he Paul looks at the matter from this

knows that if he were in the hands t the Americans he would be safer But there is no present prospect that than he is now at the head of a nonthis logic will avail. Technically the descript and discontented rabble in the we republics do not exist. They are mountains; but he also knows that if now British colonies, and the Hague he were to make a move towards suragreement does not include arbitration render at the present time, his followbetween a mother country and her ers would endeavor to kill him. He rebellious colonies. No European power has made so many grand promises, can even suggest such arbitration, since and led the people into so dire straits that would be construed as interference that if he were to desert them, they would turn against him with savage fury. Yet, he cannot maintain his position long. Every day his situation is growing more desperate and the discontent in his army is becoming more

pronounced. The outcome will be, the ex-consul would be possible, but not by outside. thinks, that one of these days Aguinalinfluence. With the result of the elecdo will lead some of his men against tions for parliament in mind, it would, our soldiers and contrive to have himhowever, be too sanguine to hope for self captured, as the best and safest any such turn of affairs. The English means of escape from his own friends. people has approved the policy of the Many predictions have been made of

the end of the robellion, which all The last effort of Mr. Kruger mus have proved too sanguine. This may nevertheless be admired. Having tried be another of the same class. But it sounds plausible. If true, there is fame in store for some of our boys in the field, who may have the good luck of participating in the capture of the for sympathetic aid. He does not lose roublesome chief. All accounts agree anything in the estimation of the world. that he is the leader of the rebellion. as he was the instigator of it. If this is true, his surrender should end all the trouble and bring peace and liberty to his countrymen.

Evidently Corn King Philipps has FLOGGING FOR REFORM. ars to hear.

The Kentucky has reached Smyrna. Now will the Sultan be good?

A new substitute for leather has been found, but there is no substitute for the slipper. When Mr. Krug? makes a speech it is no answer to him to say that he is

only talking Dutch The Bankers' Magazine says that half cents are wanted. Half sense is about all some people have.

In the matter of the execution of the Chinese princes, the powers propose but the empress downger disposes.

ing them conclusively is met with sneering unbelief, and thereupon pro-ceeds to produce conviction by punching the stubborn skeptic until he promises to admit the truth.

Sacramento Record-Union.

It begins to look as though some progress is being made towards a final settlement with China, but it is too early to forecast what that settlement will be, or whether it will be possible for that country to maintain its in-tegrity. This will depend largely on the nature and extent of the demands made upon China by the powers. If are such that she cannot meet them, the war will no doubt be renewed by at least some of the powers, and the empire will fall. It looks as if Russia secure a firm foothold in Manchuria no matter what the settlement is She has already practically taken pos-sesion of the whole northern portion of Manchuria, and will probably hold on to it. What the other nations will do about it remains for the future to de-

Minneapolis News.

cide

Another thing to be remembered is that the European powers have never been able to realize that China is a great ancient, and proud country, with a civilization of a high order, from an Orien-tal point of view, ruled by men of intelligence and culture. They have treated it as they are in the habit of treating e most barbarous and degraded savages. iolated its traditions, despoiled it of thousands of square miles of territory, forced it to grant valuable concession to foreign capitalists, and generally outraged every instinct of nationality. And now certain of the powers seem bent on continuing in the same mis taken path. We are glad that our gov ernment has been more moderate and sensible.

Chicago Times-Herald.

It is well to remember that the Chin-ese have suffered greater indignities from foreigners than any other people in the world. They have been compelled to admit oplum into their country over their own protests in order that Eng-lishmen might get rich out of the poppy fields of India: they have been robbed of territory right and left without a shadow of excuse, and if their selfconceit and self-complacency are ab surd the contemptuous sneer and highhanded proceedings of their white in vaders are an offense without being a cure. The men who desecrate their graveyards, which they hold in sacred veneration, like the governments which steal their provinces, are not of a kind to arouse us to a high pitch of moral enthusiasm. Americans, at least, should have no part in any further policies of needless destruction, and it is right that our government should hold back when the trappings of justice are a mask for revenge and greed.

Los Angeles Express.

In view of this peculiarity of Chinese policy, there may be some diminution of the insistent demand that China be of the insistent demand that this be given such a measure of punishment that she will not care to repeat her re-cent escapade. But severity of punish-ment is always guaged by the size and ment is always guaged by the size and nt is always guaged by the shility addition of the victim and the ability condition of the victim and the ability of the castigator to apply the rod. In this case the culprit is rather formida-ble and there is posibly a disposition on the part of the powers to have our diplomats do for us what Li Hung Chang and Ching will try and do for their countrymen, viz: "Save their countrymen, viz: faces." In this event, the early policy of the United States and Russia, that faces. prompt withdrawal of troops from Pekin will prove to have been the course of wisdom.

Chicago Record.

The apparent menace in all this is not that it proposes to inflict upon China any undeserved punishment, but that it opens the way to innumerable clashes of about the size and importance of the is one thing which promises to invite

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