

THE REPORTER.

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THE FIRST THANKSGIVING DAY.

The beautiful story of the founding of Thanksgiving day has often been told, but as the annual recurrence of this fine old New England festival is at hand it may not be amiss to repeat the facts briefly, in order that the young may be more deeply impressed with the great and enduring lessons of the day.

It was the last Thursday in November, 1621. The day was cold and snowy, but the little band of dauntless pilgrims at Plymouth Rock were housed in tolerable comfort. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon young, gallant John Alden was seen crossing the clearing. Under his left arm he carried a large yellow spheroid. It was a pumpkin. His steps were bent toward the house of Priscilla. Just east of the rude village pump he was intercepted by stout Miles Standish.

"Let us see, John," said the valiant captain, "whether you or I shall take the pumpkin to the maiden." And with that he raised his substantial foot and kicked the amorous youth in the abdomen. The young man entered heartily into the spirit of the game and for two hours the two lusty champions rolled over and over, now gouging an eye, now breaking a nose, now bounding lightly on and off each other's countenance, while the good villagers gathered about and cheered right heartily. At length, as everybody knows, John Alden, getting a little door space, kicked the pumpkin right into Priscilla's door yard.

Such was the beginning of Thanksgiving. In time an imitation pumpkin, made of pigskin, was substituted for the real fruit and more men were engaged on a side. For some years the real character of Thanksgiving day was well-nigh lost under an extraneous mass of turkey-eating and church-going. But of late years the beautiful festival has reverted more and more completely to its original significance and uses. Its real lesson is that if we try hard enough we can be joyous though minus both ears and an eye.—Chicago News.

WILL CONTROL CONVENTIONS. At the next republican county convention, if the same basis of representation is followed as in the past, it will consist of 82 delegates, divided as follows: Addison, 7; Bloomington, 4; Wayne, 3; Winfield, 10; Milton, 11, York, 11; Downers Grove, 23; Laie, 6; Naperville, 7. Necessary to choice in the convention, 43 votes. This will give the control of the convention to Downers Grove with any two of the three towns. If Downers Grove has a candidate for office she will come awful near being able to say something about the matter.—Journal.

One of the most interesting fights that have grown out of the late election involves the control and reorganization of the state senate. The side that wins will parcel out the chairmanships of the committees, name the president pro tem, and distribute all of the patronage of the upper chamber of the legislature, which is not inconsiderable or lacking in political value. Two years ago Senator Evans of Aurora, with the assistance of Senator Crawford of Chicago, secured control of the organization, and in their distribution of committee prizes, which after all are the ones most desired, gave the senators from Chicago so little that they have been angry ever since. Remembering their former experience the Chicago men have taken the field under the leadership of Senators Dwyer, Morrison and Sullivan and are endeavoring to obtain control of the organization by securing enough promises from Cook county and country senators to join their combination.

For some years the country has heard more or less from time to time about schemes to take two things—the tariff question and the currency question—out of politics by putting them in charge of commissions. Senator Callom has a plan to take the tariff out of politics by creating a permanent salaried tariff commission instructed to find out and report to congress ever and anon all about wages in countries which produce articles competing or liable to come into competition with articles produced in this country; instructed also to report what rates of duty would balance any advantage enjoyed by other countries in the production of different articles by reason of lower wages in those countries. For a long time the senator has had a bill pending for the creation of such a commission.

Looks as if the Kane county newspaper men were not to be left out in the cold, as the following from the Dundee Hawkeye clearly shows: "In the fight for the Aurora post-office, the plum seems to be nearer within the reach of Editor Constantine of the Post, than any of the many other candidates. At Elgin, Editor Hemmens of the Courier, will probably be appointed. F. R. Brill of the Register will be looked after at Hampshire. Prof Lawrie of the Elgin News will probably be given a consulate; John Dewey of the St. Charles Chronicle and Charley Mead of the Geneva Republican have county offices. So that it seems Kane county editors have been pretty well looked after, and properly rewarded for their long service in the cause of republicanism."

Farther advices from Havana corroborate the report that Gen. Weyler has been recalled from Cuba to Spain and that a new Captain-General is to be appointed. If this proves to be true it will be official recognition of the fact that has become patent to all observers that the Cuban patriots have defeated successfully a second Spanish leader and a second Spanish army containing nearly 200,000 of the best troops of the nation.

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Washington diplomats well informed regarding the condition and sentiments of South and Central America republics are authority for the statements that there is no intention on the part of the government of these countries to recognize Cuban belligerency. The attitude of the United States will govern nearly every South American country as to recognition of belligerency or non-intervention. This disposition on the part of the South and Central American republics to conform their foreign policies to that of the United States, it is stated, has been more marked since the intervention of the United States in Venezuelan boundary dispute.

The Hinsdale Beacon says it is whispered that H. C. Muldaugh is buckling on his armor preparatory to entering the field for the supervisorship next spring. H. C. has had a taste of public life and is evidently smacking for more. McClintock it is asserted by the wise ones has a "lead pipe" cinch on the office, and does not propose to be dislodged. However both are good men, good fighters and each side has ample backers. The outcome of the fight will be watched with interest.

Dun's Review States that since the election up to the close of last week 390 establishments which were idle have started again, and 300 others have increased their working force, this Review also states that "the gain in volume of business is entirely without precedent." The above comprises only those business concerns of whose operations reports have been made by Dun & Co. and is not the entire list by any means.

The Tribune of last Friday gave a table of the official electoral vote which gives McKinley 272. About Oct. 1st Atty. Slusser and the associate editor placed figures on McKinley states, and put them in the safe till after election. They foot up 270. Those figures had Washington and Nebraska in the McKinley column—North Dakota for Bryan, and California doubtful.

The Secretary of State of Kansas, Saturday sent certified abstracts of the vote for President in Dudley Township, Haskell County, Kan., to Gens. Palmer and Becker as souvenirs, that being the only township in the United States which the National Democracy carried. The vote stood: Palmer, 3; McKinley, 2; Bryan, 1.

Aurora has a new paper—the "Aurora Borealis"—an eight page weekly publication. Colonel Babcock is the editor.

Mr. Chas. H. MacDonald, vice-president of the Pease Piano Co., 248 Wabash Ave., Chicago, in a recent interview says: "Yes, I am pleased with the outlook for business since the election. Collections and sales are very much better. We are pushing trade with confidence. Never before in the twenty-seven years history of the Pease Piano Company have we been so well prepared to meet the demands of our growing business. We display a magnificent stock in our retail warerooms at 248 Wabash Ave. Till Christmas we are going to make it very interesting to piano buyers. We will sell to residents of Chicago and her suburbs, at the lowest possible prices for cash or easy payments. A special invitation is extended to the residents of Downers Grove to call on us."

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