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A QUERY.

A report of a recent endeavor to ascertain the minds of some very young school children in this city on the subject of Thanksgiving may be of interest in these days of physiological research. With Professor Garnier at work in the forests of Africa on the language of apes, Signor Lombroso on the cries and baby talk of infants, the thoughts and expressions of the little fellows who have but recently learned to use the mother tongue, should surely be worthy of philosophical consideration. This was the day after Thanksgiving. The teacher having carefully explained to them the Thanksgiving idea, called upon them individually to know what reason each had for being thankful. The responses were prompt and interesting—Number one, turkey; two, turkey; three, turkey; four struck out a new line of thought: "Because I have a little baby sister at home." This was a suggestive line of thought, and five gave "Because I have a sister and a brother, and he is here!" Evidently this one did not prize her blessings the less because they had been some time given. Then followed "turkey," broken by one small damsel who said additionally: "Because we had turkey and dressing." Then comes the wee Dorothy, who, in a voice clear as a bell, said: "I have a little sister at home, too." The next speakers were not so highly favored, and so returned to the original idea of turkey; all but one, who evidently thought she was saying the correct thing, "Because there is a God." Does the very great prominence given to the subject of good eating refer to the fact that these little humans are but little more than animals, and that neither soul or affection has made, as yet, much of a start? Or does it mean that truly all are largely dependent upon their stomachs for their greatest enjoyment, and that these little fellows have not learned to conceal that physiological fact? Or, still further, does it mean that, like sheep, they simply followed the lead the first speaker happened to give? We see examples of this tendency in conventions of older persons. Men are but children of a larger growth, we are told, and the progress of the development from the purely animal to the statesman, the poet, the philosopher, the man or woman of successful achievement, is always one of absorbing interest.

There will be much disappointment upon the Pacific coast at the decision of the republican national committee to hold the convention in St. Louis. The people of San Francisco would have given the delegates a kind of entertainment they would have received nowhere else. The difference in time was the great obstacle to the Golden Gate city being chosen, and as the earth could not be made to revolve the other way, no human agency can be blamed for San Francisco's defeat.

As showing the result of Commissioner Roosevelt's efforts in giving New York better police protection, the fact is significant that Dr. Parkhurst has found it safe and wise to withdraw the agents of the city vigilance committee from the detection of violations of law. He testifies that the police give all possible aid, and are no longer partners in the profits of law-breakers. How great the change from three years ago!

The attempt in the house of representatives to impeach Mr. Bayard will not amount to anything. His offense is not serious enough to warrant such proceedings, though he well deserves censure for his utterances. Bayard has ceased to properly represent Americans at the court of St. James, but seems bent on courting popularity with the English. If Mr. Bayard decides that he prefers England to America there will be no dissent on this side the water.

William Waldorf Astor, the American-turned-Englishman, has not lost all his feeling for America. On Thanksgiving day, by his orders, there was provided a feast for newboys in New York City, at which hundreds of hungry urchins were fed. It is a custom of Mr. Astor's to give this Thanksgiving dinner yearly, thus carrying out the wishes of his wife, now dead.

Senator Mitchell has introduced a bill in the United States senate appropriating \$100,000 for a public building

at The Dalles. The chances for it passing both houses and securing the signature of the president are about as good as the prospects of the Democrats electing the next president.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

Heppner Gazette: The woolen mill project is being agitated quite freely in Salem and if the required subsidy can be raised the mill recently destroyed by fire at that place will be re-built. The Dalles would like to have this industry at that point, but it is almost an assured fact that Salem will get it.

La Grande Chronicle: There is talk of a suit to enjoin officials of Baker county from paying scrip of that county issued in excess of the constitutional limitations. The indebtedness of the county is about \$200,000 and this large sum has nearly all been piled up by extravagance doling from the public crib. It is now a difficult matter to call a halt, because the county is compelled, in many instances, to pay unusual prices for supplies by reason of the heavy discount from the face of its scrip.

Spokesman Review: A small standing army is required as the nucleus around which to rally the grand army of the republic in time of great national crisis, and a difference of a few thousand in its membership is not a matter of great concern, provided safe principles are applied in fixing its relationship to the people. In event of war with a foreign power, the chief reliance would be found in the navy and coast defenses, and in case of invasion, the national glory and salvation would depend upon the patriotism of the masses.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

SINNAMASHO, Or., Dec. 5, 1895.

To Whom It May Concern:

Be it known that I have rented the Victor pavilion for December 27, 1895, and will then and there present the famous tragedy "Captain Jack." My support is composed of Warm Spring Indians. Doors opened at 7:30; curtain 8:30. Admission 15 and 25 cents. Reserved seats (24) at 50 cents.

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