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MORE ABOUT "THANKSGIVING."

A number of people have criticised an editorial yesterday about "Thanksgiving Day," and seemed to feel hurt about it.

Isn't it true that the religious exercises are mostly empty formality? Of course there are exceptions—devout people who really feel sincerely thankful to God for their lot and condition; but formal fashion seems to rule in the minds and motives of the world, as a rule, on such occasions.

Then as to the question of duty, it is, since it is entirely of civil and human authority, a matter of opinion. If any person considers it a duty to formally express thankfulness on one day in the year especially, we certainly have no objection to it; wish, indeed, all felt inclined that way.

We alluded to the different circumstances and conditions of people, with intent to contrast the apparent reason for thankfulness with the real apparent deserts; and was it not true? We are not railing at Providence or society for this state of affairs; it is not our business to discuss the mysteries of Providence; we only call attention to a few facts as we find them, and let people profit by them if they can.

But on the whole we like the observance of the day, both religious and recreative. Everybody can certainly find something to be thankful for, by comparison or contrast, at least; and such observance is an acknowledgment which ought to tend to a better spirit and better lives.

This is a practical world; "Thanksgiving," to be genuine, and, we should suppose, to be acceptable, must show itself in practical ways.

As for the civil holiday, as a holiday, it is not, in our opinion, of sufficient value to become very enthusiastic over.

AN INFANT prematurely born is being artificially "hatched" in New York City. It is supposed the birth was premature by thirteen weeks. The child when born, September 7th, weighed two pounds and fourteen ounces, but has now grown to four pounds and a quarter.

RUSSIA has raised its protective tariff. It wants to be protected against the poorer labor of England.

THERE should be an ordinance in this town, if there is none, authorizing the town on payment of the value of the property destroyed—which would be very little—to tear down and remove old, unoccupied, worthless wooden shells within the fire limits, like the Lucas building on Main street.

The total Internal Revenue receipts for the fiscal year past were \$124,326,475, an increase of about five and a-half million over last year, and more than those of any year since 1883.

AN Eastern exchange is credited with the statement that the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has decided that when a jury has disagreed in a murder trial the accused cannot be tried again, but must be discharged.

CLEVELAND's majority in San Francisco is 3,019, a Democratic gain of 1,334 over 1884. Sullivan, for Supreme Judge, had 8,411 majority in the city, and lacks but few, if any votes, of being elected over Works.

A WASHINGTON dispatch says Dolph's friends are pressing his claims for Secretary of the Interior. An excellent appointment; but one equally good would be Paul Schulze.

The Democrats in the Congressional districts in West Virginia have begun contest cases before the Supreme Court of that State, asking for writs enjoining the governor from issuing certificates of election to the Republican candidates.

The vote in Montana Territory is nearly 40,000, an increase of nearly 8000 over 1886.

Thomas Barker was taken from Wallula to Walla Walla Sunday and placed in the hospital, with a severe gunshot wound in the head and neck. Barker states that he was standing at the gate of the residence of one Turner, talking to Turner's wife, when he was shot from within the house.

The robbery of a package of money containing \$12,000 from the office of the Pacific Express Company, in Austin, Tex., last October, has been traced to a clerk in the office named D. K. Flory, who is short in his accounts.

While several boys were playing with powder at Lebanon, Or., Walter Miller had his face and hands severely burned by the explosion of a can of powder.

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LOST OR STOLEN. From a hitching post in Pendleton, Saturday, November 14th, a small, chunky, bay horse, with a blazed face, branded C O on the right thigh.

REWARD. Strayed from Moseham about October 1st, the following described animals: One sorrel, bald-faced horse, seven years old, branded H on left side; one gray horse, scar on right hind leg out by wire, branded F D V on left shoulder.

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