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The Samoan Islands.

If the Samoan question has been settled in a satisfactory way, as the Associated Press asserts, it will be good news. The difficulties that have grown out of the tripartite arrangement...

Germany has been very tenacious of her "claims" in the group. Great Britain has not been equally anxious about her hold on the islands until of recent date.

Tutuila is a small island, less than one twentieth the aggregate size of the other islands. But it has the only really safe harbor in that part of the Pacific...

The Origin of Thanksgiving.

The origin of Thanksgiving Day is lost in the mists of antiquity. Probably the Aztecs and Zunis indulge in their yearly rejoicings over abundant crops and other blessings showered upon them by the gods...

At the time the Iliad was written the two principal festivals of Greece were those of the harvest and the vintage, respectively. Rome itself was founded amid pastoral festivities of a thanksgiving nature in honor of the god Pales...

Thanksgiving Day in Early Colonial Times.

As an American institution Thanksgiving Day commenced with the gathering of their first crops by the Pilgrim fathers, in what was then the New England wilderness...

With the gathering of the crops of the year 1623, the second harvest after their arrival, the day gained especial significance from the fact that a long period of drought had threatened the colonists with famine...

The American Thanksgiving Day is really, therefore, of Puritan origin, and on that account, perhaps, has always held its own as a great national holiday...

The pivotal point which that Thanksgiving Day celebrated two hundred and seventy-six years ago occupies to one of our great national institutions, therefore, makes the details of that event of the very highest interest to all Americans.

It was William Bradford, the first Governor of the New England colonies, who had the honor of initiating the custom now followed by our Presidents by issuing the first Thanksgiving proclamation.

Looking back across almost three centuries to that time when those stout-hearted wanderers, who were then unaware of what a Canaan they had found, and who had been fearing the worst on account of the adverse weather, stood rejoicing over their sudden deliverance from famine...

There has probably never been a Thanksgiving Day celebrated since when the feeling of thankfulness was so heartily and gratefully expressed.

The period of one day was absolutely inadequate for the rendering of all the thanks which the worthy Pilgrims felt it their duty to offer, so they made a good half week of it, beginning on Thursday morning and bringing it to a close before the dawn of the next Sabbath.

Honored guests at the celebration were the Indian chief, Massasoit, and ninety of his leading warriors.

The issuing of the proclamation by Governor Bradford had stirred up the hunters of the colony to make what preparations they could for the feast by ransacking the forest for all the game which could be found, and the bags secured by them were such as would arouse the envy of many a modern Nimrod.

The biggest banquet of all was given on Saturday to wind up the celebration, and as the weather was extremely mild the tables were set out in the forest and an al fresco feast enjoyed which furnished the Indian guests with an exalted idea of the gastronomic accomplishments of their new friends.

By a recent government decision, all life insurance companies doing business in the state, are under the war revenue act, liable to taxation, with the exception of such policies as are used by fraternal societies or orders, farmers' purely local co-operative companies or associations and employes relief associations operated on the lodge system or co-operative plan.

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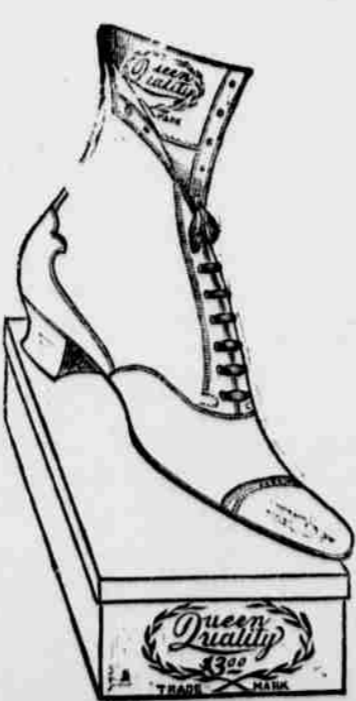
From our Regular Correspondent. Washington, Nov. 27, 1899.

Senator Jones, of Ark., Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, has returned to Washington for the session of Congress. He has entirely recovered his health; says he never felt better, and that, like the democratic party, he is full of fight.

There is reason to believe that Senator Deboe, of Ky., was in Washington this week for the purpose of enlisting administration support for a scheme by which a combination of republicans and gold democrats in the Kentucky legislature hope to confirm Taylor's election to be governor and to re-elect Senator Lindsay, and that he succeeded in getting Mr. McKinley to promise to use the whole influence of the Federal administration to help along the scheme.

Vice President Hobart was one of the rare men who could be a strong partisan in politics without forfeiting the personal esteem of his opponents. That is why democratic Senators sorrow quite as deeply over his death as do their republican colleagues or the members of the administration of which Mr. Hobart was an important part.

Mr. Henderson says he will announce the House committees before



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the holiday recess. If he does, and there is no good reason why he shouldn't, since he has known for months that he would be Speaker, and knows all of the old members personally, the House should get down to business much earlier than it usually does at the opening of a new Congress.

Ex Speaker Reed's reference to the vote in Ohio, in a speech made at the annual banquet of the New York Chamber of Commerce, has been much talked about in Washington, and is calculated to make those republicans who have been disposed to regard Mr. McKinley's reelection as a matter of course, do some hard thinking.

Mr. John R. McLean, who was democratic candidate for governor of Ohio, and who is Admiral Dewey's brother-in-law, believes that the fierce adverse criticism of Admiral Dewey, already shown to have been without just cause, for deeding the house recently given him to Mrs. Dewey in order that she might share in the pleasure of giving the house to George Goodwin Dewey, the Admiral's only child, an act which she has already performed—was the result of concerted action on the part of certain republican politicians, who have determined to take advantage of every opening in their effort to break down Admiral Dewey's popularity so as to remove him from his list of Presidential possibilities.

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More About Dress Goods.

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