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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, under which the Islands have been controlled for twenty years, make some different agreement very desirable. The Islands are of more importance to the United States than portance. they are to England or Germany. When the canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific has been constructed, as will be the case in time, the Samoan Islands will be directly in the line of steamships passing through the canal to Australia and Asia. For a coaling station they are of the utmost importance to this country, European nations having taken possession of all the other islands of any value in the the custom now followed by our Presi-Pacific, excepting the Hawaiian group.

Germany has been very tenacious of her "claims" in the group. Great centuries to that time when those Britain has not been equally anxious stout-hearted wanderers, who were about her hold on the islands until of recent date. But Austria and other British possessions in the Pacific are opposed to Great Britian relinquishing her claims on the Samoan group. Under the circumstances there is a probability that Germany may, if she has not already done so, dispose of her claim on the Islands of Great up their praise and thanks for the Britain, and take some territory elsewhere in compensation. In that event a division of the islands between the United States and Great Britain may take place. This country has treaty rights in Pago Pago harbor, in the island of Tutuila, and it is understood that a proposition has been made to give the United States that island, the to be disposed of between them subject to our sanction.

Turuila 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, and that is what this country is most in need of. We ought to have the Island of Manua and other territory to give us one-third of the group. But if our Government consents to harbor, there would probably be no great regret in the United States.

Thanksgiving Day in Early Colonial Times. "Necessity is the As an American institution Thanksgiving Day commenced with the gath-

ering of their first crops by the Pilgrim fathers, in what was then the New England wilderness, and the day has always remained the principal holiday with us, sturdy pioneers having carried the good custom along with them into every State of the Union.

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, which was fortunately averted just as if in response to their prayers, by the coming of rain, and the custom of holding a thanks-giving annually after harvest was thereafter most solemnly observed.

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, more strongly in the Eastern States, if possible, than anywhere, the subsequent feast of Christmas never having been regarded as of equal im-

The pivotal point which that Thanksgiving Day celebrated two hundred and seventy-six years ago occupies to one of our great national 'nstitutions, 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 colontes, who had the honor of initiating dents by issuing the first Thanksgiving proclamation.

Looking back across almost three 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, one cannot fail to be touched by the pathos of their situation and thrilled with the gladness which caused them to offer mercy vouchsafed by Providence.

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 others to go to England and Germany a good half week of it, beginning on Tnursday morning and bringing it to a close bofore 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 take the island of Tutuila, with its game which could be found, and the Kinley to promise to use the whole bags secured by them were such as influence of the Federal administrawould arouse the envy of many a The inhabitants of the island are of modern Nimrod. There were wild one race, but their government has turkeys in abundance, together with ducks and various kinds of game, with which the primeval forest abounded. The kingship is comparitively recent Massasoit and his warriors brought in origin, and it has been the source of a plentiful supply of oysters to swell great trouble in the islands. The the feast. The bill of fare which repermanent abolition of it seems prob- sulted from the united effort of the able in any case. It is probable that hunters and the good Puritan house wives, was one with which any but the better for all concerned than the con-tinuance of such a government as has been satisfied. The entrees consisted of oysters, venison pasties, savory meat stews, broiled fish, clain chowder, flour dumplings and roasts of all kinds. This was followed by the piece de resistance, which has ever thereafter remained the principal featthe Aztecs and Zunis indulge in their ure of the Thanksgiving dinner-roast turkey-with which the cooks served a dressing of beech nuts, and numerous vegetables and salads. Cakes and plum porridge lent the finishing touches to the course, and it may be safely assumed that there was no one who left the first Thanksgiving dinner table hungry. 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. The celebration was ed as regular festivals in the callenders wound up, as it was commenced, with a service of praise and prayer which At the time the Iliad was written also greatly impressed the Indian By a recent government decision, was founded amid pastoral festivities all life insurance companies doing of a thanksgiving nature in honor of business in the state, are under the war revenue act, liable to taxation, with the exception of such policies as The ancient Persians seem to have are used by fraternal societies or been the only nation among the early orders, farmers' purely local co operacivilizations which had absolutely no tive companies or associations and thanksgiving festival, a circumstance employes reliet associations operated which was probably due to the fact on the lodge system or co-operative that they had no temple and did not plan. The companies exempt from worship in common. They worshiped the tax must not be conducted for the sun only and preferred to do so in profit. Mutual life insurance coma solitary manner, disliking to attend panies must pay the tax since that it cannot be held that it is a fraternal society or order, although fraternal societies or orders may be mutual.

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WASHINGTON.

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 Coagress. He has entirely recovered his health; says he never telt better, and that, like the democratic party, he is full of fight. He believes, and with good reasons for his belief, that the democratic party is today in better condition for the Presidential campaign than the republican party is, and that its condition is more likely to improve between now and the opening of the campaign than is that of the republican party; and he gress. There is some talk among resays further that his belief is fully publicans of making the chairman of shared by every man who attended the recent democratic conference at Chicago. He looks confidently for democratic assistance from the legislation of this Congress, republican in both branches: the Shylocks of the last residential campaign are already de-manding their pound of flesh, with no annual banquet of the New York shrewd Portia in sight to show Mr. McKinley how to meet the demand in such a way that they will be made to follow the example of Shakespeare's publicans who have been disposed to Shylock. It looks now as though they regard Mr. McKinley's reelection as a would get the pound of flesh and with it the life of the republican party.

... 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 conhrm Taylor's election to be governor and to re-elect Senator Lindsav, and that he succeeded in getting Mr. Mction to help along the scheme.

. . Vice President Hobart was one of



Star Clothing House.

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, ar d

knows all of the old members person-

ally, the House should get down to

stead of the Chairman of the Ways

Ex Speaker Reed's reference to the

annual banquet of the New York

Chamber of Commerce, has been

much talked about in Washington,

and is calculated to make those re-

matter of course, do some hard think-

ing. Mr. Reed said: "The republi-

'96 was 40,000), while a third candi-

Mr. John R. McLean, who was de-

adverse criticism of Admiral Dewey,

already shown to have been without

just cause, for deeding the house re-

order that she might share in th

persons, who, for well understood

reasons, have little love for the Ad-

miral. It is an insidious attack upon

a representative American by hidden

political foes. I believe that the fight

which has started so insidiously will

always love fairplay, will resent these

unjust and injurious attacks upon Ad-

miral Dewey's character in a way that

will not be soon forgotten by the men

and Means Committee.

election".

F. P. PURSEL.

business much earlier than it usually They Ring True. ↔ does at the opening of a new Conthe House Committee on Banking and Currency their floor leader, in-

We planned for some very exceptional value giving during the next few days. Bargains? Yes, bargains, and bargains that you'll appreciate, too. By the way, that word "bargain" is often misused, and oftener, badly abused. It has been made to stand for many a humbug, many a sham-not here, though. It possesses a sense and dignity when used in our store news columns. Here it will always be given its broadest, most liberal meaning. Hence, when we say these bargains "Ring True," you can depend upon the statement.

Famous Jacket Offerings.

can candidate had but 40,00 plurality We have taken (3) small lots (McKinley's majority in the state in of ladies' and misses' jackets. It was all they had of them, so date had 106,000 votes. In the old we bought them away down. Black Kersey Jacket, all wool, days when a majority over all was required, there would have been no trimmed throughout with silk, trimmed with cloth and stitching, and the lapels trimmed wite silk, would be cheap at mocratic candidate for governor of \$12 00. Our price, \$7 50. Ohio, and who is Admiral Dewey's A lot of misses jackets we brother-in-law, believes that the fierce

sold at \$5 00 reduced to \$4 00.

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been of a very loose character. They have a king, but he has little power. a fair division of the islands would be existed heretofore on the islands.

The Origin of Thanksgiving.

The origin of Thanksgiving Day is lost in the mists of antiquity. Probably yearly rejoicings over abundant crops and other blessings showered upon them by the gods, on the same spot as we are doing at the present time, exactly as the Greeks and prehistoric nations of Europe and Asia probably did on the other side of the water centuries ago.

Such a religious nation as the Jews of course had its appropriate sacrifices and services for the occasion, as Holy Writ informs us, which were strictly performed as was usual with that singularly devout people. But long before monotheism had superceded or come into rivalry with polytheism, thanksgiving days had been establishof the early civilizations,

the two principal festivals of Greece visitors. were those of the harvest and the vintage, respectively. Rome itself the god Pales, and the feast of Cerealia was long one of her principal festivals.

large religious gatherings.

But the Egyptians, Assyrians, Babyionians and Phrygians and their predecessors all had their feasts and fasts and the inevitable thanksgiving was sure to be among them.

The Paul E. Wirt Pen Factory is working over time at present.

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-a much more important part than is generally known-and why many democrats went with the large party of officials from Washington to not given to making assertions with-Paterson, N. J., to attend the funeral, out having substantial reasons there-Saturday. Senator Frye, of Me., who was elected president protempore of "The criticisms against Admiral the Senate early in the last Congress Dewey have been inspired by certain will preside over the Senate at the coming session, the only difference made by the death of Mr. Hobart being that Senator Frye will draw \$3,000 a year more salary and will have the use of the Vice President's room in the Capitol. It will not change his title, and the Vice Presidency will remain vacant until after the next national election, there being no law providing for filling a vacany in that office.

responsible for the criticisms". Mr. Henderson says he will an-



Yes, and again more, if we pleasure of giving the house to George had space to print it. We can-Goodwin Dewey, the Admiral's only not too strongly emphasize this child, an act which she has already performed-was the result of concert- fall and winter dress goods but we do think that there is equipment. ed action on the part of certain re-

The storm serges, in all colpublican politicians, who have determined to take advantage of every opening in their effort to break down Ad-

miral Dewey's popularity so as to remove him from his list of Presidential colors, at Soc. possibilities. Mr. McLean, who is Camelshair goods, 56 ins.wide. at \$1 00.

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