

THANKSGIVING DAY;  
ITS APPRECIATIONS.Unthankfulness Is Dangerous.  
The Thankful Are Blessed.Pastor Russell Says That All Should  
Join With the Psalmist David, "Oh,  
Give Thanks Unto the Lord, For He  
Is Good; His Mercy Endureth For-  
ever."—Psalm cxxxvi, 1.New Haven,  
Conn., Nov. 26th.  
—Pastor Russell  
of the London and  
Brooklyn Taber-  
nacles preached  
twice here today.  
We give a synopsis  
of his discourse on  
Thanksgiving from  
the text above quoted.With more cause  
than ever for  
thankfulness,  
Christendom is losing the sentiment of  
gratitude to God, and Thanksgiving Day is to many merely a holiday. In  
religious matters in general, Christendom is rapidly approaching the conditions prophesied by St. Paul, when  
men would preserve the form of god-  
liness but deny its power. (11 Timothy  
iii, 5.) The cause of this the Pastor  
traced to the increasing intelligence  
of our day which, along religious lines,  
has cut loose from the Bible and pro-  
portionately cut loose from the true  
God.Higher Critics, not content with the  
rejection of the creeds of the Dark  
Ages, have attacked the Bible, preju-  
diced against it by the inconsistencies  
of the creeds. Thinking to render as-  
sistance to humanity and to the Truth,  
they have for fifty years been quietly  
and successfully engaged in undermining  
the faith of Christendom in the  
Bible as a Divine Revelation. They  
claim for themselves a similar inspira-  
tion to that of the Apostles, while they  
ridicule the thought that holy Prophets  
of old spoke and wrote as they were  
moved by the Holy Spirit of God—  
II Peter 1, 21.

## Evolution and Higher Criticism.

Rejecting the Bible as a special Di-  
vine Revelation from a personal God,  
the next step of the Higher Critics  
was an easy one—to proclaim nature  
the god and creator of all things—an  
impersonal god. Thus they were just  
in line for Darwin's theory of Evolution—  
that nature is god and work is  
the law of nature—the survival of the  
fittest—and the fittest the most pug-  
nacious and overbearing, and selfish  
and scheming.Thus we have gradually reached the  
place where the masses of Christen-  
dom doubt the existence of a personal  
God, and are inclined to believe in a  
blind, brute force—a nature-god—and  
to hope that by some process of evolu-  
tion their children's children, in the  
far hereafter, may attain to something  
better than the present; but they see  
not even the assurance of a future life  
for themselves, any more than for the  
brute creation.Unthankful, Unholy, Covenant-Break-  
ers.This explains to us why the masses  
feel little interest in Thanksgiving Day,  
except as a holiday. They have  
lost their God—the living and true  
God—a Heavenly Father. Under these  
circumstances, declared Pastor Rus-  
sell, it is not strange that they are  
unbelievers—that Thanksgiving is be-  
coming a mere formality, that the  
churches are nearly empty and the  
prisons overflowing and many of the  
world pleasure-mad. St. Paul's words,  
"without God and having no hope in  
the world," surely fit the majority of  
Christendom today. These conditions  
breed the reverse of thankfulness,  
namely dissatisfaction. Thus we see  
the world enjoying blessings as never  
before, and discontented as never be-  
fore. The opening of the eyes of un-  
derstanding to the fact that our race  
is one, and that the blessings of earth  
belong equally to all, is now coming to  
men. These are great truths. With  
this knowledge should come an appre-  
ciation of the Divine supervision of  
the earth's affairs, and a knowledge  
of the Divine intention to rectify all  
the inequalities and in-equities of the  
present time in a future Age.Since the desire of all mankind is  
happiness, our college men are un-  
philosophical in proclaiming a theory  
which is destroying happiness, and  
which threatens shortly to destroy our  
civilization through anarchy.

## What Unthankfulness Costs.

We may be sure that unthankfulness  
today will bring upon man, naturally,  
a great curse—a great calamity. We  
see it coming! Unbelief in God means  
more trust in self—means more  
discontent—means strife to at-  
tain the things coveted—means an-  
archy—means the disruption of our  
present social system, as the Word of  
God foretells. (Daniel xii, 1.) Read  
at your convenience the Apostle's ar-  
gument on this subject.—Romans i.The silver lining to the dark cloud is  
in the Divine promise of rescue after  
the world shall have learned a lesson  
for eternity. The Scriptures assure us  
that the time of trouble and anarchy  
will be followed by the establishment  
of Messiah's glorious Kingdom—the  
binding of Satan—the letting loose of  
every good influence and the true  
knowledge of God—the rising of the  
Sun of Righteousness with healing in  
its beams. That glorious time must be  
waited for.NATIONAL  
CAPITALHomesteaders Given More Time  
to Make Payments on Their  
Homesteads.

## TAFT FORCES ARE ORGANIZING

William B. McKinley, of Illinois,  
to Have Charge of Taft's  
Training Quarters.Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—The  
Gamble bill extending the time of  
payment to certain homesteaders on  
the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation,  
in the state of South Dakota and on  
the Standing Rock Indian Reservation  
which passed the Senate on  
January 22nd, and which has been  
before the Committee on Indian Affairs  
of the House, where it has been  
pressed by Representatives Burke and  
Martin, has been favorably reported.  
An amendment by Mr. Burke has been  
included in the report, which is to the  
effect that homesteaders, after they  
have resided upon their land for four-  
teen months will be allowed to sub-  
mit proof and thereafter they will not  
be required to live thereon and may  
have the benefit of the extension with-  
in which to make payment at five per  
cent interest, patents to be withheld  
until the last payment is made. The  
exact wording of the amendment is  
as follows: "And provided further  
that any entrant who has resided  
upon and cultivated the land embraced  
in his entry for the period of time  
required by law in order to make com-  
mutation proof, may make proof, and  
if the same is approved further resi-  
dence and cultivation will not be re-  
quired, but patent shall be withheld  
until full and final payment of the pur-  
chase price is made in accordance  
with the provisions hereof."The Democratic majority, which at  
the beginning of its ascendancy to  
power, laid considerable stress in the  
fact that the House itself, rather than  
the Speaker would possess the real  
power, has been amending its rules of  
order in order to offset any liberties that  
the Republicans might enjoy. Czarism,  
as it was described in the days of  
Uncle Joe Cannon and Thomas B.  
Reed, has simply been transferred  
from the holder of the office of Speaker  
to Chairman Underwood of the  
Ways and Means Committee, and the  
gentleman from Alabama has been  
running the steam roller quite success-  
fully for several months. However,  
the loopholes permitting Republican  
leaders too free sway bothered the  
Democrats. Representative Campbell  
of Kansas, a Republican member of the  
Rules Committee, declared that the  
proposed change in the rules would  
"undo in forty minutes all the good  
that was accomplished in a two-year  
fight."The Republican Congressional Com-  
mittee has been re-organized and is  
preparing to handle the affairs of the  
Republican Congressmen for the com-  
ing few months of political exercise  
and excitement. Representative Wil-  
liam B. McKinley of Illinois, has been  
re-elected chairman, and notwithstanding  
he is counted as a "regular" his  
nomination was pressed by the Pro-  
gressive Members of the Committee  
headed by Representative Frank P.  
Woods of Iowa. In the organization  
of the Committee, Representative Chas.  
Burke of South Dakota is vice  
chairman and also member of the  
Executive Committee, while Repre-  
sentative J. Hapton Moore of Penn-  
sylvania is the committee secretary;  
Representative George W. Fairchild  
of New York, treasurer; Representative  
William J. Brown of New Jersey, au-  
ditor; Henry Casson of Wisconsin, as-  
sistant secretary; John C. Eversman  
of Illinois, assistant treasurer and  
Francis Curtis of Massachusetts, di-  
rector of the literary bureau.Renewed interest is felt in the clos-  
ing developments of the Lorimer case,  
and the people with views as to whether  
the Senator should retain his seat  
or be rejected, are voicing them. The  
opinion seems to have been one universal  
that the Hines interests absolutely  
controlled the Illinois Senatorship,  
and the question is as to how far the  
Senate is willing to go in punishing  
Mr. Lorimer for whatever may have  
been the commissions and indiscre-  
tions of his friend Hines, who with  
his crew appear to have made a bad  
mess of the entire contest.President Taft, Speaker Clark, Sen-  
ator Culion, former Speaker Cannon,  
and Representative McCall have set-  
tled the question of the site for the  
Lincoln Memorial and a great monu-  
ment to cost \$2,000,000 will be erected  
within a stone's throw of the  
Washington Monument. The proposi-  
tion for a great national highway had  
many friends in the Capital but it hasbeen finally cast aside, and most of  
the other wonders of the Capital Hill  
will be put into the shade by this new  
tribute to the President who emanci-  
pated the blacks.The Taft forces have decided to put  
up an organized fight, and have se-  
lected Representative William E. Mc-  
Kinley of Illinois, to take charge of  
headquarters to be opened in Wash-  
ington. Mr. McKinley states that the  
idea is to arrange a central bureau  
from which the country will be inform-  
ed in a thorough manner as to what the  
Administration has accomplished.The liveliest caucus that the Demo-  
crats have had—and about the only  
lively thing about the House is this  
"branch" of Congress, which really  
manufactures the legislation for the  
country—was that held for the purpose  
of bringing about an investiga-  
tion of the money trust. William  
Jennings Bryan in a telegram, told  
the members of the caucus: "If our  
party is afraid to offend the power of  
the financial interests that have fought  
us since 1896, we cannot expect public  
confidence." The Democratic House  
leaders plainly threw off the yoke of  
Nebraska's great Commender, and again  
showed their allegiance to the new  
Moses from Alabama, Mr. Under-  
wood, who on each and every occasion,  
wherein trouble is threatened, leads  
the children of the sacred donkey fur-  
ther and farther out of the wilderness  
—at least that is the way the Demo-  
crats see it; and whipping into line  
behind Manager Underwood, Speaker  
Clark and a few others, it was decided  
that the whole investigation which  
has been a subject of boisterous con-  
versation and much red tape in the  
newspapers, be referred in parts to the  
standing committee of the House  
where it is expected by the Democrats  
who won in the caucus, that they will  
be able to gag the noisy money trust  
infant and thus save to the Democratic  
party the support of Wall Street.A proposal of Mr. Slayden on be-  
half of the Democratic majority of the  
House to pass a resolution declaring  
against a third term for any President  
on the ground that it would be "un-  
wise, unpatriotic, and fraught with  
peril" proved to be a sort of a boomer-  
ang for the Democrats, who were  
forced to admit that they are afraid  
of the Roosevelt boom. The Republi-  
cans had plenty of amendments ready,  
one of which was to the effect that it  
would be "unwise, unpatriotic" etc.  
for William Jennings Bryan to run  
more than three times for the Presi-  
dency. But the proposition was finally  
smothered by Mr. Underwood, Speaker  
Clark and a few other "wise ones"  
on the Democratic side of the House.A number of Senators are per-  
sistently pushing plans to ratify the  
peace treaties. Senator Burton, who  
is the principal spokesman for the  
Administration, has declared that  
these treaties "will pave the way for  
other agreements, strong and weak  
alike." While of course there is all  
kinds of opposition, yet the growing  
sentiment that this is a peace move-  
ment along the lines of logic has been  
a great aid to President Taft in his  
efforts to enforce his views. Mr. Bur-  
ton declared in a speech the other day  
that the civilized nations of the earth  
were spending more than two billion  
dollars a year for their armies and  
navies, which should be expended in  
peace pursuits.One would suppose in these days of  
great mechanical inventions that the  
currency in the country would be  
printed on the power presses; but one  
of the biggest rows that ever came  
from the troublesome Bureau of En-  
graving and Printing centers about  
this question. Paper money has been  
printed with hand presses since the  
beginning of the government and the  
expert pressmen, who would lose their  
positions through a change, are at-  
tempting to show a Congressional  
Committee that machine-made money  
would look like counterfeits alongside  
the present high class currency of the  
United States.This vacancy on the Supreme Court  
bench has been the cause of more  
speculation than any other appoint-  
ment that has come up for a long  
time. Every few days announcements  
were made to the effect that Judge  
William C. Hook of Kansas, would  
have the place, and then rumors from  
the White House indicated that Mr.  
Hook would "get the hook," and that  
the Secretary of Commerce and Labor,  
Charles Nagel of St. Louis, was to  
have the place. Hook and Nagel each  
in turn came so near winning that  
their friends are said to have pre-  
maturely celebrated the occasion.There has not been a day since the  
opening of Congress but what one  
could find in a short walk upon the  
streets of Washington a number of in-  
telligent looking Indians who have  
been coming here at different periods  
from all points in the great west, and  
they never neglect a chance to play  
politics. These Indians want to vote  
and they have been here "getting onto  
the job."

The best thing to take for bil-

Devinely Inspired  
Letter to Huron LadyDaily Huronite: Mrs. E. Danley  
has asked The Huronite to print the  
following:Country papers throughout the United  
States are printing what is alleged  
to be a "Letter Written by Christ." In  
this letter is an injunction that it  
should be published to the world by  
whoever found it, together with the  
statement that misfortune and  
bad luck would follow the person in  
possession of it unless he gave it public-  
ity. There is likewise a promise that  
whoever may keep a copy of it will  
prosper and be followed by good  
fortune.According to the history of the letter,  
it was written by Christ just after  
his crucifixion, signed by the Angel  
Gabriel ninety-nine years after  
the Savior's birth, and presumably  
deposited by Him under a stone at  
the foot of the cross. On this stone  
appeared the legend, "Blessed Is He  
Who Turns Me Over." No one knew  
what the inscription meant or seemed  
to have sufficient curiosity to investi-  
gate, until the stone was turned over  
by a little child and the letter  
discovered. It follows:"Whoever works on the Sabbath day  
shall be cursed. I command you to  
go to church and keep holy the Lord's day,  
without any manner of work. You  
shall not only go to church yourself but your  
manservant and maid servant. Observe  
my words and learn my commandments.  
You shall finish your work every Saturday at six o'clock in  
the afternoon, at which hour the preparation  
for the Sabbath begins."You will not break my commandments,  
but observe and keep them, they being written by my hand and  
spoken by my mouth. You shall not only  
go to church yourself but your  
manservant and maid servant. Observe  
my words and learn my commandments.  
You shall finish your work every Saturday at six o'clock in  
the afternoon, at which hour the preparation  
for the Sabbath begins."I advise you to fast five days in  
the year, beginning with Good Friday  
and continuing the four days following,  
in remembrance of the five  
bloody wounds I received for you and  
mankind. You shall love one  
another and cause them that are not  
baptized to come to church and receive  
the holy sacrament—that is to say,  
baptism—and then the support  
of the Lord, and be made a member  
thereof, and in so doing I will give  
you long life and many blessings.  
Your land shall be replenished and  
bring forth abundance and I will  
comfort you in the greatest temptation;  
and surely he that doeth to the  
contrary shall be cursed. I will also  
send hardness of the heart on them,  
and especially on hardened and un-  
penitent unbelievers. He that hath  
given to the poor shall find it profit-  
able. Remember to keep the Sabbath  
day, for the seventh day I have  
taken as a resting day to myself.  
And he that hath a copy of this letter,  
written by my own hand and spoken  
by my own mouth, and keepeth it  
without publishing it to others, shall  
not prosper, but he that publishes it  
to others shall be blessed by me, and  
if their sins be as many as stars by  
night, and if they truly believe, they  
shall be pardoned; and they that believe  
not this writing and my commandments  
will have many plagues upon them,  
and if any woman be in birth and put  
her trust in me, she shall be delivered  
of her child."You shall hear no more news of  
me except thru the Holy Scriptures  
until the day of judgment. All kinds of  
goodness and prosperity shall be  
in the house where a copy of this  
letter shall be found, finished."The story goes that a little child  
who found it passed it to one who be-  
came a convert to the Christian faith.  
He failed to have the letter published.  
He kept it, however, as a sacred  
memento of Christ, and it passed  
down to different generations of his  
family for more than a thousand  
years. During this period the family  
suffered repeated misfortunes, mi-  
grated to different countries, and  
finally some of them came to America,  
bringing the letter with them. They  
settled in Virginia, then moved fur-  
ther south, still followed by misfor-  
tune, when finally the last member  
of the family, a daughter, approached her  
death bed, and called a neighbor, Mrs.  
Thompson, giving her the letter and  
relating its history for more than one  
thousand years. The Thompson woman  
began to attempt to have it published,  
and it first appeared in the Rome (Ga.) Tribune on October 31,1891. It then appeared in the Dalton  
(Ga.) Citizen, and Mrs. Wortman,  
now living in Marion, Indiana, clipp-  
ed it and kept it in her possession for  
many years without an effort to have  
the letter published. She was followed  
by misfortune, which she attributed  
to her neglect in not trying to  
have it published.Mrs. Rubb Crutchfield, of Tre-  
vall, Tennessee, is also said to have  
had a copy and failed to have it pub-  
lished. For three years she was fol-  
lowed by a varied lot of misfortunes,  
which she attributes to the fact of  
her neglect in this respect.What is that Magellan that you hear  
so much about? It won't be at the  
Idle Hour.W. D. Burcalow made a business trip  
to the twin cities this week returning  
home Tuesday.Mr. Thos. Hovede of Naples was in  
Watertown yesterday to receive treat-  
ment for nasal trouble.Now is the time to have your auto-  
or carriage painted. Gramke does it  
right. 35-36Miss Christy Voldan of Volga has  
returned home after taking treatment  
in the city for severe eye trouble.Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Little rejoice  
over the arrival of a little baby daugh-  
ter at their home on south Oak street  
Monday morning.Miss Louise Bursvold of Brookings  
returned home yesterday morning after  
receiving treatment for eye trouble  
at Dr. Hill's office.Mrs. H. A. Lillbridge of White,  
this state, returned home this morning  
after having been in the city several  
days, taking treatment for nasal trouble.The G. A. R. and W. R. C. will give  
a Washington's Birthday Supper in  
their hall Thursday, Feb. 22. They  
will start serving at five o'clock. A  
good supper and a good time is assured  
to all.Some people never hand in an item  
of news for publication, but if we hap-  
pen to miss an item in which they are  
interested they are sure to hand us a  
north pole star that would freeze the  
liver of a polar bear.C. E. Edwards, one of Codington  
county's pioneers arrived in the city  
last week from Iowa where he has  
been spending the winter.E. E. Kneedy, who a few months ago  
removed his family to Kansas City,  
Mo., has returned to Watertown and  
will make his permanent home here.Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Hill left Wednes-  
day morning over the Rock Island  
for Chicago. The Doctor goes to repre-  
sent the South Dakota Board of  
Medical Examiners at the meeting  
of the American Medical Association  
on Medical Education and Legislation  
to be held in that city next week.  
They expect to return about the last  
of this month.Last Saturday was a fine warm day  
and there were many people on the  
streets. It thawed for the first time  
to amount to anything since the week  
before Christmas. Notwithstanding  
the fact that the weather has been  
extremely cold for the past two months  
there has been very little sickness in  
this vicinity from the effects of colds  
and la grippe.Several weeks ago Policeman Op-  
heim found a pearl in an oyster while  
eating a bowl of oyster soup in one of  
the city's restaurants. At first it was  
thought that the pearl was spoiled on  
account of having been heated, but  
later it was taken to a jeweler who  
pronounced it unharmed and Mr. Op-  
heim had the gem set in a ring and  
presented the same to his good wife.  
It makes a very pretty ring and is  
very valuable.The Magellans arrived in the city  
the other day.For the first time in many years  
Watertown residents are experiencing  
the freezing up of their water mains  
running from the big mains to their  
houses. It is a big bill of expense  
to dig in the frozen ground to look  
for a frozen pipe when one does not  
know just exactly where the pipe is  
frozen.