

Berrien County Record.

BUCHANAN, MICH., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1874. NUMBER 41.

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And I heard every word that they said.

"Just think of the ducks and the turkey!"

"Won't we have a grand dinner to-day?"

And it always tastes better Thanksgiving.

Through why, I am sure I can't say.

"Do you know what they mean by Thanks-

giving?"

Little Thoughtful Eyes gravely inquired,

"Oh, yes! we'll have whole lots of goodies."

No school, and can play till we're tired;

"Oh, well, but I'll tell you its meaning!"

It means, (giving thanks unto God!)

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And the whisperers were changed to out loud.

"And as I looked in where the chatters

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W. D. KINGERY, Editor.
THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 26, 1874.

THANKSGIVING.
Under the united seal of the President of the United States and the Governor of Michigan, to-day has been designated as a day for the people of this State to render thanks to Divine Providence for temporal blessings and prosperity.

It is eminently fitting and wise that one day in the year be set apart and observed as a day of prayer and thanksgiving. The day should be celebrated with appropriate services and exercises, and the entire family should be united in thanksgiving. We should not only give thanks for our present condition as a nation, but also for the prospects for the future. When we consider the vast extent of our domain, and that it embraces every variety of soil, climate and mineral production calculated to insure the happiness and prosperity of the present and future inhabitants of this Republic, it needs no prophetic vision to see the bright future of our country. If the American people are true to themselves and preserve their free institutions, the future will disclose facts for surpassing the developments of the past. Instead of a population of 43,000,000, our population will exceed 100,000,000; railroads and telegraph lines every county from Maine to Oregon, and temples of religion, of justice and of learning, will be the beneficent influence throughout all the land.

We also have great reason to be thankful when we review the history of our own State. The management of our State affairs has been marked by prudence and wisdom; the many public institutions which have been established in the State from time to time have been fostered and protected, and the State constantly advancing in wealth and population.

During the past year our own village has been especially favored in many respects. We have met with no serious disasters, and the people generally blessed with health and prosperity. We cannot enumerate the many favors and blessings we enjoy which should occasion an expression of gratitude.

We find that as far back in the history of this country as 1623, the Government has observed the practice of appointing a day for national thanksgiving and praise. In 1630-1 a day for general prayer and praise was appointed, and in 1680 the laws, as published by the colony, declared "that the Governor should have power to command solemn days of humiliation, fasting and prayer, and also for thanksgiving, as occasion may require." In 1688 the Plymouth court issued the following:

"The court, taking notice of the goodness of God, in the continuance of our civil and religious liberties, the general health we have enjoyed, and that it hath pleased God in some comfortable measure to bless us in the fruits of the earth, conceive that these and other favors do call upon us for return of thankfulness to the Lord, who might justly have dealt otherwise with us, and therefore, that we may be joined in this our sacrifice, do propose in the congregations of this government, that the 26th day of November next, which will be the 4th day of the week, to be kept as a solemn day of thanksgiving, with respect to His goodness in the particulars above mentioned, and that particular places and persons may propose to themselves as special causes of devout thanksgiving."

In 1680, 1686, 1689 and 1690. From 1700 annual thanksgiving was observed by the colonies in some way. In 1779 Congress appointed a day of thanksgiving and imported 20,000 copies of the Bible for gratuitous distribution. Gen. Washington issued a thanksgiving proclamation in 1777 and again in 1778.

From Washington to Lincoln the history of our country teaches us that there was not a national thanksgiving. During this time, days for returning thanks for temporal blessings were appointed by the Governors of the different States and at different times.

President Lincoln revived the custom of calling a national thanksgiving and inviting all the States to observe the same, and to-day the whole nation is called upon to join in devout prayer and grateful song in praise of Him "from whom all blessings flow."

UNITED STATES SENATOR.
We publish elsewhere an article from the Detroit Tribune on the above subject, in opposition to sending Zach. Chandler to represent the State in the highest legislative body in the nation for the fourth term. This question does not hesitate to give our views concerning it, openly and frankly. We are not in favor of the selection of Chandler as United States Senator, or more correctly speaking, he is not our choice. He may perform his duties well and faithfully, yet we believe there are other men in the State who would fill the position with as much credit to themselves and honor to the State, and men who in our estimation, would do far more to advance the interests of the Republican party in Michigan. There is no denying the fact, that many people throughout this State and nation believe that Chandler purchased his position by money and official patronage, and that should he be returned to the Senate for the next six years, his appointment will be secured by improper influences and unworthy means. This alone, or that a number of respectable men in the Republican party, believe him to be a man of this character, ought to condemn him. We have many in the State whose intellectual ability is not acknowledged, whose reputation for honesty and integrity is the highest, and who would accept this office, if tendered to them, and perform its duties to the entire satisfaction of the party.

If no person can be produced who is an equal to Chandler in ability and learning, then give him the preference, though he may be objectionable to a large proportion of the masses, and regarded by many of the best men in the party, as a political adventurer, and as using his wealth and the patronage of his high office to secure his re-election and advance his own personal interests. On the other hand, if we can find a man who is respected by all for his virtue and morality, whose reputation could not be impeached, or in any way destroy his influence and standing under any and all circumstances, and who, in all other respects, is as well qualified as Chandler for the position of United States Senator, then, we say by all means, give this individual the preference. We claim that Michigan can furnish several just such men, either of whom would receive a decided endorsement by the Republicans of Michigan if the selection was left for them to make.

One of the worst symptoms of Chandler's organized combination throughout the State, and one that does him great injury among intelligent classes, is the disposition to use his influence and his retained friends to put down every man, and crush to atoms every newspaper that dares oppose him. He wields a power that is feared by many, and their real sentiments are not expressed. It is considered as party treason, and turning the back upon Republican principles and Republican institutions, any person in the party to oppose him, as it were, is considered as a traitor. We wish the good of the country before the welfare of the Republican party, but we seek the best interests of the party in preference to the personal welfare or advancement of Zach. Chandler.

THE CENSUS.
The census of Michigan for 1874 shows a population in our State of 1,354,111, an increase since 1870 of 159,038. The 1870 census was taken by the Deputy U. S. Marshals, and the census of 1874 were taken by the Supervisors and City Assessors. The same plan of enumeration was adhered to in each case, and the results are doubtless equally reliable. The increase in population has been largely in the principal cities of the State, and a slight falling off in the Southern and richest agricultural districts, where the land is all taken up and held at prices that will not induce poor people with families to settle on, or farmers' children to remain at home and endeavor to purchase homesteads for themselves. The census also furnishes a political lesson of some significance. The voting population of the State, according to the enumeration of 1874, is 800,352. The official returns of the late election show that the entire vote for Governor was about 222,000—Bagley 111,607; Chamberlain 105,258; Carpenter 4,088, and allowing for three counties from which returns have not been complete. Comparing with the vote of Grant and Greeley, the Democrats have gained and the Republicans lost about 27,000 votes. Calling the vote this year 220,000, and it will not exceed that, still, the enumeration shows that over 138,900 voters in the State did not vote at the late election. A very large per cent, nearly one-half, of the legal voters in the entire State stayed away from the polls or did not vote. There can be but little doubt that if the sentiment of the 139,000 who did not vote could be ascertained, the result would show that the Republican party has as large a majority in Michigan to-day as it had in 1872.

EXTRA TERM.
Some of the leading Democratic papers demand that there be an extra session of Congress, to convene on the fourth day of March next. The Democrats show great anxiety to get hold of the reins of Government, and if they can do one-half the good to the country that they promise, we cannot see any reason to prevent them from having a chance until in December, 1875. Let them commence their proceedings at once, and especially as they get pay from the fourth of March next. The sooner they have a chance to rule the legislation of Congress, we trust the better it will be for the Republican party, and the quicker will the people come to their senses and desire a return of the Republican party to power. We hope we are mistaken in this prediction. We place our country far above party, and wish the good of the country, at the sacrifice of any partisan pride or ambition. We trust, therefore, that the Democrats, when they begin to exercise their authority, will legislate wisely, and do the utmost to promote the weal and welfare of the Government. None will be more willing than we to give credit for all the good they may accomplish, or to criticize justly and impartially when measures are advocated of which our judgment does not approve, and which we think opposed to the best interest of the people.

Illinois Correspondence.
ONAKA, ILL., Nov. 23, 1874.
ED. RECORD.—This month of November has been very pleasant and Indian Summer like. Last Thursday, however, we had our first snow, but on Sunday, the weather moderating, it commenced raining and snow soon disappeared. To-day the wind is blowing a perfect gale, and one can hear its roaring sounds sweeping over the prairie here. I stood looking out of my chamber window this morning, viewing the different sections around and about for miles in the distance, and not a tree to be seen, only those which are cultivated for shade. I also can see Gillman Station, which is three miles distant, and many times see the smoke of trains as they pass over Illinois plains. The winter term of High School has now commenced. This is quite a pleasant little village, and would suit many who desire to live in the country. I cannot say that I do. Give me hills and valleys, and the verdant woods, where birds are singing, and pleasant rambles can be enjoyed—where I can stand and drink in the scenery of the works of Nature in its wildest form, such as I saw in the far west of Minnesota—the laughing waters of Minnesota—the roaring of St. Anthony, and many other places of note could I mention, but will now close, as I have already written more than I intended. Respectfully, M. G. D.

From Ohio.
TOLEDO, Nov. 14, 1874.
ED. RECORD.—You like to hear from all parts, and as you have no reporter in Northern Ohio, an echo from this direction may be welcome.

We have been having exceedingly dry weather. Wells are low, cisterns waterless, and great inconvenience arising to all who prefer water to whisky; and these are not so numerous as they ought to be in some places through this country. Ohio is the State, I think, where the Woman's Temperance Movement was inaugurated. And no doubt effected much for time and some localities. But where most was done, by universal admission, there has been great and lamentable reaction. Permanent effects were not among the strong points in that work. Some will assure me that in places where visible changes of the most hopeful character were made, and were most general, that more drink is consumed than ever. We make allowances for prejudice and opinion, which tends to extremes, but still fear the reaction generally cannot be denied. Appetite and greed of gain are too much for influences merely persuasive. In this part of Ohio there is a large German element, and that always believes in lager. And where that is, generally is found something wrong.

Fires have been prevailing widely in the woods, in Northwestern Ohio. The dry weather has made everything subject to them. Fences, cord-wood, and forests have furnished fuel for them, so that till rain came no control could be had over the consuming element. City and country were shrouded in smoke; so much so that one could taste it, and at night, when more than in the day time it settled down, it became a great annoyance, and made closed windows more to be desired than open ones.

But happily, rain has been given us, and we have now clear atmosphere and more comfortable respiration. Never was welcomed more any good influence than all welcomed the gentle showers of the last week. It is said all are never ready, but I think the want was so universal, that few would allow themselves unprepared. The weather is delightful. Very little of it has seemed to me, who experienced the mild weather of Mississippi last year at this season, other than most pleasant. No snow, no real cold, just mild, bracing, comfortable weather, and, as it would seem, favorable beyond the season. I am told that it is not infrequent for the Maumee to be open till Christmas.

The season has been dry, as in the States further west; but the drought was not as destructive. I see splendid fields of corn, as indicated by the generous shocks. Wheat was excellent; flour is very low in price; potatoes and other vegetables plenty, but not so plenty as to keep the price down. Potatoes I saw selling from the wagon for 55 cents per bushel, but have been higher. Provisions generally are more expensive than usual. Butter 38 and 40 cents.

I will close, and sometime tell you something of Toledo.
Yours truly, J. K. D.

The Senatorial Issue.
The Republican party is to-day standing amid the consequences of the most unexpected and sweeping reverse in its history. Vanished majorities, lost strongholds, defeated leaders and wrecked hopes invite its contemplation in almost every community in both sections of the Union. The causes of the general disaster are neither remote nor difficult of comprehension, and they have been discussed during the last week by the leading organs of Republican opinion with marked candor, intelligence and force. There has been no difference in judgment among the influential and able newspapers of the party (which represent the independent opinion of the organization) and not merely some personal interest therein) upon one point, viz: That among the most potent agencies in producing our defeat has been the discontent excited by obnoxious systems of party management and the distrust aroused by the prominence gained in the Republican councils by men representing the lower and not the better tendencies of our politics. The election returns in the cases of General Butler and others of his stripe, whose offices are dependent upon popular suffrage, fully bear out this conclusion. No "lesson" of this remarkable campaign is more explicit than this one, and no warning could be served by the people on a party in more unmistakable terms.

Republican in Michigan has an opportunity to heed and profit by this striking admonition. Mr. Chandler's third Senatorial term expires on the 4th of next March, and the Legislature which has just been elected will be called upon in January to choose his successor. Among the burdens which this year freighted our party craft so very nearly to the water's edge in this State must unquestionably be reckoned the fact that he was an active candidate for re-election, that his emissaries were busy in all parts of the State in "fixing" legislative nominations for his benefit, and that the system of politics of which he was the embodiment had become grossly obnoxious to great numbers of sincere and thoughtful Republicans. The adverse results in so many Senatorial and Representative districts, in which our supremacy had before been unquestioned, and the voluntary statements already made by some of the defeated candidates as to the chief causes of their rejection, as well as all the general indications, thoroughly sustain these statements. In fact, they will not be questioned by any careful and well-informed observer of political affairs in Michigan.

Nor is the existence of a vigorous and Chandler Republican sentiment strange or unnatural. We leave the personal argument aside the character of his ability, his double election, already, the nature of his habits, wholly out of the question, for the position we take now in this matter need not be based on such considerations. Mr. Chandler personifies an utterly indefensible system of political management.

For years he has labored assiduously to make the Republican organization in Michigan an engine for the accomplishment of his personal ends. He has filled the Federal offices with his active and devoted agents, bound to him by selfish ties; he has dictated nominations for elective positions by the manipulation of primaries through his agents; he has proscribed public men who have been found not to be pliant to his will; he has used his patronage to bargain for the support of local politicians whom he could make useful; and he has assumed to set up fidelity to himself as the standard of Republican orthodoxy. As a result, Mr. Chandler has identified himself with that utterly demoralizing style of politics which makes "the spoils" its chief weapon, which debauches the independence and integrity of men in position, which paralyzes the will of the individual voter, and which substitutes a cynical, amoral and proscriptive regency for freedom of party action. At Washington his influence is naturally exerted in favor of that general system of administration for all the States, which he manages to make so useful in his own, and he is the consistent enemy of those reforms which might lessen the power of "patronage" as a Senatorial tool, or weaken the potency of the means by which "managers" now manipulate primaries and control conventions. In brief he is prominent among those Republican "leaders," whose conspicuous readiness for the unscrupulous use of debasing political machinery for their own ends is alienating from the party the good will of its best class of voters, and, from this fact, are responsible in no small degree for our recent astonishing reverse.

Mr. Chandler, in his long career as a skillful politician, has never planned a personal canvass more perfectly than the present one. The important Federal office holders in Michigan are almost without exception his men. In every leading Republican legislative district strenuous efforts were made by them and others to prevent the nomination of any candidate who could not be relied upon for him. In some instances gentlemen of ability and of unsuspected Republicanism were remorselessly slaughtered in defiance of party usage, and without the slightest justification. With an ordinary result his re-election would have been secured by this work beyond peradventure. But his state was sadly marred in the wreck of the 3d, and an unexpected opportunity for his defeat is presented. The strength of parties in the next Legislature is so even, that half-dozen Republican members, who shall resolutely refuse to support Mr. Chandler for re-election and shall decline to submit to caucus dictation in this matter, can make themselves masters of the Senatorial situation, and holding in their hands the balance of power, can place in his seat any of the prominent Republicans of Michigan, who represent the better tendencies of the party. The times are ripe for a step of this kind. The people are in revolt against packed primaries and "managed" conventions. In some of the States the caucus has fallen into disrepute as a feature of Senatorial elections, and the sunset of the day of its tyranny is everywhere close at hand. It certainly has no "divine right" to control the convictions of any self-respecting man in such a matter of public duty.

There is no danger in this programme of sending a Democratic Senator to Washington. The Republican ascendancy on joint ballot in the Legislature is decided, and the laws of this State and of the United States provide that a Senator cannot be elected without a clear majority of all the votes given in each branch of the Legislature or on joint ballot. A handful of votes cast resolutely for any of a dozen well-known Republicans of high abilities and pure lives, is morally certain to determine this contest. All the existing probabilities and all the precedents of the past point clearly to such a result. We believe that the present opportunity will find the men ready for the work, and we know that public sentiment will respond with enthusiasm to their action.—Detroit Tribune.

Deaths.
Died, Nov. 14th, 1874, in this village, at her grand parents' residence, Elizabeth, daughter of H. and V. Parkington, aged 72 years and three months. A native of Ohio, she was born in 1802. Since parted we must have her. We never will forget the last time we saw her. She was a most devoted mother, and a most devoted wife. She was a most devoted friend to the poor, and a most devoted friend to the church. She was a most devoted friend to the State, and a most devoted friend to the nation. She was a most devoted friend to the world, and a most devoted friend to the universe. She was a most devoted friend to the God, and a most devoted friend to the Father. She was a most devoted friend to the Holy Spirit, and a most devoted friend to the Church. She was a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of God, and a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of Heaven. She was a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of Earth, and a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of Hell. She was a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of the Living, and a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of the Dead. She was a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of the Future, and a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of the Past. She was a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of the Present, and a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of the Future. She was a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of the Living, and a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of the Dead. She was a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of the Future, and a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of the Past. She was a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of the Present, and a most devoted friend to the Kingdom of the Future.

Special Notices.
MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILROAD.
On and after Monday, Nov. 18, 1874, all trains on the Michigan Central Railroad stopping at Buchanan, will run as follows:
Kalamazoo, Mich., 6:45 A. M.
Buchanan, Mich., 7:00 A. M.
Way freight (daily except Sunday) 7:15 P. M.
Mail (daily except Sunday) 7:30 P. M.
Night Express (except Sunday and Monday) 11:30 P. M.
Night Express (except Sunday and Monday) 12:00 A. M.
Way freight (daily except Sunday) 12:15 P. M.
Mail (daily except Sunday) 12:30 P. M.
Night Express (except Sunday and Monday) 1:00 A. M.
Night Express (except Sunday and Monday) 1:15 A. M.
Way freight (daily except Sunday) 1:30 P. M.
Mail (daily except Sunday) 1:45 P. M.
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Night Express (except Sunday and Monday) 2:15 A. M.
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