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CONCERNING GENTLEMEN.

The Reverend Elbert Russell of Earlham college is quoted as saying before the students of that institution that

"No man who is a gentleman will smoke in the presence of others," and that "no woman of ordinary self respect will welcome the company of those who use tobacco."

What a depreciation in gentility and self-respect in our community!

Mr. Russell might have confined himself to saying that tobacco smoke is obnoxious to some people and that he is one of them. He might have added that good manners and good breeding do display themselves in the use of tobacco. It has long been recognized that gentlemen do not smoke in the presence of those who object to it.

If anyone doubts it he has only to read the signs hung in many waiting rooms at railway stations. "Men are requested not to smoke; gentlemen will not!"

Why this talk of gentility of smokers and "ordinary self respect" of women who allow smoking in their vicinity? It strikes the ordinary person as being a trifling cheap.

As to the use of tobacco, that frayed and ragged subject has been torn to pieces only to be dug up again when there is nothing else to talk about. The question of gentility is not dependent upon it. As well drag in the tea and coffee users. It is true that gentlemen are not in the habit of throwing the dregs of their cups into the faces of the other diners. But what has that to do with coffee?

Those of the description known as "uncle' guid" often overdo themselves in their abuse of their fellows.

Mr. Russell acted within his province in giving the youths under his vicarage lessons in common every day manners, but he rather exceeded himself in calling into question the gentility of those who smoke and the ordinary decency of women who do not mind smoke.

In looking over Herndon's "Life of Lincoln" the other day, the writer came across one of the favorite stories of Lincoln. A Kentucky Colonel of the gentlest and bluest blood had successively offered a young man in a stage coach a chew of tobacco, a good Havana, and a little French brandy to while away the long, cold and fatiguing journey. The young man refused all. At the conclusion of the trip the colonel alighted and said, "Young man, I am charmed to have met you; I may never meet you again. I hope I will not offend you in any way, for I intend no criticism, sub. But in my long and varied experience I must confess that the men I have known with no vices had few virtues, sub."

That is an exaggeration, however, but so are Mr. Russell's assertions.

MONEY ASKED FOR
AERIAL MACHINES

Part of Estimate of War Department Expenses.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Secretary Wright has forwarded to the secretary of the treasury the detailed estimates for the war department for the next fiscal year.

The total amount was withheld, but it is known to be slightly smaller than the estimates for the present year, though considerably in excess of the appropriation for this year.

For the purchase of aerial machines either dirigible balloons or aeroplanes \$500,000 is asked. This appropriation, if made, it is expected, will prove a strong incentive to inventors.

HORTICULTURAL MEETING.

B. F. Wissler Reads a Paper on
Saturday.

The Wayne County Horticultural meeting will be held at the court house Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. B. F. Wissler of Cambridge City, will read a paper. All the members and their friends are urged to attend.

WOODRUFF IN FIGHT

Will Be Chief Opponent of Root For New York Senatorship.

IS AN IMPORTANT FIGURE.

Washington, Nov. 12.—Former Lieutenant Governor Timothy L. Woodruff of New York, saw the President Wednesday. Later in the afternoon he was closeted with James S. Sherman, vice president-elect, and William L. Ward, National Committeeman from New York.

Mr. Woodruff is the one factor in New York Republican politics who must be reckoned with in order to clarify the senatorial situation and make sure the election of Secretary Root as the successor of Thomas Collier Platt.

Mr. Woodruff returned to New York in anything but good humor and leaving an unsatisfactory impression behind him. Some of the people who talked with him said he was sore and could not conceal that fact.

There is no doubt that it lies within the power of Mr. Woodruff to create a very embarrassing situation if he chooses to do so. He alone can make it possible to elect a Senator without a conflict that may be more or less protracted. If he withdraws, others who have a like ambition, it is said, may easily be induced to do the same. If Woodruff remains "huffy" and insists upon fighting for the place which he has had his eyes set for many years, there probably will be a general scramble for the office. But no such contingency is anticipated by the wise ones.

THIS YEAR'S DROUGHT
NEVER EQUALLED

Dry Period of 1908 of Unusual Length.

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 12.—Without a parallel in the history of the Weather Bureau is the recent drought in Indiana, according to the report for the month of October just issued by W. T. Blythe, section director. "There probably was never another drought period," states the report, "of equal length, intensity and extent experienced in this state; certainly none during the period covered by the records of the Weather Bureau, which extend back to 1871. The nearest approaches to it were in 1893, 1897 and 1901.

Period of the Drought.

The period of the drought this year was from Aug. 14 to Sept. 27, inclusive, a period of forty-five days. June was deficient in precipitation. Through July the precipitation was about normal; also the first part of August. "From Sept. 28, on which date," says the report, "the long summer drought was relieved by general rains, up to and including Oct. 31 there were only two stations in the state at which precipitation in excess of one inch occurred. One of these stations was Anderson, with a total rainfall of 1.09 inches and the other Hammond, with a total of 1.46 inches during the thirty-four days. Up to this date, Nov. 9, the drought continues.

Although the month was intensely dry, October, 1908, as a whole was pleasant, with nearly the normal mean temperature, about the average wind movement and a moderate excess of sunshine. The average rainfall, .34 inch, was the least since and including 1887. Other dry months were October 1892, with an average of .87 inch; 1895, with an average of .73 inch, and 1897, with an average of .9 inch. As a rule the general precipitation for October exceeds two inches and during the past twenty-one years it has exceeded three inches six times and has been greater than four inches twice, in 1898 and 1905."

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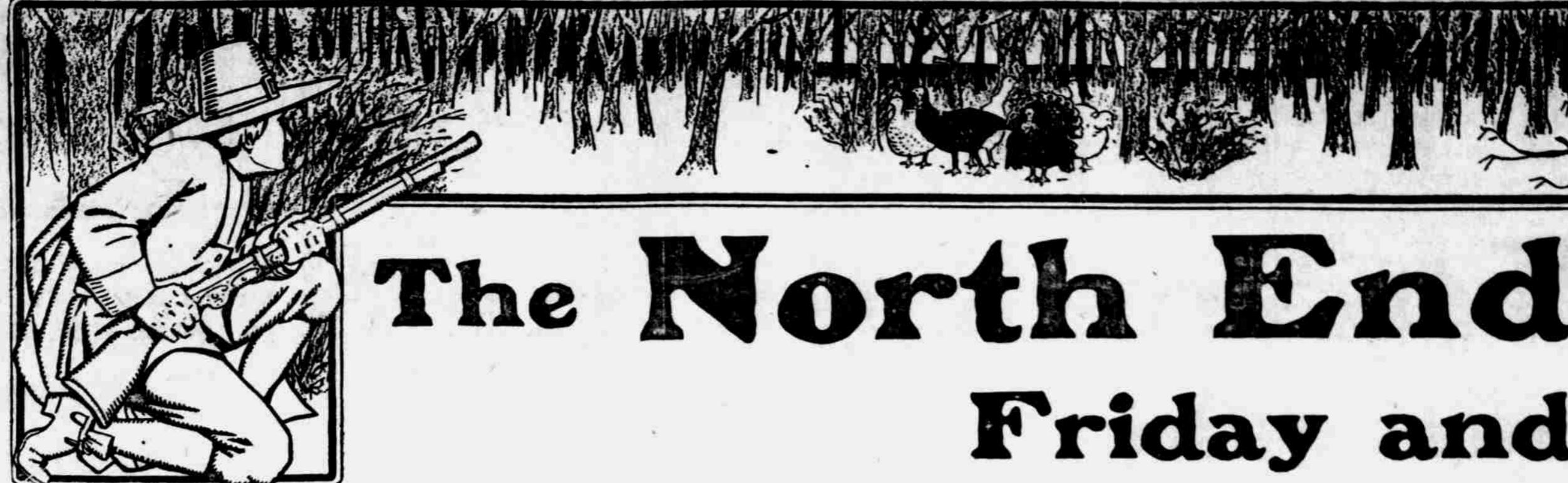
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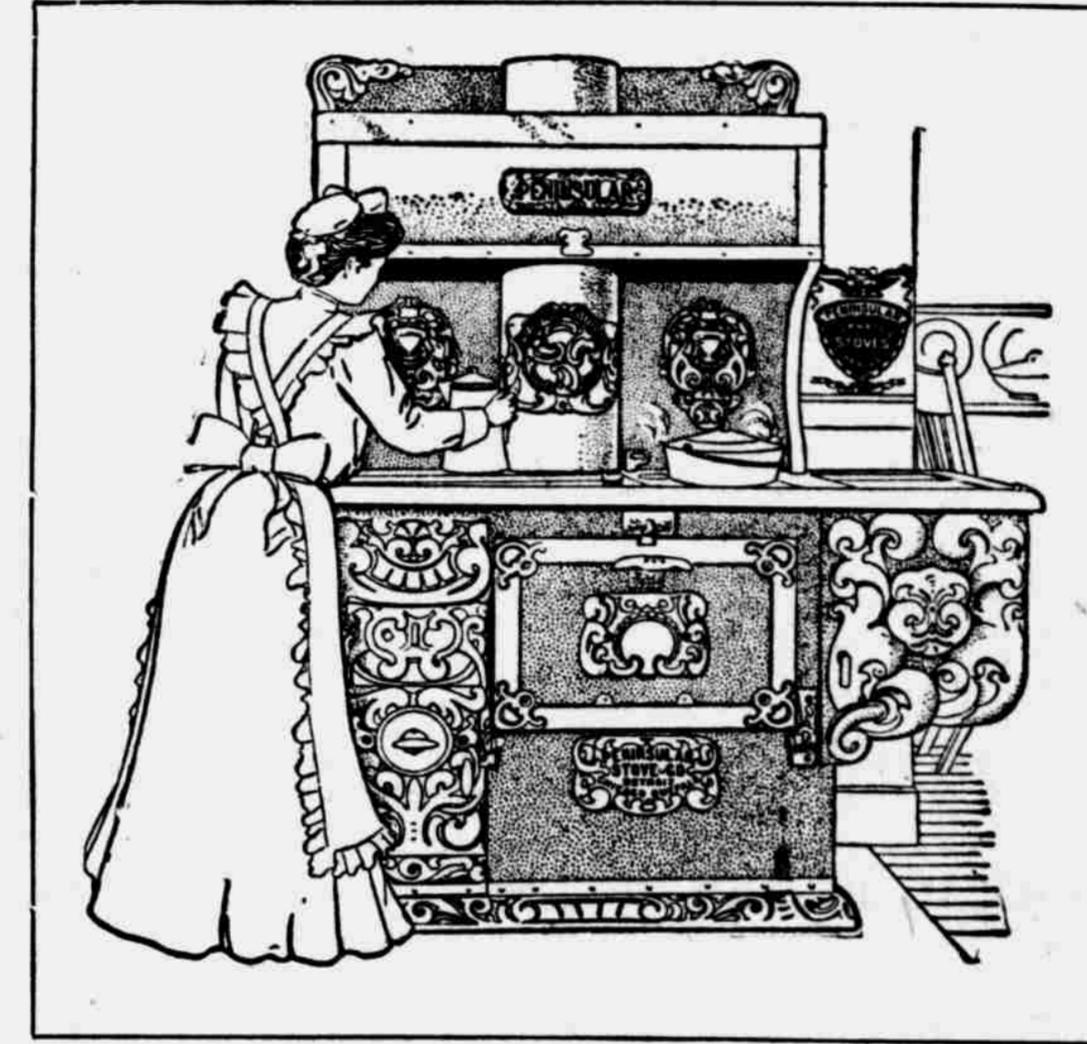
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