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The governors of all the states and territories, with the single exception of Governor Roberts of Texas, have responded affirmatively to the circular of Governor Foster of Ohio, proposing the appointment of a day of thanksgiving when the recovery of the President shall be reasonably assured. Governor Roberts refuses on the ground that such services lead directly to union of church and state. Judging from the morality of Texas would it not be hypocrisy for it to unite in thanksgiving? We do not see that such national homage would unite church and state more than should be. Governor Roberts is more fanciful in his idea than logical.

It is to be hoped, after the removal of Bradlaugh and Parnell on the one side of the water, and Conkling and Platt on the other, from the two political bodies, that the interests of the nations will be enhanced. What mean the removal, almost simultaneously, of these noted individuals from the two vast assemblies?

"All things work for good." So will the crime of Guiteau. Already we see the result. People are beginning to see the abominable evil of distributing offices every four years or less. Let civil service speak out boldly. Students obtain diplomas and honors by successive examinations. So let office seekers.

Hartmann, the attempted assassin of the Czar of Russia, has requested the U. S. Government for protection. The Secretary of State has refused on the ground that he is not a citizen of the U. S. Is it not absurd to protect any criminal, whether citizen or not? Justice to whom justice is due is the language of Scripture.

Prof. Swing of Chicago wants the Bible cut down—whole chapters and whole books in the Old Testament eliminated so as to be portable and allow it to be printed in large type. Would the Professor eliminate the 22nd chapter of Revelation, in which it reads, "And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book!"

The noble hearts of the American people are signaling their deep sympathy, in the affliction that has befallen the Presidential family, by a large donation of half a million. Is there another Ruler on earth that has equally the best wishes of the people? Alas! for the poor Czar of Russia.