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MICKIE SAYS:

HONEST TO GOODNESS! A FARMER WHO HAD A \$26,000 SALE AND MOVED TOWN, COME INTO TH' OFFIS 'N BARD, "YOU'LL BE GIVIN' ME A DISCOUNT NOW, WONT YOU? I'VE BEEN TAKING TH' PAPER OVER TWENTY YEARS AND NOW I'LL HAFTA CUT DOWN LIVING EXPENSES!"



THANKSGIVING DAY

Next Thursday, November 25th, is Thanksgiving Day, the day on which the Nation pauses in its labors and thanks God for his mercies during the past year.

It is strictly an American institution which was started three hundred years ago next fall when the Pilgrims set aside a day for public thanksgiving after the first harvest at Plymouth.

The idea gradually spread from the

Plymouth colony to the other early United States colonies until it was almost national. In the dark days of 1863 President Lincoln in a message to Congress advocated that it be observed nationally and every President since his time has followed the precedent of the Great Emancipator, and has issued a Thanksgiving Proclamation.

As our Thanksgiving Day can be directly traced to the Pilgrims and as this is the three hundredth anniversary of their landing on the shores of America it seems appropriate that we print the following bit of history just to recall to our minds the humble beginnings of the United States we love so well.

On a bright September morn, in the year A. D. 1620, a little band of pilgrims sorrowfully watched the coast line of England fade from sight as they sailed out of Plymouth harbor and resolutely turned their faces westward to a new and far distant land.

In the good ship Mayflower this courageous little company of men, women and children, numbering in all but one hundred and two souls, had left their homes in England and set forth on a perilous voyage of three thousand miles, seeking for religious liberty and a place where they might worship God in perfect freedom.

Their objective point was the mouth of "Hudson's River" in that unknown land called America, but ere they had been long at sea violent storms arose and the little ship rudely buffeted by wind and wave, was tossed for nine weary weeks upon a trackless ocean and driven far to the north of her intended destination.

On November 9 the cheering cry of "land ahead" was heard, and this land proved to be Cape Cod. On November 11 the Mayflower entered what is now known as Provincetown harbor.

The first act of these stout-hearted adventurers, whom we know today as Pilgrims, was to kneel in the little crowded cabin and reverently thank their Maker for his guidance and protecting care; their next to enter into a compact of self-government, which was accordingly prepared thus:

"In ye name of God, Amen. Doe by these presents solemnly and mutually, in ye presence of God and one another, covenant and combine ourselves into a Civil body politick, for our better ordering and preservation and furtherance of ye ends aforesaid, and by virtue hereof to enact, constitute and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, consti-

tution and offices from time to time as shall be thought most meete and convenient for ye general good of ye colonie. Unto which we promise a due submission and obedience."

The Mayflower remained in Provincetown harbor for some weeks, during which time three exploring expeditions were sent out to select a proper and permanent place of settlement. On the third expedition the explorers reached Plymouth harbor, where they found many springs and running brooks, cleared land and a harbor convenient for shipping. During their absence a child named Peregrine White was born on the Mayflower. They quickly returned to their companions with a favorable account of their discoveries and within a week the Mayflower dropped anchor in Plymouth harbor, on December 26, three hundred years ago.

An there, in the trackless wilderness, defying cold, hunger and death, and trusting firmly in God, the Pilgrims laid for us the foundations of America the Beautiful.

GOOD FOR YOU—DURANT

Week before last several Wheaton boys were apprehended in a robbery and the Wheaton Illinoian published the facts and the names of the lads as the case had come before a Justice.

Evidently the parents of the boys made a "holler" for in last week's Illinoian Harvey Durant, the editor tells them a few things about what he had suppressed in the way of news of boys who committed similar deeds in the county seat in the past. At a meeting in which the parents of the boys, Judge Clark, Justice Herrick and others were present, some unpleasant facts were brought to the attention of the parents. It was shown that one of the boys had a police record of which hardened criminals might be proud and that all of them had been told that names would not be mentioned when they committed a similar crime just a little while ago, unless it happened again.

It did happen again and Brother Durant printed the names. We wish to commend him for his editorial assurance him that the right thinking people of any normal community would stand back of him, and we think Wheaton is normal. Good for you, Durant.

Queer Old-Time Signals. On the first railways a candle stuck in a station window meant "stop;" its absence was a signal to go on.

Chas. Parks, Marcey Hall and Walter and Elon Staats left early last Sunday morning after ducks in the DesPlaines river valley southwest of Joliet. They returned in the afternoon with as many ducks as they started out with and considerably colder. Elon made the prize bag of the day, getting a rabbit which was still in swaddling clothes. He has been kidded enough about it so don't say anything more to him.

S. Andrew's Church

Thanksgiving Day

SERVICES AT 8:00 AND 10:30 A. M.

H. E. McAllister & Co.



THANKSGIVING DAY always has been and always will be a marker for seasonable change--applying perhaps more closely to women's wear and toggery than other lines--for where is the woman who can feel she has had her FALL money's worth if she does not have her new wear by Thanksgiving Day!

The New Blouses Achieve Distinction

Foremost of course, are blouses of crepe georgette, delicate or dark of tone, enriched with fillet lace insertions, sparkling beads or gleaming metal thread embroideries. Present are many new style features including unusual neckline and sleeve treatments, over-the-skirt effects and sashes nonchalantly tied.

Prices range from \$5.00 to \$15.00



Gloves

Should harmonize with your Thanksgiving costume. Fabric gloves are the more popular this season, we have them in silk or Chamoiseuede priced at

\$1.00 to \$2.50



Featured here are a few of the many items you will need to complete your wardrobe for Thanksgiving.



Silk Petticoats

of the well known FITRITE make in silk jersey, silk messaline, or silk taffeta, all at prices lower than for some time.

\$3.50 to \$9.50

Pleated Plaid Skirts

Box, Knife or Accordion pleats in a fine assortment of colors and patterns. Priced at

\$13.50 to \$22.50



Stockings

Silk or Woolen hose to wear with street frocks--made specially with double heel and toe.

\$1.35 to \$3.50



Veils

To match almost any hat, both as to color and size.

75c to \$2.50

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