

Harvest Time



This is the climax of the perfect year.
The winter's cold, the promise of the spring.
The summer days, which joy and gladness bring.
All find fruition and fulfillment here.

CHINESE HAVE DAY OF THANKS

The moon feast is one of the most popular and widely spread of all the Chinese pagan festivals. It has many of the characteristics of the ancient moon-worship ceremonies of Syria and Phoenicia, and it comes as near to being a thanksgiving festival as any heathen feast could ever expect to be, celebrating the ingathering of the harvest. To the masses of the Chinese, however, there appears to be but a faint idea of genuine thanksgiving connected with this moon feast. It is simply the remnant of an ancient institution, coming down from the remotest antiquity as a meaningless act of nature worship. It is possible that in the beginning, among the early Chinese people, the moon festival may have been less pagan and more characterized by feelings of thankful rejoicing than it is at present. However that may be, no wiser choice could have been made by the missionaries in China toward establishing a genuine national Thanksgiving feast than the selection of the day of the popular moon feast.

The moon feast was first proclaimed a thanksgiving festival in 1908 at Wu-chang, where the large church was filled with a well-ordered crowd of Chinese, celebrating for the first time the newly appointed thanksgiving day. The sacred building was beautifully adorned with offerings of staple articles of Chinese diet, like beans, rice, millet and other grains, not to speak of pomegranates, pears, apples, wine, salt and flour.

Wuchang is a great city of nearly a million inhabitants, situated far up the Yangtze-Kiang, in the heart of China. Its central position, among the teeming myriads of heathen Chinese, renders it a good point for the spread of helpful and uplifting ideas and truths, and in view of the readiness of the Chinese at home to adopt the best things presented to them for their own good, it is expected that the old moon feast will be gradually adopted, in its newly baptized form, as the national thanksgiving day among the 2,000,000 or 3,000,000 of Chinese at present under the influence of Christianity, and in this way also gradually become the national thanksgiving day among the votaries of Buddhism, Confucianism, and Taoism, in the course of their emancipation from the grosser features of these time-honored religions.

The Glad Old Days.

Ah, for the age of Colonial holiday,
Oh, for the time when Thanksgiving was young!
Don't you rejoice for the old way and jolly way,
Tinkle of tankard and spouting of bung?
Didn't the walkin' resound with a folly say,
Didn't the firelight vanquish the snow?



Don't you feel sore for the bright days of yore,
Regard for the truth must elicit a NO.
Those, to be sure, were the days of festivity,
Days when they dared to put brandy in mince;
Mating, however, was but one activity—
Wolves were at door and the Indians, Prince;

WEALTH WAITS THE GARNERING

To every man there will come his daily bread in answer to his daily prayer, though it come from the mill of wheat or be the salmon caught at the falls of the Spokane, without let or hindrance from any power of earth. If there is food in plenty in one region, as by the fall of an avalanche down a mountain, it will certainly seek consumption in another region. And this the American boy and girl owe to the good Providence and to the brave men who made this country one and have kept it one.

It is too much the blindness of our time to speak as if such a simple business as daily food came to us as a matter of course. There is, indeed, a careless habit in which Americans often speak. Fourth of July orators and street-corner braggarts alike talk of the natural products of this country almost in the tone of the emigrants who expect to pick up a doubleton upon the sidewalk. One is tempted to ask such braggarts why the country did not produce such wealth 100 years or 200 years ago.

Why was Dakota then a desert? Why were the hills of Alabama only a hiding place for a few thousand Creek Indians? Why did they not force the iron under their feet? Why did not the troops in western New York pick from their trees the peaches and the pears such as have been growing there this autumn?

The answer is this: All the wealth of America comes to her from the work of her men and women. The victory which yields it is their victory. It is the victory of spirit conquering matter. It comes in the daily miracle of daily life, where children of God, led by God, taught by God, alive in his life and fellow workers with him, carry out his designs and subdue the earth.

It is neither sensible nor grateful to speak of teeming granaries, of increasing trade, of new mines, of oil, of iron or of gas as if these things were wealth in themselves. They are only wealth when man strikes the rock and its waters flow. And this man must be not the savage man who cares only for his own personal appetite. It must be man, the child of God, seeking a future better than today, determined to bring in a nobler age than that which he lives in.—Edward Everett Hale.

Somehow, the time must make for long days.
Thanksgiving dinner went off with a bang.
For as the carved bird a connection was heard,
And showers of arrows came down in the soup.
Those were the times when they hadn't a rainabout.
Rolling them swiftly from theater to club.
Movies were nix, and there wasn't much fun about.
Dodging the bear cat while hunting for grub.
A murderous blunderbus, weighing a ton about.
Went with them always on purpose to slay.
Each triquoisian with manners annoyin'—
In short, we prefer to be thankful to-day.

Share Your Blessings.

That is not true gratitude which does not seek to share its gifts with others.

"Rejoice in the Lord always," says the Bible. Thanksgiving is a good day to begin this habit.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE VILLAGE COUNCIL

Downers Grove, Ill., Nov. 8, 1920. Regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. Present at roll call Mayor W. C. Barber and Commissioners Bender, Haller and Heartt. Commissioner Bryce absent. Came in later.

Minutes of the meeting of November 1st, 1920, were read and Commissioner Heartt moved to approve same. On roll call Commissioners Heartt, Bender, Haller and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Collector's and Treasurer's reports for the month of October were read as follows:

COLLECTOR'S REPORT

To the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill., Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of October, 1920.

Chas. M. Hitch, Village Collector.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like Commercial lighting, Light meter repairs, Water rates, etc.

Heartt. Commissioners Bender and Bryce absent. Came in later.

Minutes of the meeting of November 8th, 1920, were read and Commissioner Haller moved to approve same. On roll call Commissioners Haller, Heartt, Bender and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Heartt presented the semi-monthly pay roll for the period from November 1st, 1920 to November 15th, 1920, and moved to approve same and have warrants drawn for the several amounts as follows:

PAY ROLL

Nov. 1, 1920 to Nov. 15, 1920.

Dept. of Accounts & Finances.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes Chas. M. Hitch, M. Venard, D. W. Kearney, etc.

Dept. of Sts. & Pub. Imp.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes S. Budzik, J. Banks, etc.

Dept. of Health & Safety.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes J. Banks.

Dept. of Public Property.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes H. L. Thompson, Ola Irwin, etc.

TREASURER'S REPORT

To the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Illinois, Gentlemen:

The following is my report for the month of October, 1920.

C. Ford Davis, Village Treasurer.

Table with 4 columns: Fund, On hand, Receipts, Expend., Bal. Includes Dept. of Public Affairs, Dept. of Accounts & Finances, etc.

I do hereby swear to the best of my knowledge this report to be true and correct.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8th day of November, 1920.

Chas. M. Hitch, Notary Public.

DISBURSEMENTS

Deposited to the credit of...

The Village Treasurer ... \$3017.84

Commissioner Haller moved that the reports be placed on the records.

On roll call Commissioners Haller, Heartt, Bender and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Heartt presented an ordinance entitled "An ordinance prohibiting theatrical shows, amusements and exhibitions for gain, on the first day of the week, commonly called Sunday, and providing a penalty therefor" and moved for its passage.

On roll call Commissioners Heartt, Bender, Bryce, Haller and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Haller moved to adjourn to the next regular meeting date November 15th, 1920. On roll call Commissioners Haller, Heartt, Bender, Bryce and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

Downers Grove, Ill., Nov. 15, 1920.

Regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. Present at roll call Mayor W. C. Barber and Commissioners Haller and

Frank Allen—Salary ... 95.00

On roll call Commissioners Bender, Bryce, Haller, Heartt and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Bryce moved to adjourn to the next regular meeting date November 22nd, 1920. On roll call Commissioners Bryce, Bender, Haller, Heartt and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

Downers Grove, Ill., Nov. 22, 1920.

Regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Downers Grove, Ill. Present at roll call Mayor W. C. Barber and Commissioners Bender, Haller, Bryce and Heartt.

Minutes of the meeting of November 15th, 1920, were read and Commissioner Bryce moved to approve same. On roll call Commissioners Bryce, Bender, Haller, Heartt and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Heartt moved to adjourn to the next regular meeting date, November 29th, 1920. On roll call Commissioners Heartt, Bender, Bryce, Haller and Mayor Barber voted Aye. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chas. M. Hitch, Village Clerk.

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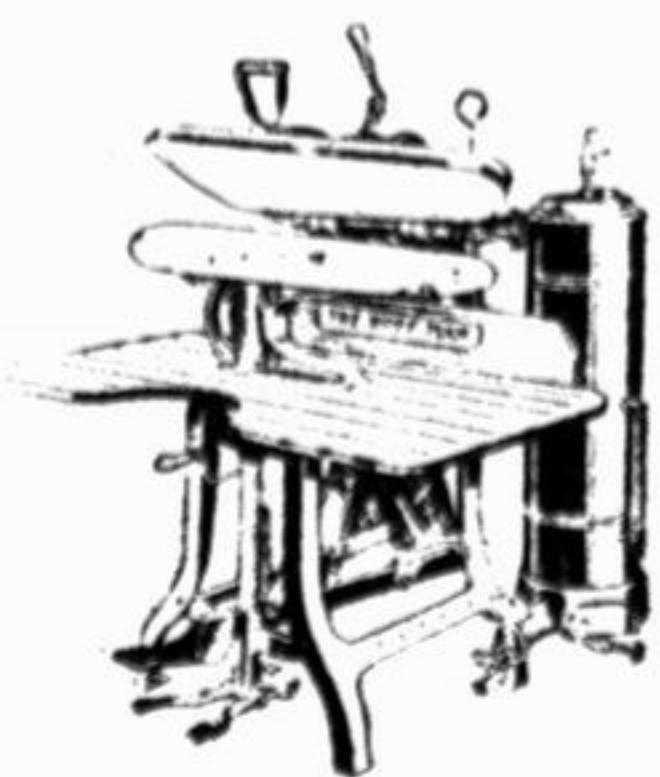
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MORRIS SHOE STORE 32 S. Main Street Downers Grove, Ill.

CHILLY FALL DAYS

are a constant reminder of the fact that heavy winter suits and overcoats should be sent to be cleaned for a thorough brightening up and a good steam pressing, sterilizing your garments, raises the nap of the cloth and gives the garment a most pleasing appearance of newness.



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The Last Fond Good-By

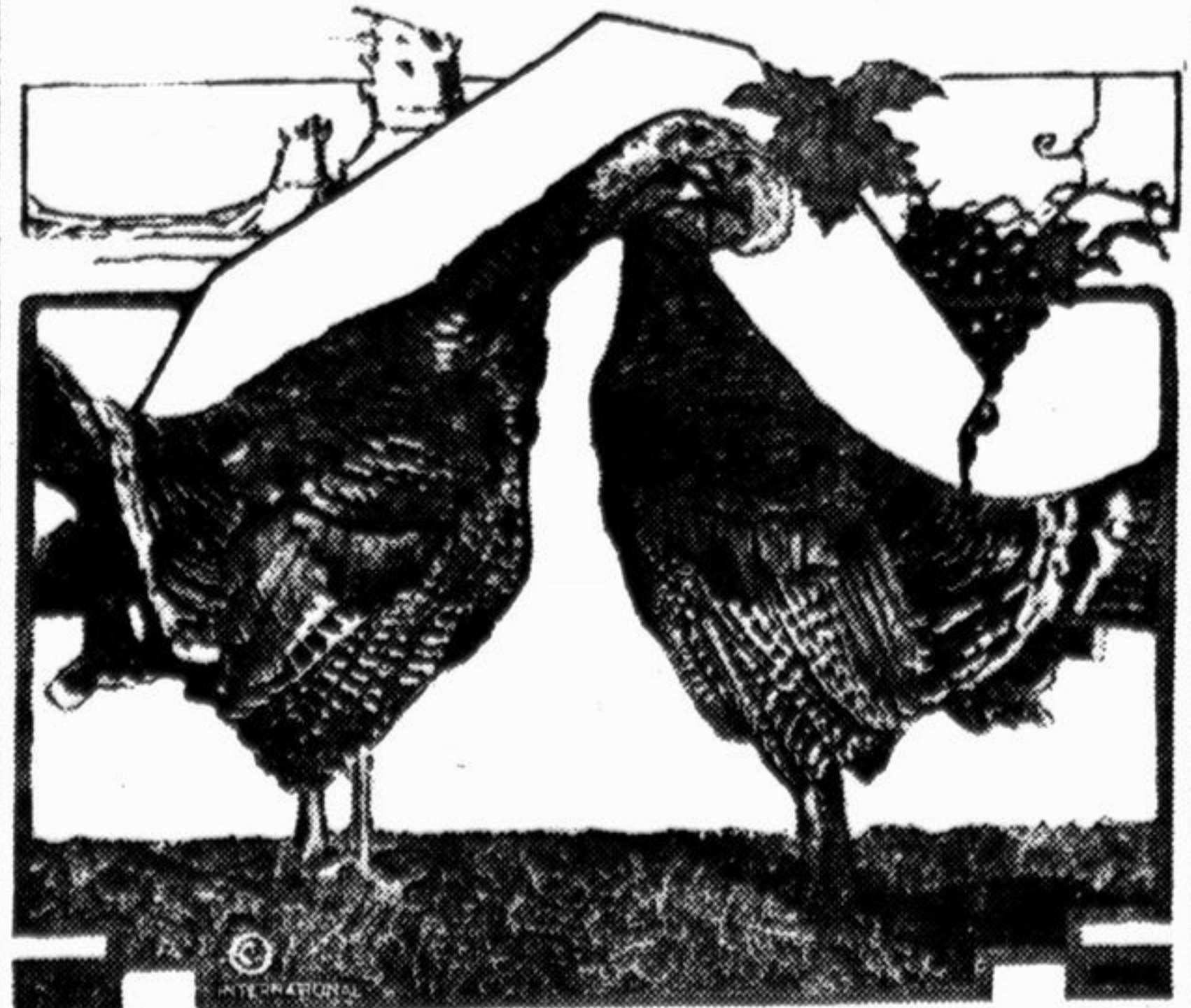


Photo shows Damon and Pythias in their last goodby before leaving their quarters at South Hatfield, Pa., for "destination unknown" but we hazard a guess that it's some big, hot oven.