Somerset Herald.

GEORGE R. SCULL, Editor.

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...Walter E. Bittner, of Somerset ...has accepted the agency of the ...Battery Company, of Zanesville,

...said to contain the largest ...population of any city in the ...The coming census is expected ...at least 25,000.

...services will be held in the La... ...Reformed church at 10 o'clock ...morning, and in the Som... ...in the evening.

...many people are complaining ...that apples are decaying. The ...attributed to the long dry, hot ...through October, which tended to ...nature too soon.

...5 and 8 o'clock Thursday ...burglars broke into the Baltimore ...Railroad Station at Hooversville, ...a violin and a gun—all the ...which much. They escaped with... ...dog chew.

...J. I. Spe's for my "old reliable" ...flour. It is the only place in Som... ...where you can get them. He is sole ...

MRS. A. E. PISEL.

...Ignatski, a Polander, was in... ...killed about 9 o'clock Tuesday a ...of the Berwind-White coal ...Windber by a live electric wire. ...in his way into the mines and ...to strike his head against the ...

...Mary Booth, of Hollidaysburg, ...entered suit against Blair county to ...$7 as witness fees for 47 days she ...held in the County Jail to prevent ...from a court trial. The case ...by Alderman Dobbyne, of Al... ...who required the county to enter ...appearance at court.

...of course tickets for the Teach... ...Institute lectures will begin at 1 ...p. m., Saturday 25th inst., at the ...of J. S. Casebeer. The course ...is a strong one and there will ...in the usual rush for choice of ...Be beforehand, Superintendent ...reserves seats for the teachers. ...Fayette and Somerset coun... ...are thirsting for excite... ...are lovely to go out and stir up ...Age can not wither nor ...the infinite variety of his ...for furnishing the liveliest kind ...entertainment and then disappearing ...the manners feel most confident of ...him a captive.—Pittsburg Com... ...Gazette.

...Casebeer, of the Opera House, ...secured the famous Park Sisters, as... ...by C. Edmund Neil, for Friday ...of Institute week. The ...have long enjoyed a national ...among the leading concert ...before the public. Their ...consists of Grand and Light ...selections, Fantasies, Descript... ...Marches, etc.

...C. A. Atkinson, of the State of ...and M. H. Wyckoff, Esq., of ...Pa., will deliver addresses ...house, at 7 o'clock, Tuesday ...November 28th, on "Modern ...," on behalf of the local Camp ...Modern Woodmen of America. ...society has about 450,000 ...in the United States. All are ...to attend this meeting. Music ...furnished by the Somerset Or... ...Admission free.

...Smith, who lives in Fulton ...reports that an aerolite fell on his ...early Thursday morning, and is ...in a field near his barn. He and ...were awakened at 2 o'clock by ...hissing noise, accompanied by a ...of light and a loud peal of what ...thought was thunder. At daylight ...found a circular piece of ground ...feet in diameter with the appear... ...having been recently plowed. ...shows that a portion of a meteor is ...in his corn field.

...idea of lessening the number ...dogless curs that slaughter sheep, ...Westmoreland county farmers are ...having a higher tax on dogs. Some ...would be as much as $5 on each ...The sheep claims of the county this ...already amounted to $248 27 more ...dog did during the whole of 1898. ...November 17th eighty claims had ...filed, the lowest being $5, and the ...$33, amounting in the aggregate ...$166. Those of last year amounted ...$118.

...Bedford County Quarter Sessions ...Monday morning with only ...cases on the criminal calendar, ...of them is of interest throughout ...county. It is that of the Common... ...against John C. Figard, accused ...disorder in Broad Top township, ...with selling to minors and on ...July. It is said that three hundred ...have been subpoenaed on this ...and not will be very large. The ...question at issue is whether or not ...an intoxicating beverage under ...licensing of the State liquor law.

...Governor Stone last week appointed A. ...Dewalt of Philadelphia; Judge Cyrus ...of Clearfield; H. M. Bracken... ...of Natrona; H. C. Snavely, of ...; Judge James A. Beaver, of ...; and Hibbard B. Worrell, of ...Philadelphia, as a commission to prepare ...bill for presentation to the next ...Legislature. Mr. Cassatt, before become... ...president of the Pennsylvania Rail... ...Company, was elected road super... ...for a number of years consecutively ...home district near Philadelphia, ...and he is reported to have made the ...grade to be found in the State.

...Nebraska editor visited the village ...last week and was greatly impressed with ...school ma'am. On reaching the ...he penned the following of her: ...is the pride of the town, the star of ...west, the mother of invention and a ...of rare brilliancy. She drew a ...picture of an iceberg on the blackboard. ...was so natural that the thermometer ...to fall solid. With rare presence of ...she seized a crayon and drew a fire... ...on the opposite wall. The prompt ...saved the school, but they all ...felt mad from the sudden change."

...Baker, of Hempfield township, ...Westmoreland county, was accosted Sat... ...night by two men, who ordered ...to hold up his hands and hand over ...cash, one of the fellows pushing a re... ...gun in his face. He threw up his left ...which struck the fellow's revolver, ...went off, the bullet cutting the ...on his forehead. Baker quickly ...his revolver and shot the fellow in ...back and started for help, leaving ...man lying by the roadside, his com... ...having fled. When he returne... ...were missing and nothing was left ...a pool of blood, where the robber ...Mr. Baker thinks he was mortally ...wounded, as the shot took effect in his ...

...Walter Besant begins in the De... ...CENTURY a series of papers illus... ...life in East London, as it is to-day. ...author of treating the subject is that ...the novelist, rather than the essayist, ...he takes as his point of departure the ...life of a typical girl of the East End—...of Two Millions in East London"—...follows her career to the time of her ...marriage at seventeen to a young coun... ...who has come up to town to make ...living as a porter. Liz is a "Board ...School" girl, and Sir Walter holds that ...what the average East Londoner learns ...from books at school he afterwards for... ...; but that the civilizing influence of ...schools is incalculable, and has mar... ...transformed the East End with... ...the past thirty years. No one knows ...more of the life of the poor in London ...than the author of "All Sorts and Condi... ...of Men;" and no one is better known ...as their pictorial interpreter than Phil ...May, who collaborates with Joseph Pen... ...in illustrating Sir Walter's article.

Mrs. R. E. Pritts returned home Saturday, after spending three months visiting relatives in Ohio.

Captain William H. Jordan, of Mt. Pleasant, is spending a few days at the residence of his son-in-law, Mr. W. B. Parker.

Mr. Carl Walter, of Rockwood, has returned to Pittsburg, where he will resume his studies in the Iron City Business College.

Eddie Witt, the boy preacher of Jennertown, will preach in the United Evangelical church in this place at 7 o'clock next Sunday evening.

Rev. Wise, the new pastor of the Disciple Church, is expected to arrive here this week and to conduct services next Sunday morning and evening.

Misses Lucy and Grace Picking have gone to Chicago, where they will remain for several weeks visiting with their brothers, Messrs. S. F. and W. W. Picking.

Cook & Beerits have a force of mechanics at work increasing the size of their business office, an improvement their constantly growing business has made necessary.

Under the new schedule, which went into effect Sunday on the S. & C., the only change made is in the noon train, which arrives at Somerset at 12:07 p. m., instead of 11:40 a. m.

Mrs. James Phillippi, of Omaha, Neb., after spending two weeks with Somerset relatives, left Monday for New York. She was accompanied by her cousin, Miss Rebecca Kooser.

A new face in the court house during the past few weeks belongs to Charley King, of Middlecreek township, who is assisting Prothonotary Barron in indexing some of the records in that important office. Mr. King is a genial gentleman and all 'round good fellow.

A man named Whitney was commited to jail last week to await the action of the grand jury on a charge of false pretense preferred against him by a resident of Windber. Whitney brought the total number of inmates of the county jail up to seventeen.

Mr. Benjamin Holt, a member of the Colonial Coal Company, at Hooversville, was recently severely injured by a vicious horse kicking him in the face and cutting an ugly gash above his right eye. Dr. Bittner, who dressed the wound, says that his patient is getting along nicely and will be about again in a few days.

Joseph R. Stauffer, a prominent banker, steel manufacturer and coal operator, of Scottdale, Fayette county, has just completed negotiations for the purchase of a block of between 1200 and 1400 acres of coal land in Somerset township, east of Listie. The options were secured by Joseph Davis, of Listie. It is probable that Mr. Stauffer will develop the coal and commence shipments early next spring.

A. C. Beam, of Hooversville, has been mysteriously missing since November 24. That day he purchased a return ticket from Hooversville to Johnstown. He was last seen in a Johnstown restaurant. He had $90 in money when he left home. Mr. Beam is about fifty years of age. A few years ago he disappeared and was gone for about a year. When he returned home he offered no excuse for his strange conduct.

Mr. George H. Love received a dispatch last Thursday conveying the news that his barn near Tarentum, Allegheny county, together with all of its contents, which included a large lot of improved agricultural implements and all of last season's harvest, had been destroyed by fire. Mr. Love estimates his loss at $4,000. The building destroyed by fire was the only one owned by Mr. Love on which he carried no insurance. He says that his farmer did not smoke and was so very careful and trustworthy that he did not think it necessary to carry any insurance on the barn. The origin of the fire is unknown. Mr. Love left Monday morning for Tarentum.

William S. Kimmell, born June 18, 1880, died November 18, 1899, aged 19 years, 4 months and 29 days. Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Kimmell, of Friedens, and for some time prior to his death was employed in the Dupont Ice Factory at Johnstown, where he contracted inflammatory rheumatism, which caused his death. He was a member of Friedens Council Jr. O. U. A. M., the Young People's Society Christian Endeavor, of Friedens, and Mineral City Order Knights of the Mystic Chain. Beautiful floral designs were sent to the family by the two last named societies. During his sickness he had the devoted attention of his parents, who were kindly assisted by their neighbors, with whom William was deservedly popular.

Nannie Grace Hunter, daughter of the late Alexander Hunter, of Stonycreek township, died last Wednesday morning at the residence of her uncle, E. G. Coleman, near Pugh Post Office. She was an unusually bright and attractive child of eight summers and was loved by all who knew her. Only a few days before her death she had visited the post office, which is in the store of her grand-father, Samuel B. Yoder, when she was apparently in the full enjoyment of good health, but inflammatory rheumatism shortly afterwards fastened its deadly grasp upon her frail little form. She was laid to rest in the cemetery at Listie, when six of her little girl playmates acted as pall bearers. The religious services were conducted by Rev. J. J. Welch.

Great excitement is said to exist in certain sections of the county, notably in the neighborhood of Berlin, over the reported discovery of copper ore in Allegheny and Fairhope townships. It is claimed that specimens of the ore have been shipped to Philadelphia, where it was analyzed and pronounced a fine quality, since when prospectors and speculators have been tumbling over one another in order to take advantage of the supposed rich find. A Berlin gentleman, who owns about 900 acres of the land on which copper ore is said to have been found, told a HERALD reporter that he would be super-ervy prospector full of shot that he caught digging in his preserves. The ore is said to have been found on the eastern slope of the Allegheny mountain.

A foreigner, who was admitted to the County Home at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon, died at that institution about four hours afterwards and Monday morning his remains were shipped to the State authorities at Philadelphia, under the Act of Assembly giving the bodies of unclaimed paupers to the various medical colleges for the purpose of dissection. The unfortunate man was committed to the Home by a Hooversville Justice of the Peace. He was destitute and suffering from an incurable disease and had been at Hooversville for several days. He arrived here on the 10 a. m. train and walked to the Home, where he was examined by the Home physician. The man said that his name was William Sutherland and that his home was in Manchester, England. He was about 30 years of age.

Mr. Otho Walter, the accomplished leader of the Somerset Concert Orchestra, was painfully wounded one day last week while hunting for pheasants with several companions. Walter and W. H. Kantner were "chasing" a thicket, having taken up positions on either side of the brush and advancing at about the same speed. Suddenly a bird "raised" and as quickly as he could draw his gun into position Kantner fired. A moment afterwards he heard Walter cry out that he was wounded and hastening to him Kantner was horrified to find that two shot had pierced his companion's right ear, one had pierced his left ear, and another had penetrated his lower lip, while still others of the little lead pellets had entered Walter's legs and the lower part of his body. Walter went directly to his home where a physician removed the shot that lodged in his body. He will be all right again in a few days.

HORSE OF A DIFFERENT COLOR.

When Black Coat Turned Bay Henry Shaffer Discovered that he had Been Victimized by a Thief.

Two weeks ago the HERALD announced that a bay horse had been stolen on the preceding Sunday night from the barn of William Friedline, near Sipesville. Since then the animal has been restored to the owner, but no clew of the thief has been found.

The return of the stolen horse brought to light a queer hard luck story, one that many of our readers may perhaps have heard before as having been played by slick horse thieves on unsuspecting victims, but it is believed that the trick was never before played on a person who could so illy afford to be victimized as in this case.

On the day following the theft of the horse Henry Shaffer, who, notwithstanding his right side is crippled from the effects of a paralytic stroke, strives to earn a living for himself and family at the blacksmith trade in this place, was traveling a few miles north of town when he was overtaken by a stranger mounted on a fine black charger. The stranger engaged Mr. Shaffer in conversation, telling him that his name was Sellers and that he resided in the neighborhood of Shanksville. Finally he asked Shaffer if he did not wish to buy his horse, placing a price on him that was clearly below the value of the animal. Shaffer looked the animal over carefully, remarking upon his glossy black color, and at last said that he did not have the price asked, $75. Sellers urged him to borrow the money from some one living in the neighborhood, and when Shaffer expressed his unwilliugness to do so, Sellers agreed to take $35, all the money Shaffer had with him, and a two-year-old colt, which he agreed to call for in a few days at Shaffer's stable, in exchange for the horse he was riding. Shaffer mounted the horse and rode to Somerset, congratulating himself all the way home on the bargain he had made. Next morning he hitched the black steed up in a buggy and started for Indiana, Pa. After driving for a few miles and getting the horse into a sweat he noticed that the steed was beginning to lose his glossy black coat. A little later he discovered that the sweat from the beast was quite dark in color, and when he dismounted and rubbed his hand over the horse's coat he found that a black substance similar to stove polish adhered to his hand. Further investigation convinced him that he was driving a bay and not a black animal, and upon reflection he became satisfied that he was driving the horse stolen from Mr. Friedline. By this time he was too far on the road towards Indiana to turn back, and in addition to being troubled by the knowledge that he was driving a stolen horse, he became apprehensive that he would be arrested as a horse thief upon arriving at his destination. He transacted his business at Indiana and started on the return trip via Johnstown, where he felt quite sure he would be placed under arrest if he made his appearance in daylight, as many persons from the vicinity of Sipesville visit Johnstown during the week to dispose of their marketing, and as a matter of course the police there would be on the lookout for Friedline's stolen horse. Shaffer so timed his movements that he passed through the Cambria county metropolis after dark and pushed steadily ahead until he reached Somerset. Next morning he drove out to Mr. Friedline's where he restored the stolen horse to his owner, since when he has been keeping both eyes open for Sellers, who has not yet appeared to claim the two-year-old colt. Shaffer thinks he was mighty lucky to have escaped with the loss of $35, and declares that in the future he will be able to tell a black horse when he sees one.

Walked From California

Mr. Roger Davis the well-known artist, arrived in Johnstown day before yesterday, after an absence of a year and a half. After his studio between Paint Creek and Scalp Level was destroyed by fire he went from here to California, where he boarded a steamer for Japan, remaining there three or four months. Upon his return he went to Salem, Ore., to visit his sister—Mrs. Lucy A. Muir—formerly of the south South Side, this city. Last March he sailed from Oregon to California, where he walked along the Pacific Coast to Mexico. From there he walked through Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio, and West Virginia, striking the Pennsylvania line in Fayette county.

He left California in April and says he had interesting experiences in almost every State. He traveled over two thousand seven hundred miles and wore out four pairs of heavy shoes and four pairs of trousers. The coat he wore over the entire trip he purchased a short time before he left Johnstown from John Thomas & Sons. He says that on several occasions engineers would see him walking along the railroad tracks and would stop the train and offer to take him on, but he kindly thanked them and replied that he was in the walking business.

The trip was taken on foot for the purpose of making sketches and he did not want to be bothered with a companion. Mr. Davis has traveled almost every hill and mountain in Pennsylvania, but says he found a few on his recent trip that are harder to climb than those in the Keystone State.

Mr. Davis has hundreds of sketches and notes he made on the trip and he has rented room No. 39 in the Waters building, where he expects to spend some time in developing them. He has recently made a discovery in color photography that will likely net him a large sum of money in the near future.—Johnstown Tribune of Nov. 13.

Output of the Klondike.

No one will ever know exactly how much gold was taken from the Klondike fields the past season. Since the English Government imposed a royalty, the miners have adopted all sorts of ruses to evade the law. It is rather difficult to dodge taxes, but it is more difficult to dodge a bad cold and the grip at this time of year. When the system is weakened by such attacks, and the blood becomes thin and impoverished, the best medicine to take is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. This remedy builds up the system. Besides regulating digestion, it overcomes constipation. It is good for the kidneys and liver, too, stimulating these organs into the proper performance of their functions. Nothing is so good for malaria.

Teachers at Husband Last Saturday.

The joint teachers' institute at Husband was the most successful held in Somerset township during the present school year. Two sessions were held and the interest manifested was indicative of the good work that is being done in the schoolroom. Every teacher came fully prepared to take part in the program. It is a matter of regret that the institute did not attract a larger attendance of citizens, who should consider it a duty as well as a pleasure to encourage the teachers by their presence. Eighteen out of twenty-one teachers were present. The next session will be held at Lavansville. X.

Musical Instruments and Strings at Fisher's Book Store.

Violin, mandolin, guitar and banjo strings, mandolin picks, violin bridges, pegs and tail pieces and rosin, accordeons and harmonicas. Instructors for violin, organ, guitar, banjo and mandolin. Sheet music ordered and promptly secured.

CHAS. H. FISHER.

Will Meet Next Monday Evening.

There will be a meeting of the "Village Improvement Association" on Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the Court House. Our first meeting was an encouraging one and we hope to have a full house at our next meeting. Let every woman in our town come and bring her daughters; come prepared to join the Society and pay the small initiation fee of 10 cents.

COMMITTEE.

SURPRISE WAS GENUINE IN THIS CASE.

Mrs. E. A. Tayman's Eighty-Third Birthday Anniversary Happily Celebrated by Her Descendants.

Mrs. Eliza A. Tayman, proprietress of the Somerset House, celebrated the eighty-third anniversary of her birth on Friday last. It is probable that the event would have escaped the venerable lady's attention and would have passed unmarked had it not been for the thoughtfulness of two of her granddaughters, Mrs. W. B. Parker and Miss Bertha Grove, who planned to surprise her on that evening. At eight o'clock Mr. and Mrs. David Tayman and Mr. and Mrs. William Tayman, together with their children, of Lavansville, Mrs. Curtis Grove and children, Mr. George H. Tayman, of Somerset, Captain William H. Jordan, of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Kantner, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Parker, made up a family party of twenty who gathered in the Somerset House parlor, when a bell boy was sent to apprise Mrs. Tayman that callers were awaiting her. The old lady's surprise was genuine when she beheld so many of her descendants gathered around her and some little time passed before she regained her composure. Captain Jordan, her son-in-law, who celebrated the forty-fifth anniversary of his birth, the last one he is willing to publicly acknowledge, thirty years ago, presented Mrs. Tayman with a handsome rocking chair on behalf of the assembled guests, and then escorted her to the dining room where a sumptuous banquet was discussed by the three generations present.

Mrs. Tayman has been actively identified with the hotel business of Somerset county for many years. Her father, David Lavan, was a prominent hotel man at Lavansville eighty years ago, when much of the commerce between the east and west passed over the pike running through this place. In 1870 Mrs. Tayman purchased the large brick residence of Judge Baer, which occupied the present site of the Somerset House, and which she converted into a hotel. The hotel was destroyed by fire in May, 1872, and immediately thereafter the present splendid hotel property was erected. With the exception of an interval of a few years, during which time the Somerset House was under the control of Edgar Kyle, the hotel has had the benefit of Mrs. Tayman's care and supervision, and much of its popularity has been due to her efforts. The fact that she has always personally superintended baking the bread for the hotel, best illustrates the care she has and still takes for the comfort of the guests of the house. Mrs. Tayman's family has a remarkable record for longevity. Her father passed away at the age of 78, and her mother, who died only three or four years ago, had attained the age of 96 years. Mrs. Tayman has been blessed with excellent health and her host of friends will unite in wishing her many happy returns of the auspicious event so happily celebrated Friday night.

VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT SOCIETY.

Somerset Ladies Organize for the Purpose of Improving Local Sanitary Conditions and Beautifying Streets and Public Grounds.

Pursuant to a call published in the local newspapers, about 125 ladies met in the court room Monday evening. The object of the meeting—the formation of a Village Improvement Society—was briefly stated by Mrs. M. O. Kooser, who later read a short history of the valuable work accomplished by a similar society in one of the New England States, where the movement originated in this country. Mrs. Minnie Gould, Mrs. Katharine Cromwell, Mrs. Peter Vogel and Mrs. Laura Baush, all of whom are familiar with the work undertaken elsewhere by village improvement societies, read interesting paragraphs from various publications treating upon the aims and results achieved by societies organized for the purpose of improving the sanitary conditions and beautifying the general appearance of rural communities. After a general discussion of the benefits that must accrue from a movement of this kind in Somerset, a permanent organization was effected. Mrs. J. M. Cook was chosen President. Other officers elected were, Vice Presidents, Mrs. Harry Sipe, Miss Mary Baer, Mrs. M. J. Black, Mrs. John Nichol, Mrs. Daniel Kellar, Mrs. William Gastin and Miss Ella Ferner; Secretary, Mrs. Laura Baush; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Emily Parker; Treasurer, Mrs. A. C. Davis.

Committees on Sanitation, Education, Horticulture and Floriculture were appointed.

Every lady in Somerset is eligible to membership upon the payment of an initiation fee of ten cents. Gentlemen can not become active members of the Society, but are eligible to honorary membership.

Among the improvements which will first be undertaken by the local society will be that of placing receptacles at the various street corners for the collection of waste paper, rags, orange and banana peelings, and other objectionable matter that at present litters the streets; the removal of unsightly and objectionable advertisements from electric light, telegraph and telephone poles and other conspicuous public places; the proper care of public and private alleys; the cultivation of shade and ornamental trees along the sidewalks; the planting of flower plots in public places; properly caring for and beautifying the local cemeteries, and last, but not least, causing an abatement of the foul and offensive practice of spitting on the sidewalks and on the floors of public and church buildings indulged in by so many men and boys.

The Village Improvement Society has cut out a big lot of work for itself, but if it succeeds in accomplishing only the first and last objects specified above it will earn the lasting gratitude not only of the entire population of Somerset, but of thousands of strangers who have occasion to visit our town.

The large attendance at the first meeting and the general interest manifested by all present augur well for the future of the society. It should have the encouragement and liberal assistance of every resident of Somerset. The results it has set about to accomplish will be of immediate and lasting benefit to all alike.

Mt. Moriah Items.

Harvey J. Miller last week sold three cows for $147 to a Johnstown dairyman. Mr. Miller keeps good stock and always gets fair prices when he makes a sale.

Many of our farmers have transferred their marketing from Johnstown to Windber, which they claim is the better market.

Frank Taylor has removed his steam sawmill to the P. C. & A. H. Maurer farm, he having recently purchased the timber.

It is reported that Edward Lohr, of Johnstown, has sold his timber lands in this neighborhood to a lumberman who will shortly put a sawmill to work on it.

H. J. Miller last week shipped two carloads of potatoes to Johnstown.

The chicken and turkey thief has been quite busy hereabouts during the past few weeks.

A special pension examiner visited here last week for the purpose of securing evidence in a claim pending in the department. It is reported that he even went so far as to visit the cemeteries to secure witnesses. X.

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Our National Thanksgiving Day.

Every American knows what Thanksgiving Day signifies, but very few remember the precise history of its origin, and the steps by which it has grown to be our national institution. Thanksgiving days date from the earliest times. History shows that the Jews had the custom of making Thank-offering in the Hebrew Feast of Tabernacles. The Greeks and Romans had high feast days, and in the Harvest Home of the old Saxons, and the Feast of Wine and Vine of the Spanish Cid, we find the forerunner of our National Thanksgiving. In 1575 the city of Leyden, in Holland, held a Thanksgiving service on October 3, the anniversary of raising the siege of the city, and a few weeks later the Pilgrims sought refuge in Holland and sailed thence for this continent. The earliest record of an American Thanksgiving is found in the annals of New England in 1621. In the autumn of that year Governor Bradford ordered the first Thanksgiving Day in the American colonies. In 1622 a special day of Thanksgiving was set apart after an abundant harvest, and Massasoit, the Indian chief and his Council of braves were invited to participate in the festivities and general merry-making. They did it so well that three whole days were spent in feasting by the Indian friends of the colonists. The Dutch in the New Netherlands had Thanksgiving Days in 1644, and many years afterward.

These Thanksgiving days were not, however, of an official character. The first public Thanksgiving was in 1631. The colonists were in great distress; famine was near at hand; a vessel laden with provisions and other stores, and long at sea, had not arrived. But just before the day set apart for fasting and prayer the good ship sailed into port, and the authorities made it a day of thanksgiving and rejoicing. Their day of sorrow was turned into a day of cheer. This was the first real Thanksgiving Day of the American people.

The first national Thanksgiving Day was by proclamation of President Washington, set for Thursday, November 26, 1789. A Day of Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be observed by the people of the United States, other Presidents after Washington issued proclamations for from time to time.

In the New England States the day has been sacredly kept for over a century. The meeting-houses were always opened on that day, and no preaching during the year was more impressive than the Thanksgiving sermon. Everybody went to meeting on that historic holiday. The festival was intended originally to be kept as a strictly religious celebration, but the New England Thanksgiving dinners, and the frolic and amusement that followed, took away much of its serious aspect. The spirit of this festival can never be to the children of other States and climes just what it is to those of New England ancestry, with its fragrant memories, its beautiful traditions, and the old Thanksgiving Day joy and cheer.

Thanksgiving Day had its natural origin in the sense of reverence and gratitude that marked the Pilgrim Fathers as a God fearing, religious people. To-day it marks a blessed time of rejoicing and praise, and the advent of that sublime season of the year, the near-by Holy Christmas tide. In the early days of the colonies the joyous feast of Christmas was not celebrated as it is to-day. In the New England States Thanksgiving took its place to a great extent, while in Virginia and the Southern States Christmas was the high holiday of the round year. To-day we are one happy people, North and South, united in strength and prosperity, and the Thanksgiving Proclamation reaches from shore to shore. The mingled notes of prayer and praise ascend like sweet incense to the throne of the great Ruler of all.

Our fathers' God, to Thee,
Author of liberty,
To Thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright
With freedom's holy light;
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