

FORESTRY EXTENSION

THE Division of Forestry has just completed the result of the first extended survey of the result of the early tree planting enterprises which has ever been made in the Middle West. There has been no attempt to digest on any considerable scale the experience which might be gained from these plantations. The result has been that though plantations of trees are everywhere needed as windbreaks and ready sources of supply for fence posts, fuel, etc., they have not been established chiefly according to rules and customs which were founded only on loose generalities and scanty experience. Since last July, however, two field parties from the tree-planting section of the Division of Forestry have been examining large numbers of plantations in Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, Iowa, Missouri, and Oklahoma, with the purpose of observing the effect of the soil, location, and methods of planting on the trees in as great a number of plantations as possible.

The summer's work has begun near Wichita, Kans., and under the direction of Mr. W. L. Hall, Assistant Superintendent of Tree Planting in the Division of Forestry, was carried on by two parties. One of these traveled northward as far as South Dakota and then back again through Iowa and Missouri. The other, with Mr. Hall in charge, made a through survey of the plantations in southern Kansas, eastern Arkansas, and the southwestern corner of Missouri. Both of these parties lived under canvass and were thus able to visit almost all the plantations in the regions through which they passed. The surveys which they made proved most instructive as regards the influence of methods of planting, soil conditions, exposure, etc., on the growth of the trees, and their result will greatly facilitate the preparation of planting plans in the future.

Among the plantations which were visited were the well known ones of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis Railway, of Mr. H. H. Hunnewell at Farlington, of Mr. George W. Munger at Eureka, and of Mr. George W. Tintner near Council Grove. The natural timber growth in western Arkansas was carefully examined, between the supply from these native forests and the need of posts, fuel, telegraph poles etc., in the adjacent tree-planting States.

IT IS AMAZING to note Chicago's comments on the vice crusade in New York. Chicago is probably the most vice-ridden city in the Union. Only a few days ago the Mayor was compelled to rescind orders against the dives on account of the pressure brought to bear by the dive keepers' representatives; and for Chicago to hold up its hands at the bad state of things in Gotham is the apotheosis of hypocrisy.

LET THEM READ THE LOCAL PAPER should be found in every home. No children should grow up ignorant who can be taught to appreciate, the home paper. It is said to be the stepping stone of intelligence in all those matters not to be learned in books. Give your children a foreign paper which contains not one word about any person, place or thing which they ever saw or perhaps ever heard of and how could you expect them to be interested? But let them have the home paper and read of whom you met and of places with which they are familiar and soon an interest is awakened which increases with every arrival of the local paper. Thus a habit of reading is formed and those children will read the papers all their lives and become intelligent men and women, a credit to their ancestors strong in the knowledge of the world as it is today.

THE Boers were formerly an easily satisfied people, but the fighting going on shows how hard it is for them now to say they have got enough.

THERE are fifty million herd of cattle in the United States, of which number from fifteen to twenty million are dairy cows. If every one of our readers would get Biggle Cow Book, published at 50 cents by the Wilmer Atkinson Co., Philadelphia, they could greatly increase the product from every cow in their herd.

THE revival of the train robbing business in faraway Arkansas appears to have been on the fizzle plan. By the time the six robbers manage to elude the authorities and divide the paltry six hundred dollars they managed to obtain after all their risk and work, they will probably believe themselves that honest labor is better than dishonest greed.

EDWIN O. WOOD, of Michigan, Secretary of the Tamworth Swine Breeders' Association, knows a good thing when he sees it. Writing the other day of the Biggle Swine Book, the latest addition to The Biggle Books, he says: "Without exaggeration or fulsome praise it is the best book which has come to my notice. I have carried it in my pocket two weeks reading it in leisure moments, and following its advice has already saved me, as I believe, fifty dollars." This is big returns on an investment of 50 cents, which the publishers, Wilmer Atkinson Co., Philadelphia, Pa., ask for the book.

One of the picturesque figures in the next Senate will be Senator "Ben" Focht, of Union county. All the force of the insurgent batteries was concentrated on Focht to defeat him, but he won out, and since election day he has laid awake at nights devising ways in which to rub it in on the gang of insurgents that invaded his bailiwick and flooded it with gab and cash. That he is making them squirm is evident, but he does not care for that. To make them squirm is his idea of fun, and he is having more fun than he knows what to do with. He will make a most useful member of the Senate, having had long experience in the House, where he was regarded as one of the best members ever sent from the Buffalo Valley.

YOUR MONEY BACK... W. I. GARMAN... ONE DOLLAR... RUBBERS... MIDDLEBURGH, PENNA.

Harriet E. Erdley God commissioned his death angel to enter upon the threshold of Rebecca and Robert Erdley to claim their bright daughter, Robert Celeste, aged 6 years and 2 weeks. She was sick three days with membranous croup. Her body was placed in a handsome casket furnished by Undertaker Schrader. The funeral was well attended. Rev. S. S. Kohler officiated.

ENTERPRISE MEAT CUTTERS AND SAUSAGE STUFFERS... FIFTY POUND LARD CANS... BUTCHERS' KNIVES AND SAWS... GEO. W. HACKETT

Ladies' Coats and Hats... Ladies' Fine Tailor Made Suits at Remarkably Low Prices... M. MILLNER, Kantz, Pa.

A RARE CHANCE TO BUY A GOOD GUN CHEAP AT ACTUAL COST... Will close my entire stock of GUNS out at ACTUAL COST. Must have the room for my IMMENSE HOLIDAY STOCK.

THE Buffalo Express... GEO. W. WATSON... SUBSCRIPTION RATES... OFFICE: -Near County Court House, between the Main and Commercial Streets, Buffalo, N. Y.

THE official count of McKinley 288,492 majority in Pennsylvania. QUITE naturally, as should say, one touch of winter makes the voters vote for McKinley.

FRANCE may welcome Kruger with open hands, but offering its arms is another proposition. In some respects the Democracy is more than fortunate. It has four years in which to reform.

President McKinley, in his Union League speech drove the last nail in the coffin of imperialism.

THOSE fellows out in Chicago, who have been caught "short" in the former night as well as acknowledge the corn.

THE Buffalo Express promised to become a one-cent paper in the event of McKinley's re-election—and kept its word.

TURKEY has lost another international office. The Czar, the sick man of Europe that the diplomats are worrying about.

THE war degree of the Chinese Empress Dowager indicates very clearly that the old lady is still ready to do business at the old stand.

THE German Government has bought Count Zeppelin's airship for military purposes. If the Kaiser now sets to work to build an aerial fleet he may establish a new empire in the air.

THE "buck ague" is responsible for the killing of about fifty hunters in Maine, Michigan, Wisconsin, New York and Minnesota. "Buck ague" is the disease which a man suffers from when he goes to shoot deer and winds up by burying his companion or getting the farmer to skin the mule.

OOM PAUL's description by the French was cordial by reason of traditional enmities, and still we all know where Oom Paul would prefer to be. The French are a warm-hearted people. History proves that. And yet it was not until the last moment that the Boer President left Boer territory.

IT is fortunate, indeed, that the latest feat of medical skill, which is nothing less than furnishing the patient with a new mouth, was not bro't prominently forward until after election. Otherwise the restraint which some of the spell-binders put upon themselves might have been lacking and there would have been even more strenuous speech-making than there was.

A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.



Farmer—Me an' you'll have a purty good time Thanksgiving, eh? The Bird—Well, pardner, me if I disagree with you.—Yellow Book.

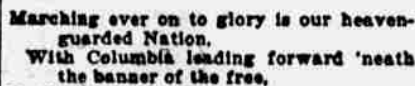


And I heard that... How we got our Thanksgiving from the myth who thought the bird is the... How the Pilgrim women... How they thanked God for the harvest... And cheerful Thanksgiving Day.

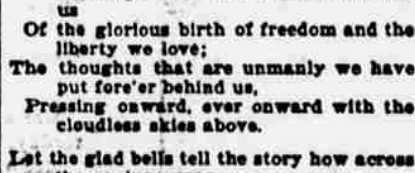
Thus from the small beginning in New England's forest olden grew the sweet and sacred custom which we keep with love to-day.



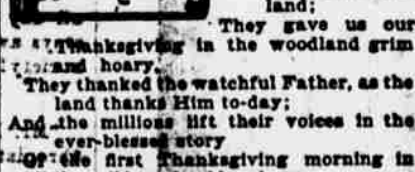
Met the humble Pilgrim Fathers will remain with us for aye; They sleep upon the hillsides where the balmy breeze is blowing.



Marching ever on to glory is our heaven-guarded Nation. With Columbia leading forward 'neath the banner of the free.



Breasting all the angry tempests like a rock that dars the sea; Hail the sweet Thanksgiving mornings that shall evermore remind us



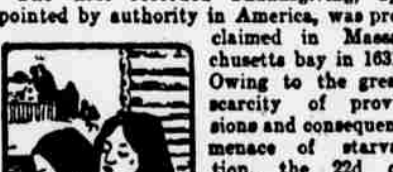
Of the glorious birth of freedom and the liberty we love; The thoughts that are unmanly we have put forever behind us.

Let the glad bells tell the story how across the raging ocean To the fairest land of freedom came the little pilgrim band.

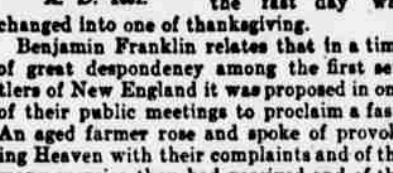
HISTORY OF THE DAY.

Thanksgiving is a Holiday Dear to the Heart of Every American.

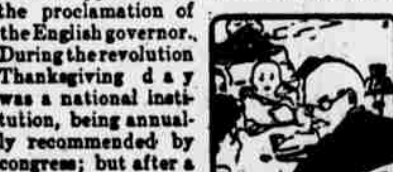
THANKSGIVING Day is a peculiarly American institution. History, it is true, informs us that the pious people of Leyden, Holland, observed a day of thanksgiving as early as 1575, to commemorate the first anniversary of the raising of the siege of that city.



The first recorded Thanksgiving, appointed by authority in America, was proclaimed in Massachusetts bay in 1631.



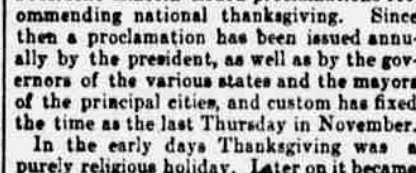
Benjamin Franklin relates that in a time of great despondency among the first settlers of New England it was proposed in one of their public meetings to proclaim a fast.



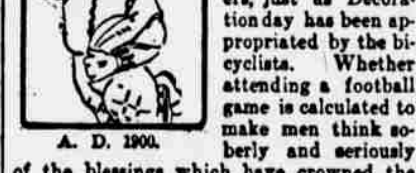
Massachusetts was the first of the colonies to appoint an annual thanksgiving by the proclamation of the English governor.

Washington was designated to be observed as a fast day. Before that date a long-expected vessel arrived from Ireland, loaded with provisions, and the fast day was changed into one of thanksgiving.

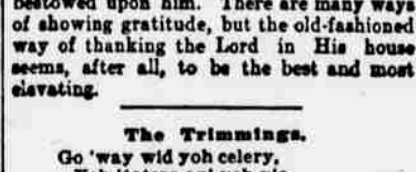
when requested to do so, publicly declined, on the ground that he was not authorized to interfere in religious matters.



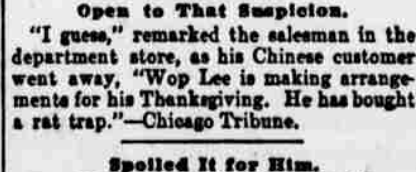
The Trimmings. Go 'way wid yoh celery, Yoh 'taters an' yoh pie, Yoh gravy and yoh dressin'.



Open to That Suspicion. "I guess," remarked the salesman in the department store, as his Chinese customer went away.



Spotted It for Him. Rev. Mr. Goodman—Well, Willie, did you enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner?



Naturally Indignant. "It makes me most indignant," quoth she, "after they have stuffed me. They should use me just to stuff."

Their Cause for Thanks.