

### WITH GOOD THINGS FOR "THE" DAY



### THE BEST SPIRIT FOR THE TIME

History Proves that There Always Has Been a Time Set Apart for Festivities.

Thanksgiving is generally believed to have commenced with the advent of the Pilgrim fathers, and therefore a legacy to us from New England. But when the true facts in the case come to light we find that Thanksgiving day was first celebrated by Popnam colonists at Monhegan, who joined in "Giving God thanks" for their safe arrival and many blessings in the ritual laid down in the Thanksgiving service of the Church of England prayer book. It is known with what antipathy the Puritans regarded any and all of the holy days of the English church, and the celebration of such was sternly forbidden in New England.

How many of us know that days for giving thanks were set apart in Europe long before the reformation and were observed by the Church of England many years before the Pilgrims landed?

The first Thanksgiving in this country was not set apart as a day of religious observance, but for recreation. On December 11, 1621, Edward Winslow wrote home to England the following very quaint account of the week's program:

"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men out fowling so we might in a special manner rejoice together after we had gathered the fruits of our labors. The four killed so much fowl that with a little help served the company about a week. Among other recreations were exercised with our arms. Many of the Indians came amongst us and among them their greatest king Massasoit with some ninety men, whom we for three days feasted and entertained. They went out and killed five deer, which they brought in and bestowed on our governor, upon the captains and others."

So we get a good idea of the hospitality offered in those days. We learn, too, from Governor Bradford, that wild turkeys were plentiful, so we feel a reasonable assurance that the turkey has a long and ancient lineage and prestige not to be usurped by any other bird on our Thanksgiving day platter.

Only fifty-five English speaking people sat down to the first Thanksgiving feast, but the addition of the Indians made a goodly company for whom the poor, lonely and homesick women prepared the dinner. There were only four of them, with one servant "and a few young maidkins." There is no record to be found of any religious worship during this week of feasting.

In 1628 the second Thanksgiving day was ordered and observed by the Pilgrim fathers. Early Thanksgivings are almost always celebrated in November or upon Thursday, and it is not until 1677 that we find the first printed Thanksgiving proclamation, now owned by the Massachusetts Historical Society. It is interesting to note that since 1862 the president of the United States has set the last Thursday in November to be observed as a day of Thanksgiving. And harking back to Pilgrim days, what a vast difference. Compare the harvest then and the harvest now. Whether our forefathers were ever actually reduced to the traditional five grains of corn each, is a fact not decided by history, but it is true that they returned thanks for the meager fare and endured the most grinding hardships without a murmur. Like our forbears we make of the day a great time for feasting and games and not so much of church going. It is a day for family reunions and a day of abundant opportunity for making a cause of Thanksgiving in the "other fellows' heart."

**Happy Thanksgiving Custom.**  
A woman who has an almost old-fashioned faith in Providence keeps what she calls her "thank offering box." Into this goes through the year, from one Thanksgiving to the middle of the following November, a sum of money for every accident escaped, calamity averted or special joy.

These offerings are not confined to her own escapes but each time some member of her family bobs up from some threatened woe into the box goes the money offering of thanks.

Not the same amount is given each time, and rarely large sums, for the woman is not rich, but a nice little sum is realized.

This is devoted to giving some one a happy Thanksgiving day. It does not always go into regular channels. As the woman says—the poor and hospitals are usually well cared for in holiday seasons.

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Good Idea is That Thanksgiving is the Noblest Work That Man Can Do.

Thanksgiving: The act of rendering thanks, expressing gratitude for favors or mercies; a public celebration of divine goodness.

Thanksgiving day: A day set apart for religious services in acknowledgment of the divine goodness. By nature man is religious; and Thanksgiving day is an annual reminder of this innate tendency. The very first Thanksgiving and the manner of its observance are not very well defined in history. Perhaps the following paragraph will give as succinct an epitome as is possible at this remote distance:

"The fishermen were ordered to 'secure the seas for spoil' the hunters to 'shoulder their matchlocks and bring in such game as would allow the Mayflower colony in a more special manner to rejoice together!' The result was a supply of wild turkey, deer, bear and game of every sort in such abundance as amply to feed the colony for a week. They had as guests the friendly chief, Massasoit, and 90 of his Indians. The Indians contributed to the feast five deer and a great basket of oysters." This was the introduction of the young colony to its afterward favorite shellfish, and the women cooked them as they best knew how. The menu of that immortal dinner has not, alas been preserved, but it is known that the two dishes most fully appreciated by the Indians as well as the Americans were the "brown roast turkey" and the "pumpkin pie." The great feast of the week was outdoors, for the air was balmy and the sun bright. Massasoit was there in all the bravery of a scarlet coat trimmed with lace and a copper chain, given him some time previous by Edward Winslow. In a strange medley of Indian garb and borrowing of European costume, cementing there the bond of friendship with the white settlers which held good 41 years."

In 1621 Governor Bradford after the first harvest made provision for the colonists' rejoicing together with praise and prayer. In 1623 a day of fasting and prayer in the midst of drought was turned into thanksgiving by the coming of rain during the prayers; gradually the custom prevailed of appointing annually a thanksgiving day after harvest. These appointments were made by the governor's proclamations. During the Revolutionary war a day of national thanksgiving was annually recommended by congress. For many decades the president has annually appointed such a day and the governors of the various states have supplemented the same.

"Words are but empty things." Since actions speak louder than words thanksgiving is the noblest thanksgiving. To abound in thanksgiving is a Scriptural injunction. "See that ye do this," said Paul.

### Bridegroom's Thanksgiving.

A hundred years from now, sweetheart, we will not grieve if our chances lost, Nor worry over meat or art, Nor care what coal or clothes may cost.

A hundred years from now nor you Nor I will care a picayune For cold, persistent landlords who Brownbeat, bulldoze and importune.

Then let us in this holy time Of cheer give thanks for every joy, And most of all for this, that I'm No girl and you are not a boy.

- S. E. KISER.

### Have Cause to Give Thanks.

If we remember what were the conditions, circumstances, events and incidents of the first Thanksgiving day, and allow thought to traverse even rapidly and superficially the path of blessing until this Thanksgiving day of 1913, we shall have a faint vision, at least, of that for which the land should offer praise. If we dwell only upon the great benefits that affect the general welfare, abundant reason appears why we should set a season apart, assemble in our places of worship, and lay upon the altar our united offering of praise. And this is not alone for abundant harvests, for commercial prosperity, for continued peace and increasing power; not alone for good bestowed, but thanks for evil spared; for fires of trouble from which we passed unharmed; for the floods that threatened but did not overwhelm; for the casting down that yet did not destroy; for all calamities endured and overpast.

Surely if ever land should in humility bring tribute from multitudes of grateful hearts, ours should make this a true Thanksgiving day.

### ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

The undersigned assignee of S. D. Livengood, will offer for sale at public outcry, at the Court House in the Borough of Somerset, Pennsylvania, on

Wednesday, Nov. 26th, '13 AT 1 O'CLOCK P. M.

all the right, title and interest of S. D. Livengood in and to the following described tracts of land situated in Somerset and Stonycreek Townships, Somerset County:

No. 1 Comprising ten parts, as follows: Site of the Somerset Township, adjoining lands now or formerly of the George Hertz estate, John L. Saylor, John Mowry, Annie M. Schrock, John Miller, and others, containing two hundred forty-five (245) acres, being the same more or less, and being more fully described in a deed of George E. Pritz, to W. J. Baer, dated September 8, 1894, and recorded at Somerset, Pennsylvania, in the office for recording deeds, in Deed Book, Vol. 84, Page 107.

Situate in Somerset Township, adjoining lands now or formerly of Mrs. Ritz, Annie M. Schrock, J. C. Miller and others, containing fifty (50) acres, being the same more or less, and being more fully described in a deed of J. S. Trent and wife to W. J. Baer, dated August 13th, 1893, and recorded as aforesaid, in Deed Book, Vol. 81, Page 291.

Situate in Somerset Township, Somerset County, Pa., adjoining Nos. one and two above, being more fully described in a deed of John G. Rayman, Noah Rayman, Jacob Rayman, Noah Rayman, and others, containing two hundred twenty-eight (228) acres, being the same more or less, and being more fully described in a deed from W. J. Baer dated 14th of July, 1893, recorded as aforesaid, in Deed Book, Vol. 81, Page 368.

Situate in the township aforesaid, adjoining lands now or formerly of J. S. Trent, C. Fisher, J. J. Weigle and others, containing 106 acres, being more fully described in a deed from John G. Rayman, Noah Rayman and wife to W. J. Baer, dated 23rd of October, 1893, recorded as aforesaid, in Deed Book, Vol. 81, Page 365.

Situate in the township aforesaid, adjoining Nos. 3 & 4 above, lands now or formerly of J. S. Trent, C. Fisher, Catherine Fisher, and others, containing one hundred forty (140) acres, being the same more or less, being more fully described in a deed from Jacob J. Weigle and wife to W. J. Baer, dated November 18th, 1893, recorded as aforesaid, in Deed Book, Vol. 82, Page 408.

Situate in Stonycreek Township aforesaid, adjoining Nos. 5 & 6 above, lands now or formerly of Noah Rayman, A. E. Rayman, Benedict Yoder, and others, containing forty seven (47) acres, being the same more or less, and being more fully described in a deed from A. E. Rayman and wife to W. J. Baer, dated 29th of August, 1894, in Deed Book, Vol. 81, Page 110.

Situate in Stonycreek Township aforesaid, adjoining Nos. 7 & 8 above, lands now or formerly of Benedict Yoder, Noah Raymond and others, containing sixty seven (67) acres, being the same more or less, and being more fully described in a deed from A. E. Rayman and wife to W. J. Baer, dated 29th of August, 1894, in Deed Book, Vol. 81, Page 110.

Situate in Stonycreek Township aforesaid, adjoining Nos. 9 & 10 above, lands now or formerly of John L. Saylor and others, containing one hundred twenty eight (128) acres, being the same more or less, being more fully described in a deed from John L. Saylor and wife to W. J. Baer, dated 29th of August, 1894, in Deed Book, Vol. 81, page 103.

Situate in Somerset Township, adjoining No. 1, lands now or formerly of John L. Saylor and others, containing thirty seven (37) acres and ninety five (95) perches, being the same more or less, being more fully described in a deed of John L. Saylor and wife to W. J. Baer, dated 29th of August, 1894, recorded as aforesaid, in Deed Book, Vol. 81, page 103.

Situate in Somerset Township, adjoining No. 1, lands now or formerly of John L. Saylor and others, containing thirty seven (37) acres and ninety five (95) perches, being the same more or less, being more fully described in a deed of John L. Saylor and wife to W. J. Baer, dated 29th of August, 1894, recorded as aforesaid, in Deed Book, Vol. 81, page 103.

TERMS: 10 per cent of the purchase price to be paid at time of sale—the balance of one-third thereof upon confirmation and delivery of deed—one-third in three months from date of confirmation, and one-third in six months. Said deferred payments to be secured by mortgage on the premises.

For further particulars write the assignee. CHAS. H. EALY, nov 30, 4t Assignee, Somerset, Pa.

**MARKET REPORT.**  
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**PAYING PRICE.**  
Butter, per pound.....30-32c  
Eggs, per doz.....25-30c  
Chickens, per pound.....12c  
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Apple butter, per gal.....65c  
Shoulder, per pound.....14c  
Ham.....18c

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**SELLING PRICE.**  
Corn, per bus.....95c  
Oats,.....55c  
Wheat, per bus.....\$1 05  
Wheat chop, per cwt.....1 90  
Corn and oats, per cwt. home ground.....1 75  
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### PUBLIC SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE

By virtue of an order of sale issuing out of the Orphans' Court of Somerset County, Pa., and to me directed, I will expose to public sale on

Saturday, November 29, 1913, AT 1:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

on the premises hereinafter described: All those two certain lots of front situate in the Borough of Meyersdale, Somerset County, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows:

1. Lot No. 319 located on the north side of High street, fronting on said street 66 feet and extending 130 feet to Summit street, being one of several lots of ground conveyed to J. M. Hay and wife by Joseph Keim and wife, et al., by their deed dated June 20, A. D. 1874, and recorded in Deed Book, Vol. 50, Page 512, and by the said J. M. Hay and wife conveyed to John Largent, Jr., by deed dated March 17, 1894, and recorded at Somerset, Pa., in Deed Record, Vol. 83, Page 275.

2. Numbered on the general plan of said borough in the Olinger Survey as No. 320, bounded on the north by Summit street, on the east by lot No. 319, on the south by High street, on the north by Elizabeth street, on which said lot there is erected a frame dwelling house, and is the same lot of ground that the Sheriff of Somerset County conveyed to Samuel Philson and James S. Black, doing business as Philson, Black & Company, by deed dated August 25, 1879, and James S. Black and wife conveyed the undivided one-half interest in said lot to Samuel Philson by deed dated March 29, 1887, and to Somerset by deed in Record Book, Vol. 72, Page 194, and by Samuel Philson and Anna Maria, his wife, to John Largent, Jr., by deed dated 8th September, 1893, in Deed Book, Vol. 83, Page 281.

TERMS OF SALE. Ten per cent of the purchase money to be paid in cash, on day of sale, and the balance thereof on confirmation of sale and delivery of deed.

J. A. GRAVES, Administrator of the estate of John Largent, Jr., deceased. HAY & HAY, Attorneys. Nov. 13 '13.

Fresh Fish, at the Dinges Market  
**To The Public.**

In the Court of Common Pleas, of Somerset County, Pa., I have applied for a divorce from my wife, Sofia E. Wagner, I shall reduce my use of all assets incurred by her since November 19, 1913, in any amount.

THOMAS J. WAGNER, West Salisbury, Pa. nov 12 '13.

**QUICK LUNCH**  
Wa-n the children come in from school they want something nourishing. A Nice Bowl of Soup, or a Dish of Baked Beans, easy to prepare and sat- isfies; Butter is high; Peanut Butter is a good substitute, but for good solid food; Navy Beans, 4 1-2 lb. for 25c; Lima Beans, 3 1-2 lb. for 25c; Saur Kraut, 10c per can; 10 lb. Choice Buckwheat Flour, 34c; Hams 21c per lb.; Flour \$1.50 per large sack. We also have a nice line of Driving Gloves 50c to \$1.00 per pair; Boys' Gloves, 25c & 50c; Overalls and Jumpers. Star Brand; Cord Pants and Wool Pants; Wool Socks 25c per pair; Knit Gloves 25c Ladies and Mens hose 10c and up. Oyster Shells 85c per hundred. Special prices on Corn, Peas, Beans & Tomatoes by the case. Trading stamps.

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**SOMERSET IS HOPEFUL.**  
Somerset is getting bigger. A census just completed by G. C. Winslow and Charles W. Luther, who are compiling a city directory for Somerset, shows that the present population of the borough proper is 2,830, and including the suburban communities that have sprung up just outside the borough confines is 4,920.

When the government census was taken in 1910 the borough had a population of 2,612. This is an increase of 12.2 per cent. in three years. At the same rate of growth the borough proper when the next census is taken in 1920 will have shown an increase of 40.5 per cent. This estimate would make the population of the borough 3,679 in 1920. Including the outlying but adjacent communities the census of 1920, it is expected, will show a population of between 5,000 and 9,500. Considering the growing importance of Somerset as a railroad centre, and the phenomenal development of the mining industry, it is not unlikely, many believe, that the census of 1920 will place Somerset in the 10,000 class.

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The Salisbury Cemetery Co., are selling desirable lots at an economical price. John J. Livengood, President. George E. Yoder, Secretary and Treasurer. mch 13-14

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