



IT IS A GOOD THING TO GIVE THANKS



REASONS FOR THANKSGIVING

The Bountiful Giver of All Good Has Crowned the Year With Manifold Blessings

The Herald's Cause For Gratitude

THANKSGIVING CHEER

At this season of the year when Thanksgiving cheer is in evidence everywhere it is difficult to find words to express the feelings of gratitude that well up in one's heart without making use of those words and expressions which have been repeated so often as to become hackneyed; but the occasion demands recognition, particularly in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and twelve, and any sincere expression of thanksgiving is timely and good.

We need not have presented to our view for our information a list of the blessings which have been showered upon us by a kind Providence, but it will help to a better appreciation of them if we take time to go over them in our minds; and still we cannot name or think of them all, for we are the recipients of many blessings that have come to us unawares. How many accidents and calamities, how much of disappointment and distress have come close to our doors and then passed us by without our knowing of their nearness.

Besides the reasons for thanksgiving enjoyed in common with others, The Herald has special reasons for gratitude at the present time. During the past few months there has been a marked improvement in business, which has enabled us to make improvements in the paper, a source of satisfaction to our readers as well as to us. Expressions of appreciation have come unsolicited and these are cause for thanksgiving. But probably the best expressions of appreciations come through subscriptions to the paper, which have been gratifying indeed. During the last month more money was received on subscriptions to The Herald than during any previous month for several years.

For all of which, as well as for "other things too numerous to mention", we give thanks.

THANKSGIVING DAY

How It Will Be Observed in Alliance

Union services of all the churches will be held at the First Presbyterian church at 10:30 this morning. Rev. White, pastor of the Baptist church, will deliver the address. Music will be rendered by a special choir.

As announced in the church items of this issue there will be special Thanksgiving services at the Immanuel German Lutheran church.

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be observed at 7:30 a. m., at St. Matthew's Episcopal church.

Mass will be held at 9 a. m. at the Holy Rosary Catholic church at 9 o'clock. Evening services at 7:20 p. m.

The business places will be closed most of the day, part of them remaining open this morning.

As announced in this paper the hotels will serve special dinners and it is expected that they will be crowded.

The Peddler's Ball this evening will be a grand affair. Admission will be by invitation only.

The Herald is issued at seven o'clock this morning in order that its subscribers may have it for holiday reading.

At the postoffice the carrier windows will be open from 2 to 3 p. m. Mail will not be delivered by carrier.

ALL PEDDLERS INVITED

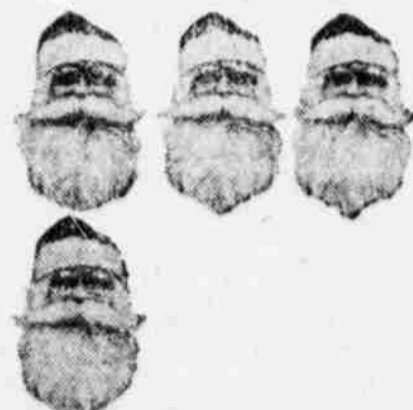
Bring Your Invitations. If You Have None, Get One

The committee in charge of arrangements for the peddlers' banquet and ball tonight at the opera house wish to extend an invitation to every traveling man who happens to be in the city today to come tonight. If you have not an invitation see the committee and get one in order that you may be admitted, as it is necessary for all admitted to have an invitation.

TRADES RESIDENCES

S. K. Warrick has traded his large residence on Laramie Avenue to J. E. Rice for his residence just east of the Presbyterian church.

FOUR WEEKS TO CHRISTMAS



Four little Santa Clauses busy as can be! One was knocked to next week and then there were three.

That Is What Will Happen to Your Christmas Joy If You Don't Shop Early.

Story Telling Hour

Librarian of Alliance Public Library Adopts Beautiful Custom Followed in Larger Cities

INTERESTING TO CHILDREN

Mrs. Wilson, librarian, has instituted a weekly story telling hour at the Alliance public library. The plan has been adopted in many of the larger cities with excellent results, but had not been tried in this city until last Saturday.

All children ten years of age or under are invited to be at the library from one to two o'clock on Saturday afternoons. Some person is previously selected as story teller for the day. Last Saturday, which was the first story telling day for Alliance, Miss Addie Robertson of the Emerson school was story teller, and a most interesting story teller she proved to be, too, as the many children present can testify.

Although there were many children present last Saturday, the attendance will no doubt increase as "story telling hour" becomes better known and grows in popularity, as it no doubt will. Miss Niedermeyer of Central school will be story teller next Saturday. A cordial invitation is extended to all children up to ten years old to attend.

Rushville will Not Play Football

At the last moment the Rushville team either got cold feet or wanted to stay home for Thanksgiving and after making all arrangements to be here decided that they could not come to play the local high school team, which has been going through some very severe practice since the last game and would have given the Rushville boys a hard slide for their life.

The high school line up was to have been:

- Tully left end
- Davenport left tackle
- Worley left guard
- Rennau center
- Graham right guard
- Darnell right tackle
- Beach right end
- Bloomfield quarter
- Spacht left half
- Schaefer right half
- Keegan full back

It is a great disappointment to the local boys not to get to play this team again and word was not received until about six o'clock Tuesday evening that they would not come. It was hoped that a local team of ex-football players could be organized but this has been impossible so no game will be given at the fair grounds this afternoon.

Grand Ball Last Night

Annual Firemen's Ball Big Success

The annual ball of the Alliance firemen given at the opera house last night was indeed a marked success. The floor was crowded from the opening of the doors and the many happy couples thronged the room until a late hour.

Music was rendered by a picked orchestra from the best talent obtainable in Alliance.

Messrs. Guthrie, Ridgell, Spacht, Pilkington, McCormick and Chief Romig received many congratulations. McCormick and Romig had charge of the arrangements. Messrs. McCormick and Romig had charge of the floor.

The ball was a success in a financial way and the treasury will receive a big boost.

Mr. and Mrs. E. I. Gregg, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brinkman, and Roy Gregg will partake of Thanksgiving turkey today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Gregg on the ranch.

"I'll Get You, Mr. Gobbler"

By JAMES A. EDGERTON
[With Apologies to James Whitcomb Riley]



G EORGIE, like another George who lived in times way back,
Took his little hatchet out to find what he could hack,
Looked the pleasing prospect o'er and softly murmured, "Gee;
I've no time to monkey round with any cherry tree!"
Thought about Thanksgiving that was but two days away;
Said, "I've got to have a turk to celebrate the day;"
Sashayed toward the turkey yard and gave a sudden shout,
"I'll get you, Mr. Gobbler, if you Don't Watch Out!"

G OBBLER had been fattened up and given corn to gorge
Till he was a whopper and was 'most as big as George.
So when Georgie waved his blade with bloody, fell intent
Turkey simply gobbled—couldn't scare him for a cent;
Kioucked and strutted round awhile, his wattles flaming red,
With a manner truculent that very plainly said,
"Look sharp or I'll flog you 'fore you know what you're about,
An' the gobbler 'll get you if you Don't Watch Out!"

I DON'T know of anything in all creation's plan
That can scare a boy more than a turkey gobbler can.
With his tail spread like a fan, his wings down on the ground,
Strutting round and gobbling with a terrifying sound.
This one made for little George, who suddenly turned tail,
Dropped his hatchet in his flight and legged it with a wail,
Every step imagining he heard that turkey shout,
"The gobbler 'll get you if you Don't Watch Out!"

L ATER on that Mr. Turk got his, as turkeys may,
Specially if they are fat around Thanksgiving day.
Father came upon the scene and set a pace so hot,
Strutting gobbler had to execute the turkey trot.
George, who saw his enemy with head upon the block,
Didn't shed a single tear or feel a single shock,
But when served his portion waved his drumstick with a shout,
"We got you, Mr. Gobbler, 'cause you Didn't Watch Out!"