

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

The board of supervisors at Beatrice rejected the claim of the recent interstate fair held there for \$1,000.

Father A. A. Lawrence of Chicago is holding a mission at St. Michael's Catholic church in Central City.

An effort is being made to organize a third regiment of militia, with a full battalion in the city of Omaha.

Two of York county's pioneer farmers, owning fine farms near York, were stricken with paralysis last week.

Governor Savage has issued a requisition on the governor for the return of Albert Stanton, wanted in Omaha for forgery.

Queen City Lodge, I. O. D. F., at Beatrice, had a big time last week, having visitors from almost every city in the state.

Village Clerk A. C. Alger of Burwell attempted to stop a fight and received a bad cut across the face and nose for his trouble.

The trade carnival at Beatrice last week attracted large crowds of farmers and their families to town and proved a big success.

Anna Edmonson of Madison, the girl who made so much trouble for Rev. Edmonson, her foster father, has been taken to the reform school at Geneva.

Programs are being circulated for the annual meeting of the Northwestern Nebraska Teachers' association, which meets in Alliance November 23.

One hundred carpenters and laborers are busy building up the burned district of Butte. Lots on Main street are selling for from \$50 to \$200 a front foot.

In the district court at David City Charles Miller, charged with horse stealing, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to eighteen months in the penitentiary.

C. J. Noble of Blair took a large dose of strychnine, supposedly with suicidal intent, but the prompt work of physicians jerked him back from the margin of the Styx.

A 3-year-old child at Butte fell in a box of slacking lime and was horribly burned. He was in the lime from three to five minutes and died a few minutes after rescued.

Mrs. Henry Stewart, who lives seven miles southeast of Lynch, while out with her husband getting wood, had a hand blown off by the accidental discharge of a shotgun.

The cornerstone of the German Lutheran St. John's church of Yutan has been laid. A notable feature of the program was a song by the newly organized Yutan Maennerchor.

While returning from a funeral at Exeter Mrs. John Ford, who is quite old, was thrown out of a carriage and sustained internal injuries and the breaking of two ribs and a wrist.

A cottonwood log twenty feet long and eighteen inches through fell on Con Donahue near David City and he lay unconscious for six hours with several broken ribs. Recovery doubtful.

The combination of the door of the vault in the county clerk's office at Fremont refuses to work and the commissioners are considering the advisability of hiring a safe blower.

Friends of Mrs. Josue Fentress of Osceola helped her celebrate her 90th birthday last week. Mrs. Fentress is active, keen witted and her sight is so well preserved that she reads without glasses.

The heads of the State Normal at Peru, the Fremont Normal school and the Wesleyan university of Lincoln met and discussed plans for unifying the courses of study in their various institutions.

The trial of J. W. Cole, charged with ballot stealing, is on at Trenton. He pleaded not guilty. It was almost impossible to get a jury, as almost every man in the county is interested and has an opinion formed.

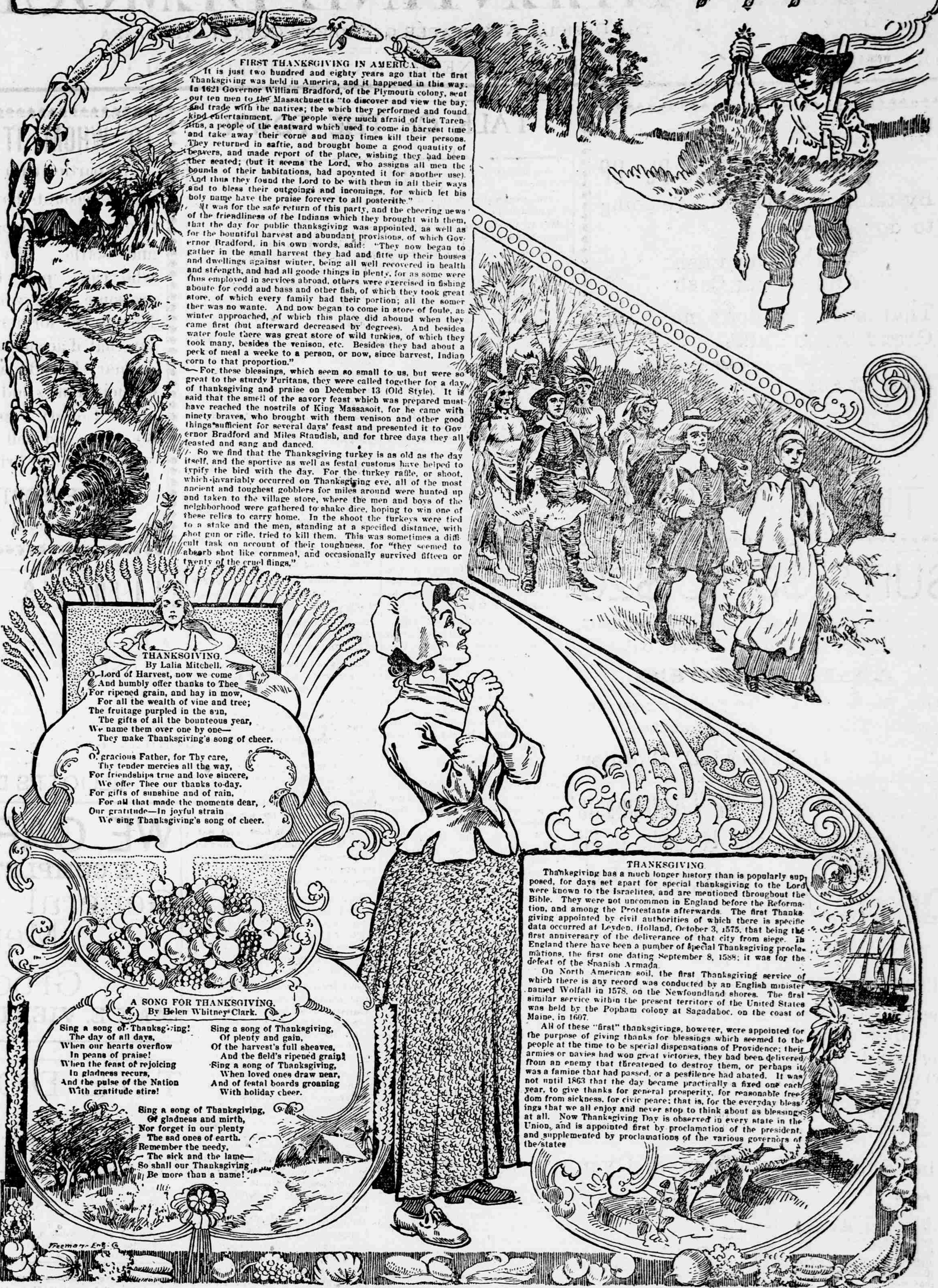
Marie Hanus of Able, Butler county, attended a dance last April and while there assaulted one Anton Negrin, giving him a good wallop, hence she is now before the district court at David City on a charge of assault.

A feature of the Beatrice carnival is a \$10 bill, which is given to some person every day, who walks the streets between 2 and 4 p. m., and all one has to do is to ask him or her for the money, the first one asking the party who has the money getting it.

Three young men were arrested at Tecumseh who had in their possession several pairs of new gloves and during the day they had disposed of a number of pairs of new shoes at suspiciously low prices. The sheriff believes they have robbed some store in that part of the state.

The human system can endure heat of 212 degrees, the boiling point for water, because the skin is a bad conductor, and because the perspiration cools the body. Men have withstood without injury a heat of three hundred degrees for several minutes.

A young man in New York has married a young woman because, as he tersely expressed it, she is a lovely cook. Again the time-honored theory of the route to the heart of man has been sustained.



FIRST THANKSGIVING IN AMERICA.

It is just two hundred and eighty years ago that the first Thanksgiving was held in America, and it happened in this way. In 1621 Governor William Bradford, of the Plymouth colony, sent out ten men to the Massachusetts "to discover and view the bay, and trade with the natives; the which they performed and found kind entertainment. The people were much afraid of the Tarentines, a people of the eastward which used to come in harvest time and take away their corn and many times kill their persons. They returned in safety, and brought home a good quantity of beavers, and made report of the place, wishing they had been there seated; (but it seems the Lord, who assigns all men the bounds of their habitations, had appointed it for another use). And thus they found the Lord to be with them in all their ways and to bless their outgoings and incomings, for which let his holy name have the praise forever to all posterity."

It was for the safe return of this party, and the cheering news of the friendliness of the Indians which they brought with them, that the day for public thanksgiving was appointed, as well as for the bountiful harvest and abundant provisions, of which Governor Bradford, in his own words, said: "They now began to gather in the small harvest they had and fette up their houses and dwellings against winter, being all well recovered in health and strength, and had all good things in plenty, for as some were thus employed in services abroad, others were exercised in fishing about for codd and bass and other fish, of which they took great store, of which every family had their portion; all the summer there was no want. And now began to come in store of fowle, as winter approached, of which this place did abound when they came first (but afterward decreased by degrees). And besides water fowle there was great store of wild turkie, of which they had about a peck of meal a weeke to a person, or now, since harvest, Indian corn to that proportion."

For these blessings, which seem so small to us, but were so great to the sturdy Puritans, they were called together for a day of thanksgiving and praise on December 13 (Old Style). It is said that the smell of the savory feast which was prepared must have reached the nostrils of King Massasoit, for he came with ninety braves, who brought with them venison and other good things sufficient for several days' feast and presented it to Governor Bradford and Miles Standish, and for three days they all feasted and danced.

So we find that the Thanksgiving turkey is as old as the day itself, and the sportive as well as festive customs have helped to typify the bird with the day. For the turkey raffle, or shoot, which invariably occurred on Thanksgiving eve, all of the most ancient and toughest gobblers for miles around were hunted up and taken to the village store, where the men and boys of the neighborhood were gathered to shake dice, hoping to win one of these relics to carry home. In the shoot the turkeys were tied to a stake and the men, standing at a specified distance, with shot gun or rifle, tried to kill them. This was sometimes a difficult task on account of their toughness, for "they seemed to absorb shot like cornmeal, and occasionally survived fifteen or twenty of the cruel dings."

THANKSGIVING.

By Lalia Mitchell.

O Lord of Harvest, now we come  
And humbly offer thanks to Thee  
For ripened grain, and hay in mow,  
For all the wealth of vine and tree;  
The fruitage purpled in the sun,  
The gifts of all the bounteous year,  
We name them over one by one—  
They make Thanksgiving's song of cheer.

O gracious Father, for Thy care,  
Thy tender mercies all the way,  
For friendships true and love sincere,  
We offer Thee our thanks to-day,  
For gifts of sunshine and of rain,  
For all that made the moments dear,  
Our gratitude—in joyful strain  
We sing Thanksgiving's song of cheer.

A SONG FOR THANKSGIVING.

By Helen Whitney Clark.

Sing a song of Thanksgiv'ing!  
The day of all days,  
When our hearts overflow  
In peans of praise!  
When the feast of rejoicing  
In gladness recurs,  
And the pulse of the Nation  
With gratitude stirs!

Sing a song of Thanksgiv'ing,  
Of gladness and mirth,  
Nor forget in our plenty  
The sad ones of earth.  
Remember the needy,  
The sick and the lame—  
So shall our Thanksgiv'ing  
Be more than a name!

Sing a song of Thanksgiv'ing,  
Of plenty and gain,  
Of the harvest's full sheaves,  
And the field's ripened grain!  
Sing a song of Thanksgiv'ing,  
When loved ones draw near,  
And of festal boards groaning  
With holiday cheer.

THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving has a much longer history than is popularly supposed, for days set apart for special thanksgiving to the Lord were known to the Israelites, and are mentioned throughout the Bible. They were not uncommon in England before the Reformation, and among the Protestants afterwards. The first Thanksgiving appointed by civil authorities of which there is specific data occurred at Leyden, Holland, October 3, 1573, that being the first anniversary of the deliverance of that city from siege. In England there have been a number of special Thanksgiving proclamations, the first one dating September 8, 1558; it was for the defeat of the Spanish Armada.

On North American soil, the first Thanksgiving service of which there is any record was conducted by an English minister named Wolfall in 1578, on the Newfoundland shores. The first similar service within the present territory of the United States was held by the Popham colony at Sagadahoc, on the coast of Maine, in 1607.

All of these "first" thanksgivings, however, were appointed for the purpose of giving thanks for blessings which seemed to the people at the time to be special dispensations of Providence; their armies or navies had won great victories, they had been delivered from an enemy that threatened to destroy them, or perhaps it was a famine that had passed, or a pestilence had abated. It was not until 1863 that the day became practically a fixed one each year, to give thanks for general prosperity, for reasonable freedom from sickness, for civic peace; that is, for the everyday blessings that we all enjoy and never stop to think about as blessings at all. Now Thanksgiving Day is observed in every state in the Union, and is appointed first by proclamation of the president, and supplemented by proclamations of the various governors of the states.

MAN FIGHTS FOR HIS WIFE.

Erie, Pa.—(Special).—Frank C. Bostock, the manager of the midget Chiquita, is under arrest at Buffalo, in a \$20,000 damage suit, charged with alienating the little woman's affections.

The suit and order for arrest followed immediately upon the dismissal by Justice Childs of the habeas corpus proceedings begun by Tony Woekner, the lilliputian's 16-year-old husband, for the purpose of compelling Bostock to produce Chiquita in court.

Bostock was able to show that Chiquita was in Canada, and therefore out of his control and out of the jurisdiction of the court.

When the habeas corpus case came up in court, W. E. Creemer, Bostock's attorney, made the statement that Chiquita, the missing wife of Woekner, had on Thursday evening accompanied some members of Bostock's family to Niagara Falls, and had with them crossed into Canada. This movement had been of her own volition, he said. It had been voluntary and with-

out threat or plea on the part of Mr. Bostock. Mr. Creemer stated to the court that Chiquita was practically a member of the Bostock family.

His client, he said, had found the midget in Mexico about five years ago. She was ill-dressed, uneducated, and lived in discomfort. Her mother was dead. Bostock proposed to her father that he be permitted to take charge of the midget, agreeing to educate her and take care of her.

"Mr. Bostock took her to his home," continued Mr. Creemer. "He educated her, gave her horses and carriages and everything possible has been done for her comfort. He has taken as much care of her as though she had been his own."

"Yes," interrupted Eugene M. Bartlett, attorney for Woekner, "he has taken as much care of her as he has of his elephants. As for the horses and carriages, they are part of the show, and Bostock claims title to all of them."

It is stated that Mr. Bostock's plan will now be to secure from Chiquita an affidavit showing that she left the jurisdiction of the court of her own will; that she does not care for Woekner and does not want to live with him. This will leave Woekner with the alternative of divorce or a wifeless married state, and it is re-

marked that divorces are not granted on the ground of desertion in New York.

It is not believed that Mr. Bostock will seek to keep Chiquita in Canada for any great length of time. She is under contract to exhibit in Charleston and St. Louis. It is presumed that she will go to Charleston immediately. Mr. Bostock expressed his intention of going there at once.

A brother of Woekner states that Tony was discharged from his position with Bostock as soon as there was a suspicion of his love for Chiquita. He says the midget was broken-hearted, and refused to exhibit for two or three days when Tony lost his job. He also says that Chiquita was enticed to Canada, and that, because of her fear of Bostock, she is afraid to tell the truth.

Dr. R. S. Linn of Detroit, who went to China as a surgeon in the volunteer army, has sent home several cases of looted goods. Among other things is a sacred yellow robe, which Dr. Linn thinks is possibly the only one sent to America. He took it from the shoulders of a god in the sacred temple of Pekin.

TALK ABOUT WOMEN.

The daughter of J. Pierpont Morgan, Miss Anne, as might be expected from such a father, is a systematic business woman, keeping books of her expenses and income and overlooking all her investments herself.

Milwaukee has a licensed woman embalmer in the person of Miss Antoinette La Grand, 632 Third street. Miss La Grand is the first Milwaukee woman to pass the examination prescribed by the last session of the Wisconsin legislature.

The German empress has the finest pearl necklace in the world. It contains three world-famous necklaces. One of them formerly belonged to the queen of Naples and another adorned the image of the virgin of Atakha. The entire necklace is said to be worth \$50,000.

Mrs. Sarah E. Phipps, an authoress of Buffalo, N. Y., lives in a tiny cottage of three rooms, her only companions being two cats. She works during the day and writes at night. Charles Frohman has secured the rights of dramatization of her latest novel, "An Old House by the Sea."