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### DAY OF THANKS

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alah, the sublime poetry of Dante and the rhythmic Psalms of David. Luther drew forth the sunlight of sincere morality. He became the central figure in the intellectual and religious sunrise of the modern world.

The discovery of America gave vigorous life to navigation and created visions of wealth and conquest in the minds of Europeans. Just beyond the "stormy sea" they imagined there were eldoradoes of gold, Edenic pools and galaxies of wonders unknown to the fondest dreams of earth.

The printing press became the glittering herald of a "new" civilization. Before the close of that century more than eight thousand books had been printed. Some of them cost fabulous prices but they created a channel of release for the long-imprisoned thoughts of Greek and Roman authors. The beautiful forms of art and the ancient classics came forth renewed and pulsed with vigorous life. The lands of Virgil and Plato began again to reveal ancient brilliancy.

During that renowned century of innovations all the crowned heads of the orient were looking with strained eyes upon the occident. Spain, France and England fought for its sovereignty. For many years it seemed that Spain was destined to wield the sceptre of supremacy.

In the sixteenth century, when the literary firmament of England sparkled with diamond lustre, when Shakespeare penned his renowned drama, when Calvin wrote his institutes and Luther overturned the pillars of popery all Europe was convulsed with wars. But terrible as were those wars they left in their wake a larger liberty and destroyed much of despotic royalty. A thirst for knowledge was kindled, manhood began to assert itself, fetters of oppression began to break and thrones began to crumble.

In the meantime Spain had added laurels to her brow because of the discoveries of her brave and illustrious sons. But immature age soon furrowed that brow, the fires of many battles scorched those laurels and Britain's guns sand her glory, the Armada, to the bottom of the sea in 1588.

Thence France measured swords with Britain for the sovereignty of America. And that was a memorable battle which ended in the defeat of the Golden Lilies.

"With the triumph of Wolfe on the heights of Abraham commenced the history of the United States. Montcalm and Wolfe were chivalrous men and fought valiantly to win. Montcalm fought for the old French regime; Wolfe for the house of commons; Montcalm for the alliance of church and king; Wolfe for free speech and trial by jury; Montcalm for the past; Wolfe for the future; Montcalm for Louis XV and Madame Pompadour; Wolfe for George Washington and Abraham Lincoln."

From the hour of that Saxon victory it was an assured fact that the English speaking people were to rule this

western world, and although it was under the control of the British government, yet the brave men who dared the peril of the sea to improve "an innocent course of life upon a virgin Elysian shore" soon commenced to dream of independence.

Can it be possible that Americans will ever fail to thank Almighty God for the hand that raised up gigantic men in the orient to assist our fathers in making our clime an asylum for all the world? That hand not only raised up military heroes in the orient—Kossuth, Lafayette and Kosciuszko—but statesmen as well.

William Pitt and Edmund Burke made the halls of parliament ring with sweet and sacred melody—sweet and sacred to the lovers of liberty but discordant to the sons of royalty.

William Pitt said: "England has been very unreasonable with America. I rejoice that America has resisted. Three millions of people so dead to all the impulses of liberty as to voluntarily submit to become slaves would be fit subjects to make slaves of all their posterity."

On another occasion Mr. Pitt said: "I have studied and admired the master minds of earth, but I must admit that for solidity or purpose, force of sagacity and wisdom of conclusion, under such a complication of different circumstances no nation or body of men stand in advance of the general congress at Philadelphia. All efforts at imposing despotism upon them will be in vain. We shall be forced ultimately to retract. Let us retract while we can with dignity, not when we must in disgrace."

Edmund Burke said: "England has been shearing sheep so long a time that she thinks to shear a wolf is now the same task."

But on American soil lived the heroes and heroines who fought and bled and died for this American asylum. We cannot now portray the chivalry and courage of those majestic men who marched away to meet the "mistress of the seas." From Lexington to Valley Forge no brush of artist or pen of dramatist can paint the agonizing scenes. Many noble men were frozen to death. Hundreds were without food or shoes. Whole regiments had neither guns nor ammunition. The whole horizon became so dark and forbidding that even the brave heart of General Washington wept. Yet onward those brave men marched, inspired by the justice of their cause, until they saw the sky at Yorktown. "Tinged with a blue of heavenly dye And starred with sparkling gold."

When that august body of fathers met in Independence Hall, Philadelphia, to draft the constitution for the United States the hand of God was still directing. With an intuition that penetrated your day and mine Benjamin Franklin arose in that great assemblage and addressing George Washington, said: "Mr. President, I have lived a long time and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I have that God rules in the affairs of men. If a sparrow cannot fall without God's notice it is very probable that a great republic will rise without his help? I make a motion, Mr. President, that we preface these proceedings by begging the hand of Almighty God to lead us." The "Father of Our Country" put the motion and the "Father of Our Universe" was asked to guide in the affairs of state.

The second era of American history came to a crisis in 1861. The mantle of Washington had been transferred to Abraham Lincoln for the dial on God's timepiece had struck the death knell to human slavery under the Stars and Stripes. The hand of God chose and prepared Mr. Lincoln to bring physical liberty to the colored man as surely as God chose and prepared Moses to bring liberty to the enslaved Hebrews.

On a stormy evening during the winter of '62 President Lincoln boarded a train for Brooklyn. He wished to have a conference with the celebrated Henry Ward Beecher. At the midnight hour the great president arrived

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at the home of the great preacher. Those two men sobbed like children as they recounted the great loss of life and treasure occasioned by the Rebellion. Then they both kneeled in that Brooklyn manse and asked Almighty God to hold the nation together by his own hand. When they arose the president said: "Henry, do not misunderstand me. I do not know how it can be, but I now know that God is going to bring our nation through this struggle safe, free and undivided. I may not live to see it. I do not expect to see it." Then his great frame shook with convulsive sobs. Continuing, he said: "But God will bring us through safe and undivided."

We are yet in the second era of our existence as a nation. God's hand is still directing. We shall begin the third era of American opportunity and magnificence sometime during this twentieth century. That era will witness the total elimination of the licensed liquor traffic and many other intemperate and superfluous practices.

But our progress as a nation during the last forty years has been very encouraging. Our progress during the ten past years has been most flattering. Our progress during the past five years has gone by leaps and bounds in the right direction. Our progress during the next ten years will astound the most optimistic. We are going to uproot wrong like a mighty cyclone. The power is now accumulating. Even now we can almost hear the shouts of the victors as they hand over our great republic to our king and master.

Never was there a Thanksgiving day when the people who abide under Old Glory had more for which to be thankful. Never was there an epoch in our history when the national conscience was more awakened. Never had we a truer soul at the head of our ship of state. Never before had we such great governors as Hanly of Indiana, Folk of Missouri, Smith of Georgia, Hughes of New York, Johnson of Minnesota and Hoch of Kansas. These great and good men together with a host of co-workers are shaking asunder the heretofore insurmountable national sins.

Our public school system has become the greatest institution in the United States which is working for permanent righteousness. For a quarter of a century it has educated every nerve and fibre and sinew and bone of the human being to hate intemperance. Those children thus educated

yesterday are the men and women of today and they are shouting "the licensed saloon must go" and go it shall. Last week they voted it out of Alabama. In 1912 we will vote it out of Hoosierdom. Half the people of the United States live in dry territory now, an increase of six hundred per cent in five years. In three years the legalization of liquor will cease south of Mason and Dixon's line. Not only sentiment but will power has been created and is sweeping the rum power before it like a mighty prairie fire.

Our great republic is surely destined to become the modern Eden. How else could it be when God's hand is directing the helm of state? Today America is known the world over as a synonym of opportunity and liberty for good and well-meaning people. In no other country are conscience so untrammelled and the possibilities for achievement so abundant. Never before were men and women so royally and affluently endowed. In no other clime is life so surrounded with the wonderful and beautiful air of intellectual communion.

Could the founders of this republic return to earth on this national Thanksgiving day and behold the progress of a hundred years what joy will fill their souls and how they would stand amazed in the midst of such a grand encompassment! In this "land of the free and home of the brave" no Socrates will be poisoned, no Stephens stoned and no Pauls beheaded for their devotion to justice and right principle. Those days like the stage coach and all primitive utensils are gone forever. America is the Pentecost out of whose white marble the dreams and visions of beauty and the immortal images of godness are being carved.

On American soil have occurred the greatest advances in science and invention ever witnessed by the world. We are leading in the grand work of universal civilization. We are solving problems the most perplexed and unique ever presented to mankind. We are actualizing the ideal creations of the poets. We are ushering in the auroral light of a brighter and more resplendent day. We are fashioning a civilization more intellectual than that ancient Greece, more sublime than the golden dream of Plato, more diffusive than a continent or hemisphere and more exalting than all the flowers that ever grew in all the mental gardens of the past.

## AFFAIRS OF SOCIETY

Were Numerous in Decatur Over the Thanksgiving Day.

### COLUMBIAN DANCE

Many Family Dinners and Other Events in and Out of the City.

Miss Vera Hower entertained at a six o'clock dinner a number of her friends. The dining room was prettily decorated in chrysanthemums and evergreen. The lunch was served in three courses. At 8 o'clock Miss Vera entertained them at the show, and after the show the guests returned to her home, where they had a slumber party. Those present were Misses Nellie Nichols, Eda Butler, Lena McKean, Edith Green, Lulu Atz, Katie Eg'y. of Berne; and Ruth Harkless of Paulding, Ohio.

Watch for the sale that the ladies of the Evangelical church will conduct Thursday, Dec. 5, at the home of Mrs. Sol Linn, corner of Fourth and Jefferson streets. This sale will consist of gents' night shirts, ladies' gowns, children's gowns with feet and aprons of all descriptions and various other articles.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Vance gave a Thanksgiving day dinner at their home, which proved a most delightful event. The guests were Mrs. Rachael Baughman and children, Gale, Fanny and Carl, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sellemeyer, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heuer, Miss Della Sellemeyer and Messrs. Albert Sellemeyer and F. L. Itterer. The dining room was decorated with chrysanthemums and the color scheme was red and white.

Mr. and Mr. John Porter entertained at dinner today for Mr. and Mrs. Frank Porter, of Parker City, Indiana and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Vance.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Heller celebrated their eighth wedding anniversary by a Thanksgiving day family dinner and supper, the day being most enjoyable.

A family dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Magley, north Fifth street was one of the delightful affairs of yesterday. The guests were R. S. Peterson, John S. Peterson, C. O. France and their families and Mrs. Frank Allwein, of Shelby, Ohio.

The game supper and dance at the F. O. E. hall last evening was attended by about seventy couples who enjoyed themselves to the fullest extent until an early hour this morning. The supper was comprised of game that was secured by hunters who were Eagles. The bill of fare comprised roast pig, rabbits, chicken, etc. The dance floor was filled to its capacity during the entire evening. D. D. Coffey acted as floor manager and music was furnished by Ray Wolford's string orchestra.

### HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Professors Beachler, Hocker, Baumgartner and Frazee and Messrs. Harry Weldy, Wm. Conrad, Willie Hammell, Otis Dibble, Free Frisinger and the Misses Frances Bryson, Clara Boknecht, Helen Evans, Florence Kunkle, Fannie McConnell and Irene Evans of the high school attended the funeral of Bennie Houck at Hoagland Sunday. Waldo Brushwiler and Claud Gay former students, accompanied them.

The students and teachers are glad for the well deserved Thanksgiving vacation. Prof. Frazee will represent the Decatur schools on the program at the teachers' association next Saturday.

Mr. Mann, teacher of the Monmouth school, visited the high school and eighth grade Wednesday.

The high school gave a Thanksgiving program which was greatly appreciated by the students and visitors.

Miss Gray spent Thanksgiving at Detroit, Mich.

Prof. Frazee went to Peru, Ind., to spend Thanksgiving with his parents.

The high school orchestra is becoming very popular. They rendered several selections at the Thanksgiving program, and we hear praise on every hand.

Prof. Baumgartner spent Thanksgiving in French township.

Messrs. Sellemeyer and Erwin, members of the school board, took in the program at high school Wednesday afternoon. Mr. Erwin gave an appropriate talk for the occasion.

Miss Dunathan went to Van Wert to spend her vacation.

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