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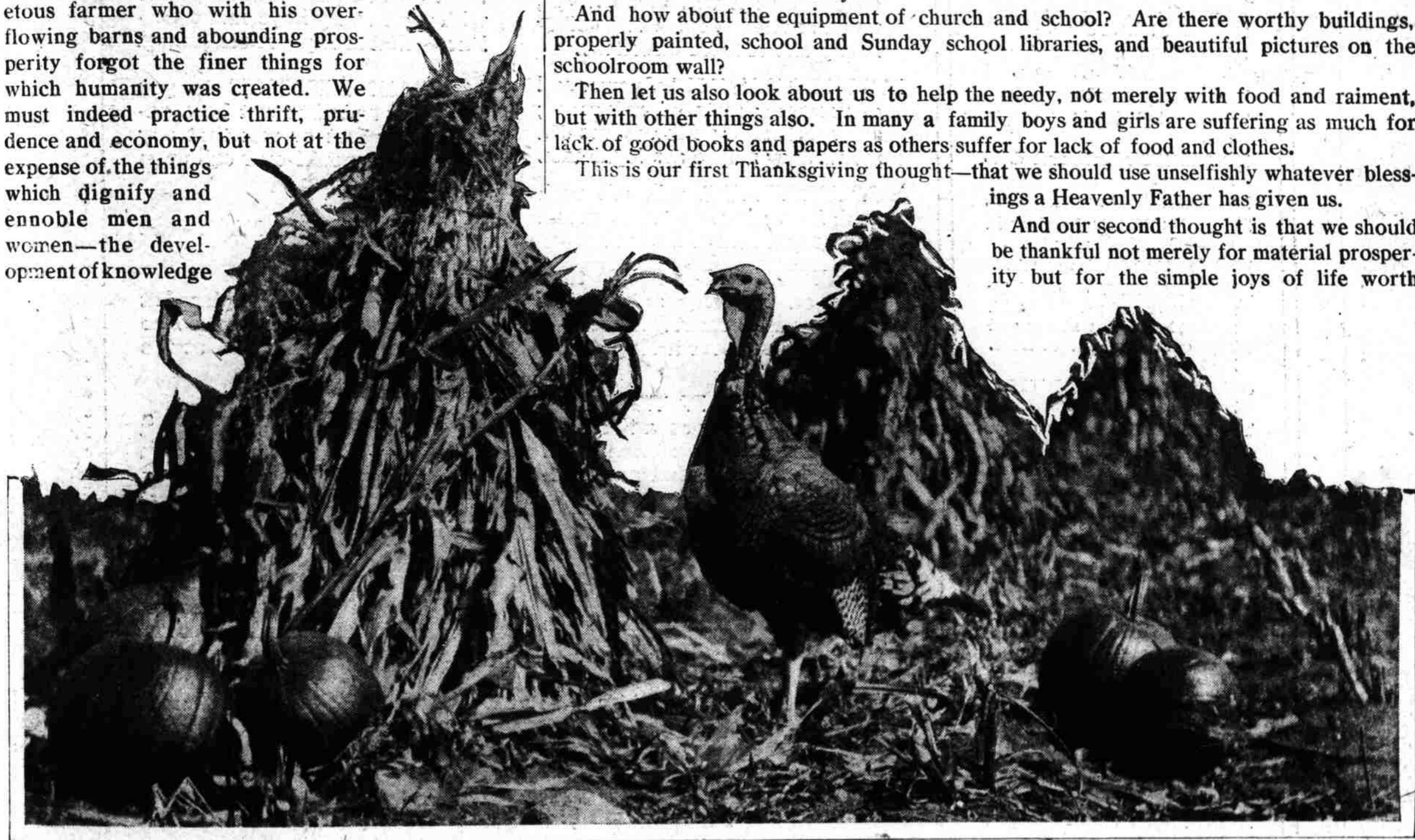
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TWO THOUGHTS FOR THANKSGIVING TIME

ONCE again the Thanksgiving season is on us, and now as perhaps never before our Southern farmers need to be reminded again of the Master's Parable of the Rich Farmer—a selfish and covetous farmer who with his overflowing barns and abounding prosperity forgot the finer things for which humanity was created. We must indeed practice thrift, prudence and economy, but not at the expense of the things which dignify and ennoble men and women—the development of knowledge

liberal community subscription—to get more money for the use of the local school? Then there is the church. Has the pastor's salary been raised? How can you better invest money than by so using it as to attract men of talent and training as leaders of the spiritual life of the community? And how about the equipment of church and school? Are there worthy buildings, properly painted, school and Sunday school libraries, and beautiful pictures on the schoolroom wall? Then let us also look about us to help the needy, not merely with food and raiment, but with other things also. In many a family boys and girls are suffering as much for lack of good books and papers as others suffer for lack of food and clothes. This is our first Thanksgiving thought—that we should use unselfishly whatever blessings a Heavenly Father has given us. And our second thought is that we should be thankful not merely for material prosperity but for the simple joys of life worth



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and virtue and the appreciation of beauty in all its forms.

In the matter of promoting knowledge, we must again warn our readers that the very prosperity we are enjoying may temporarily injure public schools in many districts unless some remedy is found. In thousands of communities neither school tax rates nor property assessments have been increased since the present era of high prices began, and the result is that with only the same tax money as before, and necessarily higher salaries if teachers of equal skill are employed, it is impossible to get as good teachers and as long a term. The very prosperity that should enable us to give our children twice as good school advantages as before may prove detrimental rather than beneficial unless we bestir ourselves. Why not use the Thanksgiving season to work out some plan—an added special school tax or a genuinely

more than money, and found more often in country than in town; "a quiet home; vines of our own planting; a few books full of the inspiration of genius; a few friends worthy of being loved, and able to love us in return; a hundred innocent pleasures that bring no pain or sorrow; a devotion to the right that will never swerve; a simple religion, empty of all bigotry, full of trust and hope and love." No man need be rich or famous or powerful in order to find the happiness described in John Richard Green's saying:

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