

THANKSGIVING AT THOMSON CO'S.



We thank our many customers for the liberal support they have given us which has enabled us to make our stores second to none in this section. Already the spirit of Thanksgiving is stirring. Already the distant glimpses of the Thanksgiving dinner with the steaming turkey as a centerpiece are seen. Already there come to the mind pictures of other Thanksgiving dinners of the long ago, when the faces of old friends and dear ones are as fresh in our minds as if we'd seen them but yesterday in the joyful group around the festal board.

While this big store is striving in the strenuous arena of commerce for mastery in its line—striving, it believes, honorably and legitimately—yet it hopes that it may always have a truly human heart—a truly American heart that will thrill and throb and beat and feel for the interest of its patrons.

Big preparations have been made for this season. Our buyers have left no stones unturned in looking for high-grade dependable merchandise.

Their purchases have been very extensive, and great saving opportunities await shoppers, owing to shrewd buying and accurate judging of the people's needs.

Prudent buyers will take time by the forelock and make their purchases early, while our mammoth stock is unbroken and prices are the lowest.



Thomson Co. The People's Store

POINTS AND PARAGRAPHS ON TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

Under this head will be printed from time to time noteworthy utterances on themes of current interest. They will be taken from public addresses, books, magazines, newspapers, in fact wherever we may find them. Sometimes these selections will accord with our views and the views of our readers, sometimes the opposite will be true. But by reason of the subject matter, the style, the authorship, or the views expressed, each will have an element of timely interest to make it a conspicuous utterance.

Where Compromise Counts.

Henry Waterson, in "The Compromises of Life." Affection compromises all things. It is where there is no love, out, out upon the storm-laden ocean of life—in the world of affairs, where men meet in furious contention, where the play of The Rivals is not a comedy, but a tragedy, where all is strife—commercial, political—avarice playing at hide-and-seek with honor, and expediency pouring lies into the pliant ear of ambition—every man for himself, the devil to get the hindmost—each tub to stand on its own bottom—it is here where the shoe pinches, here that good men, great men, know the true need and meaning of tolerance, the God-like wisdom of the spirit of compromise.

Selection of a Life Work.

Success. Selecting a life-work is serious business. It should be done only after careful study and test of aptitudes, fitness and tastes, by both the person choosing and those having authority with him, unless his bent speaks so loudly in his blood, and his dominant faculties are so imperative in their expression of choice that he cannot mistake the calling for which he is gifted. It is everything to a boy or girl to get into just the right place, where the highest and noblest faculties will find a healthy and delightful exercise, instead of the lowest and meanest. To do the kind of work for which one is fitted by nature, and to do it to the best of one's ability, is working along the lines of one's strength, which increases with every well-directed effort.

A Thanksgiving Sentiment.

Charity and Children. Count your blessings! Can you do it? Can you tell the value of the goodness of the Lord to you through the year that lies behind you? Are you grateful? You need not answer in words. Money talks. Let your voice be heard next Thursday not so much through songs as through silver. Your money will sweeten your music and make your gratitude effective and worthy. Anybody can speak or sing or pray, after a fashion, but it takes a man to come down with his cash.

And after all that is the measure of our gratitude to God. Be ye warmed and filled, is a very nice sentiment, but it is mockery to say it when we have not raised a finger to warm or fill anybody. Money makes more than the mere go. It makes the kingdom go, for the Lord has ordained that his work in the world shall be carried on through the use of means furnished by men.

The Independent Farmer.

Gaffney Ledger. The one-horse farmer who has had the business prudence to buy a small farm, and pay his surplus earnings for land of his own instead of for rent for other people's land, and who by industry and judicious management has gathered from his field enough grain and long forage to make bread for himself and family and to feed his necessary farm animals, and then has plenty of home-raised meat and milk and butter for home consumption, is as independent as a bank president or the richest merchant in his section. We believe more so. His every action is above board and known to the world. He rather delights in talking of his methods, his plans, and is generally willing for the world to know of his failures and successes and what caused them. He is devoted to his family, loves his worthy neighbors, has contempt for the vicious, be they high or low, and the manhood to express it. He walks the earth erect, a man-not afraid.

Bassett Criticized and his Persecutors Rejoiced.

New York Times, 21st. Probably it would have been wiser in Prof. Bassett had he omitted to put his estimate of Dr. Washington in so emphatic a form, and especially had he avoided a comparison which is, in its nature, impossible accurately to verify and is offensive to many who might be in sympathy with Prof. Bassett's general ideas. Possibly he would have done better to give the facts that sustain his estimate of the great and noble leader, leaving his readers to make such comparisons as they wished. But the form which has been taken by the resentment of the Southerners offended is not creditable to them. With protests and threats they have forced the Trustees of the college in which Prof. Bassett taught English to accept his resignation. That is illogical, narrow, petty, and must do more harm to the reputation of the South, more damage to its claim to superiority, than any professor could do by the extreme unfavorable comment. The worst that can be charged to Prof. Bassett is that he was intemperate in his inferences as to the intelligence and character of his section. The people who are venting their spirit on him prove that their own folly and unintelligence are not a matter of inference, but of fact.

Havec Wrought by Nagging.

Richmond News-Leader. We have horrible stories from old times of people fastened where drops of water would fall on their heads at regular intervals and of the frightful death, preceded by untold agonies, that resulted. Thousands of hearts and brains suffer daily under a process just as cruel, excruciating and fatal. Unquestionably, long processions of people have been nagged into their graves untimely, and others into mad-houses or worse places. No advantages of money, culture, refinement or position can give happiness or peace where there is nagging. It lacerates the sensitive surface of minds. It is as if we exposed one of the great nerves and sawed at it with a dull knife without the merciful preliminary of an anesthetic. Most of us have had experience in one way or another. Sometimes we become morbid and we can feel the nagging coming and begin to shrink from it and to feel the ache of it; and when it does come it jars and stings like some ghastly combination weapon simultaneously piercing, bruising, burning and poisoning. The ranks of the outcasts and derelicts of both sexes and all ages are increased annually by thousands by the nagging tongues. Boys and girls actually are driven from homes by ceaseless, unnecessary fault-finding; husbands and wives are carried to the divorce courts, willing employees are discouraged and demoralized, good servants are ruined.

VERY NOVEL OPERATION.

Ear Grafted on Millionaire.

Charlotte Observer.

Philadelphia, Nov. 18.—Dr. Andrew Nelden, of New York, to-day performed the operation of grafting an ear upon the head of a Western millionaire, whose name the surgeon says he is under bond not to divulge. The operation was to have been performed in New York, but District Attorney Jerome is said to have interfered. Mr. Nelden is said to have advertised for a man willing to sell an ear for \$5,000; and of 300 applicants he selected a young German, who conducts a restaurant in New York. Dr. Felden said to-day: "The operation has been performed, and promises to be successful, I am under legal contract and heavy bond not to reveal the name of my patient."

"Generally speaking, he is a wealthy man from the West. How he lost one ear, I don't know. It appears to have been cut off with a sharp instrument. I believe he says it was accidental, but I never asked him to explain."

"The operation took place at a private hospital here, where I was assisted by a Philadelphia physician. I think they will be willing to have their names known later."

"The two men were placed in opposite directions, upon an elongated bed. One-half of the volunteer's ear—the upper half—was cut off, together with about four inches of the skin behind the ear."

"This was twisted around and fitted to a freshly prepared wound upon the patient's head. The half ear was held in place by bandages, and the two men bound so they cannot remove their heads. They must retain this position for at least 12 days to allow the circulation to come through the flap of the skin that still remains a part of the volunteer's scalp."

"If this half ear starts to unite properly, the lower half of the ear will be grafted in the same manner."

North Carolinian's Success in Texas.

Washington Post.

"Texas spent more money for higher education last year than any three of her sister States of the South," remarked President Houston of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College, to a Post reporter, at the Shoreham. "In the aggregate, nearly \$1,000,000 was disbursed in this cause, and about \$3,000,000 for the common schools."

President Houston is a young man, a native of North Carolina and enthusiastically devoted to his great work in the Lone Star State. For several years he held the professorship of economics in the university at Austin and was dean of the faculty. Asked as to the condition of agriculture in his State, Mr. Houston said:

"While it is true that our chief crop, cotton, is seriously menaced by the ravages of an insect known as the boll-weevil, I do not think that its visitation will prove an absolute evil. It will cause our farmers to redouble the efforts in the way of selecting that kind of seed which will produce a crop earlier than the usual time of maturity. Best of all, it will cause them not to rely on cotton as much as they do now, but to grow a diversity of products. In some parts of the State much attention has been given with splendid results to the growing of fruit and early vegetables. The cutting down of the acreage devoted to cotton and the more general engagement in truck farming will redound to the benefit of the Texas people."

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