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BEAUTIFUL WEATHER REIGNS AND MANY THOUSANDS GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Special Praise Services Are Held in the Various Churches—Provisions Are Distributed to the Sick and Poor of the City and Every One Has His Fill of the Luscious National Bird

Under a cloudless canopy, in the midst of California's most delightful weather, thousands of the city's people observed Thanksgiving day. The various churches held special services in thankfulness for the bounteous year that has just passed. Elaborate musical programmes were given and some of the city's best musical talent participated, rendering songs, anthems and organ solos.

The day was one that alone should have been sufficient cause for thanksgiving. Added to this beautiful weather, the present prosperity of the city and State gave ample cause for a universal day of praise for the goodness of God in meeting out to California such a share of blessings.

The churches were crowded to the doors, and many of them held the combined congregations of several houses of worship. The augmented choirs rendered special praise music, and many glorious anthems were heard.

The poor and the sick of San Francisco were not forgotten by generous citizens. At the City and County Hospital and at the Almshouse the poverty-stricken and the sufferers were munificently filled to overflowing with dainty cuts of the luscious national bird and the accompanying regimen.

The little hearts of the homeless waifs were made glad by the generosity of the Sisters of the Holy Family. Such a spread as they had never for a moment thought of was placed before them, and their smiles of joy were reward enough for the Christian Sisters.

The Jewish orphanage on Devisadero street was filled with enticing holiday foods, and the Salvation Army fed hordes of poor. Men, women and children partook of their generous hospitality.

At the First Presbyterian Church, on Van Ness avenue, a large and fashionable audience filled the carriage house of worship. Long lines of children and cabs lined the street in front of the church, bearing the select population of that section of the city. Rev. Dr. Guthrie delivered the sermon and the choir rendered music specially prepared for the occasion.

The Hebrews of the city turned out in large numbers to attend the combined services at Temple Emanu-El on Sutter street. The congregations of Emanu-El, Sherith Israel, Beth Israel and Ohabal Shalom united to hear the sermon preached by Rabbi Nieto. Rabbis Voorsanger, Levy and Myers also took part in the services.

The programme was as follows: Quartet selection; opening, 11th psalm, Sulzer; opening prayer, Rabbi Myers; scripture reading, Cantor Stark; anthem, "Ye Shall Dwell in the Land," Barnby; sermon, Rabbi Nieto; hymn, "All Praise to God," Wagner; closing prayer, national anthem, "America," choir and congregation; benediction, Rabbi Voorsanger.

Walter R. Sabin of St. Luke's Church was the organist. Cantor Stark had charge of the enlarged choir and under his direction excellent Thanksgiving music was given.

St. Mary's Cathedral was draped in mourning robes according to a time honored custom. Each Thanksgiving a requiem mass is held for the repose of the departed members of the Young Men's Union. Rev. J. B. Hannagan acted as celebrant, Father C. H. Ramon as sub-celebrant. Father Joseph Byrne of Novato, who was the chaplain of the institution for which the mass was held, preached the sermon. The choir sang some beautiful selections.

At the First Congregational Church the congregation united with that of the First Unitarian Church in a common service. Rev. George C. Adams of the Congregational church preached

the sermon. His theme was "Why Seek a Better Country?" The combined choirs rendered some excellent music, specially chosen for the day. The musical programme was as follows: "Sing Unto the Lord," Dr. H. J. Stewart; "Fear Not Ye, O Israel," and "O, Lord, How Manifold Are Thy Works," by the choir; Mrs. Winchester, soprano of the Unitarian church, sang for the offertory "With Verdure Glad." The organists were H. Bretherick and Samuel D. Mayer.

Rev. J. George Gibson made an able address at the Emanuel Baptist Church. His subject was taken from the 146th psalm. A fine musical programme was also rendered.

At the Third Congregational Church at Fifteenth and Mission streets Rev. William Rader preached, using for his topic "Blessed Is the People Who Hear the Joyful Sound." The choir, under the direction of William Stadler, sang the "Harvest Cantata."

The ladies of the Young Women's Christian Association gave out hundreds of delicious dinners to the poor. This has been the custom of the association for years, and by its generosity many who would otherwise not have any Thanksgiving dinner have been fed. Yesterday the poor, the sick and the homeless flocked to the rooms of the association and received the food for their dinner of thanks. Among the women who took part in this good work were: Mesdames W. O. G. W. Prescott, J. F. Merrill, J. Spruance, E. T. Allen, J. M. Martel, R. Baldwin, S. P. Tuggie, H. J. Sadler, C. A. Unger, C. A. Margon, G. P. Thurston, and Misses H. L. Reed, Helen Van Winkle and Mary Farquharson.

At the City and County Hospital, through the thoughtfulness of Dr. McElroy, the superintendent, the 469 patients were made happy by the distribution of 750 pounds of turkey garnished with an abundance of cranberry sauce and other good things to remind them that the people of this city through the agency of their officials did not forget their unfortunate condition in being inmates of a public institution.

A similar repast was served to the 561 inmates of the Almshouse, where 1100 pounds of American fat and juicy turkeys were cooked and set before those whose misfortunes compelled them to become wards of the city. In addition to the turkey dinner fruits and nicknacks from the confectionery were served for the noon meal. The poor of the Almshouse heartily joined in returning thanks to the bounteous offering given them by the thoughtfulness of Superintendent Kelly, who saw to it that all were made happy.

Many persons, taking advantage of the fine weather, visited the park, where a special concert was given. Others went to the Cliff House, lolled in the sands, watched the seals and waves and enjoyed to their hearts' content the sunshine with which the day was blessed.

Still more found recreation and amusement at the various playhouses, where special matinees were given.

The whole city population in one way or another awoke to the fact that they had reason to be thankful, and turned out to make the most of the beautiful day.

"LITTLE MOTHERS' GOOD TIME.

Children Prove Value of a Domestic Training.

Probably no prettier nor more interesting sight could have been seen yesterday than the pretty, neat, well-behaved members of the Little Mothers' Training School as they sat down to a wondrous Thanksgiving day repast at the bright quarters, 940-942 Harrison street. And what also was of great interest was the fact that the turkey dinner, with its salads and other dainties and English plum pudding, had been cooked and prepared by the "Little Mothers," tots averaging from 8 to about 15 years of age.

The "Little Mothers" learn so much domesticity at the training-school that they are almost as independent in the kitchen as they are in the arranging of rooms and the making of beds and tending to infants not so much younger than themselves.

The dinner tables, spick and span, covered with spotless white tablecloths and bright with good crockery and well-polished silverware, were laid by the "Little Mothers," for even that accomplishment comes within the range of their tuition.

The repast cooked by the clever children under the direction of Miss D. Swett and Mrs. C. Matlock is set forth in the following menu:

MENU:
Oyster Soup
Baked Salmon with Cream Sauce
Roast Turkey
Cranberry Sauce and Celery
Sweet Potatoes
Mashed Potatoes
Pumpkin
English Plum Pudding
Brandy Sauce
Oranges
Apples
Mixed Nuts
Candy

Among the ladies who waited on the tables were Mrs. M. B. Sheppard, Mrs. J. S. Meyer, Miss M. W. Raphael, Miss T. A. Raphael, Mrs. R. M. Collier, Mrs. C. Matlock, Miss D. Swett and Mrs. Rhoda Meginty.

After dinner the ladies took turns at the piano and the children sang patriotic and popular songs and romped, and had one of those happy times that never fade, not even in the far-off years.

The decorations of the room were pretty, and conspicuous above the tables was a large and excellent likeness of the late President McKinley, who loved all little children.

BANQUET AT THE Y. M. C. A.
Ladies' Auxiliary Feasts Those Members Far From Home.

All members of the Young Men's Christian Association away from their families were invited to attend a banquet at the association building last evening. It was a remarkable gathering and, while last year's repast was served to a great number, the 200 who accepted the hospitality might have been increased another hundred had there been a possibility of accommodating so large a company. There were guests from Stanford University, from the University of California and

TAKE FOOD TO HOMES.
Young Women's Christian Association Members Replenish Larders.

One hundred poor families were feasted yesterday through the generosity of the ladies of the Young Women's Christian Association, who provided bounteous supplies in instances where otherwise there might have been sadly meager fare.

For many seasons the thoughtful members of the Young Women's Christian Association have sought out the needy, the destitute and the sick and have given appropriately in all cases. With the co-operation of friends of the association and aided by the liberality of leading merchants of the city, much more has been done than if the members of the association had been compelled to depend upon their own individual resources altogether.

Each family was provided with a turkey or chicken, ham, beef, bacon, flour, tea, coffee, sugar, bread, butter, vegetables, rice, canned and fresh fruit, cheese and mince pie and crackers.

In acknowledgment of the good deeds of the ladies of the association the recipients showed the greatest gratitude. Among those who took an active part in the generous work were Mrs. W. O. Gould, Mrs. G. W. Prescott, Mrs. J. F. Merrill, Mrs. L. M. Martel, Mrs. A. R. Baldwin, Mrs. S. P. Tuggie, Mrs. J. Spruance, Mrs. E. T. Allen, Mrs. H. J. Sadler, Mrs. C. A. Unger, Mrs. C. A. Margon, Mrs. G. P. Thurston and the Misses H. L. Reed, Helen Van Winkle and Mary Farquharson.

SOLDIERS DINE SUMPTUOUSLY.
Members of Troop I, Fifteenth Cavalry, Invite Officers to Repast.

If the soldiers at the Presidio answer all bugle calls as promptly as they did the call which summoned them to their Thanksgiving dinner yesterday then their officers have certainly no cause to complain of the military training of their men.

The various troops, companies and batteries now stationed at the post each strove to outdo one another in arranging a menu that might be called in truth a "Thanksgiving dinner." Besides the ration money allowed the men by the Government the men each subscribed sums ranging from \$1 to \$3, and as a result two or three of the companies managed to raise as much as \$300 or \$400.

Troop I of the Fifteenth Cavalry probably had the most sumptuous repast of the post and when they sat down to dinner they were accompanied by three of their officers who had been invited by the committee in charge of the feast.

Mr. and Mrs. Lamb and Mr. and Mrs. Feldman were also guests of the soldiers of the Fifteenth.

The menu was as follows:
Oyster pate and oyster cocktails.
Roast turkey and cranberry sauce.
Cold pork, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, celery, peas, cake, pie, candy and nuts, plum pudding, coffee and chocolate.

NEEDY GIVEN DINNERS.

The generous women connected with the San Francisco Fruit and Flower Mission were astir early yesterday morning at their quarters, 631 Sutter street, and by 9 o'clock were escorting scores of their proteges to the basement of Golden Gate Hall, where, laid out in row after row, were cases containing the best of good cheer.

Each case had its plump turkey sunk deep down amid a variety of vegetables of the season. Two hundred families were provided for, and the recipient in every instance was more than grateful for the substantial gift, and with a light heart carried away the Thanksgiving dinner so bountifully provided.

In many instances children accompanied their mothers, with the intention of assisting in conveying the cases home, and fathers whose wives were unable through sickness to call for the turkey dinner were willing messengers.

The women of the Fruit and Flower Mission forgot their own comforts and their turkey dinners in their keen sense of sisterly duty, and passed most of the day paying visits to a long list of ailing and dependent men and women. In each case wine and flowers formed a part of the Thanksgiving present, and in this substantial way numerous health-broken people were made happy.

Retail Clerks Give Ball.

The first ball of the District Council of Retail Clerks of San Francisco took

CRACKER WAR WILL BE BRISK

New Factories in Portland to Complicate Situation.

Oregon Capital Being Used to Enliven a Coming Battle.

Special Dispatch to The Call.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 26.—The contemplated erection of two more cracker factories in Portland has lent an additional complication to the approaching war of prices with which the cracker trust threatens to wipe out its small competitors after January 1.

Owing to the uncertain condition of cracker affairs in the Northwest just now, every effort is being made to keep the plans secret, but it is known that one of the new plants will be in the combine, the other outside of it.

One of the new factories which will turn out candy and crackers will be run in part by local capital. Two of the leading stockholders are Colin K. Harbaugh, a wealthy real estate man of this city, and C. K. Larrabee, a capitalist of Fair Haven, Wash. The other plant will be put up by the Standard Biscuit Company of San Francisco. When Phil I. Jacoby, the president of the company, was in Portland a few weeks ago he selected a site for the factory, and on his return here next week will probably order active building operations to begin. The Standard Biscuit Company works in harmony with the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company in its price arrangements.

In the meantime the several companies in the combine—the Pacific Coast Biscuit Company, American Biscuit Company, Standard Biscuit Company and the Seattle Company—are maintaining the schedule. The cause of all the trouble, the Mutual Biscuit Company, a co-operative concern formed by San Francisco retail grocers, is still doing business in the interior, bound by a rule, but getting all the trade it can.

DOUBLE HEADED CHILD DIES SOON AFTER BIRTH
Physicians Say Babe Was Perfectly Normal and Fully Developed From Shoulders Down.

PHILLIPSBURG, N. J., Nov. 26.—Mrs. W. M. Gillespie is the mother of a male child which had two necks, each surmounted by a perfect head. From the shoulders down the child was perfectly normal and fully developed. The child weighed nine pounds and was nineteen inches in length. Each head had perfect eyes and ears, a normal nose and mouth, and apparently each had had connection with the lungs. The child did not live long.

place last night at Eintracht Hall. There was a large attendance and dancing was enjoyed until a late hour. The ball was in every sense a great success. The officers who had the arrangements in hand were indefatigable in their efforts to insure the comfort of the guests.

AT THE FRIENDS CHURCH
Welcome Is Given to "Lonely Ones" in the City.

Thanksgiving day was appropriately celebrated at the Friends Church, 923 Harrison street, where there was an afternoon service and reception and lunch given to members and visitors. Especially welcomed were those members whose families are living at a distance from San Francisco, the idea being to make the occasion a happy one for "the lonely ones." During the afternoon Miss R. Esther Smith delivered an address, and religious exercises were conducted by the Rev. Joseph Peel, pastor of the Friends Church in Berkeley, and John Riley, evangelist from Los Angeles.

Prisoners Eat Turkey.

Through the kindness of Chief Wittman the inmates of the City Prison were treated to a Thanksgiving dinner yesterday consisting of turkey, plum pudding and mince pie. All the prisoners partook heartily of the generous fare.



Miss Alice Bailey, of Atlanta, Ga., tells how she was permanently cured of inflammation of the ovaries, and escaped the surgeon's knife, by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

The universal indications of the approach of woman's great enemy, inflammation and disease of the ovaries, are a dull throbbing pain, accompanied by a sense of tenderness and heat, low down in the side, with occasional shooting pains. On examination it may be found that the region of pain will show some swelling. This is the first stage of inflammation of the ovaries.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I wish to express my gratitude for the restored health and happiness Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has brought into my life.

"I had suffered for three years with terrible pains at the time of menstruation, and did not know what the trouble was until the doctor pronounced it inflammation of the ovaries, and proposed an operation. I felt so weak and sick that I felt sure that I could not survive the ordeal, and so I told him that I would not undergo it. The following week I read an advertisement in the paper of your Vegetable Compound in such an emergency, and so I decided to try it. Great was my joy to find that I actually improved after taking two bottles, so I kept taking it for ten weeks, and at the end of that time I was cured. I had gained eighteen pounds and was in excellent health, and am now.

"You surely deserve great success, and you have my very best wishes."—Miss ALICE BAILEY, 50 North Boulevard, Atlanta, Ga.

Another woman saved from a surgical operation by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Read what she says:—

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I cannot thank you enough for what your Vegetable Compound has done for me. If it had not been for your medicine, I think I would have died.

"I will tell you how I suffered. I could hardly walk, was unable to sleep or eat. Menstruation was irregular. At last I had to stay in my bed, and flowed so badly that they sent for a doctor, who said I had inflammation of the ovaries, and must go through an operation, as no medicine could help me, but I could not do that.

"I received a little book of yours, and after reading it, I concluded to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I am now a well woman. I shall praise your medicine as long as I live, and also recommend the same to anyone suffering as I was."—Mrs. MINNIE OTTOSON, Otho, Iowa.

All sick women would be wise if they would take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and be well.

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