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Contemplating making an entire change in our Children's Clothing department, and in order to close out our stock at once, we will for the next

## 15 DAYS GIVE A REDUCTION OF 25 PER CENT.

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- Lot 9955. Child's Vestee Suits, 3 to 7 years, regular price \$4.50, 25 per cent off, now \$3.35
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- Lot 17474, Children's Suits, 2 pairs of pants, 7 to 14 years, regular price 5.50, 25 per cent off, now 4.15
- Lot 3969, Children's Overcoats, 3 to 14 years, regular price 2.75, 25 per cent off, now 2.05
- Lot 4002, Children's Overcoats, 4 to 14 years, regular price 4.50, 25 per cent off, now 3.35

A Clear Saving of \$1.00 to \$1.50 on every Suit or Overcoat. Remember we do as we advertise.

S. DANZIGER, San Francisco Store.

### THE DAY FOR GIVING THANKS

First National Designation by the Continental Congress.

ITS ORIGIN IN NEW ENGLAND

Has Been Regularly Observed as a National Institution Since the Proclamation of Lincoln.

Charles P. Nettleton.

Although the regular annual observance of Thanksgiving day as a national event did not begin until President Lincoln issued his first proclamation on April 16, 1863, from our earliest days as a nation there were many calls from the government to the people for such observance. In fact, twice before we became an independent Nation the Continental Congress recommended that we as a people keep a day of general thanksgiving.

July 20, 1775, and May 17, 1776, Congress appointed thanksgiving days. A proclamation passed November 1, 1777, chiefly because of the great victories of the "raw and untrained" American troops at Trenton, Princeton, Brandywine and other places, and the surrender of Burgoyne on October 17, is well worth quoting. The spirit of religion it breathes may be taken as an indication of the spirit which animated the great majority of the brave, fearless and God-fearing upholders of liberty.

It is, in effect, a prayer, and reads like an extract from the prayer book of the church of England:

"For as much as it is the indispensable duty of all men to adore the superintending providence of Almighty God; to acknowledge with gratitude their obligation to him for benefits received, and to implore such further blessings as they stand in need of; and it having pleased him in his abundant mercy not only to continue to us innumerable bounties of his common providence, but also to smile upon us in the prosecution of a just and necessary war for the defense and establishment of our inalienable rights and liberties; particularly that he hath been pleased, in so great a measure, to prosper the arms used for the support of our troops, and to crown our arms with most signal success:

"It is, therefore, recommended to the legislative or executive powers of these United States to set apart Thursday, the 15th day of December next, for solemn thanksgiving and praise; that at one time and with one voice the good people may express the grateful feelings of their hearts and consecrate themselves to the service of their Divine Benefactor, and that, together

with their sincere acknowledgments and offerings, they may join the penitent confession of their manifold sins, whereby they had forfeited every favor, and their humble and earnest supplication that it may please God, through the merit of Jesus Christ, mercifully to forgive and blot them out of remembrance; that it may please him graciously to afford his blessing on the governments of these states respectively, and prosper the public concerns of the whole; to inspire our commanders, both by land and sea, and all under them, with the wisdom and fortitude which may render them fit instruments, under the providence of Almighty God, to secure for these United States the greatest of all human blessings, independence and peace; that it may please him to prosper the trade and manufactures of the people and the labor of the husbandman, that our land may yield its increase, to take schools and seminaries of education, so necessary for cultivating the principles of true liberty, virtue and piety, under his ministering hand; and to prosper the means of religion for the promotion and enlargement of that kingdom which consisteth in righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

"And be it further recommended, that service labor and such recreation as, though at other times innocent, may be unbecoming the purpose of this appointment, may be omitted on so solemn an occasion."

That was the first Thanksgiving. In 1775 France, which for some time had allowed her friendliness for us to be seen, entered into an alliance with us, and toward the close of the year our Congress recommended that Wednesday, December 26, "be observed as a day of public thanksgiving and praise."

On October 29, 1779, resolutions were passed appointing Thursday, December 9, as a day for public thanksgiving for health, harvests, "protection to our forefathers and to their posterity amid difficulties and dangers, and for arming the hands of just and mighty princes in our deliverance."

In 1780 December 7 was appointed, and the next year two days were observed, May 3d and December 13th. In 1782, for the first time the day we now observe, the last Thursday in November, was chosen, although the next year the second Thursday in December was appointed.

During the next five years no such day was observed. In 1789, on September 25th, four days before Congress, which had been in session since the 4th of March, adjourned, Elias Boudinot of New Jersey, introduced a resolution reading as follows:

"Resolved: That a joint committee of both houses be directed to wait upon the president of the United States to request that he would recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging, with grateful hearts, the many signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity, peaceably, to establish a constitution of government for their safety and happiness."

all the states except two in 1788, and this resolution raised some opposition. Burke and Tucker, both of South Carolina, raised plausible objections against the proposed action, but the arguments of Roger Sherman of Connecticut and Boudinot prevailed, and the resolution was passed by a large majority.

As the federalists had only a small majority in this congress, this meant that the anti-federalists joined hands with them. No opposition was encountered in the senate, and President Washington named Thursday, November 26th, as the day to be observed. After this the presidents appointed such days as they chose, without waiting for advice from congress, the next being on February 19, 1795.

A long period now elapsed without any proclamation on the subject from any president. On April 16, 1863, three days after the surrender of Island No. 10, President Lincoln called for a day of national thanksgiving. His proclamation in successive years established the custom, which, with two or three exceptions, has always been observed on the last Thursday in November.

It was not, therefore, until 1863 that, from a purely New England institution, Thanksgiving day became a national festival of rejoicing, universally celebrated all over the land, for the rare old pilgrims who established the festival held it as a day of thanksgiving to God, not for any special blessing, but for his constant mercies.

### SUPERIOR TO BLUE POINT OYSTERS

PORTLAND MAN'S DISCOVERY

Alaskan Mussel, Finest Shell Fish in the World, to Be Packed and Put on the Market.

Tacoma News.

George Androvitch of Portland, Or., is in Tacoma looking to the purchase of a small tug and a large, well built barge or scow.

His object in securing this property is an odd one and his ideas in the matter somewhat optimistic, it would seem to the uninitiated. He proposes to supplant the canned oyster in the markets of the world with the mussel of Alaska. This bivalve is to be steamed and put up in bottles hermetically sealed. Seen this morning Androvitch said:

"I have just returned from Alaska. All my life I have been in the fish and oyster business; either as a fisherman

or conducting a stand. While in the north last summer, being disappointed in finding gold, I took it in my mind to go prospecting for fish. With a companion I set out on a circuit of Admiralty Island, one of the largest of the Alexander group, adjacent to Juneau. Looked and we found in numbers, but what astonished me and put the project into my head was the abundance, extensive size and deliciousness of the mussels we found clinging to the rocks along the shore. Wherever a rock showed, there was to be found mussels clinging. And such immense fellows! The majority of them as long as my finger" (and Androvitch extended his hand, which is by no means a small one). "We cooked them in every style known to an experienced oyster cook, and found a flavor superior to the best blue point oyster.

"The shells average about 3 1/2 inches in length and every part is filled with fat, juicy meat. Again, there is no possible chance of the copper poisoning that at times occurs with people eating mussels gathered from the rocks and piling of harbors where abandoned vessels are moored or lay at anchor. These Alaska mussels have never been disturbed by even the wash of a steamer going through Stephens passage to Juneau, the channel being two miles off shore.

"We propose to equip a barge with the necessary apparatus to dislocate these mussels through the steaming process and place them with all their juice and oyster flavor, on the market in air-tight bottles.

"As to the cost? Well, as regards the mussel, it is not to anything for two men can gather in one day sufficient to keep the steaming drums going for a week. As to transportation and freight charges we expect to have a steamer of our own, which will bring the product directly to the Sound.

"I am certain the project will prove a success. So soon as people taste the fresh, fine flavor of an Alaskan mussel the demand is at once created. Why, I should not be surprised if eventually we drive the oyster out of the market, and there's sufficient mussels on the Alaskan coast to keep the world supplied for years."

As to the description of the operation of his steaming drums Mr. Androvitch refused to speak.

No wonder a typewriter gets rattled when a pretty girl is working it.

The man who weds an old flame is very apt to find she has a red-hot temper.

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For Bilious and Nervous Disorders  
Are Without a Rival.  
ANNUAL SALES OVER 6,000,000 BOXES.  
10 cents each 25 cents at all druggists.

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House-moving Tools for Rent

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Fast Mail 10 p. m.	Salt Lake, Denver, Ft. Worth, Omaha, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago and East.	Fast Mail 6:45 p. m.
Spokane Flyer 110 p. m.	Walla Walla, Spirit Lake, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Milwaukee, Chicago and East.	Spokane Flyer 8:30 a. m.
Imperial 10 a. m.	OCEAN STEAMSHIPS All sailing dates subject to change. For San Francisco - Hall N. v. 4, 5, 14, 19, 24, 29	Imperial 10 a. m.
Imperial 10 a. m.	Columbia River Steamers To Portland and Way Landings.	Imperial 10 a. m.
W. M. Tox, Tibut and Seal.	Willamette and Yamhill Rivers, Oregon City, Dayton, & Way Landings.	3:30 p. m. Mon., Wed. and Fri.
Riparia leave 10 a. m.	Snake River, Riparia Lewiston.	Lv Lewiston 10 a. m. daily
W. M. Tox, Tibut and Seal.	WILLAMETTE RIVER Oregon City, Newberg, Tualas, Thurston & Way-Landings.	4:30 p. m. Tues, Thurs, Saturday
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### Ladies' Tailor, Gents' Tailor.

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