

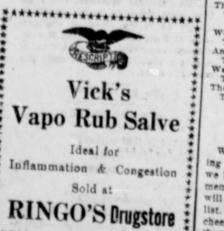
ple to concerted participation on this occasion. Therefore she assumed and devoted herself to the task of writing to all the governors of the different states and territories, urging upon them the propriety of a national thanksgiving and suggesting the last Thursday in November as the day for such celebration. She continued to write these letters year after year, and was finally rewarded for her efforts by all the governors, excepting two, granting her request.

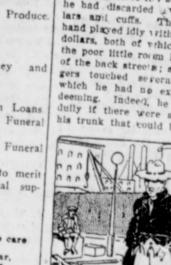
not enthusiastic, and during the Civil war, especially in the South, the custom lagged.

tysburg Mrs. Hale wrote President Lincoln, inclosing a copy of Washington's Thanksgiving proclamation, and suggesting that he also proclaim a day of national thanksgiving. The President acted upon her suggestion and issued a proclamation "for the observance of Thursday, August 16, as a day of national thanksgiving. praise and prayer."

of the day lost its local and variable character and took on the fitting dignity of a national and stable ceremony. Lincoln's successor appointed the last Thursday in November as Thanksgiving day, and the date has continued unchanged ever since

in every state, territory and possession except Utah, where it is observed, though not on the statute books.

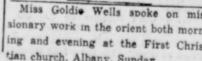






"Come, don't make an owl o' yourself." the boy went on ... "There ain't ...

" tired; if a thousand, walk an' rup an"





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