

FATHER OF CONSTITUTION

Feliatiah Webster Is He for Whom Honor is Asked.

PETITION PUT UP TO CONGRESS

Prayer by Hannis Taylor for Tablet to Memory of Author of First Draft of Our Organic Law.

Americans have a very definite idea as to who Daniel Webster was and as to who Noah Webster was, but what does the average man know of the author of the dictionary, who was he? What great role did he play in the immortal drama of the founding of the greatest of governments?

Any schoolboy well up in his grades will tell you glibly that Noah Webster was the author of the dictionary, that Daniel Webster was one of the greatest of American statesmen and orators, but ask your schoolboy, your college boy, if you please, to tell you all about Feliatiah Webster and hear what he says.

Yet Feliatiah Webster, if the United States congress acts favorably upon a petition submitted to it tomorrow, will be given a place officially in the forefront of those who founded this republic, as the inventor of our federal constitution.

Anniversary of Publication. February 15, 1914, is the 111th anniversary of the publication at Philadelphia of Feliatiah Webster's epoch-making tract containing the first draft of the existing constitution of the United States. Thus declares Hannis Taylor, the petitioner, who, in person, lays the document before congress, praying:

First, that on February 15, 1914, if congress will order this petition to be read in each house and then published in the Congressional Record, to the end that the people of the United States may better understand the facts involved in the life work of one surely destined to stand out in the time to come as one of the foremost founders of the republic; second, that this petition be then referred in each house to an appropriate committee, who shall be directed to insert in a separate memorial, should be erected in or near the capitol in commemoration of the services of one who has contributed so much not only to our honor and glory, but to the politics of the world.

First of This Family. Feliatiah Webster was the first distinguished member of this great New England family of Websters. He was a master of the science of finance and economy. Says Mr. Taylor:

"On February 15, 1783, he published at Philadelphia as his invention, 'the wholly novel theory' of a federal government embodied soon thereafter by the federal convention of 1787 in the existing constitution of the United States. The invention thus promulgated was elaborated in great detail and spread broadcast in a pamphlet of forty-seven pages. An original copy of that epoch-making publication, entitled, 'A Dissertation on the Political Union and Constitution of the thirteen United States of North America, which is necessary to their preservation and happiness; humbly offered to the public by a citizen of Philadelphia.'"

Reciting a good deal of what was published by Webster, Mr. Taylor says: "His own presentation of his case is conclusive." And: "Prior to Webster's publication there is no trace of any other plan or project of a new constitution (this is the second and existing constitution) that can be placed in contrast or rivalry with his 'wholly novel theory.' The great architect thus stands alone and isolated from all rivals in the 'solitude of his own originality.'"

Division of Government. Mr. Taylor says Webster even saw the necessity and made the provision for dividing the government into three departments—legislative, executive and judicial, conceiving, therefore, the whole form of our organic law. Taylor further declares:

"When the existing constitution of the United States was given to the world, after the adjournment of the federal convention on September 17, 1787, Feliatiah Webster, a citizen of Philadelphia, was able to greet and defend the child of his brain with a father's zeal and a father's love. Then it was that he promptly took his place at the side of Washington, who nearly exhausted his moral authority in a supreme effort to force the states to ratify it."

As to Hamilton. As if anticipating what some might say here in relation to Alexander Hamilton's share of honor, the petitioner observes:

"On the day Webster laid his complete and wholly novel plan of a federal government at the door of the continental congress, Madison, then 22, and Hamilton, then 25, were in their places in that assembly, in which Charles Pinckney, then 23, took his place not long afterwards. Only the blind and infatuated will contend that these stagnant and ambitious young statesmen, intent upon improving conditions then crying out for remedy, did not read and master all of the contents of the great document, the first to propose the construction of a new federal system, published at the seat of government, under their very eyes on February 15, 1783. As a trained and experienced financier and statesman of '77, Webster was certainly far better equipped to solve a problem, in its essence, financial and commercial, than either Madison, Pinckney or Hamilton could have been at that time."

Daughter Taken from Mother Who Refuses to Send Her to School

Because Mrs. Louise Roma, 414 Hickory street, refused to send her 13-year-old daughter Louise to school Judge Sears of the juvenile court committed the child to Riverside home. The girl and her mother maintained that it was necessary for her to work to assist in paying for their home.

DESK SERGEANT DOES NOT THINK WELL OF THIS JOKER

Desk Sergeant Marshall at police headquarters, who has been employing an ironing board to relieve a touch of throat trouble for the last few days, noticed a peculiar sensation upon using the article Friday. Suspecting something was wrong he discovered that some of his bosom companions had been mixing a little cocaine with his medicine. Marshall is sharpening a bowie knife on the sole of his boot in anticipation of discovering the culprit.

ANTI-SUFFRAGISTS WILL HOLD MEETINGS SOON

An anti-suffrage meeting will be held at Turpin's hall, Twenty-eighth and Farnam streets, at 5 p. m., February 23. There will also be a meeting at the American theater at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, February 24, when Mrs. Arthur M. Donner, national president of the association opposed to woman suffrage, will preside at both meetings. Miss Bronson, general secretary of the association, will be the principal speaker.

Gossip About Music and the Musicians

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of the words and music in opera which make it an important factor in the spread of musical appreciation.

Many a scotcher at classical music will attend the opera when you could not drag him to a concert. If the opera is not too heavy for him, as some of the Wagner operas undoubtedly are, he will appreciate the music through the words with which it is associated, and be surprised at the wonderful effects which he not only sees but hears interpreted. Finally some bright sparkling gem of melody will delight him and his capture is complete. If he has the opportunity of attending again and often, he will usually find more parts which will attract him and which he would like to hear again, and before he knows it he has built up for himself quite a treasury of classical favorites. He has added himself to the ranks of the great music loving public, and instead of being the original scotcher, he may eventually buy a victrola in order to hear the music again, or even be guilty of attending concerts given by some favorite singer, or where a favorite selection is on the program.

The St. Louis Symphony orchestra has a new business manager this season who is not only new to them, but to orchestra management and on January 17 he wrote Miss Hopper, as follows:

"I regret to inform you our executive committee has refused to sanction the tour I planned for the last of February, so we will not be able to come to Omaha on the 24th as arranged last September. I found it impossible to secure engagements sufficient to make the tour possible, although at the time I made the arrangements I was very optimistic. It is very favorable, I regret very much that it is necessary to cancel this engagement which was made by me in all good faith. Yours very truly, 'A. J. GAINES.' Since receiving this letter Miss Hopper has made persistent efforts to substitute another orchestra, but in vain, so has heeded the urging of several musicians with whom she has discussed the circumstance and has arranged for the Flonazy quartet, April 13, the Monday after Easter. The only difficulty now is the absolute assurance of the theater, but prospects are favorable. The Flonazy quartet will then give the last concert in the matinee series and subscribers holding tickets dated February 24 can use them April 13. This will be the third appearance of this organization, during five years and its conquest has always been complete. From the most severe critics on both sides of the water, they have been called 'the world's greatest chamber music organization.' Miss Hopper also states that any subscribers not perfectly satisfied with this arrangement may return tickets and money will be promptly refunded. The Minneapolis orchestra booked for May 25 will come as announced.

NOTED MEDIUM TO GIVE TESTS TO OMAHA PUBLIC

At the Brandeis theater Sunday night, February 22, Dr. Eddy, the noted medium, will give a seance for the purpose of demonstrating spirit power in the light. The features which Dr. Eddy will present at the Brandeis will include slate writing and materialization test. Questions written and retained by the interrogators will receive answers.

James E. Carral announces that he will give a production of the 'Crescent' by Hayden, at the First Baptist church on the evening of Tuesday, March 10, assisted by a chorus of thirty voices.

Last Saturday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Kelly gave the second of their lecture-recitals and the fourth of their season of 'Four-o'clocks' at the assembly hall of the Young Women's Christian association building. These affairs on every Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock are for the students of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly, and they have become so popular that frequent queries have been made by telephone as to how admission might be obtained; the fact that many friends of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and their students have enquired about these student programs has made it almost necessary that some more public affairs be given and they will probably come on later in the season.

At the lecture-recital last Saturday Mr. Kelly gave a complete lecture on the comparative work of two famous song writers, Schubert and Schuberl, in which he traced their progress through various stages, pointed out the influence on their work of other great masters and drew out the human and personal sides of their lives, by anecdote, incident, illustration and quotation. Miss Harbach illustrated some of the most serious songs of Schubert, and Mrs. Dale gave some of the Schumann songs in different styles.

Sacred Musicale to Be Given Next Week at St. Philomena's

A sacred concert is to be given Sunday of next week at St. Philomena's church for the benefit of St. Philomena's school, a free school attended by over 300 children under the instruction of Father Sheehan. The concert will be under the management of Leo A. Hoffmann, Henry Cox will play the violin, while the Omaha String orchestra will give sacred melodies and Mrs. Leo A. Hoffmann will sing, by request, 'Ave Maria.' The St. Philomena's choir will also participate. The program is as follows: Prelude to the 'Assumption'... Massenet Members of Omaha String orchestra with organ accompaniment. Henry Cox, director. 'It Is Enough'... Elijah Mr. Richard O'Neill. 'Ave Verum'... Gullmatt Misses Margaret Vocum, Genevieve Rush, Margaret Brennan, Mrs. R. E. Vocum, John Brennan, John Rush, James Rush, Charles Moriarty, Phil McMillin, director. 'Agnus Dei'... Bizet Miss Mary McShane. 'Ave Maria' (by request)... Schubert Henry Cox. Vocal duet... Selected Mrs. Nancy and Mr. Burklely. Melicly melody, 'Last Spring'... Greer String Orchestra and Organ. 'Ave Maria' (by request)... Percy Kahn (With violin obligato, Mr. Cox.) Mrs. Leo A. Hoffmann. 'Gloria'... St. Philomena's Choir. A Dominus Deus... Mrs. Michael Harte b Quib Tolls. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Miller c Laudamus te... Thomas Swift

The Miracle of Loaves and Dishes



THE women who have given so generously of their time and experience in preparing the Administration Economy Cook Book are all distinctly home-makers well noted for their sensible, economical and effective methods. Efficiency has become a big word in business, and there is no reason why its magic should not extend to the home, which is the foundation for all business, all domestic, and all social life. These women have been tried to society, and they do not exist for society's sake. They interpret the signs of the times as pointing to a stronger and truer sisterhood, built upon a sensible and sane standard of living. Their art in causing the book to be distributed at such a low price shows their great desire to help by giving the best they had at a price so low that it only covers the actual cost of printing and distribution.

THE keynote was sounded by President Wilson in Omaha during the last campaign when he declared: 'The nation's problems today are problems of the home, and by the same token they are women's problems.' Later, Speaker Clark repeated the chord in his opening speech at the first annual convention of the Women's National League in Washington, and the women within the sound of his voice got the harmony-thought-wave. The Economy Administration Cook Book, containing the choicest recipes of 450 leading women from every state in the Union is the result.

JUST a glance at the Table of Contents given below will show you the wide range of good recipes and the home subjects taken up in this most wonderful book. There is nothing—absolutely nothing—that begins to compare with it in originality and completeness. And Mr. Wiley, the celebrated Pure Food Expert, says, 'This is a book that ought to be in every home in this country.'

DEDICATED to Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the President of the United States. Preface by Dr. Harvey W. Wiley. 'Alphabetical list of contributors and their states.'

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Mrs. Franklin K. Lane CALIFORNIA

Mrs. Lane, wife of the Secretary of the Interior, was an official hostess in Washington for several years before her husband was appointed to a post in President Wilson's Cabinet. During those years Mr. Lane was a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission, a position bringing him in touch with men, especially lawyers, from all parts of the country. Her circle of acquaintances naturally included the principal literary, social and business associates and was correspondingly broad. So broad, indeed, that its thought waves easily reached from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from the Canadian border to the Gulf.

Mrs. Josephus Daniels NORTH CAROLINA

Mrs. Daniels is a native of the Pine Tree state. She is the daughter of the late Major Wm. H. and Mrs. Adelaide Worth Bagley, and a granddaughter of the late John North Carolina. She was born and still lives in the Worth family home in Raleigh, within a few blocks of which is the beautiful monument erected by the voluntary subscription of friends to the memory of her brother, Ensign Worth Bagley, an early hero in the Spanish-American war. Like most southern women, Mrs. Daniels is very hospitable and entertains constantly but without ostentation or unnecessary formality. The setting of her official residence is as nearly like that of her home in the southland as it was possible to find in Washington. There she resides with the gracious dignity characteristic of generations of the prominent of her family, and there she is making social history as one of the charming leaders in the conference of the Navy. Secretary and Mrs. Daniels have four splendid sons, Worth Bagley, Josephus, Jr., Jonathan Worth and Franklin A. Daniels.

Mrs. Albert Sidney Bursleson TEXAS AND WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mrs. Bursleson was not a stranger to the National capital and its connection when she entered the Wilson Cabinet circle March 4, 1913, for she spent many seasons there during her husband's fourteen years' service in Congress from the Fourth district of Texas. In all that time, despite the demands of a growing family, she was in sympathetic tune with Washington life and its needs, as well as with those of her native state. She has also taken keen interest in the world of literary activities, is an author, playwright, and said to be a suffragist, as well as a happy home-maker. Her family consists of a married daughter, Mrs. B. Van Wick Negley of San Antonio, and two school girl daughters, the Misses Lucy and Sidney Bursleson. Her principal literary works are three plays and a monologue, all of which have been given with marked success in Washington and New York. 'His Secretary' appeared first, several years ago; 'Her Hour' was given by Washington talent at the playhouse for charity May 9, 1913, and 'The Deluge' was staged in New York in 1913. 'An Afternoon Tea in Washington' is a satirical monologue, much liked by dramatic readers.

Mrs. David Franklin Houston MISSOURI

Mrs. Houston was Helen Beall, a native of Texas and member of one of the most prominent families in the state. Owing to the early death of her parents, she was reared by her maternal grandmother, Mrs. Turner, and after graduating with honor from the high school at Austin, attended the State University. She married Mr. Houston, then Adj. Professor, later Professor of Political Science, and finally Director of the Washington University and she was identified with the social life of the city as well as with that of the college. She is a woman of refinement, dignity and tact; the soul of politeness and is always gracious. She is fond of society and society is fond of her, but she is not a single rational thought is heard. She is the devoted mother of three children—a son of school age, another four years old, and a baby daughter less than a year old. She is keenly and practically interested in the efforts of her husband to reduce the cost of living for the people of the United States.

The reader of this wonderful book is brought into close personal touch with 450 of the most notable women in America, leaders of thought and fashion, literature, music, art and civic circles. Biographical sketches and portraits accompany most of the contributions, and it is through these interesting sidelights that we gain a true and accurate picture of the women whose life-long experience is here set down in permanent form as a memorial of their attention to the greatest problem of the time.

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