

Murray

Lucian Carper was called to Omaha last Monday where he had some business matters to look after.

Mrs. Thelma Lewis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Lewis, has been quite ill with a severe attack of asthma.

Lee Nickles was a visitor in Murray last Monday morning, coming to look after some business matters for a short time.

Ray E. Frederick of Nebraska City was looking after some business matters relative to the seed business in Murray last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Troop and Mrs. Victor Wehrlein were in Plattsmouth last Monday, attending the funeral of the late Martin G. Stava.

E. J. Kruger was assisting in shocking corn and putting up ensilage at the home of W. O. Troop during the early portion of this week.

Mrs. Harry Knabe of near Nehawka while on her way to Plattsmouth to look after some business matters stopped for a short time in Murray to attend to some business matters.

A representative of the Sattler funeral home of Plattsmouth was in Murray Monday morning for the remains of the late Thomas Nelson which was taken to Plattsmouth to be prepared for burial.

Mrs. Susan Berger who with her son, George, keeps house in the old hotel building, has not been feeling very well of late, but manages to get about enough to look after the household, assisted by her son.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Nelson, the former a son of the late Thomas Nelson, were in Murray last Monday arranging the funeral and burial of the father. Mr. Nelson often went to Omaha to visit with the son and wife. They remained for the funeral and burial.

Rev. J. W. Taenzler, pastor of the Christian church at Plattsmouth while on his way to Nebraska City to look after some business matters stopped and picked up Rev. E. Kinney, taking him to Nebraska City where both looked after business matters for the church.

Thomas Nelson Thomas Nelson, near 73 years of age, a resident of Murray the past fifteen years, being employed at the Murray lumber yard, passed away last Sunday at his home. He was a most reliable and trustworthy man, and a very valuable asset to the lumber business in Murray. He was a member of the Masonic lodge of Nehawka.

Mr. Nelson was not feeling the best last Saturday night and went to the doctor's office, saying: "I never go to the doctor, but I feel rather queer, with a pain across my chest and my hands tingle. I guess I'd better have some medicine." He received his medicine and went home, sleeping during the night, and Sunday forenoon was about town, returning home a little after noon. Arch Porter had borrowed his Sunday paper and during the late afternoon took the same home. Mr. Nelson was lying on the bed on his back, fully clothed and with a cap on his head and glasses on. Mr. Poynter, thinking him asleep spoke to him, but got no reply, laid the paper down and left.

The following morning, when he did not appear to open the lumber yard, as was his practice, Mr. Nickles went to the home and found him dead as he lay on his bed, probably having died Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Nelson lived in Cass county for 20 years and worked at the lumber yard 15 years. He was engaged in the hardware business at Springfield, in Sarpy county and at Diller, in Jefferson county and for some time was representative of a medi-

cal company, selling to many of the homes of Cass county. He was a school teacher and a student of all that goes to make up American life. The funeral was held at Plattsmouth, with interment at Oak Hill cemetery. The services at the cemetery were conducted by the Masonic lodge of which he was a member for many years.

Many Attend Birthday.

Mrs. Jennie Frans of Union was 80 years of age Wednesday of this week and with her son, D. Ray Frans and family were visiting in Murray last Sunday and while here extended an invitation to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Merritt, Dr. and Mrs. G. H. Gilmore and a number of other friends to come to Union Wednesday and enjoy a birthday anniversary party in her honor, which they did. A fuller account of the celebration of the birthday of this excellent woman will appear in the Union department in this issue.

Passed Water Ordinance.

The city dads of Murray on August 26th passed an ordinance preceding the application for the loan and grant from the PWA to build the water system, which requires the raising of \$9,700 which is to be voted on September 26, next Monday when it is expected that all will be in readiness for the advertising for bids for the building of the water system. For this election, O. A. Davis, Lucian Carer, and Lawrence Smith were appointed judges, Mrs. Lois Noell and Herman Wohlfaß as clerks. A committee to work in conjunction with the council in relation to installation of the water system were appointed, they being, O. A. Davis, Font T. Wilson, George E. Nickles, E. S. Tuttle and Dr. G. H. Gilmore.

Used Grain Drills Reasonable.

I have several used grain drills, in fine condition, ready for use and ready for delivery, for sale. Murray Hardware. s15-25w

Enjoyed Excellent Visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Merritt were surprised Thursday last week when Everett Merritt, a brother of Earl and a brother-in-law of Everett, Win. Smith, arrived in their car from their home at Evansville, Indiana. They enjoyed visiting until Monday evening of this week when they returned to their home in the east. On Friday Mr. and Mrs. Earl Merritt and their guests enjoyed attending the Cass county fair at Weeping Water Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Merritt and their guests were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wapne Lewis in Plattsmouth and also made purchase of an eight pound fish that graced the table of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Merritt at the supper with their guests.

Suffers Loss of Mule.

W. O. Troop was the loser of a very valuable mule last Saturday night. He had used the animal and it appeared to be all right but died during the night. Ray Creamer also lost a second horse.

TO STAGE DANCE BATTLE

The Plattsmouth residents are to have a real treat this week in a battle dance and concert between the Jim Horvorka orchestra and that of Charley Kucera, also of Omaha. These orchestras will play on the platform at 5th and Main streets and later at the dance at the Legion hall.

NOTICE OF WATER BOND ELECTION

Public notice is hereby given that an election has been duly called and will be held in the Village of Murray, Nebraska, on the 26th day of September, 1938, at which there will be submitted to the legal voters of said Village the following question: "Shall the Village of Murray, Nebraska, issue its negotiable bonds of the principal amount of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$9,700.00) to become due in twenty years from the date of issue, provided, however, any or all of said bonds shall be payable at the option of the Village at any time after five years from their date; and drawing interest at not exceeding four per centum (4%) per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of erecting, constructing, and maintaining a Village Water Works; and shall said Village levy and collect annually a general tax on all the property therein in an amount sufficient to pay the interest and principal of said bonds as the same mature?" The polls for voting at said election will remain open from 8:00 o'clock a. m. to 8:00 o'clock p. m. of said date, and the voting place will be as follows:

MURRAY GARAGE Voters desiring to vote in favor of said proposition will mark an "X" in the square following the word "Yes"; voters desiring to vote against said proposition will mark an "X" in the square following the word "No."

CHARLES H. BOEDEKER, Village Clerk. (Seal) s8-15-22

Weeping Water

H. H. Ragoss of south of Louisville was a business visitor in Weeping Water Tuesday of this week, visiting his many friends.

Herman Kupke of near Murdock was called to Weeping Water last Tuesday to look after some business matters, having some machinery to secure parts for and also meeting his many friends while here.

Joe Bender was in Lincoln last week attending a meeting of the grocers of Nebraska where he was guest of the wholesale grocers. There were special speakers present from the east. A banquet was also served.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oldham, who formerly resided in Plattsmouth and who have many friends there were over to the King Korn Carnival on Wednesday evening, the opening day, to enjoy the coronation of the new king and queen.

William O. Johnson with his amusement outfit, went to Plattsmouth Tuesday to get located and be ready for the King Korn Carnival which opened Wednesday and will continue the rest of the week, and with a religious parade and program the coming Sunday.

Mrs. B. Able, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Askew, making her home in Los Angeles, who has been visiting in Weeping Water at the home of her parents, departed Monday for her home in the west after having enjoyed most thoroughly her visit with relatives and friends.

Says Father Is Better.

While speaking with Lester Wunderlich, he said his father, John G. Wunderlich of Nehawka, was feeling some better than formerly. Mr. J. G. Wunderlich has been very seriously ill at his home for several weeks and his recovery was a matter of doubt for some time. With the progress already made, hopes are entertained for continued advancement in his health.

Trades for Modern Safe.

The Farmers Union have had at their office a very large safe of ancient design and but which through the years has served as a safe place for paper, books and probably small change of the various business houses which have used this now relic for their strong box. It was loaded into a truck and carted off to Omaha where it is to be traded for a modern piece of equipment, which will care for the papers and records of the company.

Will Make Long Stay.

Mr. and Mrs. Stirling Amick who are at Los Angeles attending the national convention of the American Legion, will make a visit for the next two weeks or a month with relatives and friends and see the country as well.

Enjoyed Very Nice Visit.

Stuart Rough of Nehawka was a caller in Weeping Water last Sunday morning and with his sister, Miss Agnes Rough, went to the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. George Nickels north of Elmwood where they were guests for the day at the home of their old friends. A very delightful visit was had and a fine dinner enjoyed.

Celebrate Passing Anniversary.

E. L. McCartney celebrated the passing of his 25th birthday anniversary last Tuesday, which was made a time for his many friends to congratulate him. Besides dropping around at the barber shop to greet him, they came in the evening and gave him a real surprise with some remembrances.

Visited at Parents Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Sudduth and the kiddies, making their home near Murdock, were guests for the day last Sunday at the home of the parents of Mrs. Sudduth, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Askew, as well as the family of Guy McCormick, Mrs. McCormick also being a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Askew.

Held Funeral Here.

Charles McBride, who for many years resided between Weeping Water and Nehawka, but during recent years making his home in Elmwood, passed away late last week, the funeral being in charge of the Hobson funeral home. Relatives and friends from both Nehawka and Elmwood came for the funeral. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Lenker, pastor of the Methodist church, interment being made at Mt. Pleasant cemetery near Nehawka.

Weeping Water Pioneer Called. William Lukart Barritt, was born December 1, 1854, in Illinois, and died at his home in Weeping Water September 16, 1938, aged 83 years, 9 months and 15 days. He came to Nebraska and shortly thereafter to Weeping Water in 1880, and made his home here since. He was united

in marriage to Miss Elizabeth De Grote in 1875. There was born to this very fine couple eight sons and one daughter. The mother and wife died in 1923. They were members of the Methodist church during their life, and from this church the funeral was held. The sons now living are Elmer and Roy of Lincoln. Harvey of Milford, Oregon, Edgar, living at Monroa and the daughter, Mrs. Charles Harnes of Warm Springs, Montana. He also leaves two brothers, Foster Barritt and Frank Barritt, making their homes in Oregon. There are thirteen grandchildren as well as eight great grandchildren, besides many friends, left to mourn his departure. The interment was at Oakwood cemetery in Weeping Water.

A good man has lived a good life and left a good name. He will be missed for his many good deeds and his kindly disposition.

Had Excellent County Fair.

The Cass county fair for the year 1938 has gone into history, and as one which was well executed. The people of Weeping Water and a number from out in the county worked hard and incessantly for it's success, and were rewarded by a large number of exhibits in all lines and a large number of people who came to see the fair, and to enjoy the fine fellowship it afforded. With not the very best year for products of the farm either in the way of livestock or crops, by dint of everyone working and doing their share, a wonderful exhibit was gathered together. Provision was made for the two political parties to present their speakers. Congressman Henry C. Luckey was here and made a fine address as well as candidates for state and county offices.

The last day of the fair drew the largest crowd, many turning out to view the rural school parade. Weeping Water and all Cass county can be pleased that the fair was the success that it was.

Undergoes Appendix Operation.

Little Richard Gibson, 3-year-old son of Harlan Gibson and wife, was taken suddenly with a severe case of appendicitis and Dr. Herman was called. He told the parents to call a doctor with a Nebraska license for the lad had a severe case of appendicitis. Dr. J. W. Brendel of Avoca was immediately called, he advising an immediate removal to the hospital and an immediate operation. Upon arrival at the Bryan Memorial hospital at Lincoln an operation was performed, the lad rallying nicely.

At the county fair the little lad received second prize for good health and general good condition. This condition stood the young lad in good stead in the ordeal which he had to undergo.

Enjoyed Pleasant Evening.

Miss Anna Hart was hostess to the forenoon to which she belong and entertained the other members, Mrs. S. Ray Smith, Mrs. George Olive and Mrs. Earl Markham, last Monday evening. The evening was most enjoyably spent playing bridge, with delicious refreshments served by the hostess at the close of the evening.

CRAFT WORK

Anyone who is interested in craft work of any kind is most cordially invited to the Recreation Center to do their work. James Yelick, craft supervisor for the Recreation Center, is well versed on this type of work and is full of tips that are an aid to the layman. The Recreation Center will be open after school if any of the school children care to make any little gadget at the Center. Mr. Yelick is starting a program of making chairs, tables, bird-shelters, lawn ornaments and any little thing you want to make.

CALLED BY DEATH

Miss Florence Leamy, stenographer at the office of the Norfolk Packing Co., is at Pierce, Nebraska, where she was called by the death of her father, which occurred on Saturday. The many friends of Miss Leamy will extend their most sincere sympathy to her in the hour of bereavement.

Subscribe for the Journal.

Walter H. Smith, Lawyer, Plattsmouth State Bank Building, Plattsmouth, Nebraska.

J. Howard Davis, Attorney at Law, Plattsmouth.

RETURN FROM CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. George Blotzer returned home Monday from a very pleasant two weeks vacation in the west and meeting many old friends in southern California. They were visiting Robert Hinz and Roy Turner for a week at their home in Burbank, where the young men have been very successful.

While there they had the pleasure of meeting a number of the old friends who are now making their home in the southern part of California and among these Mr. and Mrs. Chris Bullin, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Willis and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reed, Merle McCrary, Augie Weidman, Herbert Minor, Mrs. A. H. Boshnell and son, Donald, Miss Alpha Bonge, Clyde and Joe Graves, Robert Hall and Wilbur Hall, who were also visiting in Burbank, Francis Warren, Louis Sedlak, Mrs. A. O. Moore and daughter, Joan.

Mr. and Mrs. Blotzer were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Rhodes in Torrance, California, while there they visited Mr. and Mrs. Joe Faith and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Meisinger.

They also on the western trip visited the San Juan Capistrano mission and had the pleasure of a trip out in the Pacific ocean ten miles.

PREPARE FINE PROGRAM

The program for Czech day at the King Korn Carnival promises to be one of the best that will mark the four days of fun and frolic and brings here a very large group of the Omaha and South Omaha Czechs to take part.

The Catholicity and the T. J. Sokol turners will both be here for the exhibition of apparatus turning and other physical culture drills, while the famed native dance, the Beseda will be given by a dancing club from Omawa and directed by Anton Dworak and Frank Vanek.

Phone news items to No. 6.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska. To the creditors of the estate of Josephine Clifford, deceased. No. 3348: Take notice that the time limited for the filing and presentation of claims against said estate is January 6, 1939; that a hearing will be had at the County Court room in Plattsmouth on January 13, 1939, at ten o'clock a. m. for the purpose of examining, hearing, allowing and adjusting all claims or objections duly filed. Dated September 9, 1938. A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge. (Seal) s12-3w

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska. To the creditors of the estate of Arthur M. Copenhaver, deceased. No. 3329: Take notice that the time limited for the filing and presentation of claims against said estate is January 6, 1939; that a hearing will be had at the County Court room in Plattsmouth on December 16th, 1938 at ten o'clock a. m. for the purpose of examining, hearing, allowing and adjusting all claims or objections duly filed. Dated August 12th, 1938. A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge. (Seal) a15-3w

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska. To the creditors of the estate of Frank A. J. Miller, deceased. No. 3345: Take notice that the time limited for the filing and presentation of claims against said estate is January 3, 1939; that a hearing will be had at the County Court room in Plattsmouth on January 6, 1939, at ten o'clock a. m. for the purpose of examining, hearing, allowing and adjusting all claims or objections duly filed. Dated September 2, 1938. A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge. (Seal) s5-3w

SHERIFF'S SALE

State of Nebraska } ss. County of Cass } By virtue of an Execution issued by C. E. Ledgway, Clerk of the District Court within and for Cass County, Nebraska, and to me directed, I will on the 24th day of September, A. D. 1938, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day at the south front door of the courthouse in the City of Plattsmouth, Cass county, Nebraska, in said county, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following, to-wit: Lots nine (9) and ten (10), Block two (2), South Union Village, Union, Nebraska— The same being levied upon and taken as the property of Modern Woodmen of America, La Rue Camp No. 1058, Defendant, to satisfy a judgment of said Court recovered by F. H. McCrady, Trustee in the Matter of the Estate of John Klausens, Deceased, Plaintiff against said Defendant. Plattsmouth, Nebraska, August 18, A. D. 1938. H. SYLVESTER, Sheriff Cass County, Nebraska. a18-7

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of Cass County, Nebraska. To the creditors of the estate of John Kaffenberger, deceased. No. 3349: Take notice that the time limited for the filing and presentation of claims against said estate is January 9, 1939; that a hearing will be had at the County Court room in Plattsmouth on January 13, 1939, at ten o'clock a. m. for the purpose of examining, hearing, allowing and adjusting all claims or objections duly filed. Dated September 9, 1938. A. H. DUXBURY, County Judge. (Seal) s12-3w

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NOTICE OF SUIT TO QUIET TITLE

In the District Court of the County of Cass, Nebraska. Peter Mumm, George R. Mumm, Clarence Mumm and Carlton Mumm, Plaintiffs Vs. Charles Sullivan, et al., Defendants

To the Defendants: Blanch Snyder, Aaa Snyder, Alice Towle, widow; Gladys Standerwe, widow; Mary Sullivan, widow; Stephen Kerns, Mrs. Stephen Kerns, first real name unknown; Joseph S. Kerns, Mrs. Joseph S. Kerns, first real name unknown; Alexander Kerns, Ellen Kerns, Jane Utterback; James P. Utterback, Albert Cummings, Mrs. Albert Cummings, first real name unknown; Hannah Morton, Charles Morton, Robert Cummings, Mrs. Robert Cummings, first real name unknown; Jonathan Cummings, Mrs. Jonathan Cummings, first real name unknown; Sarah Letitia Hubbels, Wassie Hubbels, Prudence Cummings, Edna Cummings, Mary Alice Cummings; the heirs, devisees, legatees, personal representatives and all other persons interested in the estates of Stephen Kerns, Mrs. Stephen Kerns, first real name unknown; Joseph S. Kerns, Mrs. Joseph S. Kerns, first real name unknown; Alexander Kerns, Ellen Kerns, Jane Utterback, James P. Utterback, Albert Cummings, Mrs. Albert Cummings, first real name unknown; Hannah Morton, Charles Morton, Robert Cummings, Mrs. Robert Cummings, first real name unknown; Jonathan Cummings, Mrs. Jonathan Cummings, first real name unknown; Sarah Letitia Hubbels, Wassie Hubbels, Prudence Cummings, Edna Cummings, Mary Alice Cummings, Jonathan Kerns, Jonathan Kerns, Sr. and A. N. Sullivan, each deceased, real names unknown, and all persons having or claiming any interest in and to the northwest quarter (NW ¼) of the southwest quarter (SW ¼) of Section twenty-nine (29), and Lots twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25), and fifty (50), all in Section twenty-nine (29), Township twelve (12), North, Range fourteen (14), East of the 6th P. M. in the County of Cass, Nebraska, real names unknown;

You and each of you are hereby notified that Peter Mumm, George R. Mumm, Clarence Mumm and Carlton Mumm, the plaintiffs, filed a petition and commenced an action in the District Court of Cass County, Nebraska, on September 3, 1938, against you and each of you; the object, purpose and prayer of which is to obtain a decree of court quieting the title to the northwest quarter (NW ¼) of the southwest quarter (SW ¼) of Section twenty-nine (29), and Lots twenty-four (24), twenty-five (25), and fifty (50), all in Section twenty-nine (29), Township twelve (12), North, Range fourteen (14), East of the 6th P. M. in the County of Cass, Nebraska, and for equitable relief.

You and each of you are further notified that you are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 24th day of October, 1938, or the allegations contained in said petition will be taken as true and a decree rendered in favor of plaintiff and against you and each of you according to the prayer of said petition. Dated this 9th day of September, 1938. PETER MUMM, GEORGE R. MUMM, CLARENCE MUMM and CARLTON MUMM, Plaintiffs. C. E. Martin and W. A. Robertson, Attorneys for Plaintiffs. s12-4w

Bible School Lesson Study!

Sunday, September 25th By L. Neitzel, Murdock, Neb.

"David: Triumphant Faith" Psalm 23 and 27:1-6. David had reigned a long time as King over Israel; his family was grown, when the bitterest experience of his life came to him, namely, the rebellion of Absalom, who intended to dethrone his father, yes, even to kill him if necessary.

This is the background for our lesson which cannot be understood, except in the light of II Sam. 17. After this tragic experience and his remarkable deliverance, David composed the 23rd and 27th Psalms—they belong together. Alexander Maclaren says about this Psalm: "The world could spare many large books better than this sunny little Psalm. It has dried many tears and supplied the mould into which many hearts have poured their peaceful faith. . . it is the Psalm of quiet trust, undisturbed even by its joy, which is quiet, too." W. Graham Scroggie says: "This is the pearl of the Psalms, the simplest, sweetest song that was ever sung." David was called "the sweetest Psalmist of Israel." (II Sam. 23:1).

Analyze the Psalm and count the personal pronouns it contains; for in so doing you will see how intensely individualistic it is. We have the pronoun "I" four times; the pronoun "my" five times; the pronoun "me" seven times; On the other hand, with reference to God, we find the pronoun "he" four times; the pronoun "his" once; the pronoun "thou" three times and the pronoun "thy" twice.

Notice how many things the Psalmist is sure of possessing. He says nothing of his own goodness, or his right to these things; he is continually praising God for God's goodness to him down through the way of life. David was a shepherd like Israel's final King was symbolized as a shepherd. (Mic. 5:4; Ezek. 34:23).

A shepherd (a) leads his sheep—he knows where the pasture is; (b) protects his sheep from danger and wild beasts; (c) cares for them when sick; (d) brings them into the shade in the heat of day; (e) he lives for the welfare of the sheep. He lives for the welfare of the sheep. The sheep need to do but one thing, and that is to follow the shepherd. The shepherd's care is of no value if the sheep go their own way. And that is just what we have done. "All we, like sheep, have gone astray" (Isa. 53:6).

Man is only safe if he follows Jesus, not man. Many have been led astray by man. How can man know the way to glory unless God takes his hand and leads him. "I shall not want." "But my God shall supply all your needs according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

(Phil. 4:19). "I am come that they (the sheep) might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly." (John 10:10). A remarkable statement is found in Ezek. 34:13-16, that should be very precious to those who follow the shepherd. Green pastures are the word of God—always fresh, always rich, never exhausted. "Still waters," waters of rest—waters of refreshment—not flowing, but pools—an oasis in the wilderness of the world. The Holy Spirit is often symbolized as water. "Restored my soul—with food and drink after the hard and dreary toil on the upward way." Even in the dark and dismal valley, David had learned to trust the Lord. "If God is for us, who can be against us." (Rom. 8:31). My cup runneth over—blessings the heart cannot hold. (See Mal. 3:19; II Chronicles 31:10; Luke 6:38). That is God's way of giving. "In the Father's house is bread and to spare." (Luke 15:17).

The perfect security is symbolized by the Rod and Staff, they are for defense and guidance. The future is safe—goodness and loving kindness, the best that heaven has, is at the disposal and ready for all occasions, for those who trust their leader, and the path of the just is as a shining light, that leads to the house of Jehovah—the throne of God—the home of the soul. The triumphant faith of David is vividly shown in the 27th Psalm. As he goes through the dark valley of tribulation created by his son's rebellion and the betrayal of his friends, he can say: "Jehovah is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?" When a soul has progressed in the divine life to that extent, then we can say with the poet, "It is well with my soul." Is a child of God in that state of grace ever tempted by the devil? Yes. But realizing from whence the temptation comes, he will say: "Get thee behind me Satan." It's no sin to be tempted, the sin is in yielding to the tempter. Even in the event of war with his reprobate son, David can say: "Even then will I be confident" that the Lord will care for me. The highest desire of the redeemed soul is to be where God is, be it a tabernacle or temple; only so he is in the service of the King. In the darkest valley, God's children can and do sing his praise—Paul and Silas in jail. Jesus and his disciples just before Gethsemane sing a hymn. "I walk with the King, hallelujah; I walk with the King, praise his name! No longer I roam, my soul faces home; I walk and I talk with the King."