

An Historic Prayer.

Benjamin Franklin's request for prayer at the convention which framed the constitution in 1783:

"In the beginning of the contest with Britain," said Franklin, "when we were sensible of danger we had daily prayer in this room for divine protection. Our prayers, sir, were answered, and they were graciously answered. All of us, who were engaged in the struggle, must have observed frequent instances of a superintending Providence in our favor. To that kind Providence we owe this happy opportunity of consulting in peace on the means of establishing our future national felicity. And have we now forgotten that powerful Friend, or do we imagine that we no longer need His assistance? I have lived, sir, a long time, and the longer I live the more convincing proofs I see of this truth that God governs in the affairs of men, and if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid? We have been assured, sir, in the sacred writings that 'Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this, and I also believe that, without His concurring aid, we shall succeed in this political building no better than the builders of Babel; we shall be divided by our little partial local interests, our projects will be confounded, and we ourselves shall become a reproach and a by-word to future ages.

"And what is worse, mankind may hereafter, from this unfortunate instance, despair of establishing government by human wisdom, and leave it to chance, war and conquest.

"I therefore beg leave to move that henceforth prayers imploring the assistance of heaven and its blessings upon our deliberations be held in this assembly every morning before we proceed to business."

If nothing besides the above could be found of Franklin's philosophy and wisdom, this alone would justify the veneration awarded his imperishable virtues as a great statesman. Eight years before (1776) when the Declaration of Independence involved treason to Great Britain and their lives were thus at stake amid the uncertainties and perils of that hour, "prayers were offered for Divine assistance," and as Franklin says "were graciously answered," but now the bodily danger is past—their lives are no longer imperiled—their independence of the mother country, conceded by Great Britain. Franklin now saw a greater danger, imperiling not merely life, but "liberty and the pursuit of happiness"—a peril not to be measured by a present failure but a future ruin, not simply as pertaining to the colonies in America but civil government throughout the world. This was a trial hour. Could a people, capable of destroying monarchy, establish a republican government? Could a free people distinguish between license and liberty? And would they exchange the former for the latter? At this time it should be remembered that French infidelity was not confined to the sphere of religion but was eating its way into civil polity. Godliness was coming into fashion in both church and state. It culminated in Paris, fifteen years after, when the French revolution, with its "guillotine made the streets of Paris run red with blood." France was popular, having with the generalship of the noble Lafayette, helped this nation to gain its independence. Franklin's keen eye saw the dangers at hand, fortifying his wisdom with Divine inspiration, given nearly three thousand years before, he repeats as supporting his motion for daily prayer, during the constitutional convention, "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it." The divine help thus advocated, Franklin saw, was just as imperative as in the days of Solomon when the above scripture was given that no government without God could be real and valid; that all civil government must have the backing of Divine authority, to have force and naturalness.

This allusion to what occurred 118 years ago sheds light upon the present critical relations of our country to the Philippine Islands, to Cuba and to China. Franklin's wisdom is our safety. Closely scanned, the same civil problem is now before our nation—to form constitutional law on the basis of a Godly wisdom, and right internationally expressed. Mere human policy is too feeble, too far short of a true statesmanship. The present hour has its great importance as it leads us to its vastly unfolding future. Mistakes have their retributions as well as designed fraud. The chatter of the demagogue is not to be mistaken for the wisdom of a Franklin. Let those beneath whose eye these lines may fall read anew and ponder deeply the motion offered by that noble statesman in 1783 that to our present congress the aid of Heaven may be given in this eventful hour.—Glynes.

Why not have 9 bars of Silver Leaf for 25 cents at the Bee Hive.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10. Preaching at 11. Junior League at 3. Epworth League at 7. Preaching at 8. L. M. GRIGSBY, Pastor.

CATHOLIC—Mass at 8 o'clock a. m. High mass and sermon at 10:30 a. m., with choir. Sunday-school at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially welcome. REV. J. W. HICKRY, Pastor.

SOUTH MCCOOK M. E.—Sunday-school at 3 p. m. Preaching, Sunday evenings, at 7:30. Prayer-meeting, every Thursday evening at 7:30. All are welcome. T. G. GODWIN, Pastor.

BAPTIST—Sunday-school, 9:45 a. m. Object lesson, 10:45. Sermons, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer-meeting, Wednesday evening. B. Y. P. U., 7 p. m. Topic "Practice Christianity," 1 John 3:14-18. Leslie Jones, leader. GEORGE L. WHITE, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Services during summer: Sunday-school at 10. Evening prayer and sermon every Sunday at 8 o'clock. Sunday morning service, also Friday evening Litany, discontinued until further notice. Holy communion to be announced. HOWARD STOV, Rector.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:45. Preaching at 8:00. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 8:00. Morning subject: "A Freed Life." Evening subject: "The Miracle of Forgiveness." W. J. TURNER, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN—Bible-school at 10 a. m. Endeavor, 7. Prayer-meeting, Wednesday evening. All are invited to attend. Morning subject: "The Blessings of Trust." Evening subject: "Who is My Neighbor?" C. W. B. M. meeting, Wednesday evening. All are welcome. J. W. WALKER, Pastor.

Rev. W. J. Turner has been in Stratton, part of the week, assisting in protracted meetings there, in connection with Rev. William Hardcastle of Cambridge and the pastor loci.

Rev. J. H. Beitel of Palisade was a McCook visitor, yesterday.

ADDITIONAL PERSONALS.

PAT MCKILLIP of Humphrey was in town, Monday, while home on business affairs.

I. J. REYNOLDS is clerking for James McAdams, and George Bongers is employed in the Cain restaurant.

MIKE HOGAN, Joe Wilcox and Roe Sparks are driving overland to Oklahoma, leaving on Thursday morning, to be gone a number of months.

Dr. J. D. HARE went down to Lincoln, Tuesday, on business. Mrs. Hare arrived from Colorado, close of last week, and they will go to housekeeping as soon as a suitable house can be secured.

Burlington Deal a Go!

BOSTON, May 9—(Associated Press.)—Chicago, Burlington & Quincy people here stated today that no matter who is in control of Northern Pacific, it should make no difference with the proposed merger of the Burlington with the Northern Pacific and Great Northern. A leading director said: "A change in control of Northern Pacific should not affect our relations with that road. The proposed issue of collateral trust bonds does not require a stockholders' vote, as would a mortgage issue, and the Union Pacific interests, if they succeed in getting control, could not take over the property until the next annual meeting, which does not take place for many months."

Best is the cheapest; its Silver Leaf soap, 9 bars for 25 cents at the Bee Hive.

Bids for Breaking.

I want bids for doing breaking on 80 acres of land on the south-east quarter of section 34-1-30, in Red Willow county. Write me at Lindell hotel, Denver, Colorado, at once. JAMES MCCARTHY.

Twenty-five cents buys 9 bars of Silver Leaf soap at the Bee Hive.

A Bad Fracture.

Chester Rodgers was thrown from his horse, Monday evening, and sustained a severe fracture of one of his legs—the broken bones protruding through the flesh. This is Chester's second unfortunate experience of this kind.

Paints! Paints!

A good paint for \$1.25 per gallon. The Lincoln, guaranteed for three years, is better. The "Asbestine" water paint kept in stock. Call, we can save you money on paints. A. McMILLEN.

Nine bars Silver Leaf for 25 cents at the Bee Hive.

Seed Wheat For Sale.

Velvet Chaff seed wheat. Write or call on S. C. KING, McCook, Neb.

The doors of the Anderson & Vanderhoof meat-market are closed, this morning, on account of the failure of the firm. The First National bank is a preferred creditor. C. E. Eldred is engaged in collecting the accounts due the firm.

The driving season is now well advanced. Don't forget the McFarland, if you intend buying a new buggy. Nothing better on the market for the money.

500 Dollar Sale

Commences May 10th to May 18th at Diamond's Cash Store

We offer in this sale 500 dollars worth of Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Groceries, at cost as follows, for cash only: Groceries

- 15 lbs granulated barrel sugar.....\$1.00
- 16 lbs granulated sack sugar..... 1.00
- 8 lbs good roasted coffee..... 1.00
- 6 lbs genuine Rio coffee..... 1.00
- 1 lb best English breakfast tea..... .25
- 1 lb best sun dried Japan tea..... .40
- 24 lbs large California prunes..... 1.00
- 4 2-lb cans of corn..... .25
- 3 2 1/2-lb cans of tomatoes..... .25
- 2 2 1/2-lb cans California plums..... .25
- 2 2 1/2-lb cans California apricots..... .25
- 2 2 1/2-lb cans California gages..... .25
- 2 2 1/2-lb cans home preserved prunes..... .35
- 2 2 1/2-lb cans home preserved pears..... .35
- 2 2 1/2-lb cans home preserved cherries..... .35
- 2 lbs eastern canned goods..... .09
- 3 1-lb can good baking powder..... .25
- 3 12-oz can Royal baking powder..... 1.00
- 3 1-gallon 10-lb Royal syrup..... 1.00
- 10 bars good laundry soap..... .25
- 8 bars Diamond C soap..... .25
- 3 bars White Russian soap..... .10
- 7 bars Tar toilet soap..... .25
- 6 packages cold starch..... .25
- 6 packages corn starch..... .25
- 1 lb Horse Shoe or Star tobacco..... .43
- 1 lb Standard Navy or Battle A. X..... .33
- 1 lb spices, ginger, pepper or mustard..... .15
- 3 boxes Search Light matches..... .10

Shoes

- 136 pairs of ladies' fine shoes, the latest, all sizes.....\$1.19
- 36 pairs men's shoes..... 78c
- Boys' shoes..... 1.00
- Misses' shoes..... 65c and up
- Child's shoes..... 25c and up

Dry Goods

- 200 yds gingham, yd..... 4c
- 500 yds 4-4 sheeting..... 4c
- Cambrie, all colors, for linings..... 3 1/2c
- Silicia..... 07c
- 500 yards black or white Valenciennes lace..... 8c
- Wash skirts from..... 50c
- Worsted skirts from..... \$1.00
- Shirt waists from..... .35
- Ladies' summer Union suits, a suit..... .25

Clothing

- Our stock of clothing is the best made and the latest fashion.
- Men's fine fancy worsted suits, all sizes.....\$11.00
- Men's fine Clay worsted suits..... 7.50
- Men's all-wool hair line cassimere..... 6.00
- Men's good Union cassimere..... 4.00
- Men's part cotton suits..... 2.50
- Boys' long pants suits, up to 18 yrs..... 1.90
- Boys' knee pants suits, up to 14 yrs..... 1.00
- Children's 3-piece suits, up to 7 yrs..... 1.50
- Children's knee pants..... .35
- A big lot of straw hats at..... 5c and up
- 12 dozen men's Laundered Negligee shirts, with attached and detached collars and cuffs, worth 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50, all go for..... 43c
- Also a good line of overalls and work shirts.

Remember our bargain counter. Everything and anything on this counter 5c up to a gallon oil can for 5c. Take advantage of this sale. Come early, have first choice. Remember Saturday, May 18th, is the last day of this sale.

DIAMOND'S Cash Store.

Telephone 162.

News Agents Must Go.

CHICAGO, May 8.—After July 1 vendors of peanuts, fruit and machine-made books, technically known as "train butchers," will be things of the past on the entire system of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad. On June 1 the contract between the Burlington company and Riley D. Cronk, who controls this privilege on this road, will expire and will not be renewed. By the terms of the contract Mr. Cronk will have thirty days to close up his business, so that the news agents will not be finally withdrawn until July 1.

Officers of the Burlington did not decide to abolish the "butchers" until all points for and against the custom had been considered. They have reached the conclusion, however, that there is no longer any demand for train vending.

Officers of the Burlington say there will be no inconvenience to patrons as a result of the ouster order. The library cars on the different trains are all supplied with newspapers and current periodicals, and when the new order goes into effect uniformed news agents will be stationed at the principal points along the line. These agents will board trains with newspapers and magazines.

It is said that general passenger agents of a number of other lines operating out of Chicago will soon issue similar prohibitory orders against train hucksters.

Bankers at Oxford.

OXFORD, Neb., May 8.—(Special)—Bankers of group nine, comprising the counties of Franklin, Kearney, Harlan, Phelps, Furnas, Gosper, Red Willow, Frontier, Hitchcock, Hayes, Dundy, Chase, Perkins and part of Lincoln, met at Oxford today and perfected an organization. Officers elected were Charles K. Hart, Bloomington, president; E. L. Means, Orleans, vice-president; J. B. McGrew, Bloomington, secretary; W. G. Springer, Oxford, treasurer; J. W. Dolan, Indianola, member of executive council.

The bankers of this group in attendance were S. C. Stewart, Axtell; W. O. Robinson, Trenton; J. P. A. Black, Bloomington; J. W. Dolan, Indianola; T. E. McDonald, Danbury; P. M. Pierce, Wilsonville; E. L. Willits, Alma; W. G. Springer, Oxford; E. L. Means, Orleans; C. E. V. Smith, Beaver City; F. J. Miller, Oxford; R. N. Clark, Stamford; W. V. Vickrey, Bartley; A. A. Billings, Alma; James Kelley, Cambridge; J. W. Hupp, Lebanon; Sam Patterson, Arapahoe; W. F. Dobbin, Bertrand; N. C. Rogers, Minden; Charles K. Hart, Bloomington.

S. H. Burnham of Lincoln and E. E. Emmett, state bank examiner, were also present and addressed the meeting.

A Center Point Sensation.

Miss Jewell, aged sixteen years, and Miss Garner, aged seventeen years, drove in from Center Point, a place over in Frontier county, about seventeen miles distant, Wednesday. They came in company with Riley McMains of that place. During the day, the girls went to Ackerman's livery-stable, secured a team and driver, and started for Oberlin, Kansas, where it is rumored they expected to meet two young fellows, Hawkins and ——— by name, with matrimonial intent. The girls borrowed \$20 from McMains and gave him the slip right cleverly. When McMains "got onto the racket," he sent word out to the fathers of the girls, who at once took the road for Oberlin. The last heard of the girls they were at Dresden, Kansas, some ten or fifteen miles from Oberlin. And further the deponent sayeth not.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters were advertised by the McCook postoffice, May 6, 1901: W. L. Beahm, Miss A. L. Camp, Mr. E. F. Fairchild, R. W. Hopkins, Mrs. Jennie Hues, Mr. J. B. Lewis, Chas. Lee, Mr. Frank Lewis, Geo. Miller, Harry Redman, Mr. W. G. Stewart, Mrs. Lou Smith, Mr. Ben Smikler, Mr. Will Tuttle, Mary Stalter, Mr. S. S. White, B. E. Watson, Mr. Wells, Land Ag't.

In calling for these letters, please say that they are advertised.

F. M. KIMMELL, Postmaster.

COURT-HOUSE NEWS.

DISTRICT COURT. Filings in court, this week: H. T. Church vs. Morillo A. Spalding et al.; equity.

In re application of A. L. Haley for license to sell liquor in Indianola; appeal.

Cattle Losses Near Wray.

James Watson, a well-known cattleman of Wray, is in the city. He reports heavy loss to cattlemen in this section of the state from the recent storm which swept over North-Western Colorado and into Nebraska. Seven hundred cattle in one bunch were lost by drifting over a bluff banked high with snow.—Denver Times.

The Palmer house bus team ran away, last evening, smashing up the bus, throwing the driver off the seat and slightly injuring him. The bus was badly wrecked. The driver was inside the bus when the team started. He secured the lines, but one of them broke, throwing him off the seat. The team ran into a post, which created havoc with the rig.

The Bee Hive is giving 9 bars of Silver Leaf soap for 25 cents.



We Are Looking

FOR customers. We are hungry for trade. The more trade we get the more we want, and the more we want the more we get—if we go after it. And we keep right on going. We make no "catch-penny" deals, but in standard

Dry Goods And Groceries

WE just scoop the whole works—selling "really good goods cheap." And we have the goods and quote the prices to prove it. Come in and we will "show you."

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Produce just as good as cash.

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Authorized Capital, \$100,000. Capital and Surplus, \$60,000

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The Honest Cobbler

examines the "Sole of Honor" and finds it is the Soul of Honor. You may not know as much about shoes as he does, but take our word for it—so good a shoe as Selz' "Royal Blue" for so small a price was never offered before. All styles, all shapes, all satisfactory kinds of leathers at one price, \$3.50

This Men's good shoe is made by Selz, Schwab & Co., Chicago, the largest manufacturers of good shoes in the world.

For sale by C. L. DeGroff & Co.

See the Tribune's Clubbing List.