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Proclamation by President Arthur

WASHINGTON, Sept. 22.—The following has just been issued:

By the president of the United States of America.

WHEREAS, in His inscrutable wisdom He has pleased God to remove from His illustrious head of the nation, James A. Garfield, late president of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the deep grief which fills all hearts should manifest itself with one accord toward the throne of infinite grace, and that we should bow before the Almighty and seek from Him that consolation in our affliction and that sanctification of our loss which He is able and willing to vouchsafe now. Therefore, in obedience to His sacred duty, and in accordance with the desire of the people of the United States of America, hereby appoint Monday next, the 26th day of September, on which day the remains of our honored and beloved dead will be conveyed to their last resting place on earth, to be observed throughout the United States as a day of humiliation and mourning, and I earnestly recommend all people to assemble on that day in their respective places of divine worship, there to render unto the will of Almighty God, their homage of reverence and love for His memory and character of our late chief magistrate.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done in the city of Washington on the 23rd day of September, in the year of our Lord, 1881, and of the independence of the United States the 105th.

(Signed) CHESTER A. ARTHUR, By the president.

JAMES G. BLAINE, Secretary of State.

Proclamation by Gov. Noyes

EXECUTIVE ORDER.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 20, 1881.

The terrible tragedy which occurred in the city of Washington on the 21st of July last, when the chief magistrate of the nation became the object of an assassin's unprovoked and desperate attack, and finally culminated in a national disaster, too mournful in character to be announced in the ordinary language of sorrow.

Our honored and beloved president, James A. Garfield, died at Long Branch, N. J., at 10:30 p. m. yesterday. After many weeks of intense suffering, the strong, brave heart is still, and the friends of law, order and good government throughout the world are bowed with grief as those who feel the weight of a personal bereavement. The nation's calamity brings sorrow to every household in Nebraska, and awakens the tenderest feelings of sympathy for the afflicted companion and fatherless children of the late president. The expression of grief and sympathy will find appropriate expressions in every city, village and rural home.

In harmony therewith it is suggested that on the day set apart for the final obsequies, all public offices and other places of business be closed. It is also recommended that the people assemble throughout the state in their respective places of worship and with appropriate religious exercises participate in the national memorial services on that occasion as a further manifestation of the sorrow that is felt by all, and as a mark of respect for the exalted character of our late chief magistrate.

It is ordered that the national flag be displayed at half-mast on the capitol building at Lincoln, and that the several state departments be draped with emblems of mourning for the period of thirty days.

As witness whereof I have hereunto affixed my hand, this 20th day of September, 1881.

By the governor ALBINUS NAYOR, S. J. ALEXANDER, Secretary of State.

Sorrow for the dead but encourage and support the living.

GRANT and Blaine have shaken heads across the bier of Garfield.

Tax has will presently have a word or two to say about local politics.

The star route ring derives very little comfort from President Arthur's insinuation.

There is nothing like science in surgery. Dr. Bliss can locate a blue-eyes pill infamy man's liver-pad by the aid of Professor Bull's electric indicator balance.

The Methodist eumonial council has adjourned and Government Director Frost will soon return from London to attend to those Union Pacific eating houses.

The proclamation of the president recommending a general suspension of business on Monday, the day set apart as a day of mourning for the late president should be generally observed in our city. It is a simple way of testifying to our esteem and respect for the dead.

Our last experience with an extra session of the senate was not conducive to the public welfare or advantageous to the republican party. But the shadow of a great sorrow will still hover over the land when the senate meets in October and doubtless will ally the passions of party and the envy of faction.

From the genius of our government, the pathway to honorable distinction lies open to all. No post of honor so high but the poorest boy may hope to reach it. It is the pride of America that many cherished names, at whose mention our hearts beat with a quicker bound, were won by the sons of poverty, who conquered obscurity and became fixed stars in our firmament.—James A. Garfield.

THE NATION'S PRAYERS.

For many weeks the prayers of the nation, and of the world, have been poured forth incessantly for the life of a single man. Never before since time began has such a unity of supplication joined the peoples of the earth. Nationality, religion, creed, ever the absence of all religion have proved no barriers; and from millions of hearts since that fatal July morning earnest petitions have daily arisen that God would be pleased to spare the life of James A. Garfield and restore him to the nation which loved him so well. And yet the president is dead. In the bitterness of our spirit we may feel inclined to say that the Almighty has not heard or that He has not answered. Not so. He has heard and He has answered as seemed best in accordance with the laws which He has made to govern His universe. He has answered in the highest and greatest sense by bringing the American people into a grand unity beside the bier of their dead executive. The wish of man cannot determine the will of God. The prayer of the human cannot alter an inflexible purpose which runs through all the ages; but better and far more important than the mere gaining of the object of the petitioners has been the effect upon the hearts of the people. Forbearing to change his laws, the Creator has prepared our nation for the change in the affairs of state by subduing partisan passion and factional malice and by bringing them into a unity of purpose fit for sustaining the great shock under which they are suffering. He has given to our new president time in which to adapt himself to the needs of the government and has afforded an opportunity for reflection on the part of the people by which they are infinitely better fitted to sustain their new executive than if President Garfield had fallen a victim to his wounds on the day he was shot. It is not for the finite to question the purposes of the infinite. The true efficacy of prayer is to change the will of the human into submission to the will divine, and in this the highest and best sense the prayers of the nation have been truly answered.

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Forbearing to change his laws, the Creator has prepared our nation for the change in the affairs of state by subduing partisan passion and factional malice and by bringing them into a unity of purpose fit for sustaining the great shock under which they are suffering. He has given to our new president time in which to adapt himself to the needs of the government and has afforded an opportunity for reflection on the part of the people by which they are infinitely better fitted to sustain their new executive than if President Garfield had fallen a victim to his wounds on the day he was shot. It is not for the finite to question the purposes of the infinite. The true efficacy of prayer is to change the will of the human into submission to the will divine, and in this the highest and best sense the prayers of the nation have been truly answered.

At the extra session of the senate to be convened on October 10th, there will be in their seats according to present appearances thirty-seven democratic senators, thirty-four republicans, one independent (David Davis) and Senator Mahone. The democrats will have a clear majority, an organization, and from all reports will choose one of their own members as president pro tem, who will be next in succession to the presidency, in case of the death of Vice president Arthur. There is every reason to believe that Senators Lapham and Miller, and the successor to Senator Burnside, who is yet to be appointed, will not be permitted to take their seats until after the organization of the senate is concluded. It is confidently predicted that as soon as this is done another organization will be immediately attempted with the result of just such a deadlock as took place last spring.

There is, however, a possibility that the thirty-seven democrats may not all be in their seats on the tenth of October. Ben Hill, for instance, has recently undergone an operation for cancer and several democratic senators are said to have gone abroad. If the republicans take advantage of the disability or absence of the democrats they may succeed in admitting the two New York senators and the successor of Burnside on the first day of the session, and that will give them the supremacy in organizing the senate. It would be impossible for the democrats, even when all their members are present, to reorganize the senate, because the 37 republicans with Mahone would be an offset to 37 democrats with David Davis.

"On air; there are times in the history of men and nations when they stand so near the veil that separates mortals and immortals, time from eternity, and men from their God, that they can almost hear the beating and feel the pulsations of the infinite. Through such a time as this nation passed. When two hundred and fifty thousand brave spirits passed from the field of honor through that thin veil to the presence of God, and when at last its parting folds admitted that martyred president to the company of the dead heroes of the republic, the nation stood so near that veil that the whispers of God were heard by the children of men."—James A. Garfield on the assassination of President Lincoln.

When General Garfield was elected senator, he paid a beautiful tribute to his predecessor, Senator Thurman, before the Ohio legislature, between whom and himself a close personal friendship existed. On this memorable occasion the late president said: "The flowers of sweetest fragrance are those that bloom across party walls." And now that he has passed away from all party associations the faith of his metaphor is wonderfully illustrated, for among the wreaths that are hung about his tomb by the sorrowing nation there are none of sweeter fragrance than come from the other side of the party wall that divides him from a part of his countrymen.

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