

LENT BEGINS ON MARCH 1

Ash Wednesday Marks Opening of Fasting Season Which Will Close on Easter Forty Days Later.

RULES THAT GOVERN

All Dances and Other Forms of Amusement Are Foresworn—How Episcopalians Observe Lent.

Lent begins on March 1 this year. Many of the priests in charge of Roman Catholic churches in this city are asking their parishioners to observe the rules of the church for Lent.

How Ash Wednesday and the Lent season are reckoned seems to be a mystery to many people. Lent always is reckoned from Easter Sunday, but to many people this is equally mysterious.

Easter Sunday always is the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox, March 21. If the full moon is on Sunday, Easter is the Sunday following. Easter comes April 16 this year.

Lent Forty Days Before Easter. Lent always is forty days before Easter. There usually are six Sundays intervening, but they are not counted in the forty days. This makes Lent always begin on Ash Wednesday.

A Catholic priest told what was required of Catholics in the proper observance of Lent, as follows:

Lent is the Christian season of observing the forty days' fast of our Saviour in the wilderness, and, consequently, the church expects its members at least in a small way to follow the example of Christ. All dances and other forms of amusement are foresworn. On Wednesdays and Fridays the members eat no flesh of animals and on all other days in Lent flesh is eaten only once a day. Eggs and fish can be eaten at any time and to any extent. Some aged or infirm persons are exempt.

No Formal Parties for Episcopalians. The Episcopal churches observe Lent but do not dictate any certain method. They leave that rather to the mood and temperament of the person.

The rules say: The church orders such a measure of abstinence as is more especially adapted to extraordinary acts and exercises of devotion. That means that there are to be no formal parties, but the church places no ban on the more innocent amusements. It is left, in fact, to the dictates of the person's conscience.

JUDGE LIGHTFOOT BORN IN KEOKUK

Lent City at Age of Seventeen Years, Going to Sacramento Valley. A friend of The Gate City sends a recent copy of The Free Press of San Bernardino, California, which tells of the death of Judge W. E. W. Lightfoot. Mr. Lightfoot was born in Keokuk June 22, 1843, and at the age of seventeen years left his Iowa home and joined a party of immigrants that settled in the Sacramento Valley. He later became a police judge and city treasurer, and was a member of the Woodmen of the World and the Elks.

The following is from the Sacramento Free Press: Judge Lightfoot is dead. Such was the sad news sent out over the city this morning and which came as a sudden blow to nearly every man, woman and child in the city, who has known the "Old Judge" as he was familiarly known to all. Death was probably due to heart failure. He had arisen this morning and had prepared his breakfast at his home where he lived alone at 554 Victoria avenue.

From the appearance of the body when found by Paul Beckley, a son of I. E. Beckley, a close neighbor, who made it a custom each morning to go over and hitch up the judge's horse, he had finished cooking the morning meal and was evidently waiting for the coffee to boil, and while waiting was reading the morning papers. Getting up from the chair to see how everything was coming along he dropped over dead, between his chair and the table.

Young Beckley, on finding the body notified his father, who at once sent word to Chief of Police Walter A. Shay, and the latter rushed out to the

house for an investigation. Arriving there he found that the old man had prepared his morning meal and the table was all arranged for serving it. The coffee pot was still boiling on the stove which indicated that he was waiting for it when he fell over dead. Death must have been instantaneous for there was not a sign of a struggle of any kind.

Thus ends the life of one of the most highly respected men in this county. A man that has made and spent a fortune. Honest as the day is long, kind to all, always ready to help the needy, he was a good citizen and a man just suited to the position which he has held for the past three years, that of police judge. He was always ready to hear all in every case, and his place in the police court will be hard to fill for many years to come.

Subsequently a transmission line will be constructed north from Keokuk to Burlington, Muscatine and Davenport, and the company intends ultimately to extend the line, probably even to Chicago. At the start power will be supplied to Keokuk, Quincy, Hannibal and other towns between Keokuk and St. Louis.

The dam across the Mississippi river from Keokuk, Ia., to Hamilton, Ill., will be constructed of solid masonry and it will be 4,700 feet long and of the gravity type. The spillway section, 4,400 feet long, will carry, supported by a bridge, 116 floodgates to control the water flow. At Keokuk there will be built a steel and concrete power house 1,400 feet long, per mitting of the installation of thirty units of a rated capacity of 10,000 horse power each.

K. OF C. LECTURE FRIDAY NIGHT

Members of De La Salle Council Will Hear Well Known Editor. An unusual amount of interest is being evinced in the lecture to be given by Mr. S. A. Baldus under the auspices of De La Salle Council K. of C., at their hall Friday, Feb. 17.

Mr. Baldus' reputation as a lecturer has preceded him. He has been called the boldest man in Chicago, of which city he is a resident, for having dared recently to go before audiences composed largely of suffragists to discuss "The Fallacy of Woman Suffrage." Mr. Baldus' utterances on that question were quoted at length in all of the Chicago papers, and what he said was made the subject of discussion in woman's clubs and by the leaders of the suffragist cause in newspaper interviews for days. Not once but three times in quick succession, did Mr. Baldus speak on Suffrage before different clubs and organizations, the last time on Ladies' Day before The Irish Fellowship Club which association recently entertained President Taft. And on that occasion a most remarkable thing happened. Mr. Baldus repeated what he had said on former occasions, and which so roused the ire of the active suffragists of Chicago. But the several hundred women who heard Mr. Baldus before The Irish Fellowship Club, far from being offended at what he said about woman suffrage, tendered him a standing vote of thanks, Mrs. Mary McWhorter, state president of the Ladies Auxiliary A. O. H., making the motion.

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FIRE YESTERDAY IN CARTHAGE

Residence of J. C. Lawton Badly Damaged, Loss Being Nearly \$2,000. CARTHAGE, Ill., Feb. 16.—The fire department was called to 314 North Madison street where the handsome residence of J. C. Lawton was found to be on fire. The department was soon on the ground, although somewhat delayed, as the road was bad after leaving it paved street.

The fire originated from the furnace, where Mr. Lawton had started the fire, after which he went to his lodging place for his breakfast, his wife being in Des Moines on a visit. After breakfast he was near his place of business, east of the public square, when the alarm sounded, Mrs. Jay Helm, who with her husband occupy part of the house, was upstairs and first discovered the fire. When the firemen arrived the house was filled with smoke, making it impossible to locate the blaze for a time. Much damage was done to the building, also to contents. Much of the

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NORTH AMERICAN BUYS POWER

(Continued from page 1.) Company has taken \$2,000,000 of the common stock and \$500,000 of the bonds.

The estimated gross income from \$5,000 horse power is \$1,780,000. The expense will be \$300,000, leaving net earnings of \$1,480,000. The interest on the bonds will amount to \$750,000 and the dividend on the preferred stock to \$360,000, leaving a balance at the lowest estimate of \$370,000. The sale of 120,000 horse power at \$20 per horse power will produce an income of \$2,400,000 and a balance or surplus of \$890,000. The plant will have a capacity of 200,000 horse power.

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JOAQUIN MILLER The poet of the Sierras, who is dying at his home in California.

furniture was partly burned and others badly damaged by smoke and water. The loss would have been total but for the work of the firemen, who many times were compelled to rush to open windows for fresh air to avoid suffocation. The loss on building and contents was, as near as can be determined, \$1,500 to \$1,600; insurance on building, \$1,800; on contents, \$800.

CITY NEWS

H. J. Criner, gas engine expert, of Burlington, Iowa, has written a letter to the Nauvoo Industrial Association, making a proposition to establish a gas engine manufactory in that town. He suggests that a company be incorporated for \$100,000, with a paid up capital of \$15,000.

There will be no vesper service at the Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon on account of the union services being held in the churches.

Asa Brickway, one of the best known residents of Lee county, died at his home in Ft. Madison, Tuesday evening at 6:45 at the age of 46 years. Mr. Brockway was a member of the Eagles and of the Elks and had many friends in Keokuk as well as his home city. Rev. A. J. Zaiser of Ft. Madison will conduct funeral services tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock and Rev. Lyman at the grave. Interment will be made in Denmark cemetery. Those who survive Mr. Brockway are his wife and two children. An aged mother also resides in Ft. Madison.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Central National Fire Insurance company held at Chicago, the 14th inst., F. C. Overton was elected a member of the board of directors. Mr. Overton will have a prominent part in the management of that company.

KIRKSVILLE MAN HAS OLD PAPERS

S. D. Owens Has First Newspaper Ever Published in the United States. S. D. Owens of Kirksville claims to have in his possession one of the first newspapers ever published in the United States. The paper is "The Boston News Letter," and was published by authority of the British government. The paper was published from Monday April 17 to April 24, 1704. Mr. Owens has another interesting relic in the Ulster County Gazette, published at Kingston, Ulster county, Virginia, in 1800, by Samuel Freer and son. The paper contains an account of the death of George Washington, also a beautiful poem written by a young lady who paid many high tributes to the father of this country. Mr. Owens also has the first paper that was published in Guthrie, Okla. It was "The Oklahoma Optic," edited by Reed and Reinert.

Strange Disease. Two middle-aged women on a car were discussing the sickness of two children of one of them. "And what does the doctor say ails them?" asked one. "The little child has some sort of a fever," was the answer, "and he said that the disease of the other was epidemic." "It's a sickness I never heard of," responded mother number one.

No Chance for Another. "If I should die what kind of a wife would you pick for your second?" queried the young wife after the first clash of habits. "Don't ever fear—if I ever get rid of you there'll never be another wife in my family," answered the brute.—Toledo Blade.

Humor of the Stage. The comedians supposed to be broadly humorous in our travesties are either made up as Irishmen with green whiskers, or Germans verging on imbecility. In France the stage but is a caricature of the English globe-trotter; in Germany, a freak imitation of our depictions of "Uncle Sam."—Travel Magazine.

Boston Fashion Note. A local tailor has made a hit with a large number of customers by inserting a secret pocket in the coats of married men who trade with him. As he broadly advertises the new trick, it is for the purpose of enabling married men to hide their change from their curious wives. Already he is hiring more help.—Boston Record.

PERSONALS

Marc L. Parsons of Graesburg, Ill., is in the city, called here by the illness of his father, A. E. Parson, 1124 High street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Coffee have returned from a visit of a month, spent with relatives and friends at Indianapolis.

LATE AFTERNOON BULLETINS

[By 'the United Press'] WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The annexation of Canada as an immediate proposition was proposed in a resolution by Representative Bennett. It reads "That the president be requested to commence and continue negotiations with the British government to secure the annexation of Canada to the United States." Dennis declares he introduced the resolution purely on his own motion and in good faith. Speaker Cannon was in the lobby when the bill was introduced but declined to discuss the bill.

Bennett introduced an auxiliary resolution shortly before, calling upon the president for any information in the possession of the executive department in regard to annexation.

President Taft is infuriated at this annexation resolution. It is declared the resolution is an attempt of disappointed enemies of reciprocity to defeat it through the unfair means of involving the proposition into international misunderstanding. While Taft realizes that the action of Bennett will create a sensational story in some of the English papers, he does not believe it will be taken seriously.

GAVE UP ALL SHE RECEIVED

Girl With Red Hat Turns Cold Dignity on Inquisitive Conductor. They were quite content with themselves, the six young women who boarded a north-bound Broadway car, says a contributor to Lippincott's Magazine, and they evinced very little concern for the dull routine and commonplace details of life. It was the announced intention of all to transfer to the Thirty-fourth street crosswalk line, and to this end the girl in the red hat asked for and received six transfers. But the other five changed their minds before they reached the transfer point, declaring themselves in favor of the transfer to the Thirty-fourth street car. When the conductor came for her fare, she handed him the whole bunch of transfers—the original six. The conductor looked at her, on each side of her and all around her. Apparently she was alone. Also she was oblivious. Then he said: "Where are the others?" The girl with the red hat looked up, startled and confused for the instant. Then she replied, with cold dignity: "That, sir, is all the transfer man gave me."

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Daily Grain Letter.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Cables 3/4 off. In strong times men naturally take \$1.20 for wheat, and in other times they prize for 88, the bull has small chance of success and the reciprocity measure faces a terrific fight. Every item, however, seems to run against the wheat raiser. Few expect a right export level. The ultra smart fellows predict around 88 for May as a natural low for quarter of 1911. One-third of Kansas and probably 20 per cent of Nebraska are doubtful. Heavy volume of replies to leading local houses suggests large March corn reserves. On basis of government figuring they can't run below 1,800,000. Mild periods of firmness are due in the coarse grains. Probably a tendency to seek bulges to replace lower.

Broomhall Cables.

LIVERPOOL, Feb. 16.—Wheat in Liverpool opened easy with the principal pressure in March. Weakness was in the way of realizing due to the weakness in American markets. Yesterday favorable advices from Argentine and forecast of heavier Argentine shipments and favorable reports from the American winter wheat belt. Following the opening, heavy covering movements and prices quickly advanced. Buying was due to the very cold weather in the United Kingdom and reports from Russia that heavy ice in the Black sea will delay shipments. Improved demand for Australian cargoes, the recent decline and the comparative strength in Buenos Ayres at the close yesterday with LaPlatte offers firmer and not pressed for sales.

Daily Range of Prices.

Table with columns for WHEAT, CORN, OATS, PORK, LARD, and SHORT RIBS, showing price ranges for various grades and quantities.

BROUGHT FIRST LOG RAFT DOWN

Death of Captain Parker Who Was One of the Pioneer River Men. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 16.—Capt. Lafayette Parker, 71 years old, an old steamboat owner and river pilot, died yesterday morning at the home of his son-in-law, A. I. Faskett, 2223A Red avenue, after an illness of five months. Capt. Parker was for a long time identified with the lumber interests of St. Louis, and while master of the boat Wild Boy brought the first tow of logs to the city ever handled by a steamboat. As a private in the Third Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry, Capt. Parker served through the civil war. He was on board the Effie Dear, a boat which took supplies up the Missouri river in the spring of 1864. The boat was sunk by striking a snag April 27, but was raised by the efforts of Capt. Parker, the supplies later proving the salvation of several regiments in the west, dependent on them. Capt. Parker retired about fifteen years ago.

The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from the Bowman M. E. church under the auspices of Ransom Post, G. A. R., of which he was a member. Burial will be in Bellefontaine.

SKIN ON BACK WORTH MONEY

Fifteen Dollars Per Square Inch is the Legal Value Placed by the Court. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 16.—Fifteen dollars a square inch is the price placed on the skin of a boy's back by the circuit court here, as a result of which one hundred and fifty dollars worth will have to be paid for by Wesley hospital where Roy Boggs was a patient a year ago. The boy had been overcome by gas in his home and was taken to the hospital for treatment.

A hot-water bag was placed on his back. It was too hot and took the skin off. A jury decided he had lost only ten square inches of epidermis, for which he was allowed \$150.

Without Food 46 Days. ATHENS, Ga., Feb. 16.—For forty-six days and nights Mrs. J. A. Moss of Tignall has not eaten a mouthful of food nor taken a particle of liquid nourishment, yet physicians say her heart action is almost perfect. Mrs. Moss has been confined to her bed during the period of her long fast.

Who Will be Who? KOKOMO, Ind., Feb. 16.—Delmar and Dalton Johnson, twins, and Misses Kate M. and Lula A. Clark, twins, were granted licenses to marry. The principals lived on adjoining farms and will live in the same house, their farm adjoining that of their parents.

She Had Good Cause. MARTIN'S FERRY, Ohio, Feb. 16.—Minnie Doncal, 18 years old, of Warrenton, Ohio, killed herself by jumping into the Ohio river at Rayland. A note pinned to her coat found on the ferry boat forgives her parents for trying to force her to marry a man she did not love.

Russia After Land. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 16.—Today's newspapers print a long story filled with apparent official details of the intention of Russia to occupy the Ell district of China. It is in view of enforcement of an old treaty. The powers have been notified.

Estimated cars: Wheat, 11; corn, 445; oats, 148.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Estimated tomorrow: hogs 14,000; cattle 3,000; sheep 10,000. Mixed \$6.90@7.50; good, \$7.05@7.50; rough, \$6.85; light, \$7.25@7.60; pigs, \$7.20@7.60. Cattle—Market strong. Beaves, \$5.00@6.90; cows, \$2.50@6.10; stockers \$4.00@5.80; Texans, \$4.60@6.60; calves \$7.00@9.00. Sheep—Market strong, \$2.60@4.35; lambs, \$4.30@6.35.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—Hogs 15,000; left over \$8.55; market strong, 5c higher; Moxed, \$6.90@7.30; heavy \$7.00@7.30; rough, \$6.80@6.90; light, \$7.10@7.50. Cattle—Receipts 5,000; market strong. Sheep—Receipts 12,000; market strong.

Hogs closed active, market 10c higher than yesterday's average. Mixed, \$6.90@7.50; heavy, \$7.05@7.35; rough, \$6.85@7.00; light, \$7.25@7.60. Cattle market closed dull, unchanged.

Sheep—Market 10c higher. Kansas City Receipts. KANSAS CITY, Feb. 16.—Hogs 8,500; cattle 3,500; sheep 4,050.