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BATTLE OVER A COMMA

Curious Controversy Threatens to Disrupt Church of England

A curious controversy rages among English churchmen, and so bitter has it become that statesmen have been drawn into it, and it threatens to provoke a debate upon the floor of the House of Commons. It has to do with the coronation oath nor with any other important matter of faith and creed, but with the punctuation of the Lord's Prayer. Should there be a comma in the sentence beginning "Thy will be done," and, if so, where should it go? In other words, which of the following forms is correct: "Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven," or "Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven," or "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

To understand the controversy it must be remembered that, in England, the privilege of printing the Bible and the Book of Common Prayer is a monopoly conferred by ancient statute upon the King's Printer and the Oxford and Cambridge University Presses. In this country any printer is free to publish an edition of the Bible and to make any changes in the text that he desires to make, but not so among the English. A London Guttenberg who sought to invade the monopoly of the three presses mentioned would see his Bibles seized and destroyed by the police, and, in addition, he would probably get six months in jail for his pains. The idea is that the monopoly safeguards the purity of the sacred text.

Not long ago some one discovered, in an English library, a manuscript prayer book bearing date of 1662, and soon afterward representatives of the three presses met to examine this manuscript and to compare it with the prayer book of today for the purpose of rectifying any errors or corruptions that the latter might reveal. This work accomplished, a new edition of the prayer book was issued, and at once a number of argus-eyed readers discovered that a comma appeared, for the first time, in the passage mentioned above. In previous editions there had been no comma at all in the sentence, but now there was one after the word "done."

Thus the row began, with a loud protest from Dr. H. C. Beeching, a canon of Westminster Abbey. Dr. Beeching protested that the comma destroyed the traditional rhythm of the sentence and thus outraged every English Christian. Going further, he showed that there was no justification for it in the seventeenth century manuscript, though a comma actually appeared in the sentence, it was not after "done," but after "earth." A flood of letters denouncing and defending the invading comma then began to appear in the newspapers, and one day Lord Hugh Cecil, that tower of orthodoxy, arose in the House of Commons and demanded that Winston Churchill, who, as Home Secretary, is officially the secular head of the Anglican Church, explain the sacrilege. Mr. Churchill gingerly side-stepped—and so the controversy continues, with a great emission of abuse and many letters in the newspapers. The foes of the comma threaten to take the matter to the Courts, and even talk of besieging Parliament with a monster petition for redress, signed by millions of the orthodox. And meanwhile the friends of the comma defend it, alleging that it improves not only the rhythm, but also the sense of the disputed passage.—Ex.

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ZUNI NATIONAL FOREST

President Eliminates 5,129 Acres and Adds 126,001 Acres of Land

Washington, August 19.—The president has signed a proclamation eliminating 5,219 acres from, and adding 126,001 acres to the Zuni National Forest, Arizona and New Mexico, and transferring the Mt. Taylor Division of 215,501 acres from the Manzano to the Zuni. These changes are the result of a careful field examination made last summer by the direction of the secretary of agriculture, which showed that the lands eliminated are not chiefly valuable for national forest purposes.

The additions comprise commercial forest areas and woodland areas adjacent to the several divisions of the National Forest. The addition southwest of the Fort Defiance division in T. 23 N., R. 29, 30 and 31 E., contains an excellent stand of juniper and pinon, averaging about ten cords to the acre, and a quantity of scattered yellow pine estimated to cover an area equal to five sections. The total stand on this addition is figured at approximately 500,000 cords. This part of the country is made up of high mesas and ridges containing very little land of agricultural value. The addition lying to the south and southeast of the Zuni Indian reservation in T. 8 and 9 N., R. 16 to 19 W., contains a stand of commercial yellow pine estimated at 75,000,000 board feet, running from 2,000 to 5,000 feet to the acre; in addition to the commercial timber, the area has some 240,000 cords of cordwood. The addition southwest of the Fort Wingate military reservation, in T. 13 N., R. 19 W., and T. 13 and 14 N., R. 18 W., contains an estimated stand of 15,000,000 board feet of commercial yellow pine together with 40,000 cords of cordwood.

The division transferred from the Manzano comprises the San Mateo mountains and the Sierra Chivato, and is bounded on the east by the Cebolleta grant and on the north by the Ignacio Chavos grant. Hereafter transactions relating to this division will be conducted through the Gallup office, the headquarters of the Zuni forest.

The lands eliminated by this proclamation will be restored to settlement and entry after they shall have been advertised in the local papers by the Secretary of the Interior.

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GETTING MORE STUDENTS

Faculty of L. D. S. Academy Meeting With Success

For the past week the members of the faculty of the L. D. S. Academy have been canvassing the different towns in the valley for students who will attend the Academy the coming year.

So far they have met with great success, particularly in Lebanon, Layton and Artesia. In Lebanon fully twice as many students as attended the Academy from that place last year have been enrolled. In Layton it was even better, three times the number attending last year being secured, and in Artesia twice as many.

The Academy this year promises to be better than ever. The faculty is composed of experienced teachers, and many new educational features have been added. Being a home institution, it should be patronized by those wishing a higher education after leaving the graded public schools of the valley.

LOCAL ITEMS OF INTEREST

Get your fruit jars at the Olney Hardware Co. 18-tf

Mrs. Sarah Heywood will teach in Graham public school the coming school year.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Branch returned Friday from a week's visit at Indian Hot Springs.

R. S. Patterson is agent for Aetna Insurance Co. Insure your building with him. 46-tf

Mrs. Thomas Malcolm, of Tucson, arrived here Friday and will visit her mother, Mrs. Charles Freeman.

W. C. Roundy, the popular drummer for the Solomon-Wickersham Co., left for Globe Thursday afternoon.

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Morris Simon is installing an up-to-date pumping plant on his premises, corner of Ninth and M streets.

Mrs. David Ridgway and child, accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Taliaferro, returned Saturday from a month's visit in New Mexico.

Martin and Fred Jacobson left Saturday morning for Chlarson's mill, Graham mountains, where they broke camp and returned with their families Sunday evening.

1/2 of sw 1/4, sec 28 and part of n 1/2 of nw 1/4, sec 33, tp 5, r 24.

John Reed files mining location in Aravaipa dist.

Fritz Wolf et al file 13 mining locations in Stanley Butte dist.

Jas Plumlee to J E Allen, deed, \$1200; lots 5 and 6, blk 4, Duncan.

Maria Haby to Manuel C Gomez, bill of sale, \$400; 1/2 int in saloon and fixtures in Clifton.

United States to Annie E Lee, patent, sw 1/4 ne 1/4, sec 7, tp 8, r 26.

R W Smith to S G Simms, deed, \$600; 1/2 acres of nw 1/4, sec 11, tp 7, r 25 e.

Ed Powell to Fannie Opal Powell, deed, \$; lots 9, 10, 11, blk 3, Duncan.

J Van Order to Harry Van Order, bill of sale, \$100; cattle and horses at Sanchez.

H J Dowdle et al to L J Broshers, deed, \$1000; 1/2 int in ne 1/4 of lot 1, blk 49, Safford.

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