

Richards, and on my right Mr. Grinnell. We heard disloyal speeches by Wigfall of Texas, and Joseph Lane of Oregon, and a marvelous address by Andrew Johnson of Tennessee. It was this great address which commended Andrew Johnson so warmly to the people of the north, and four years later made him Vice-President of the United States.

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### FAST DAY IN IOWA.

Proclamation: Whereas, the past Winter has been one of special trial and destitution to many of our people, on account of which we should humble ourselves before Him who directs us in ways and to ends unseen by human wisdom, according to His own pleasure; and whereas abstinence from food, accompanied with religious humiliation and the prayer of faith, in seasons of public distress, are recorded among the general duties of all Christian communities, I, therefore, would respectfully recommend Friday, the 22d day of April next, to be observed by all the people of this State as a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer, that thereby we may propitiate a kindlier providence and "be fed once more with the heritage of Jacob."

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the State of Iowa. Done  
L. S. at Des Moines this 28th day of March, A. D. 1859,  
and of the Independence of the United States the  
84th, and of this State the 13th.

By the Governor, RALPH P. LOWE.

Elijah Sells, Secretary of State.

*St. Charles City Intelligencer, April 14, 1859.*

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PRAIRIE FIRES are now raging in this vicinity, and each evening, as they are fanned by the night breeze, the flames blaze forth in every direction, lighting up the whole heavens with a lurid glare and giving them an aspect at once beautiful and sublime.—*St. Charles City Intelligencer, March 3, 1859.*

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