

A NOTED PRAYER MEETING.

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In 1849 the cholera prevailed to an alarming extent in the then Mormon settlement at Kanessville (now Council Bluffs), Pottawattamie County. There was a large population attached to that peculiar faith then residing in hastily constructed buildings along and among the bluffs and out on the broad valley of the Missouri. Many were carried off by the terrible scourge. There were but few physicians among them and the supply of medicines was quite inadequate. The leaders of the people—Elder Orson Hyde at their head—determined that something extraordinary must be done to meet the emergency and turn away what seemed to be the wrath of God upon his people. They, therefore, called a general meeting at the foot of the bluffs near the present location of the Madison School house, on Madison Avenue, and there spent three days in fasting and prayer to the Almighty, that he would remove the terrible visitation from their midst. And it is related on the best authority that He graciously listened to their intercession and that the cholera soon disappeared from among them. We may be sure that the Mormons did not fail to point to this happy deliverance as a sure evidence that they were the especial favorites of Heaven, and to claim for their faith a more implicit belief from their followers.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA.

THE FREE NEGRO BILL has passed the Legislature of Delaware. It empowers the magistrates of the State to arrest all free negroes who have no apparent occupation or means of living, and hire them out for a term of service not exceeding a year. — *Democratic Enquirer, Bloomington, Iowa, March 24, 1849.*

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