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JULY 4TH HAS GREATER SIGNIFICANCE THAN EVER

ALL HAIL THE FOURTH! On the Fourth of July the air which encircles the globe is perfumed with the breath of liberty. It enters the peasant's hut and the conscript's tent. It lifts the thoughts, the aspirations, the prayers of the people of all countries to higher planes of living, thinking and dying. The Fourth of July immortalizes Cromwell in Westminster abbey after kings have hung his bones on the gibbet. It fills the proudest panel in the proudest legislative hall in the world—the house of lords—with the picture of the landing of the pilgrims. The Fourth of July created the French republic and was the force with which it broke the power of imperialism, of monarchy, of Boulangerism, of anarchy and communism and perpetuated the republic's life. All hail the glorious Fourth! Let grateful nations for unnumbered generations proclaim what it is, what it means, what it has done. Let our own people march down the ages in each century, gathering larger fruits from the lessons of this day, with the New Testament for their guide in morals and conduct, the constitution for their textbook for liberty and government and the flag their symbol of faith and good works.—Chauncey M. Depew. With each recurring anniversary of the nation's birth, memories of the older inhabitants of Gettysburg turn back to that fearful day in 1863 that

nursed them, Union men and Confederates both sharing in the ministrations. Upon the fields where the grim battle had been fought the sun blazed into the staring eyes of hundreds—eyes that gazed vacantly at the morning with the blankness of death. Hundreds of others opened their eyes for the last time to see the sun of day. Hundreds lay moaning, their limbs torn, weltering in blood, their heart rending groans making the morning seem gray despite the sun. Despite the heroic efforts of the surgeons and their assistants it was impossible to reach all of the wounded in time. The battle was over. Both armies, declared Professor Aaron Sheely, who saw the battlefield, were engaged in patching up damage and doing their best to relieve the wounded. Men lay on the fields dying, enduring inconceivable suffering. As yet no arrangements had been made for their care, though as many as could be taken away were carried into the town of Gettysburg. "That Fourth," said Mrs. E. S. Myers-Stewart, who was one of the nurses, "was spent by the people nursing the injured. Many went out to the field of battle and helped to bring the wounded in. Many even doubted the success of the Union forces. Some claimed the battle had been drawn. This was, of course, depressing. But when we learned that the Confederates had left their wounded and dying on the field in their retreat I said the battle was ours. No victorious army ever left its men to die unaided and uncomforted. "There was no joyful celebration that day," added Mrs. Stewart. "We all felt like weeping. Such sights as surrounded us beggar description. Sickness and death and suffering were seen on every side. Most of the people spent the day taking care of those that were thrown upon their mercy." There was on this Fourth a feeling of relief among the people of the town. The danger of the town's being razed had passed. General Lee made preparations during the day to leave and that night withdrew toward the south. In the town efforts were made to gather provisions. There were loud calls from the survivors. Many of the uninjured soldiers were in need of food. Into the surrounding country scores of Gettysburg's citizens went begging for provisions. Many of the women went from door to door filling baskets, which were sent out to the soldiers on the field.

will always be recalled, probably, as the most terrible Fourth of July in its history. With the Mexican crisis at its apex, and a marked swing of patriotism's pendulum in this vicinity, La Grande people will no doubt, as they observe the Natal day in a quiet, easy, but reverent manner, recall the days of Gettysburg with keener spirit than during the recent years when American patriotism had been allowed to dose through want of a fan to flame the spark. Of the great battle of Gettysburg, ranking with the most desperate conflicts in the history of man, historians have told us much. They have virtually covered every square inch of the bloody field. Yet of the quaking fear stricken town itself during the battle comparatively little has been read by the world at large; few chronicles have been written of its doings of the people. And of that awesome Fourth of July! Everywhere else through the nation, where the news that Lee's advance had been checked had reached there were scenes of wild rejoicing. But Gettysburg, though glad of the victory, was sick at heart because of the ghastly, gory spectacle of the battle's aftermath that was before the eyes of every man, woman and child in town. When the sun rose on the morning of July 4, the day after Pickett had made his famous charge, its shafts emblazoned the roofs of Gettysburg. But from the streets came no sounds of rejoicing, no cheers, either for victory or for the day of the nation's birth. All was silent, except when one walked abroad he could hear groaning, and he knew he was in a town of suffering and sorrow. In many of the houses wounded men were quartered and cared for, and the townspeople

Simnott Reopens His Attempt to Obtain Grant Land Money. Congressman N. J. Simnott has reopened the fight to secure the expenditure in Oregon of the proceeds from the Oregon-California grant lands allotted to the reclamation fund. The land grant law, recently enacted by congress and now in force, provided that 40 per cent of the money derived from the sale of the lands, or the timber on them, should be turned into the general reclamation fund. An effort was made during the time the bill was up for consideration to write the provision into the law that the funds thus derived should be spent on Oregon reclamation projects, but the amendment failed. Mr. Simnott has now introduced a bill in the house, amendatory of the grant land law, specifying that the 40 per cent coming from the land to the reclamation fund be spent on Oregon irrigation.

Chamber to Aid. The action of Representative Simnott will be called to the attention of the executive committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce at its next meeting and plans will be perfected for that organization to get into the fight back of the Oregon delegation and its friends in an effort to change the mind of congress and secure the passage of the amendment. J. W. Brewer of the development bureau of the chamber, has wired Mr. Simnott asking him for copies of his amendment and for any information or suggestions which will be of assistance to the chamber in its effort to assist him. The experience gained from the campaign to secure the 40-40 division of the land grant proceeds for the school and road funds indicates that the apparently hostile attitude of congress comes more from lack of information than from intent to be unfair to Oregon. It is realized that the influence of the different departments and bureaus at Washington interested in opposing the plan to give the bulk of the proceeds to Oregon and having close personal contact with the members of congress can be overcome only by a campaign of education which will make plain the equities and the merits of the case to each member of congress. That this assumption is well founded is shown by the results of the efforts made by the New England societies of the state, which made personal appeal to each member of the New England congressional delegation with the result that the big majority of the New England members voted with Chamberlain and Simnott in their fight for the 40-40 division of the grant land proceeds. It is believed that a well organized and consistent effort to present the true facts before individual members of congress would result in the passage of the Simnott amendment.

Cleveland Is Joyous. Cleveland, July 1—Melody was king in Cleveland today. Fifteen hundred voices, representing sixty societies in all parts of the country, today participated in the seventh biennial national Saengerfest of the Workingmen's Singers' Alliance of the Northwest. The vocal festival will continue four days, unless somebody gets an injunction. Milwaukee, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Springfield, Ill., St. Louis, Cincinnati, and other cities had delegations here. Brute. "We used to have a dog that would howl when somebody played the piano." "That's nothing; I know women that act the same way."—Judge.

BLOCKLAND HERD CREDIT

BY PAUL H. SPILLMAN (County Agriculturist)

Some two miles north and east of Island City lies the home ranch of the Blockland Bros. Few indeed are the farmers of the county that could not tell you as much. To them the name Blockland implies thrift and good farming, yes, and more the home of good cattle; white-face cattle that any man would be proud to have in his pastures; herefords that will do Union county proud. The herd consists of 90 pure-breed breeding cows, 14 yearling heifers and four herd bulls. This herd of cattle was founded in 1887 by E. J. Conrad by selections from the great herd of cattle known as the Wyoming Hereford association. The females selected at that time were sired by grand sons of Lord Wilton, The Grove 3rd, and other great imported sires. The herd bull Lord Usk, was followed by Lester Elmwood, these two bulls laying the foundation for the present herd and representing the best blood of the breed. The Blocklands feel that the heavy bone and large size of their cows is due to Mr. Conrad's discrimination in using nothing but heavy boned sires, and at the time that Mr. Conrad sold them the cattle in 1900, there was not a herd that had more scale, anywhere in this part of the country. The four herd bulls now used in the herd represent the best in the breed. Here they are: Beau Donalds Nye, Beau Don, Refiner 5th, and Debonair 33rd and then there is the calf Repeater 66th. There are no better blood lines in the breed than these fellows represent. Beau Donalds Nye and Beau Don sired the ten yearling bulls that Blockland Bros. sold last October for \$1500.00. The Bonnie Braes are represented by Refiner 5th, who was used by James Price, of Wisconsin. The two-year old Debonair 33rd, is sired by Geo. Chandler Debonair, which without doubt is the best Hereford bull as a sire of high class cattle in the Northwest. And then there is Repeater 66th that cost \$1000.00 as a calf, and to whom only a dozen selected cows have been bred this year. And Repeater 66th, was a bargain at \$1000.00 for on the first of March, 1916, O. Harris & Sons had a sale of Hereford cattle at Harris, Mo., in which the Repeater blood predominated and 61 head brought \$76,025.28 bulls averaging \$1,628.33; females \$922 and the 61 head averaged \$1,246. You who are interested in Hereford cattle are indeed fortunate to have a herd in your county with such breeding back of it to secure your herd headers from and there will be 30 of these well bred fellows to choose from this fall.

Weeds. It is quite noticeable on many farms that the summerfallow is kept quite free of weeds, but how about the fence rows, the corners of the barn, hog and calf lot? One case that I saw brought this strikingly to mind. The fields had very few weeds but there was a small orchard near the house and this orchard was literally covered with scale weed, while there was very little of this weed in the fields. This little patch if left to go to seed will be able to seed a good part of the neighborhood where this weed is as yet not at all common. Remember that each scale weed seed pod has from 10 to 20 seeds in it and each plant may have from 1 to 200 or more pods. Where small patches of the weed occur mow them, rake and burn, and disk up the ground they grew upon. Where but a few plants are found pull them up and burn them. Clean fence rows and barn or other lots will help solve the weed problem as well as clean summerfallow.

A TWICE-TOLD TALE. One of Interest to Our Readers. Good news bears repeating, and when it is confirmed after a long lapse of time, even if we feel secure in accepting its truth now. The following experience of a La Grande man is confirmed after one year. Mrs. M. E. Nibler, 2106 Third St., La Grande, says: "My back ached and I had severe pains through my right side. I was all crippled up, and I found it hard to do my housework. One of my relatives had used Doan's Kidney Pills and advised me to try them. Two boxes drove away the aches and pains, and I have had no trouble since."

Lasting Results. Over a year later, Mrs. Nibler said: "I have had no kidney trouble since Doan's Kidney Pills rid me of it." Priced 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Nibler has twice publicly recommended. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. Our Want Ads bring results. AUTO OPEN DOOR WANTED. Bill Would Give to Motors Same Rights as Others Have. Washington, June 29.—With Federal good roads legislation disposed of, the American Automobile association will now devote itself in an effort to secure the passage of the Adamson bill before the conclusion of the present Congress. Nearly 3,000,000 users of automobiles have an interest in the Adamson "open-door" policy, which briefly gives the self-propelled vehicle the same interstate rights as are now possessed by horse-drawn wagons and carriages; in fact, it would make country-wide the present New York offers to the motorcar owners of other

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