

OUR PRESIDENTS.

Impeachment and but Two Resolutions of Censure

Andrew Johnson was the only president of the United States ever impeached, and on the trial before the senate he was acquitted, the vote being in favor of conviction barely short of the necessary two-thirds majority.

Two resolutions of censure on the president have been passed, once by the house and once by the senate and once by the house on occasions when the majority was not large enough to pass measures over the president's veto or to impeach him.

The first was passed by the senate March 28, 1834, censuring President Andrew Jackson for violation of the constitution by his removal of the government deposits from the United States bank. The majority of the senate was opposed to Jackson in this respect, and this resolution of censure was the only thing which could do about it. Jackson refused to receive the resolution and against this resolution as a member of the senate, voted against receiving Jackson's protest, and in answer to his protest the house sent him a copy of the resolution on the former occasion.

The Longest Word.

"What is the longest word in the English language?" asked Uncle James, who had taken a long time in spelling.

"No," spoke up Susie; "it's 'antidisestablishmentarianism,' because there is a whole lot between the first and last letters."

"I know one," said Jack, "that is longer three miles between its first and last letters."

"What word is that?" asked Uncle James.

"Beleaguering," cried Jack triumphantly.

"I know one," said Philip, "that is longer than that. 'Transcontinental' has a whole continent between its beginning and ending."

"Interoceanic' beats them all," cried Elsie, "for it contains an ocean, and an ocean is larger than any continent."—Lippincott's.

British Military Bulls.

Some queer, quaint efforts at composition have been made by British officers. A certain major ordered this: "Reveille will be at 5 a. m. The brigade will parade at 6 a. m. The brigade will move at 7 a. m. The sun will rise at 8 a. m." It was during the guerrilla warfare of 1901-2, after the building of the blockhouses, that it became necessary to check the habit of the men of sleeping outside the blockhouses for the sake of coolness and comfort. A certain staff officer upon issued the following order: "No one is permitted to sleep outside the blockhouses except the sentries." Though the intention of this order is clear, its phraseology is not. "Men on out-duty are forbidden to strike matches on the sky line."—London Standard.

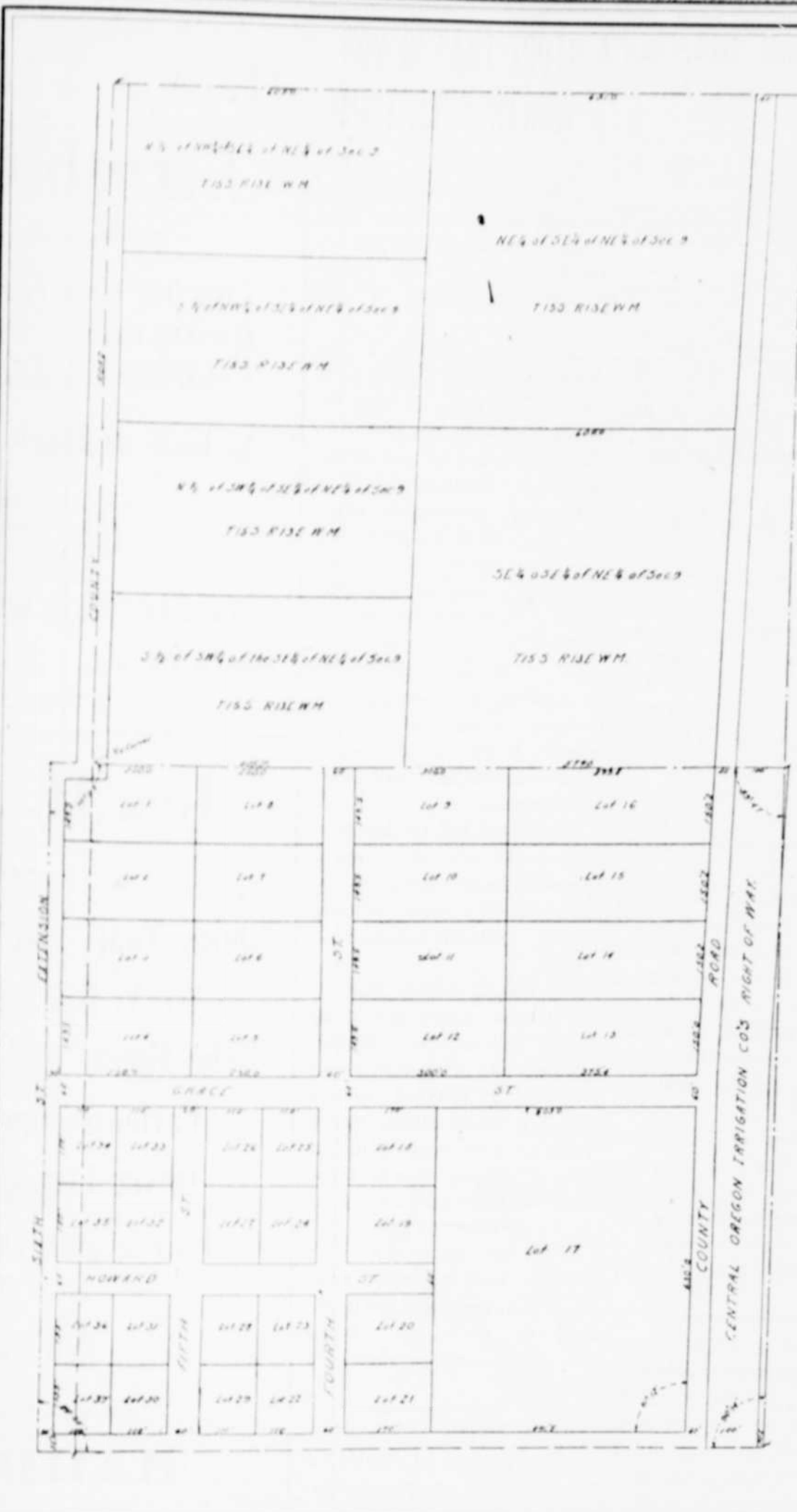
Flattering.

"My name is Bilkey," said the proprietor to the moving picture theater proprietor. "I'm Bilkey the composer. I understand you are using my illustrated song, 'When the Slip Slips Down Behind the Dusky Hills.'" "Why, yes," the proprietor replied. "We found it was just the thing we wanted." "Thanks, thanks!" cried the delighted author.

"Yes," the proprietor continued, "we needed something to get the audience out between our half hour shows, and your song emptied the house quicker than anything else we ever tried."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

She Was Not Consulted.

A girl forced by her parents into a disagreeable match with an old man, whom she detested, when the clergyman came to that part of the service where the bride is asked if she consents to take the bridegroom for her husband, said, with great simplicity: "Oh, dear, no, sir, but you are the first person who has asked my opinion about the matter!"—London Tit-Bits.



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WON BY A DRUM.

The Battle of Arcola a Romantic Episode of French History.

There stands in the French town of Cadenet, his native place, a monument to the memory of "The Little Drummer of Arcola," Andre Estienne, the hero of one of the most romantic episodes in French history. It was an episode that illustrated the extraordinary military value, so often attested by the world's greatest generals, of what Othello called the "spirit stirring drum." It may be said, curiously enough, that Napoleon Bonaparte's great career was built upon a drum, for the battle of Arcola was won by the beating of Estienne's drum, and the Corsican himself always dated his confidence in his own fortune from this battle, won in 1796. The circumstances were these:

Bonaparte, hemmed in with a small army at Verona, between two greatly superior forces, sallied out at night, made a forced march, and with 14,000 men fell upon the rear of 50,000 Austrians. The battle lasted seventy-two hours. On the second day of the fighting the Austrians obtained such a position that they completely and murderously swept the bridge of Arcola, which the French had gained and which they must hold if they expected to win the battle.

It was an unlooked for movement. No officer was near, but Andre Estienne, the little drummer, was there. He went to his sergeant and told him that he should cross the bridge with his drum and beat it on the other side.

"But," protested the sergeant, "before you place one foot upon the bridge you will be killed. No man on earth could live on that bridge. However, can you swim?"

"I can," said the drummer.

"Then swim across with your drum."

"Impossible!" returned Estienne. "Should the drum become water soaked I could not beat it on the other side."

But the sergeant was equal to this difficulty. Being himself a fine swimmer, he plunged into the

water, bade Andre mount upon his shoulders and hold his drum clear of the water. In this way the two crossed the river, Andre beating his drum lustily all the way. Once on the other side, he pounded it in a way to well nigh wake the dead. The Austrians who were massed near were nearly all raw recruits. Hearing what they took to be the drums of an advancing force of French and remembering the terrible French onslaught of the day before, they fled. This left the bridge clear, and the French began to pour across. Andre was joined by other drummers. The Austrian flight became a rout. The French swept on, with Andre Estienne, still drumming, at their head. Soon the whole Austrian force was retreating, utterly beaten.

Years later Estienne's heroic act was celebrated by being represented in stone on the front of the Pantheon at Paris. The funeral of the little drummer of Arcola was attended by a great concourse of French officers and soldiers.

The Money Lender in Rhodesia.

According to Miss Charlotte Mansfield's "Via Rhodesia," no penniless person is allowed to enter Livingstone. "I heard," she says, "that the awkward predicament of not having enough money was often averted by a crafty money lender, who for half a crown would lend the necessary £10, waiting for the would be borrower outside the boundary and receiving the money back as soon as the examination terminated."

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