

## APPEAL MADE FOR FLAG DAY

G. A. R. Wants it More Generally Observed—Address to the Public.

Yesterday was Flag Day and altho it was not as generally observed as are other days set aside for patriotic expression, not a few flags were flying around town. The G. A. R. is endeavoring to have the day more generally observed.

S. E. Lathrop, chaplain of the J. W. Geary Post of the Oregon G. A. R., this year sent out the following address for it:

We gladly celebrate Washington's and Lincoln's birthday—shall we not also observe the birthday of "Old Glory," which Washington originated and Lincoln preserved? June 14 is "Flag Day," the anniversary of the day when the dear old stars and stripes first became America's emblem. Let everybody display the flag on that glad day. It is the incarnation of freedom, the sign of hope, the symbol of human equality. That old flag does not mean "some men up and some men down" but it means "all men up and no man down!" The sight of it always quickens the pulse of an old soldier, sending a new thrill of patriotic fervor through his veins. That ensign for which we imperiled our lives on many a bloody battlefield, and for which a half million of our comrades gladly died on the field of battle, is unspeakably dear and precious to our hearts. Many a veteran carries in his pocket next his heart a miniature copy of the dear old flag which he followed through storms of shot and shell. I remember one old comrade who sat by my side at a camp fire dinner provided by patriotic ladies. Those good ladies, in their patriotic zeal, had provided paper napkins upon which was printed the old flag in appropriate colors. This old gray haired comrade said, "At Chickamauga I saw six color bearers of my regiment shot down, one after the other, while trying to carry the colors. The old flag is too sacred for me to wipe my mouth on though it is only a printed picture. I'll never desecrate the flag that way!" And he reverently folded the napkin, put it in his pocket and used his handkerchief as a napkin instead. Every old soldier who has fought for the flag endorses that sentiment—there is nothing in all this great country so sacred as the banner of freedom.

I remember how in 1862, having been a prisoner of war at Little Rock, Arkansas, a squad of us were finally paroled and sent northward under guard of Texan rangers, who were kind to us and did all they could. We tramped three hundred and fifty miles on foot, up into southern Missouri, where the escort left us. We were enfeebled by imprisonment, poor food and exposure, without arms or blankets, most of us barefooted, bareheaded, all of us ragged and emaciated.

We were piloted by a faithful negro to the house of a Union man, an old Kentuckian, who had emigrated from Kentucky thirty years before. He had been robbed of nearly all his stock and farming implements, but still had an old blind horse and a mule, hidden in the woods. He hid us in a barn a whole day, for the country was full of bushwhackers who had no regard for paroled prisoners or the law of war, and would shoot any Union soldier on sight. He mended up an old immigrant wagon, tugged up a harness from ropes and straps, put six of us into the wagon under its ragged cover, and started for the nearest Union post twenty miles away. We traveled by old forsaken roads, and had several narrow escapes. Just before sundown the old man said, "Boys, I see something on the hill over yonder." I asked "What is it?" and the answer was, "It's the old flag!" There was a whoop and shout and a war dance of delight inside that crazy old wagon. Weak, sick, worn, ragged and hungry as we were, that dear old flag was a haven of rest to us. It meant freedom, friendship, home, food, clothing, gladness. We were soon within the lines of comrades at Rolla, Missouri, and our deliverer was the hero of the day.

What the old flag meant to us in our time of distress, it has meant ever since its birth, to multitudes of the oppressed and downtrodden of all lands. It is the beacon light, the star of hope to the whole world. It reminds us always of Bunker Hill, Saratoga, Yorktown, Gettysburg, Vicksburg, Chickamauga, and the great doctrines of liberty, quality, and patriotism which those geographical names stand for. It is the one compact summary and crystallization of that declaration of our fore fathers "All men are created free and equal."

Therefore, let "Old Glory" loosen! On Flag Day, this day, let every private dwelling unfold the glorious banner, in token of what it means. The old soldiers of Eugene respect-

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Washington College Experts Tell Best Methods of Eliminating Pest.

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Tent caterpillars can be controlled by several methods. During early spring the egg masses may be sought and destroyed. The ordinary sulphur lime spraying of spring destroys a great many of these eggs. When the young hatch they may be burned in their tents by means of a torch. A common practice is to fasten on the end of a pole a funnel of wire screening and place kerosene rags at the bottom of the funnel. This sort of torch will catch those caterpillars that drop when they feel the heat. A plain torch would permit such caterpillars to escape. The tents may be cut out of the trees when first noticed or the adjacent branches may be sprayed in the spring with an arsenical. Orchards that are regularly sprayed in the spring from an attack of tent caterpillars. It is claimed that the new spray, arsenite of zinc, is particularly adapted to tent caterpillars. It is a concentrated poison and may be used one pound to 80 or 100 gallons of water for this pest.

There are other species of caterpillars that live in tents, as, for instance the fall web worm. The same treatment would answer for this insect.

fully ask that every fraternity and sorority house, every club building, every street car, every home, may thus celebrate the birthday of the flag—for without the sacrifices of the past years under its folds, we would not have their blessing which we now enjoy. If any citizen has no house flag of his own, let him forthwith procure it, even if he has to deprive himself of some other thing to do it—and float it joyously on its natal day.

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