

HOISTING OF OUR FLAG.

The following is the address delivered by Comrade F. E. Miller, of Ord Post No. 13 G. A. R., at the raising of the flag over the public schools of Cottage Grove, April 14, 1899:

Commander, comrades, lodges and gentlemen and school children: I feel proud to stand here today as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and I feel highly honored to be called by Professor Holland of your high school to give you the history of our flag from the earliest dawn of freedom until the present time. Our flag! yes we, the old veterans feel proud to call it our flag; and why not when in the prime of our youth we left our homes and kindred, placed our lives in the balance on our country's altar, offered these bodies as a bulwark to protect the flag; we have marched beneath its starry folds through mud and sleet and snow, we have charged across many a battery, contested field through showers of leaden hail over the wounded, dead and dying into the very jaws of death, but praise be to our merciful God, our lives were spared to bring this flag back to you, and today as we unfurl it to the breeze and watch it basking in the sunlight, kissed by the gentle zephyrs of heaven, let us raise our hearts and voices in praise and thanksgiving to almighty God, that this is the flag of the free and may it wave forever over a free and a united people. Every nation has a symbolic ensign, some have beasts, birds, fishes or reptiles in their banner, but our forefathers chose the stars and stripes; the red telling of the blood shed by them; the blue of the heavens, their protection; the stars represent a constellation of states. The idea was taken from the constellation lyra signifying harmony. The blue of the field was taken from the edges of the covenanters banner significant of the league and covenant against oppression involving the virtues of vigilance, perseverance and justice. The thirteen stripes and stars showed the number of the united colonies. The whole was a blending of the various flags previous to the Union flag, the red one of the army and the white one of the floating batteries, the red color denoting daring and defiance and white purity.

Our banner with its stars and stripes is a familiar object. Everybody has seen it and admired it; and no wonder for it is the handsomest flag in the world—red, white and blue—those alternate red and white stripes in beautiful contrast with the blue field bedecked with stars as though a piece of the sky had been taken to add more beauty to our national emblem which makes it in truth the star spangled banner. The first flag combining thirteen stars and thirteen stripes, was made in Philadelphia by Mrs. John Ross in a small two story house No. 239 Arch street which is still standing. A committee of congress accompanied by General Washington called upon Mrs. Ross and engaged her to make a flag from a drawing made by himself with a pencil, in her back parlor. The flag thus designed was adopted by a resolution of congress on the 14th day of June 1777. Early in 1794 in consequence of the admission of Vermont in March 1791 and Kentucky June 1992 into the union an act was passed increasing the stars and stripes from thirteen to fifteen to take effect May 1795. The admission of the states of Tennessee, Ohio, Louisiana and Indiana made changes in the flag necessary.

Accordingly on the admission of Indiana a committee was appointed and through the exertions of Hon. Peter Wendoner of New York the following law was enacted: An act to establish the flag of the United States.

Section 1. Be it enacted etc., that from and after the fourth day of July next the flag of the United States be thirteen horizontal stripes alternate red and white that the union have twenty stars white in a blue field.

Section 2. And be it further enacted that on the admission of every new state into the union one star be added to the union of the flag and that such addition shall take effect on the fourth day of July next succeeding such admission. Approved April 4, 1818.

Seventy million of people in this country honor, love, revere and recognize this flag as the national ensign. The little child plays with it as a toy and the strong man forsakes home and family and if need be lays down his life to protect its honor. Its mute eloquence needs no aid to interpret its significance; fidelity to the union blazes from its stars; allegiance to the government beneath which we live is wrapped in its folds.

And how careless beneath them you tread not thinking of the hosts of the mighty dead who have marched beneath them in days gone by with a burning cheek and a kindling eye. They have bathed those folds in their young life's blood, and dying blessed them and blessing them died.

Our battle flags me thinks at night tell each other their tales of woful fight and dim specters came and their thin arms twine around each standard torn as they stand in line and the word is given, they charge they and the dim hall rings with the battle storm, and once again through smoke and strife these colors lead to a nation's life. Precious flags yet they're bathed in tears, they tell of hopes, of triumphs of fears of a mother's prayers of boys away, of a serpent crushed, of the coming day. Silently they speak but the tears will start as we stand beneath them with throbbing heart and think of those who are not forgot. Their flags came home, why came they no? Nothing but flags, yet we held our breath and gazed with awe at those types of death yet the thoughts will come, the heart must pray, though the lips be dumb. They are sacred pure and we see no stain on those dear loved flags, come home again baptized in blood, of our purest and best of American heroes who are now at rest.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT ROSEBURG, OR.,
April 20, 1899.

Notice is hereby given, that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, at J that said proof will be made before Joel Ware, U. S. Commissioner at Eugene, Oregon, on June 13, 1899, viz.: Pliny E. Snodgrass on H. E. No. 8065, for the south half of northwest quarter of lots 3 and 4 of section 2, township 19, south, range 1 east. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz.: J. Shepard Smith, of Creswell, Or., Milan S. Barker, of Fall Creek, Or., Ross S. Holbrook, of Fall Creek, Or., Henry T. Hollenbeck, of Eugene, Or.

J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given, that George M. Hawley has been appointed administrator of the estate of George W. Ozment, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to said administrator, at Cottage Grove, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. Dated this 20th day of April, 1899.

GEORGE M. HAWLEY,
Administrator.

JOHN M. WILLIAMS,
Attorney for Estate.

NOTICE.

Twenty-five thousand brick for sale, Bert Wood, Cottage Grove, Oregon.

EXCHANGES.

Mr. Meekton was gazing at his wife with that inane and amiable fixity which comes into a man's face when he has been napping and is ashamed of the fact.

"Leonidas!" she said sternly. "What is it, my dear," he inquired, as he straightened himself up in his sleepy-hollow chair.

"What is the matter?" "Nothing is the matter," he said, growing red in the face. "I haven't intimated that there was anything wrong, have I?"

"No. But you have been behaving rather queerly. Just now you gave a little start and exclaimed, 'Yes, Henrietta, I agree with you perfectly.'"

"Well," answered he, apprehensively, "there isn't anything in that to take exception to, is there?" "Are you sure you meant it?"

"Every word of it." "You had given the matter due consideration before you spoke?"

"Certainly. Do you doubt me, Henrietta?" "Oh, no; but I can't help attaching some significance to the fact that I hadn't uttered a word during the ten minutes previous to your enthusiastic indorsement of my sentiments.

"Well, to tell the truth, Henrietta, I had been asleep and something awoke me, and I naturally supposed—that is to say, I took it for granted— And then he gave it up.—Washington Star.

"Father," said Tommy, the other day, "why is it that the boy is said to be the father of the man?"

Mr. Tompkins had never given this subject any thought and was hardly prepared to answer off hand. "Why, why," he said stumbly, "it's so because it is, I suppose."

"Well," said Tommy, "since I'm your father, I'm going to give you a ticket to a theater and 50 cents besides. I always said that if I was a father I wouldn't be so stingy as the rest of them are. Go in and have a good time while you're young. I never had a chance myself."

"Mr. Tompkins gazed in blank astonishment at Tommy. Slowly the significance of the hint dawned upon him. Producing the coin, he said:

"Take it, Thomas. When you really do become a father I hope it won't be your misfortune to have a son smarter than yourself."

Statistics have been taken in France of the spread of the habit of smoking and it has been discovered that within the last year the cigarette and even, astonishing as it may appear, the pipe, have found an enormous increase in their female votaries. The fashion of smoking among women is no longer confined to the secrecy of a private room. The duchess de Uzès and the marchioness de la Rochefoucauld now publicly take a cigarette after dinner, and whatever these ladies permit themselves may safely be taken as a sign of the highest bonton. The statistics alluded to show that 807,000,000 cigarettes are yearly consumed in France.

Fluger tells me he wears a seven and a quarter hat."

"Yes, with a half-inch washer in it."

Word has been received at Washington that Aguinaldo has appointed a commission to confer with this government as to peace

negotiations. If this report be true the end of the Philippine trouble is in sight and the gingos and penny politicians will lose a little campaign thunder.—South Oregon Eye.

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SHERIFF'S SALE ON FORECLOSURE.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an
execution duly issued out of the Circuit Court
of the State of Oregon, for the County of Lane,
on the 21st day of March 1899, on a judgment
rendered in said Court on the 7th day of
March 1899, for the sum of Five Hundred
Twenty Dollars and Twenty-five Cents and
Forty Dollars attorneys fee and the balance
sum of Ten Dollars costs, and accruing
interest thereon, in a suit wherein J. P. Curran was plaintiff
and James E. Thorp, Minnie M. Thorp, and J. E.
Gowdy administrators of the estate of E. P. Thorp,
deceased, were defendants, and said
the above named defendant J. W. Gowdy is
administrator of the estate of E. P. Thorp,
deceased, and on a decree of foreclosure
entered, and on a decree of Court, an
order of sale, rendered in said Court, an
order for sale, in order to satisfy said judg-
ment and costs to sell the following described
premises to-wit:
Lot No. 1, and the East one half of Lot No. 2,
in Block No. 8 in Long and Landess addition
to Cottage Grove, Lane County, Oregon.
Now Therefore, in the name of the State of
Oregon in compliance with said writ I do
offer for sale, the above described premises at
public auction, to the highest bidder, for the
subject to redemption, at the south door of the
Court House in Eugene, Lane County, Oregon,
on Monday the 1st day of May 1899 between the
hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m.
with at one o'clock p. m. on said day.
Dated this 27th day of March 1899.
W. W. WYTHE,
Sheriff of Lane County, Oregon.
By H. J. DAY, Deputy.