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A TRUE PATRIOT.

Of all great Americans worthy to be remembered in connection with our nation's anniversary, one whose work is most deserving of consideration is least often recalled.

At the beginning of the Revolution Noah Webster was a young man in college and he at once entered his country's service. When liberty was won after those long and discouraging years of privation and danger there came a new menace in the lack of central government and Mr. Webster gave up the profitable career into which he had just entered for the management of a newspaper by which he hoped to, and did, arouse public support for a strong union of states out of the thirteen feeble but jealous allies. Then came Webster's spelling book, in which millions of Americans have been educated, to insure that general intelligence which he foresaw would be the best safeguard to the newly-won rights of the common people.

Again bright prospects which were before him were slighted in rare devotion to his cherished country. America was free but unhonored, her people rude and unskilled in art or science. There should come out of this wilderness a book to compel attention from Europe and start aright a new and American literature. With this aim the patriot applied himself to his ordinary duties until he had accumulated sufficient means and then turned to literary work. Ten years were given to a comparison of all languages and many years more spent in compilation until a dictionary of the English language on a new and vastly improved scheme was at last completed. Sufficient reward of all the great toil to him was naming it "An American Dictionary of the English Language" and the thought that American literature had been worthily begun. Before Dr. Webster's death he saw his dictionary recognized as the standard throughout the English-speaking world.

In another generation the critic, who during the early days of the great task had spurred the author on by his caustic inquiry, "Who ever reads an American book?" could he have returned to this world would have found readers of his essays looking up the difficult words in this book of books so proudly termed an American dictionary.

Men have devoted talents to their country's service, spent fortunes in her cause, shed life's blood in her battles, but none can show better title to honor than this scholar who risked fortune, life and reputation, with no hope of patriot's renown, a heroe's name or statesman's fame, but merely to gain, perpetuate and add luster to principles which he believed this country embodied. The story of his life is a never failing inspiration to better living, truer citizenship, higher patriotism, however simply told still the grandest thought for the anniversary of the Declaration of Independence for should the memory of such men be ever kept in mind the day of our republic would be as eternal as the principles of its immortal charter of liberty.

Mr. Grover Cleveland and Mr. W. J. Bryan both politely declined Tammany's invitation to her democratic Fourth of July celebration. Each in his own way ignored the significance of the day and reverted to the all-important political issues. The ex-president thought the nation's birthday an "interesting occasion" and hoped its significance would "pre-eminently consist in a clear and emphatic announcement of the principles and beliefs which accord with the best and most thoughtful sentiments and opinions of our countrymen." The would-be president's idea of the Fourth was that it was a day which could with special propriety be observed by the democrats "at this time when the party has just freed itself from its foreign financial influences and taken an emphatic stand in favor of an American policy for the American people." He trusted the meeting might "prove the inauguration of a campaign which will result in putting Greater New York under democratic control." Franker than these was Ex-Senator "I-am-a-Democrat" Hill, the great political machinist, who wasted no time in feigning deference to the occasion, but bluntly said: "I have but one practical suggestion to make at this crisis. Let us disappoint our enemies."

There are three weeds growing near the Grove which are spreading rapidly and will soon be so thoroughly established as to defy the best efforts of careful cultivators to eradicate them. These pests are: Fox-glove (Digitalis) with its pretty spikes of large bell-shaped rose-colored flowers growing along the Gales Creek road. Toad-flax or Butter-and-eggs (Linaria) with its dense racemes of yellowish-red flowers; Moth Mullein (Verbascum) with loose racemes of yellow or white flowers growing in pastures or along roadsides. A few minutes spent in uprooting these pests now will save hours of labor later as they are sure to spread through the country unless prompt measures are taken to destroy them.

The regents of the State Agricultural college have done themselves credit in electing to the presidency so able an educator as Dr. Gatch, and one who has been so long and so prominently identified with school work in this state. He is very acceptable as an Oregon man and especially as one free from the taint of political life. In connection with this it is merited to say that however objectionable the appointment of President Miller may have seemed he certainly gave the college a business like and successful administration, winning the respect of the student body in spite of great discouragement from outside.

Since July 4 the national flag has forty-five stars in its union, arranged in six rows, the odd numbered rows having eight stars each, and the even rows seven. "Beautiful as a flower to those who love it; terrible as a meteor to those who hate it; it is the symbol of the power and glory and the honor of seventy-five millions of Americans."

Substantial evidences of returning prosperity are the reports from the various counties of Oregon, showing decrease in debt and warrants reaching par.

Sunday morning Jailer Sappington on bringing breakfast to his prisoners in the county jail at Hillsboro found the cage open and Fisher, waiting hearing before the grand jury for stealing chickens and resisting arrest, flown. Moore, another inmate, was suspected but claimed that Fisher had intimidated him with a pistol while breaking off the two locks with a monkey wrench and he feared to give an alarm. The locks had been taken by the escaped prisoner but brass filings swept into a corner contradicted the story. Further proof of the trusty's connivance with the escape was the extreme care he took to provide proof of his abject fear. Moore was bound over by Judge Cornelius, of the county court, in $1,000 bonds for his complicity in the escape and Wednesday was taken to Portland for safe keeping He was in on a fifty day sentence for unlawful cohabitation and his term had nearly expired but this act makes him a partner of Fisher's sentence and means years in the penitentary.

By reading the following you will see how near a frightful accident, which might have resulted in death, our Grove citizens came, who were on board the Christian Endeavor excursion train for San Francisco: The Christian Endeavor excursion train from Oregon, which passed through Cottonwood this afternoon, was saved from a frightful wreck two miles south of Cottonwood by Charles Broadhurst, a farmer. Broadhurst discovered that a trestle 20 feet long had been burned out. He saw the Endeavor excursion approaching at a rapid rate, and knew that unless the train was flagged it would instantly be dashed to destruction. Without a moment to spare he rushed up the track and flagged the train, which came to a standstill a few feet from the burned-out trestle. The conductor ordered the train back to Cottonwood, the local members of the Endeavor society entertained them with song and prayer.

"Last summer one of our grand-children was sick with a severe bowel trouble," says Mrs. E. G. Gregory, of Frederickstown, Mo. "Our doctor's remedy had failed, then we tried Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, which gave very speedy relief." For sale by J. C. Clark, druggist.

Mrs. Mary Sorber was injured Monday noon by a run-a-way while driving from Salem to visit her mother, Mrs. R. W. Traver, here. At a culvert near Carlton lumber for a new flooring had been piled on one side of the road and Mrs. Sorber, seeing the horse was frightened at it, got out of the rig with a little girl who was her companion, and started to lead the animal by. He become scared and broke away, throwing her down stunned and injured her face and side. The horse ran straight ahead and not altering his course at the turn of the road dashed into a barbed wire fence. His tendons were cut and he was so generally injured that his owner wanted him killed but a veterinarian was sent for. Mrs. Sorber was taken to Carlton and came on to the Grove by train.

Ladies' Oxfords in latest styles and colors from $1 and upwards. Gregg's Shoe store.

Miss Esther Martin, of Minton, Indiana, is visiting at the home of Mr. A D. Allen. Friends of the Epworth League honored her coming by a surprise visit, decorating the house with flowers and spreading a bountiful table.

You may hunt the world over and you will not find another medicine equal to Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy for bowel complaints. It is pleasant, safe and reliable. For sale by J. C. Clark.

The Pomona Grange, the fifth degree of the Patrons of Husbandry, for this jurisdiction including Clackamas, Yamhill and Washington counties, meets in Forest Grove next Wednesday. The local grange is busy making arrangements for the entertainment of its guests.

Mr. L. C. Walker went to Salem Tuesday on a visit to friends at the Chemawa Indian school.

The Epworth League gives a picnic tomorrow for its members and a few invited guests at Soda Springs.

Stewart-Thompson.—On Wednesday evening, July 7, at 4 o'clock at the residence of Esquire Dolstrum, Mr. William A. H. Thompson and Mrs. Eliza D. Stewart were made as *one* in the presence of a few invited friends. The ceremony was performed by Justice Dolstrum in a short impressive manner, which launched two happy hearts out on life's rugged sea to do battle with the elements, and to seek their fortunes hand in hand. The contracting parties are members of Dilley's best society and that quiet little city's good people will doubtless extend to them their hearty congratulations and best wishes, as do also those who joyously witnessed the happy union.

Captain Clark and wife, of the monitor Monterey now at Portland, old friends of Dr. Rogers in China, were intending to visit him at his home here today but were prevented at the last moment from coming out.

The steam swing, alias the merry-go-round, arrived yesterday and is being set up in Naylor's Grove. It will begin running Friday evening. The swing is owned and managed by Mr. Dilberger, of Laurel, formerly postmaster and storekeeper there, and is more worthy of patronage than such enterprises usually are, for the money paid in will stay here and be spent in the county. A picnic and balloon ascension are being planned for the near future.

Prosperity is coming, Boos has just received a new consignment of hats.

Say, do you know that you can buy second hand furniture at Smith's Store? He is in the market to buy and sells very low. An invoice of new goods in today. If you want anything in his line call and buy cheap.

The Grange picnic near the Watt school house Saturday was well attended and proved a very enjoyable affair. The liberal hospitality for which the Grangers are noted was very much in evidence with substantials to feed the hungry and dainties to satisfy the most delicate tastes.

Dr. Ward, Ed. Ward and T. J. Harris start one week from today for Alaska, being in Portland now getting tickets and preparing for the journey. The doctor will practice his profession while the other members of the party prospect for gold.

The directors have chosen these teachers for next year at the monthly salaries indicated: D. H. Thomas, principal, $50; Mrs. J. C. Robb $35; Misses Dollie Myers, Agnes Cronen, Alice Porter, Atkinson and Lomasson, $30. From this list however will be chosen a vice principal for the intermediate department at $35. Misses Cronen and Porter fill vacancies caused by resignations as does Miss Myers who was a supply last term. The principal's salary has been cut $10 and salaries of other teachers $5 a month.

The long talked of reunion and encampment of the veterans of the county at Hillsboro Wednesday, Tuesday and Friday was highly successful. Over a hundred tents were pitched in Warren's grove and a constant stream of visitors made an animated scene. The veterans were welcomed to the city in one of those happy speeches which Mayor Barrett knows so well how to make and the response by Hon. H. V. Gates was equally felicitous. A poem by Mrs. Mary Hobart was well recited. Thursday's exercises were under charge of the Women's Relief Corps and need no other comment to tell that the program was of high order and admirably carried out. The HATCHET has been unable to obtain the roster of veterans which it would gladly have published in full as well as a detailed account of the reunion exercises.

Fourth of July for Washington county was observed at Hillsboro Saturday by quite 5000 gathered from far around. A big parade, an oration by Hon. John F. Caples which frankness to say was from manuscript and did not do the judge justice until he laid his paper away at the close and warmed up with his natural enthusiasm, games, merry-go-round, stands and people everywhere were features of the day. A dancing booth occupied some and interested more as spectators. Evening witnessed a good display of fireworks, especially the balloons which were visible like stars far up in the sky long after they were sent up. Busses from Forest Grove, Cornelius and Hillsboro took large numbers to the grounds and were busy returning them far into the night.

Court House News.

Probate.—In re estate of Alois Hardweiger, deceased. Final account approved and estate closed of record. Administrator ordered to distribute cash on hand, $433.96 among the heirs and file receipts therefore. Also to pay to clerk shares of non resident heirs for benefit of said heirs.

Law Docket.—State vs. John Moore, aiding prisoner to escape. On preliminary hearing it was ordered that defendant be held to grand jury in the sum of $1,000 bonds.

Marriage Licenses.—Frederick Settgart and Margaret Cachlen. Charles A. Leighow and Mrs. Abbie Coburn.