

FLAG RAISING.

At a flag raising at Butte school last month, Hon. C. F. Tigar was the principal speaker. He addressed the children and their friends in these words:

BOYS AND GIRLS OF BUTTE SCHOOL, DISTRICT NO. 23, NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS:

Just why I should have been called upon to address you to-day, instead of so many others, better able to do so, is unknown. But, being a former "graduate" of this great American college, and the many pleasant memories lingering around these old grounds rising up before me to-day, seem to me to appeal to me to try and uphold the standard of a past de- cades best I can.

We have met to-day in a common cause—leaving, I trust, all our an- tidotes or differences of whatever nature at home—to raise upon these grounds the American flag—that emblem of liberty for which our fore- fathers fought, bled and died that we might enjoy the greatest boon of a civilized people—that is civil and reli- gious liberty.

History tells us that the idea of standards or flags originated with the Egyptians, at an early age. The Crusaders added the cross to their banners. The union of the three crosses of St. George, St. Andrew and St. Patrick marks first the union of England and Scotland into the king- dom of Great Britain, and then this kingdom with Ireland. This is termed the great union flag of Great Britain, and was brought by the col- onists to America. When the thir- teen colonies began to feel the pres- sure of British rule, they placed upon their banners a rattlesnake, cut in thirteen pieces, representing the thir- teen colonies, with the motto, "Join or Die." When these colonies be- came more united in their purposes of resistance to British tyranny, they placed upon their flag a well-formed rattlesnake, in the attitude of about to strike, with the motto, "Don't Tread on Me." Dr. Franklin, seeing this emblem on one of the drums of that day, writes as follows:

"On inquiry and from study I learned that the ancients considered the serpent an emblem of wisdom, and, in some attitudes, of endless du- ration; also that countries are often represented by animals, peculiar to that country. The rattlesnake is found nowhere but in America. Her eye is exceedingly bright, and with- out eyelids—emblems of vigilance. She never begins an attack, and she never surrenders—emblems of mag- nanimity and courage. She never wounds even her enemies till she generously gives them warning not to tread on her—which is emblematic of the people who inhabit her country. She appears apparently weak and defenceless, but her weapons are, nevertheless, formida- ble. Her poison is the necessary means for the digestion of her food, but certain destruction to her en- mies—showing the power of Ameri- can resources. Her thirteen rattles, the only part which increase in num- ber, are distinct from each other, and yet so united that they cannot be dis- connected without breaking them to pieces—showing the impossibility of an American republic without a union of states. A single rattle will give no sound alone, but the ringing of the thirteen is sufficient to startle the boldest man alive. She is beauti- ful in youth, which increaseth with her age; her tongue is forked as the lightning, and her abode is among the impregnable rocks."

The next form of the United States flag was the stars and stripes. Its proportions are perfect when prop- erly made—the first and last stripe be- ing red, with alternate stripes of white; the blue field for the stars is the square of seven stripes.

On the 14th day of June, 1777, the continental congress resolved, "That the flag of the United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, and that the union be thirteen white stars on a blue field, representing a new constellation." Previous to this our national banner was the union flag of combining the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew. The stars and stripes were unfurled for the first time at the battle of Saratoga, on the occasion of the surrender of General Burgoyne. The stars of the flag rep- resent the idea taken from the con- stellation, Lyra, which signifies har- mony. The blue of the field was taken from the banner of the Coven- anters of Scotland, likewise signifi- cant of the league and covenant of the colonies against oppression, and incidentally involving vigilance, per- severance and justice. The stars were disposed in a circle, symbolizing the perpetuity of the union, the cir- cle being the sign of eternity. Both the thirteen stripes and the stars showed the number of states. The red color, which, in the days of Roman glory, was the signal of de- meanor, devoted, daring, and the white purity. A new star is added to the flag on the 4th of July following the admission of a new state.

How much better our revolution- ary fathers built than they knew, when this grand country of ours was freed from the oppression of a nation which had scarcely known defeat be- fore, and the American flag, whose beauty is not equalled in the world—at least, all loyal Americans think so—to-day proudly waves in every civ- ilized country on the globe, respected by all, and under the protection of which all Americans are guaranteed the rights of life and liberty. But why should we have a flag at a school house, or this school house? Be- cause it is desired that every child shall love and respect it to realize

what benefits we secure under that emblem of liberty, and so that when you are grown and have assumed the responsibilities of this state and na- tion, you can all say with pride: "I received my education under that grand old flag, and I will be loyal to my flag and my country." It is a consoling thought that while we may divide on religion, or sometimes quarrel over politics, yet we can, I trust, always join in a mutual admi- ration of "Old Glory," as the flag is often called, and I hope and believe that should our flag ever be insulted, the spirit of '76 would arise in every breast, and that every one would be willing to defend it, even with your lives.

It has been said that the public schools are the bulwarks of the na- tion, and truer words were never ut- tered. For where education enters, superstition disappears. A nation is easily judged by its schools, for where the schools are poor, or are sectarian, there, too, will the people be narrow-minded and uneducated. Poor education means bad govern- ment. So it behooves all of us to see that the usefulness of our schools are not allowed to be narrowed or im- paired, for our future destiny depends upon it, as the poet said: "Our country stands, with outstretched hands, Appealing to her boys. From them must flow her weal or woe, Her sorrows or her joys."

And now, in conclusion let me ex- hort you, boys and girls, to ever be loyal to our flag, our country, our American institutions and public schools, so that it can never be said of you that you are less loyal, less patriotic, less American than our re- volutionary fathers.

A WINTER JOB.

One of the technical journals pub- lishes in a recent issue a photograph of a large locomotive being raised through the ice in New Brunswick, into which it had fallen on account of a derailment. The manner in which the work was done is decidedly novel. The accident occurred about a year ago, on the Canadian Pacific line, and an account of the method of raising the heavy locomotive was given in St. John "Globe" of about that time. The engine sank about thirty feet into the water and mud, and the work of getting it out had to be done in the middle of a severe winter, with the thermometer often as low as 30 degrees below zero, and with the cold intensified by strong gales. It took two days to recover the body of the fireman, who was drowned at the time of the accident, and for many days afterward the se- vere cold prevented any further work. Finally, a number of holes were drilled to a depth of twenty inches in the rocky hillside about 100 feet above the track, and steel pins 3 1/2 inches in diameter were fastened into these with molten lead. Four feet of snow had to be cleared away before the drilling could begin, and large fires were kept burning all the time to warm the men. Logs were placed near the track and made solid. These pins and logs served as anchorages for guy ropes holding up heavy timber shafts thirty feet high, set over a hole in the ice directly above the sunken locomotive. It was impracticable to employ a diver to adjust the lifting hooks to the en- gine, so a swinging mirror, fastened at the end of a long pole, was used to reflect the light of a powerful reflect- ing lamp to the tender, crank-pins and smokestack base, where the hooks were to be fastened. These hooks were attached to strong falls, and the ends of the ropes of the falls were fastened to three locomotives. The driving wheels of the engine had sunk among boulders, but, in spite of this, when the three locomotives were started ahead the engine rose gradually. Then three of the three- inch hooks broke and allowed the engine to fall nine feet, but the broken pieces were replaced by hooks made of car axles, and the second trial resulted successfully. The en- gine and tender were raised and placed on a temporary track, and Master Mechanic Haggerty, who su- perintended the work, returned to receive the congratulations of his friends on the completion of a very troublesome, if not important, under- taking.

THE PRICE FOR A GIVEN INCOME.

On the 10th instant the secretary of the U. S. treasury prepared and gave out for publication a table showing the amount which should be bid for the new 4 per cent bonds maturing February 1, 1925, on February 1, 1926, in order that the investor may realize any rate of interest between 2 1/2 per cent and 4 per cent per annum. The table follows:

Per Cent.	Bid Per Cent.	Bid.
2 1/2	130.8749 3/4	109.0856
3	124.9234 9/16	107.8900
3 1/2	119.3229 3/4	106.7121
4	117.9749 3/4	105.5516
4 1/2	116.6471 3/4	104.4082
5	115.3291 3/4	103.2816
5 1/2	114.0506 3/4	102.1716
6	112.7814 3/4	101.0778
6 1/2	111.5310 3/4	100.0000
7	110.2992	

The treasury department to-day began the task of sending to each postmaster in the United States a copy of Secretary Carlisle's circular of January 6, asking for proposals for the purchase of the new bonds. By direction of the postmaster-general these notices are to be posted in a conspicuous place in each office.

Coughing irritates the delicate or- gans and aggravates the disease. In- stead of waiting, try One Minute Cough Cure. It helps at once, mak- ing expectoration easy, reduces the soreness and inflammation. Every one likes it. W. E. Brock.

FOUND IN THE CAMPAIGN.

The "Journal of the Royal Insti- tute of British Architects" contains an illustrated article by Mr. J. Tay- nior Perry on "Some Recent Discov- eries at Nemi, in the Roman Campa- gna." Referring to the exploration, once more being attempted, of the bed of the Lake of Nemi, which through all its known history has been the scene of great and impor- tant works, remarkable even among Roman construction, he says it was long believed that one of the early Caesars had erected a floating palace on the surface of the lake, and many attempts have been made to recover it; but the conclusion at last arrived at is that the tradition was wrong, and that the palace, or whatever it was, was of the nature of a perma- nent structure raised upon piles.

Mr. Perry continues: "Being in the Cesari Gardens at Genzano a short time since, I saw a small raft, moored out on the Nemi side, dis- turbing the placid surface of the lake; but I was then unable to ascertain why it was there. Returning to Rome, I made some inquiries, which not only enabled me to get what I believed to be authentic information as to what has been done and what it is further proposed to do, but to obtain the beautiful photographs printed with this communication. The recent diving operations, which operations, which have so far been carried out by private enterprise, have resulted in proving the sup- posed villa to have been neither more nor less than the landing stage of the traditional galley, which had gradually subsided by decay beneath the water of the lake, and which has thus been preserved until now in a fairly perfect condition. It is of con- siderable extent, and lies about sixty feet below the surface, and could only be brought up to the land piecemeal after considerable damage. The matter is, I believe, under the consideration of the Italian govern- ment. They have before them a proposal to employ some skilled en- gineers from Spezia, who, by form- ing a coffer-dam around the stage, the extent and position of which have now been accurately deter- mined, and by pumping out the water, would either raise it to the surface or expose it so that it may be carefully examined and delineated by experts. The piles which sup- port the stage are sheathed in copper and were capped with bronze, having on the one face heads holding the rings in their mouths for the moor- ing ropes. These heads, of most beautiful workmanship, are perfectly preserved. Being easily moved, they have been brought to the sur- face, and prove clearly that they were provided for mooring ships or galleys to the stage, and that the tradition of the galley is reasonable. The Medusa head, of still more ex- quisite workmanship, may have been affixed to a prow, but I was unable to ascertain exactly the po- sition in which it was found. The firm stage was laid with a marble pav- ement, consisting of large plaques of porphyry, with enclaving pieces of white and green marbles and a quantity of glass mosaic. From the descriptions it would seem that the character of the pavement was that of opus alexandrinum. It is also stated that the galley has been seen afresh, and the discovery of the use to which the permanent structure was devoted has clearly demonstrated that some sort was intended to be placed on the lake. It is to be hoped that when the stage has been recovered the galley may be at least looked for, but, even if found, the enormous depth of the lake in its center may preclude any attempt to raise it."

JUGGLING METHODS.

Some correspondence in an English technical journal reads very strange- ly when contrasted with similar cor- respondence which has recently taken place in this country. It relates to the methods of the British admiralty in purchasing vessels for the navy of Great Britain, and places our own navy department's methods in a far more favorable light than the government. The matter all came out in a letter from Yarrow & Co., builders of the Sokol, the fastest boat of her class afloat. This firm had a bad experi- ence with the admiralty some time ago, when British ship builders were asked to send in bids and drawings for a number of torpedo boats and similar craft. After awhile the fact leaked out that the officials of this great department had taken the drawings accompanying the Yarrow bid, which were more satisfactory than any others, and were hawking them around to other builders for lower bids. 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