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EDITORIALS

TURN THOUGHTS TO "OLD GLORY"

We have always wanted something definite about the flag. Here it is from authentic sources:

As a part of the campaign of education in national loyalty, now being promoted throughout the nation the attention of the American people is being directed to their national emblem, the "Stars and Stripes," the world's outstanding symbol of freedom and personal liberty.

Patriotic organizations throughout our country, realizing that a widespread knowledge of the flag's history and significance is a powerful impetus for building loyalty and devotion to our nation, are encouraging respect and love for the flag in the schools and among adult citizens, and are disseminating information about "Old Glory."

The U.S. Navy, through its recruiting service offices, is giving wide distribution to a folder, "The Flag of the United States, How to Display and Respect It." Flag manufacturers report an unprecedented demand for flags, large and small. Business concerns are devising plans for distribution of the flag and information concerning it.

As a means of awakening renewed interest in the flag, it is suggested that the following little-known fact should be brought to the attention of the citizens of every state: Do you know that one specific star among the 48 on the flag, represents YOUR state? And do you know which particular star it is?

We all have long known that the 48 stars represent the 48 states, but that each stands for a specific state comes as a surprise to most citizens. The historic fact is that President Taft issued an executive order in 1912, which fixed the arrangement of the stars in six rows of eight stars each, and stated that the stars should symbolize the states in order of their admission to the Union.

Accordingly, as Oregon was the thirty-third state to be admitted, it is represented by the first star in the fifth, or next to the last row; and Washington, forty-second in order of admission, has, as its particular star, the second from the left in the bottom row.

It is well for us all to remember the symbolic meanings of the flag's colors, which are officially set forth as follows: "White signifies purity, innocence; red, hardiness and valor. Blue is the traditional color of the American uniform, and this color signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice."

So, as we look at "Old Glory" rippling in the breeze, let us remember what its colors stand for, and let us pick out the particular star in this mighty constellation which represents our own state, and be thankful that it "is still there."

THE PORK BARREL IS STILL FULL

The needs of the defense program are now being used as an alibi for the unprecedentedly swift rise in our national debt. But that alibi cannot stand up on analysis.

The Treasury's own figures tell the tale. In the fiscal year ended June 30, Federal expenditures were \$12,600,000,000. About half of that sum went for defense purposes.

What is happening is simply this: The staggering cost of defense is being piled on top of an exorbitant "depression" Federal budget which has not been cut in a single important particular. The waste goes on. The overlapping and duplication of activity goes on. All the costly, needless "luxuries" and political tax-exempt business projects on which the government embarked during the depression in competition with highly-taxed private business, are being maintained as usual.

Our leaders are now pointing out that all must sacrifice for defense, which is necessary. But how about the politicians sacrificing some of their pork-barrel activities which are driving this nation down the road to bankruptcy?

Stanley Jones and his uncle visited Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Middleton at Klamath Falls Sunday.

Story of African Rubber Plantation

(Continued from Last Week)

Saturday night we are having a big Red Cross Benefit Party at the Big Club. Today a truck came around to all the houses and collected "White Elephants." (You know, anything which you have and are not using you call a "white elephant"). They will have quite a collection. Then Saturday night they will auction it all off—will also have a wheel of Fortune which has prizes on and various other things—All money collected will go to the Red Cross Fund. They are also raffling off a radio, a typewriter and a mix-master set and all the girls on the place, at least most of them have to sell tickets for five shillings apiece for chances. All receipts to go into the fund. Since I am at the office I have quite a few tickets to sell and when the phone rings and someone wants some information I tell them that for five shillings I will tell them. Only have nine tickets left to sell. Oh Boy! It is a good joke and the fellows are comparing notes to see how many times they have been "stuck" for tickets. It is for a good cause and I think they will make quite a bit of money for it.

Started to tell you about Matthews. There are many types of fungus out here and each case has to be treated individually and more or less experiments performed on it to ascertain which type of medicine will cure it. His is the type where the skin comes off and leaves the flesh raw. He has his hands, arms, neck and part of his face effected now. The suffering comes from the itching of it. I guess it is real agony for him sometimes walks the floor and waves his arms trying to control himself. Of course he cannot scratch it for the bandages are about two inches thick but the suffering is intense. They are trying to burn it off his neck and I guess that's no picnic either. One man out here has another kind of fungus which grows a grey fuzz something like mold or mildew and it is growing out of his ears. Nice thought, isn't it? Just to cheer you up please remember that there are 78 men and 36 women out here and out of this group two or three have fungus so you see the percentage is quite small. I am not worried anyway. Started to say that with Matthews and Hall both out of the office I really have been busy and I think these last couple of days of my staying home have been more or less simply tiredness with too much to do. I have had to work overtime and also go to play rehearsals so was due for a let down. Now I feel okay and ready to tackle anything.

The tropics claimed another victim mentally a couple of weeks ago. A young bachelor. He suddenly went "nuts" and started running off through the rubber in his stocking feet. Was captured by a bunch of black boys and four white men who finally got him to the hospital. He was completely out of his head for over a week but is coming around okay now. Whether he will have another attack is problematical but the odds are that he will eventually.

He should go home immediately and forget that he has ever been out of the U.S.A. When you come right down to it it is usually the bachelors who live alone or way off by much time in which to think of how far away they are from civilization and their families and all, they either drink themselves under or go on rampages such as this fellow did. I have found the best way to get along down here is to just forget that possibly it is more pleasant some place else in the world because we do have everything down here to make us happy if we just wake up and take advantage of it and that is exactly what we are doing and instead of being bothered by the tropics we get a huge kick out of it all. We certainly haven't time to get bored as yet.

No, it isn't very hot here now. In fact I haven't seen a thermometer since I arrived and don't know what the actual temperature is in the shade. It gets to 170 in the sun. The hottest which has ever been recorded down here in the shade is 89 degrees and there is always a breeze which is sometimes so strong that you must close most of the windows to keep the floor lamps from blowing over. The weather which we have experienced here so far is far superior to any weather we experienced in Chicago so we are very thankful. No, we cannot see the ocean from where we live. It is 45 miles from Monrovia to the plantation by road but only 15 miles from Marshall by river (there is no road) and that is the closest we are to the ocean. I get a lovely view of the river from my office window all day and surely enjoy it and can watch the launch and lighters working around loading and unloading cargo and passengers. At times we pay for tropical fruit and at times we do not. If we go pick it ourselves we don't pay for tropical fruit and at times we do not. Otherwise we send our boys and pay 2 cents per pineapple and about a shilling, 20 cents for a huge stalk of bananas, and everything else is comparable. We always have a stalk of bananas hanging in the back entrance way in the sun and let them ripen gradually of their own free will and pick them as we want them.

(To Be Continued)

LOCALS

M. A. Adams returned to work Monday morning after a severe attack of gallstones. Mr. Adams was home for over two weeks.

W. B. Dir has rented Mr. Borah's house. Joe Rummerfeld has bought Mrs. McIntire's place. Dan Thompson and family has moved into the Armstrong house.

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Work has already been started on the new ice skating rink to be built at the south end of Grape street, Medford. The cost of the rink, it is stated, is \$10,000.

Miss Jacklyn Thurman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thurman, 1728 North Riverside, Medford, left by train Thursday afternoon for Lubbock, Texas where she will attend the Polytechnic College of Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schmidt and small son David from Redmond visited at the home of Mrs. Schmidt's parents Mr. and Mrs. Lathrop Sunday. Mr. Schmidt returned home while Mrs. Schmidt remained for a longer visit. She will accompany her brother Lieut. Ernest Lathrop to her home when he returns to the army.

Walter Painter is building a house on a lot they recently purchased.

Miss Elizabeth Wilson has rented the Davison house. Miss Wilson is a teacher in the local high school.

Norman Hansen is visiting his mother for a short time while he is recovering from injuries received in a car accident. His jaw was broken, his left wrist sprained and his hip injured. He expects to return to the ship yards soon to be under the doctor's care even if not able to go to work yet.

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The Berean Class met at the home of Roy Nichols. After the lesson on the Resurrection and the business meeting, a social time was enjoyed. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Nichols, Mrs. Case and Mrs. Minnie. Thirty members, including guests, were present.

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