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Interesting Facts About Our Flag

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In Philadelphia there is a little house nesting neath towering skyscrapers which is owned by the American people, who bought it some years ago and who today carefully guard it against the dangers of fire and storm. The citizens of Philadelphia take patriotic pride in protecting it for you and me. It was once the home of Betsy Ross. Within its walls our flag was born.

Our flag—did you ever contemplate it? A little English girl who lived in London many years ago and who later came to this better country and became a very useful citizen, used to tell how with her nurse she used to walk along the bank of the Thames and on the many ships there look upon the flags of the world. She knew not where they came from nor what their colors meant, but for design and color she early chose the American flag, not knowing that some day it would be her own, as the prettiest flag that floated in that harbor which was hospitable to all the flags on earth.

It is a beautiful flag, simple in design. It bears no complicated coat of arms, no irregular lines, no intricate design. Many flags are so burdened with devices that they are difficult to make and for that reason in many lands few people own the flag of their own country and they see it only when a regiment may pass on parade or they are privileged to behold a decorated building of state. But not so with us.

The flag is part of every well equipped household. No home is complete without it.

The Department of Commerce now proposes to standardize this beautiful and simple emblem of the United States. It has been made by almost any measure and proportions, oft times differing. To change this so that all flags may at least appear the same the Department of Commerce proposes to determine fixed dimensions for the flag in ten defined sizes, from small to large, in which it will have the cooperation of the various government departments and the Fine Arts Commission.

It was John Adams who introduced the resolution which made the Betsy Ross plan our flag official. His resolution, which was adopted by the American Congress on June 14, 1777, declared that the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white, that the union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field representing a new constellation.

At that time Washington said "We take the stars from Heaven, the red from our Mother Country, separating it by white stripes, thus showing that we have separated from her, and the white stripe shall go down to posterity representing Liberty." Heretofore, the generally accepted proportion of our flag was that the length should be twice the width. That proportion at least has been accepted as good form. There are seven red stripes and six white. The outside stripe at top and bottom being red, the white field covering the width of the four stripes at the top and now there are forty-eight stars on the field of blue. If you haven't a flag in your home, either get one or make one. It is the symbol not only of American life but of the American home. Have the emblem of your home in your home.

Bad Oregon Advertising

The Literary Digest shows that upon inquiry an eastern man with money to invest found Oregon the highest taxed state in the nation.

With two million circulation the Digest publishes a half-page diagram of highest taxed states and Oregon leads the rest.

A big New York bank sends out tabulations and diagrams to show Oregon is highest but one (Dakota) in per capita state debt.

Pyramid upon this \$140,000,000 to \$150,000,000 more of municipal and improvement district lien obligations, and you may have some conception of the burdens of our people and that slow state development lies ahead.

Put Them to Work.

The gospel of work is being neglected today. Mother and father are working about as hard as ever, but the young people are loafing as never before.

Put them to work!
The mother who allows her daughter to dawdle her time away, to think of nothing but dress and fashion, to play the piano and use the family automobile when she should be washing dishes and helping to make the beds and performing other useful tasks about the house is neglecting her duty. The girl who grows to womanhood without a knowledge of household management is not a credit to her mother. Her mother has been remiss.

The father who allows his son to grow up a loafer is not a good citizen. He should take enough interest in his family to see that the boy is brought up familiar with work. Not dainty jobs alone, but good old-fashioned jobs like cleaning out the cellar, handling the ashes and bringing up the coal. It won't hurt him. He can wear gloves if he is afraid of ruining his banjo hands. He can wear a skull cap so as not to ruffle his patent leather hair. And the work will build up his physique just as efficiently as the gym and the base ball diamond.

Put them to work!

And working will fit them for life. Many of the young folk growing up today have never looked a real job of work in the eyes. They look upon work as something to dread, something to look forward to with fear and trembling, something to be avoided and skulked as long as possible.

Put them to work now!
Honest work never hurt any one yet. Give them plenty of playtime, but familiarize them with some form of work. Then, when they come to shift for themselves they won't be astonished and hurt because they are expected to toil.

Put them to work!—Fall River (Mass.) News.

An Open-Shop City

Los Angeles throughout the year 1922 has held its place as third among American cities in point of building activity. The development of the city has been as consistent as it is remarkable. It makes little difference from what angle one views it, the same result is shown, a consistent uninterrupted record of achievement. The same is true in hardly less degree in the immediate areas surrounding the city. In fact, all Southern California is undergoing remarkable development.

Los Angeles itself is increasing in population at the rate of approximately 100,000 a year. From 20,000 to 30,000 additional school children have to be provided for each year. While building activity all over the United States has been picking up decidedly, Los Angeles has the advantage of having enjoyed for many years an uninterrupted growth and industrial development which has given her a prosperity felt in all legitimate lines of business. In the month of November building permits issued in Los Angeles represented a valuation of \$11,355,710.

Consolidation Bills Doomed

The bills to consolidate Oregon's hundred and odd boards and commissions into a few plain and directly responsible departments seems doomed.

Boards, commissions and those enjoying sinecures, emoluments and privileges under the obsolete Oregon system are overpowering the legislature.

Reactionaries who want to keep things as they are and keep Oregon advertised as the highest taxed state in the West all fear consolidation.

The Hall bill consolidates the useless appendages that cause expense, create deficiencies and demand more and more funds—wipes 'em out.

Those who believe our state government cannot be improved upon are united to defeat any consolidation and continue huckabuck politics.

A state official has gone on record that \$250,000 a year can be saved by simply applying business methods at hiring help about the state house.

For instance, clerks, stenographers and mere helpers get all the way from \$75 to \$200 a month for the same hours and same kind of work.

In one department an experienced employe at \$100 a month was displaced by a relative of another head of a department at \$150 a month.

The present system is one of wasteful methods, that are socially unjust and productive of discontent, founded on political pull and graft.—The Manufacturer.

Homes and Better Citizenship

Hundreds of thousands of new homes have been built in the United States during the past year.

Owning a home tends strongly to produce better citizenship, both in children and in adults.

The house owner has a more direct interest than has the flat renter in efficient and economical government and in the improvement of his neighborhood and his city, since anything that improves the community's social or physical condition increases the value of the home owner's property and makes his home a better place in which to live.

It used to be argued that property owners paid all the taxes and that renters escaped. The fallacy of that view is now well understood. Indeed, rapidly as taxes have gone up in the last few years, the rents of flats and apartments have gone up still faster. The landlord has passed his tax burden—and more—on to his tenants.

It is good for any community that the "own your home" movement has made such progress. That movement should be encouraged in all proper ways.

VICE PRESIDENT COOLIDGE thinks it is a great mistake to think that under some form of government or in some advanced state of civilization people can exist without effort and live wholly at ease. He says: "The opposite conclusion would be more nearly correct. It requires less intelligence, less skillful effort to live among a tribe of savages than to maintain existence under the average condition of modern society. Independence, liberty, civilization are hard to bear. It is not sloth and ease, but work and achievement which are the ideals of today. Self-control is arduous; self-government is difficult. Always there is the temptation that some element of these should be surrendered in exchange for security and ease. The appeal to passion and prejudice always lies in this direction. The proposal to despoil others of their possessions is a manifestation of this same spirit."

Live Cecil News Items

The many friends of Peter Bauernfeld, well known and respected pioneer of Cecil, will be pleased to hear that Pete is feeling much better and, all being well, he expects to be back among us in Cecil before long. Pete has been at Paso Robles Springs for several weeks taking the different kinds of baths, water, etc., under the supervision of good doctors, and last accounts heard from Pete he felt great benefit from his treatments.

The Heppner doctors who have been treating our friend J. W. Osborn for some time have certainly worked wonders with their patient who walked from Cecil to Arlington (18 miles) on Tuesday, Mr. Osborn, who has passed the three score and ten mile post and was suffering from a bad leg, too, would put many a younger man to shame with his walking qualities.

"It can't be beat." That is what Bob Thompson of Heppner says of Cecil, its weather, its good hay and everything suitable for good lambing quarters. We knew that years ago, but no one would believe us. Bob Thompson has been busy preparing the Shepherd's Rest at Cecil for his men who arrived with their sheep Saturday from Heppner.

Leon Logan of Four Mile spared time from his labors on his ranch to make a call on the week ends in Cecil on Friday. Leon says the fine weather is making the wheat look good in his end of the county and he hopes Mac, the weather man, will still hold his fine weather wand over this district.

Misses Ruby and Lucy Corrigan and Miss Norma Frederic of Heppner made a short call in Cecil on Sunday before leaving to visit friends in Arlington. Miss Ruby was driving her new Dodge car.

Messrs. Kelsay and Erickson of Ione, accompanied by Miss Mildred Henriksen of Strawberry ranch and Miss Violet Bedford of Rhea Sidine, were visiting in the Cecil vicinity on Sunday.

E. Williams, government trapper, was visiting the ranches on Willow creek during the week and was the guest of Herbert Hynd at Buttery Flats during his stay in Cecil.

Jack Hynd and Geo. Krebs of Cecil left on Monday for Spokane to take in the woolgrowers meeting held there during the week.

Miss Annie C. Hynd of Buttery Flats is spending a few days with her aunt, Miss Hynd, at Rose Lawn, Sand Hollow.

Mr. and Mrs. Usher and Mr. and Mrs. Breakbush of Rhea Sidine were doing business in Cecil on Wednesday.

G. H. Hartvigson of Idaho is busy on the highway near Cecil steel bridge putting up fences for the highway.

Roy Chandler of Willow Creek ranch left on Friday for Lebanon, where he will visit for some time.

Mrs. Melville Logan of the Willows spent Friday at the home of Mrs. Karl Farnsworth at Rhea.

G. A. Miller and son Elvin of Highview, were taking in the sights at the county seat on Thursday.

Wm. Chandler of Willow Creek ranch and Oral Henriksen of Ewing left for Heppner on Tuesday.

Miss Reita Nell of Heppner was looking up her friends around Cecil on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Arthur Turner, accompanied by J. E. Crabtree of Dutchboy's Hill, was calling in Cecil on Sunday.

W. G. Palmateer and daughter Miss Clea, of Windybrook were visitors in Heppner on Monday.

Geo. Henriksen of Strawberry ranch was doing business in Arlington on Wednesday.

Mrs. Geo. Henriksen of Strawberry ranch, visited with Mrs. Tyler at Rhea on Saturday.

A Jackie Coogan Story. Little Jackie Coogan, the juvenile cinema wonder, is only a wee bit of a youngster, just at present trying to solve the intricacies of Franklin's "First Reader."

Recently he complained that the big Cooper-Hewitt lights used on the

motion-picture sets hurt his eyes, and an alarmed father took him to an oculist.

As usual, the eye-specialist hung up the test-card, and then asked Jackie to read the top line, the letters of which were T V Z U E, etc.

There was silence for several moments, and then the specialist exclaimed in surprise:

"Why, my little man, you don't mean to tell me you can't even read those large letters on the top line?"

"Sure, I can read 'em," retorted Jackie; "but I can't pronounce it."—Everybody's Magazine.

Ray Has Splendid Support in 'Scrap Iron'

Few pictures have been produced with a better or more carefully selected supporting cast than "Scrap Iron," the attraction starring Charles Ray, which is the feature for Wednesday and Thursday at the Star Theatre.

Every character, from the principals down to the extras, hundreds of them at that, was picked with the greatest care. There were real pugilists, real timekeepers, referee and

fight fans.

Vera Stedman plays the part of Mildie; as few other girls could play it, and she looks the part to perfection—the slim, tigerish slip of a girl who has fought poverty all her life and uses her wits to keep up appearances.

Tom O'Brien was a well-known amateur fighter some years back and is the embodiment of the scrapper who forges his way to the front by sheer strength and absence of fear. Stanton Heck, as the owner of the Athletic Club, would convince anyone, while his henchman, as played by Charles Wheelock, makes everyone believe he is the type of man he impersonates—and he isn't!

Tom Wilson, as the tin-eared pugilist, gives a remarkable performance. Claude Berkeley is a natural boy, taking the role of Charles Ray's young companion.

Last, but far from least, is Lydia Knott, as the mother of Ray. She provides a gem in the way of character acting, giving one of the most touching mother-performances ever seen on the screen.

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