

Many Theories About National Flag Design

There are various theories regarding the origin of the design of our national flag, and most historians do not consider the Betsy Ross legend as trustworthy. It is true that Washington's family coat-of-arms contained both stars and stripes, but these had been used in other flags before 1776. The Grand Union flag, the first to float over the navy, consisted of 13 stripes, alternately red and white, with a union bearing the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew, signifying the mother country. Some historians believe that the stripes were taken from the flag and the stars from the colonial banner of Rhode Island. Others maintain that the idea of the flag came from the Netherlands, as Franklin and Adams, who were sent to that country to borrow money for aid, told the Dutch that America had borrowed much from them, including the ideas represented in the flag. Another claim is that the stars were taken from the 13-starred constellation Lyra and signified "harmony."

Great Novelist's Home

On the banks of the Tweed, not far from Melrose and Galashiels is Abbotsford, the old home of Sir Walter Scott. The novelist was an enthusiastic collector of oddities, and his home is like a museum of strange objects and relics from all parts of the world. After you see Scott's chair, desk and library, you will find the sword of Montrose, Bob Roy's gun and sword, Helen MacGregor's brooch, Queen Mary's seal, Bonnie Prince Charlie's drinking cup. Though Scott has been buried nearly a hundred years, a visit to his home makes it possible to see the research material which enabled him to make such vivid pen pictures of thrilling events in Scotch history.

Cairo Ancient City
The birth of a continuing city on the site now occupied by Cairo probably took place about 525 B. C. when a town called Babylon was founded, presumably by emigrants from Babylon in Mesopotamia. The Romans added to Babylon by building a fort there and making it the headquarters of a legion. The town and fort were captured by the Mohammedan invaders in 641 A. D. Touching the old site, the victorious Moslems built a new capital, El-Fostat. Although other nearby cities became in turn the Moslem capitals, El-Fostat probably continued to exist. A part of Old Cairo today occupies its site, says a bulletin of the National Geographic society.

Riviera of the Baltic
In the proximity of the city of Ilka is the lovely strand which has come to be called the Baltic Riviera, where the busy Latvians abandon their offices for the sports of the sunny beach. Here, fringed by dunes and woods, idyllic forests and park, little townlets of villas are growing up on every side. The vast stretch of sand makes it a paradise for the children, and it is astonishing how soon after Russia lost the coastline the Germans, the English and the Scandinavian peoples found on it a home for their summer play. It is the strand of a shore whose inland miles stretch to Asia and China and the mystery of its hidden background shadows all its romance.

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Employment as a housekeeper, preferably in the country. I have one one one small child.
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LETTER OF THANKS
The Past Noble Grands Club of the Rebekah Lodge of Ione wish to thank all of the people who so kindly assisted the I. O. O. F. and Past Noble Grand Club members in making much needed improvements on the roan to use Ione Cemetery.

This includes citizens of Ione and community, also the Lexington people who allowed us the use of their hall for our Road Benefit Dance and the members of the Morrow County Court who helped with advice and the loan of tools with which to do the work.

We feel that the work was very much worth while and we sincerely thank each and every one who helped us in any way.

Vida Heliker, Pres.
Etta Howell, V. Pres.
Lee Howell, Sec. I. O. O. F.

Locust Chapter, O. E. S. Social Club will give a Bridge Party on Thursday Evening, Feb. 12, at eight o'clock, in Masonic Hall. Admission, 25 cents. Everybody welcome.

Measure of the Great
"There are but few great men in history," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown, "and none that I recall has had the honorable pleasure of personally realizing his own greatness."—Washington Star.

THIRD WEEK FINDS LEGISLATURE BUSY

Power Program Comes Into Open; Thumbs to be Down on Spending Orgy.

Appropriations Will Be Curtailed—Emergency Board Criticized—Would Abolish Many Boards — Power Bill Introduced — League of Cities Has 10 Bills — Would Repeal Road Tax.

Salem, Ore.—With the second week of the legislative session ended, virtually all of the major issues, except, perhaps, that of finance and taxation, have been drawn. And, as was anticipated by friends of Governor Meier, water power and the utilities hold the limelight.

Somewhat hectic conjecture on the part of uninformed legislators as to what was happening to the administration's two important measures, the water conservation bill and the public service commission measure, was still evident when these two documents dropped into the hopper the last of the week, virtually without change from the lines suggested by the governor in his inaugural message.

Criticism of the activities of the state emergency board and the announcement that everything would be done to hold down legislation appropriations probably featured the operations of the joint ways and means committee during the first two weeks of the 1931 legislative session.

Appropriations Curtailed.
At the first meeting of the ways and means committee the word went out that unnecessary appropriations would be eliminated, and that many other budget requests would be cut to the bone. Senators Strayer and Woodward especially were emphatic in their assertions that the time had arrived when the state should curtail its expenditures and live within its income.

Woodward informed his colleagues that he already had decided to oppose the budget requests of the Oregon State Humane society and the battleship Oregon commission.

In attacking the operations of the state emergency board it was pointed out that during the past two years this body had authorized deficiency appropriations aggregating more than \$500,000.

There also is a possibility that a number of proposed capital outlay appropriations requested by various state institutions will go by the boards. While it was admitted by members of the ways and means committee that some of these capital outlays appeared necessary, they declared that the state's finances were in such condition as to warrant a slowing up in expenditures. Special mention was made of the existing deficit in state funds aggregating between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000.

Emergency Board Criticized.
That the fight to curtail the activities of the state emergency board will be carried onto the floor of both houses of the legislature was indicated when two bills were introduced that would curb materially the operations of the board. One of the bills was introduced by Senator Upton which would cut the board's allowance to \$100,000. There is no limit at present.

Abolition of some 14 boards and commissions of the state and the grouping of their duties and functions under a department of agriculture was proposed in a measure presented for preliminary consideration before a joint session of the senate and house agricultural committees.

The measure would bring about a radical rearrangement of the administrative functions of the state as relating to agriculture. It is being urged as a means of creating greater efficiency and giving the farmers and stock raisers of the state a greater return for the money expended.

Would Abolish Many Boards.
Among the boards which would be done away with under the unified plan, which is understood to be similar in character to those now in effect in 43 of the 48 states, are:

State board of horticulture, pure seed board, state livestock board, state veterinarian, state dairy and food commission, state chemist, state bacteriologist, advisory livestock brand adjusting board, stallion registration board, state fair board, state market agent, state lime board and the state seed board.

The new department also would take over certain regulatory functions of the state experiment station and the Oregon State college relating to seeds, fertilizers, lime, spray and rodent control.

The entire power program consisted of three major measures—the public utilities bill, the hydro-electric commission and power conservation bill and the power district bill.

The public utilities bill, which was introduced by Representative Arthur W. Lawrence of Benton county, provides for the abolition of the public

service commission and the substitution of a one-man public utilities commissioner to supervise the service, rates and activities of public utilities of the state and to protect the public interests in all controversies. The bill also provides for optional home rule privileges for cities, with general supervisory authority over any contracts or ordinances affecting utilities reserved to the commissioner.

Power Bill Introduced.
The hydro-electric commission and power conservation bill provides an entirely new set-up by which the water resources of the state may be appropriated for the development of electrical energy. A commission of three men, appointed by the governor and serving without salary, is created to supervise the granting of all licenses by which water power sites may be developed by any but public bodies.

The bill was introduced by Senator Sam Brown of Marion county. In the district power bill, the grange sponsors have outlined the plan and provided the machinery by which the power district amendment approved at the November election may be made effective. It was introduced in the senate by J. O. Bailey, senator from Multnomah county, and bore the names of Senators Wheeler and Brown and Representatives Gill, Tompkins, Howard, Johnson, McPhillips, Lawrence and Swift. The measure provides for the formation of power districts under the supervision of the hydro-electric commission and is in every way a companion proposal to the bill creating the commission. Safeguards have been thrown about the bill which, its sponsors believe, will protect it from abuse by promoters and unwise organizers.

League of Cities Has 10 Bills.
Representative Chinnock of Josephine presented ten bills for the League of Oregon cities, including a measure for a state building code. The cities also requested an amendment to provide for state co-operation in the construction and maintenance of primary highways within municipalities, which now is restricted to municipalities of not more than 2000 population. The bill would extend the co-operation of the state highway commission to all cities.

Creation of county boards of education is proposed in a bill by Representative Marpherson of Linn county. The county board would have five members, elected by representatives of the local districts within the county, and the board would select and employ the county superintendent and assistants and would supervise the county budget.

Bearing the names of nearly one-third of the members of the state legislature, a measure providing for the furnishing of free text-books to the elementary and high school pupils of the state was introduced in the house of representatives. The bill would effect the purchase of the texts by the school districts and is mandatory on the directors. The language of the bill reads "authorized, empowered and directed." First-class districts are permitted to make their own purchases, but the state board of education would serve as purchasing agent for districts of the second and third classes.

The Portland-coast short cut highway bill, when and if it gets to the legislature, seems certain to develop one of the most strenuous battles of the 36th session. This became evident from comment on the state highway department ruling that the so-called "ridge route" was the best of six routes investigated. Supporters of the Wilson river route are determined that definite action shall be taken by the commission or by the legislature this year.

Another measure likely to produce lively discussion will make its appearance this week. This is to be a bill by Senator Kiddle to repeal the one-mill market road tax, which will be offered by its author as the one real chance to reduce the tax on real property.

Would Repeal Road Tax.
Repeal would also do away with the one-mill levied by the counties to match the state funds, and would wipe out at one swoop \$2,000,000 now levied against property in the state.

Senator Kiddle will propose that the equivalent of the state tax be made up to the counties from the state highway fund. The legislature cannot accomplish tax relief by slashing a few dollars here and there off of a budget, he avers. He argues that the major highways of the state are now completed and that the state highway fund is in shape to stand the contribution to county road construction. If any county desires to match the money with a special levy it may do so at the discretion of its own court, but it would not be required under the measure.

With the power bills before the legislature, senators expressed the belief that the wheels would be speeded up during the next week, and that future adjournments for the week end will not be taken until late Friday or Saturday noon.

Lexington News
Miss AMABEL STRODTMAN

Preparations for the annual declamatory contest are well under way in Lexington schools. Six pupils have already entered from High School. They are: Oratorical: Amabel Strodtman, Maurice Reany; Dramatic: Faye Luttrell, Neva Warner; Humorous: Erma Lane and Beulah Eskelson.

Miss Myra Wells of Heppner is visiting at the Earl Warner home.

Lexington High School basketball teams won two victories last week by defeating H. P. Pnea and Irrigon. Heppner was defeated, the girls, 18-5, while the boys won by a 12-16 score. At Irrigon the boys won an easy 25-15 victory and the girls by a score of 20-5.

E. I. Burchell returned on Sunday from Corvallis, Oregon, where he has been visiting with relatives.

A benefit dance will be given on Saturday, Feb. 11, in Leach Memorial hall. The proceeds to the Student Body of the Lexington High School.

Miss Marie Breshears arrived at a two weeks stay in the William Stergal home in Spray.

At a special meeting of the P. A. A., on Wednesday evening last a delightful program was given by the members of the high school English classes. A play: "The Trial of Good English" was presented with the leading parts taken by Sam McMillan, lawyer for the defendant; Dale Lane, lawyer for the plaintiff; Winsford Duvril, judge; Merritt Gray, clerk; Garland Thompson, "Bad English"; Helen Doherty, Miss Vocabulary; Florence Mayer, Miss Culture; Faye Luttrell, Mother Tongue; Vester Thornburg, Dr. Speech; Edith Tucker, Good English; Emma Lane, Miss C. Writing; Grace Burchell, Mrs. John He; Tillie Nelson, Miss Spelling.

A debate, "Resolved There Should Be a Union High School in Heppner" was also given. A business meeting followed the program.

R. H. Lane has returned from Portland where he has been receiving medical treatment for an abscess on the shoulder.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hunt, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Howell attended the Legion banquet at Arlington, Monday evening.

A number of Lexington people attended the Willows Grange dance at Cecil Saturday night.

Louise, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hunt, is suffering from a severe attack of tonsillitis.

Mrs. Chas. Inderbitzin of Portland, is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. T. Ingles.

Dr. Clarke of the Clarke Optical Company, Portland, EYE SIGHT SPECIALISTS will be in Ione, at the Harris Apartments, all day and evening, Tuesday, Feb. 10. SEE HIM ABOUT YOUR EYES.

Sometimes Folding Bed Surprised Its Occupant

One of the earliest manifestations of a congested population in New York was the folding bed, writes Henry Collins Brown in Valentine's Manual. This ingenious piece of furniture was designed to camouflage its real purpose by assuming during the daytime various alien shapes, such as that of a wardrobe, desk or chiffonier. But the only one who dwelt in a state of illusion was its owner. Everybody else knew it was a folding bed, but the etiquette of the times forbade discussion of the subject.

It was perfectly obvious that the bookcase in the library of an overcrowded apartment that had the capacity of Doctor Elliot's five-foot book shelf was a folding bed. Likewise that the large cheval glass in front of an apparent cupboard concealed another of the genus, but these innocent fictions were taken as a matter of course.

There was one type of folding bed, however, constructed with weights, that had a disconcerting habit when its equilibrium was disturbed of folding up like a jackknife, to the intense amazement of the occupant. For a stout gentleman to find himself suddenly awakened and standing on his head in bed was only a small inconvenience compared with the imminent danger of asphyxiation that the situation afforded.

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