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THE CELEBRATION.

It has been intimated that it may seem to some disrespectful and unpatriotic for Gresham to hold a celebration while the nation's president is in Portland. Certainly nothing of the kind is intended and no thoughtful person could interpret it that way.

Plans for the Gresham celebration were started early, before there was any intimation of President Harding being in Portland, and Governor Pierce had agreed to deliver the address here. Then the papers said the president would be in Portland on July 4, then they said he wouldn't. Then for a week or two or three it was uncertain.

The American Legion boys were undecided whether to go ahead with their plans or not. Finally, it seemed unlikely the president would be here, and the plans for a local celebration were undertaken in good earnest.

Road Maintenance Big Item.

Thirty-seven million dollars will be expended for maintenance and reconstruction of state and county roads in California during the fiscal years 1923-1924 and 1924-1925.

During this period the State Highway commission will reconstruct 364.7 miles of state highway, at a cost of \$9,879,120. The state will maintain 3,926 miles of improved highways at a cost of \$1,372,249 in 1923-24 and 4,148 miles at a cost of \$1,500,515 in 1924-1925.

California has done some very good work in adding a two-foot shoulder on each side of the present concrete roads which are crystallizing under traffic impact and filling in the space between with an asphaltic concrete wearing surface about three inches thick.

This is the old road base utilized at a great saving to the taxpayers and an additional four feet in width is secured to handle increased traffic.

Western road construction has proved conclusively that the shock absorbing qualities of asphaltic concrete withstand traffic impact most successfully.

Cause for Worry.

A Sunday school teacher was telling the children of her class about the miracle of Christ changing the water into wine at the marriage feast of Cana. One little fellow jumped to the floor, saying: "Oh, that's nothing; my dad made some wine and then changed it into vinegar." Now dad's worried for fear the boy will get him in bad.

MICKIE SAYS

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BIDS WANTED. Sealed bids will be received for labor on reshingling and general repair of Rockwood school building. The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Bids must be in not later than July 15th. Information furnished by clerk. C. B. JOHNSON, Clerk, Dist. No. 27. Gresham, Oregon, Box 120A.



Shown above is the home of Betsy Ross on Arch street, Philadelphia, where 146 years ago, June 14, the flag of the United States was designed. Thousands gathered there two weeks ago to pay tribute in fitting services.

CLAIMS EARTH IS TOPSHAPED

French Scientist Puts Forth Theory That Will Be Found More or Less Interesting.

A French scientist finds in the great depths of the Arctic ocean an argument tending to show that the earth is slightly topshaped, the protuberance corresponding to the point of the top being at the South pole. This, he thinks, would explain the different results arrived at by the various measurements of astronomers and geodesists. The differences are very small in comparison with the entire bulk of the globe, yet they are readily appreciable, and one of the explanations that has been suggested for them is that the earth is tetrahedral in form. But the Frenchman thinks the top-shape theory is preferable. The fact that to an eye looking at the earth from a point in space it would not sensibly differ in appearance from a true sphere shows how refined are the methods of science which enable men living on the surface of the globe to detect variations in its general contour.—New York Herald.

Theory of Relativity.

Einstein is said to have made the statement that only 12 men could understand his theory. This statement referred to it in its mathematical entirety, and not to a common sense understanding. In a general way everyone understands Newton's law of gravitation, although to grasp it fully one must know the calculus. In a similar way the layman can understand the relativity theory, stated by a famous mathematician to be: "One cannot determine the speed of any object moving at a uniform rate of speed in a straight line, by any experiment in motion or light, and the moving object changes its length in relation to speed and direction of its motion."

This theory had its forerunners in many countries, but is an outgrowth, more specifically, of the attempt to find the velocity of the earth's motion by a very delicate experiment with light. The theory also makes instantaneously a relative matter.

Saturday "Dress-Up" Day.

Saturdays once were almost universally pay days, but now, with many firms paying their help on other days, Saturdays have lost claim to that distinction. But another one still prevails, the New York Sun states. To the stenographer or girl clerk Saturdays are dress-up days. Even the most prim and most severely plain dresser blossoms forth on Saturday.

The system started through engagements for the afternoon Sadie, or Mamie, or Rose, wished to appear at her best when she met Tom, Dick or Harry, or whoever was going to take her to a movie or Coney Island.

When one of them quarreled with her particular beau and was without a companion for the afternoon could she admit it to the other girls? Certainly not. And so, whether an engagement awaits or not, the little stenographer dresses up every Saturday.

Looking Both Ways.

Billy Kane, an Irish huckman of Maccon, Mo., was on the stand in a personal injury case. A man was suing the railroad, claiming he was hit through the negligence of the engine man. It was in evidence that three boys were standing on the edge of the platform as the train came in. The lawyer for the railroad was cross-examining Mr. Kane pretty severely, and the sharper he became the more exasperating seemed the witness' answers. Finally he demanded the answer told him the exact position of those boys. "Well, sir," replied Mr. Kane smoothly, "their backs was a-facing the east."

BIDS WANTED.

Sealed bids will be received by the undersigned at Portland, Oregon, Route 1, Box 523, until 8 p. m., July 15, 1923, for the painting of Lynch schoolhouse, Section Line and Barker Roads. Specifications may be secured from any member of board or clerk. Bids also wanted for 15 cords of wood to be delivered at schoolhouse. The Board of Directors reserve the right to reject any or all bids. H. H. CONFREY, Clerk.

ORIGINATOR OF "UNCLE SAM"

Government Worker Said to Have Created the Phrase Following the War of 1812.

This is one story of how the expression, "Uncle Sam," popular name for the United States government, is said to have originated: Immediately after the declaration of war against England in 1812, Elbert Anderson of New York, then a contractor, visited Troy, N. Y., where there was concentrated and where he purchased a large quantity of provisions, beef, pork and so forth. Samuel Wilson, an inspector of these articles at that place, was generally known as "Uncle Sam." He superintended, in person, a large number of workmen, who on this occasion, were employed in overhauling the provisions purchased by the contractor for the army. The casks were marked "E. A.—U. S." This work fell to the lot of a facetious fellow in the employ of the inspector, who, on being asked by some of his fellow workmen the meaning of the mark (for the letters U. S., for the United States, were then entirely new to them), said he did not know unless it meant "Elbert Anderson" and "Uncle Sam"—alluding exclusively, then, to the said "Uncle Sam" Wilson. The joke took among the workmen and passed currently; and "Uncle Sam" himself, being present, was occasionally rallied by them on the increasing extent of his possessions.

How Well She Knew.

One busy evening just as the university library was closing, a professor famous for forgetting to return books came to my desk to withdraw some magazines. I reminded him of periodicals which he had out for weeks. On his insisting that they had been returned I went to the shelves in search of them.

Looking over the magazines was a young woman who pleasantly remarked that she, too, had been a librarian. In my exasperation I confided to her that "that professor is a terror." She smiled and remarked, "I agree with you. He is my husband."—Chicago Tribune.

Going—Gone.

Skidding off a wet road into a four-foot ditch, the automobile of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Zeigler of Attica was overturned about four miles north of Veedersburg, but the occupants escaped injury and the car was not damaged to any great extent, Mr. Zeigler said. He is chairman of the state highway commission and was on the way to Indianapolis with Mrs. Zeigler. "We weren't particularly frightened when the accident occurred," said Mr. Zeigler. "Mrs. Zeigler said: 'We're going,' and I said: 'Why, we're gone,' and by that time we were ready to climb out."—Indianapolis News.

The Cherry Is Popular.

The wild cherry is never found growing in abundance in any locality. Its popularity for decorative work has led to the destruction of much cherry, and there has never been sufficient provision for replacing the trees cut, says Nature Magazine. Those who have given the matter study note with alarm the growing scarcity of the black cherry and see that unless greater care is taken in future it will soon become extinct.

NOTICE OF FILING FINAL ACCOUNT

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, Department of Probate. In the Matter of the Estate of Edward R. Wright, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administratrix of the estate of Edward R. Wright, deceased, has filed her final account as such administratrix in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah, Department of Probate. That Monday, the 23rd day of July, 1923, at the hour of 9:30 a. m. of said day and the court room of said court has been appointed as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said final account, and the settlement thereof. ANNIE F. WRIGHT, Administratrix. McGUIRK & SCHNEIDER, Attorneys for Administratrix. Date and first published June 5, 1923. Date of last publication July 3, 1923.

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