

The Backbone of America.

There is a home on the Oregon coast, facing the Pacific ocean. It is a small, frame dwelling, plain and unpretentious. Back of it for miles stretch virgin forests.

In the front yard is a tall flagpole, on that flag pole for three days, the Stars and Stripes, the American flag hung at half mast, proclaiming to the world that here is a home in which there is love of country, patriotism, reverence for our president who died in the public service according as it was given him to see his duties.

Further back in the foothills of the Cascades, on a homestead in a clearing, there is a log house of a settler who, with his wife, and surrounded by their children, is hewing out of the forest a home.

This humble homesteader has set up close to his cabin in the clearing a flagpole hewn from a stately young fir, and the flag in the foothills was at

half mast following the president's death.

When President Coolidge was officially notified, at Northampton, Mass., of his nomination as the candidate of his party for the office of vice president, he used the following words in closing his speech of acceptance, July 27, 1920:

"We have been taking counsel together concerning the welfare of America. We have spent much time discussing the affairs of government yet most of the great concourse of people around me hold no public office, expect to hold no public office. Still in solemn truth they are the government, they are America. We shall search in vain in legislative halls, executive mansions, and the chambers of the judiciary for the greatness or the government of our country. We shall behold there but a reflection, not a reality; successful in proportion to its accuracy. In a

free republic a great government is the product of a great people. They will look to themselves rather than government for success. The destiny, the greatness of America lies around the hearthstone. If thrift and industry are taught there, and the example of self-sacrifice oft appears, if honor abide there, and high ideals, if there the building of fortune be subordinate to the building of character, America will live in security, rejoicing in an abundant prosperity and good government at home, and in peace, confidence and respect abroad. If these virtues be absent there is no power that can supply these blessings. Look well then to the hearthstone, therein all hope for America lies."

Mr. Coolidge was visualizing the kind of homes represented by the two mentioned above, where the Stars and Stripes were flying at half mast; humble homes, but filled with simple faith and love and respect and honor—homes representing the common people of this great country, the people who are the government.

So long as our government rests there, no power can shake it.

"At night returning, every labor sped, He sits him down, the monarch of a shed;

Smiles by his cheerful fire, and round surveys His children's looks, that brighten at the blaze;

While his loved partner, boastful of her hoard, Displays her cleanly platter on the board."—Goldsmith.

In these simple facts, recorded above, lie the secret of the freedom, security and greatness of the United States. Individual love, honor and respect for one's country can never be secured where a people are too much hampered by legislative acts seeking to regulate every phase of human activity and where the burdens of bureaucracy crush the spirit of initiative and ambition which have been the life blood of America. In the haze of new theories tending to becloud the minds of our people, let us keep our eyes fastened to the fundamental principles of our form of government which stand as a beacon light to guide us away from the shoals and quicksands which would submerge the individual in the sloughs of officialism and red tape.

FAIRVIEW

A number of Fairview women, old friends of Mrs. Strucken, surprised her on Thursday afternoon in her attractive new home on the Barr road, which has been built beside the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. C. Brooks. Mrs. Strucken has been a faithful worker for many years in the Fairview grange but is now unable to do much active work on account of lameness. Those who joined the party were Mrs. Wm. Sales, Miss Clara Sales, Mrs. J. W. Townsend, Mrs. Frank Dickenson, Mrs. Etna Wagner, Mrs. R. R. Morrill, Mrs. D. W. McKay and Mrs. J. M. Grant. A delightful social afternoon was spent.

Among the Fairview people who have returned within the past day or two from various beach resorts after a vacation outing are the families of John Jonas, Mr. Zooks, J. McGaw, Edwin Burlingame, R. R. Morrill, Mr. Wagner, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. McKay, Mrs. J. M. Grant and son Donald and Miss Clara Sales.

Mrs. M. W. Hanel, who has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Richards, for the past three weeks, has returned to her home in Eugene.

Mrs. D. W. McKay went today to the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland where she will undergo a surgical operation.

The S. P. Osburn family has gone to Newport for an outing.

Mrs. Eliza Stone and family left today for Carson's hot springs in Washington.

At Smith Memorial Presbyterian church next Sunday the pastor, the Rev. E. R. D. Hollensted, will preach at the 11 o'clock service on the subject, "Lost Blessings." Sunday school will meet as usual at 10 o'clock. The Rev. F. G. Strange, D. D., preached last Sunday in the absence of the pastor.

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.

A few words will tell the whole story in the Want Column.

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State Market Agent Department. By proclamation of Governor Pierce, compulsory grading and labeling of potatoes will be a law of Oregon on and after September 15, and in connection with cooperative growers' associations which are organizing in the state, this law will no doubt greatly help this industry. The new law provides for standard grades and labeling, according to the schedules of the United States Department of Agriculture. Inspection will be under the state market agent and will be handled in much the same manner as grain is now handled. The government fixes four standard grades, but it is not expected that any one crop will be sorted into four grades, nor would such a practice be desirable. Following is Grade No. 1, which will meet the requirements of the most of the potatoes grown in Oregon. Growers should clip and preserve this: No. 1 shall consist of potatoes of similar varietal characteristics which are not badly misshapen, which are free from freezing injury and soft rot, and from damage caused by dirt or other foreign matter, sunburn, second growth, growth cracks, hollow-hearts, cuts, scab, blight, dry rot, disease, insects, or mechanical or other means. The diameter of potatoes of round varieties shall be not less than 1 1/4 inches and of potatoes of long varieties 1 1/2 inches. In order to allow for variations incident to proper grading and handling, not more than 5 per cent, by weight, of any lot may be below the prescribed size, and, in addition, not more than 6 per cent, by weight, may be below the remaining requirements of this grade, but not to exceed one-third of this 6 per cent tolerance shall be allowed for potatoes affected by soft rot. The other three established grades are No. 1, small, No. 2 and Fancy No. 1. The fancy grade is one that doubtless can be developed in this state with profit. Idaho puts out a fancy grade, every potato being separately wrapped in paper like oranges and these bring a high top price for select markets. Oregon can develop the same markets as this fancy stock can be readily grown in many localities. Standard grading and state inspection of potatoes has long been needed in Oregon as an aid to marketing.

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Unclaimed Letters. The following letters remain unclaimed in this office for the week ending August 18th. Unless called for by September 1st, 1923, these letters will be sent to the Dead Letter office or otherwise disposed of as provided by regulations. President Society Atlas. Mrs. Emma Cash. Mrs. I. T. Clark. Mrs. Anna Larsson. Andrew Nyman. E. E. JOHNSON, Postmaster.

One Day a Week for Taxes. Mr. Roger Babson, statistical expert, says that one hour and twenty minutes of each business day—or one entire day a week—is demanded of every able-bodied person in the United States to maintain government. That is the lesson of the recent analysis, showing that one-sixth of our national income goes for taxes, federal, state and local.

Her Fault. A certain Scotch professor was left a widower in his old age. Not very long after he suddenly announced his intention of marrying again, half apologetically, adding, "I never would have thought of it, if Lizzie hadn't died."

Add also to your ad-antage.

HOME SWEET HOME Oscar, How's That for "Safety-First" Last? by Terry Gilkison AUTOCASTER SO WHY IS MY LITTLE GIRL'S BIRTHDAY? WELL, WELL IF A GOOD FAIRY GAVE YOU TWO WISHES, WHAT WOULD THEY BE? WELL, I THINK I'D WISH FOR A HUSBAND, DADDY MY, OH, MY! BUT THAT'S ONLY ONE WISH - YES AND I'D SAVE THE OTHER UNTIL I SAW HOW HE TURNED OUT! futile tasks