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JUNE 14 WAS FLAG DAY

Sunday, June 14 marked the 154th anniversary of the day when the first Continental congress passed the resolution establishing as the emblem of the United States, "a flag of 13 stripes alternate red and white," and "that the union will be 13 stars of white in a blue field representing a new constellation."

History may regard as unsupported by fact the story of Betsy Ross stitching the first American flag but no one disputes the fact that the legend has become part and parcel of American lore.

Washington and an intense personal interest in the creation of a national flag, all historians agree. He accomplished more than any other American in giving the flag a meaning and in unfurling it over a strong and united nation. He carried the first flag into battle at Brandywine September 11, 1777. It was first saluted by the British at the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga October 17, 1777.

In 1818 congress decreed that a new star should be added. On January 13, 1794, after Vermont and Kentucky had been admitted to the Union, the stars and stripes were increased to 15. The 1818 Act reduced the stripes to 13 and decreed a new star for each new state.

Wherever the flag has gone it has meant achievement and new honors to our nation.

THE TOURING SEASON

While auto touring takes place all seasons of the year, in most parts of the country, summer sees the bulk of sightseeing and vacation travel. License plates of many states are seen on cars passing through Nyssa. The number and volume will grow steadily from now on until it reaches the peak in midsummer.

This method of spending leisure, usually a vacation, is most profitable to the states that have most to sell in scenery, historical interest or recreation. Trade experts estimate that not less than \$4,000,000,000 will be spent by Americans in their travels this summer. The east and the west will get the bulk of this vast sum, though every portion of the south, and northern states in which lakes and streams abound will come in for a considerable slice of it. Oregon as usual will rake in her share.

No one looks on motor touring today as a waste of money. Everyone realizes that in recent years it has come to be the most popular form of putting money into circulation, and getting it scattered into sections that never profited in days when vacationists had to stick to the railroads. Today there are few towns or rural sections that do not profit to some extent by the distribution of this vast sum of vacation money, and each year as roads get better they profit more and more. We Americans just have to have some excuse for spending our money and we have to have vacations. Since vacations and money spending go hand in hand, now that the auto is here, it's a wise community that bids the tourist welcome.

NYSSA TAXES ARE LOWEST

The Oregon Voter, state tax authority, in last week's issue, gave another interesting comparison of taxes. It set out the taxes levied for all purposes in incorporated cities of Oregon. The following reprinted schedule will show the comparison in Malheur county, with Nyssa lowest on the list:

	Levy Rate in Mills	
	Actual	Equalized
Nyssa	82.71	81.83
Ontario	90.54	89.54
Vale	121.54	120.20

It's all right to go with a flapper who uses a lipstick, but when you marry get a girl who knows how to use a broomstick.

The motorist who is looking for a way to keep hitchhikers from bothering him might try marrying a fat girl and buying a coupe.

The best things in life may be free, but helping yourself to them often takes away your freedom.

Anyway Americans down in Nicaragua seem to get about as much protection from bandits as we get up here.

HISTORY PROVES

That successful, healthy people have used a substantial portion of milk in their diet.

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SHELTON'S DAIRY
NYSSA, OREGON

AGRICULTURE

(By Master of Oregon State Grange)

Agriculture is the greatest business of the world and is the basis of all prosperity. This is an undisputed fact. Therefore, every right thinking individual or organization should be, and very largely is, working to bring agriculture into a more prosperous condition. Mistakes have been made in the past but we hope fewer mistakes will be made in the future.

Agriculture must have a clear vision of what is needed and must lead the way. Others will follow.

We must realize that our condition is like dining in a cafeteria. "There are no waiters to bring us success."

If we are to succeed we must not depend upon others but must come to a clear understanding among ourselves; then, united by the strong tie of agriculture, we shall advance our cause by laboring to develop a higher and better manhood and womanhood among ourselves.

The purpose of the grange has for the farmer is:

First, "To foster mutual comforts and cooperation in both buying and selling."

Second, "To enhance the comforts and attractions of our homes."

Third, "To reduce our expenses, both individual and corporate."

When we plan to reduce our agricultural expenses, may I recommend that we study very carefully the use of horses and mules instead of tractors for our farm work. Agriculture must learn to patronize agriculture by raising its own motive power as well as raising the fuel or feed for the motive power.

We must learn to patronize our own industry, not only in the matter of motive power, fuel and feed, but also in the matter of our own g:mick ETAOIN SHRDLU MMM the matter of our food and clothing.

We patronize the seal and the silk worm far too much for our own good.

The farmer has been accused of being a large user of agricultural substitutes. It is the truth that hurts. Let us look close at home and see if we can not do a great deal ourselves, to bring agricultural prosperity. What Oregon raises and uses makes Oregon agriculture prosper.

Chambers of commerce, service clubs, hotels, eating places emphasize the use of local agricultural products at their banquets and on menus. Business men are using, very largely, Oregon products and have for their slogan, "What Oregon makes, makes Oregon." We must learn to patronize agriculture more ourselves and to spend less in nonagricultural lines.

As there is no royal road to learning so there is no easy road to success.

The farmer that refuses to patronize and standardize agriculture, refuses to study market conditions, refuses to recognize that he can do anything himself to help his condition, refuses to follow his product through to market and to see that the consumer is satisfied, is a menace to agriculture.

RAILROADS HAVE THEIR PROBLEMS

A community which can support every known means of transportation is unquestionably entitled to them all; but a community which can support only one cannot insist upon the retention of two if the patronage to the least favored one is not sufficient to enable it to live.

This principle was laid down by the interstate commerce commission in the application of Sumpter Valley railroad to abandon its line between Bates and Prairie City in Grant county, and it is of particular importance in view of the encroachments of highway transportation upon the business of rail lines.

Prior to the building of the John Day highway, the Sumpter Valley railroad handled the livestock and other freight and passenger travel out of the John Day valley and into Baker. Freight and passengers are now using the highway and cattlemen, while some ship to Portland by truck, are not patronizing the Sumpter Valley line as heavily as they are shipping out of Seneca.

So great has been the drop in revenue that the Bates-Prairie City section does not pay operating expenses, but the communities served demand on the continued operation of the line. The interstate commerce commission agrees that the railroad shall continue, but warns Baker, Bates and Prairie City that these communities cannot expect the railroad to live if it receives no business. In other words, if all the business is going on the highway, the railroad is entitled to cease for "operating expenses cannot be paid out of an empty pocket."

Quite a few citizens can remember when they kicked as much about some noises that came out of that organ in the parlor as they now kick about some noises that came out of the radio.

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Voice of the Press

THE NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

Though we do not know much about Charles Pray, appointed by Governor Meier for chief of the new state police, what is known is all in his favor. He is not a politician. He is not a military man. Thus the appointment goes to allay the fear that the police force will become a purely political organization and the dread that it will be the introduction of Smedley Butler Cossackism.

Mr. Pray is by profession a lawyer, served as clerk in the federal attorney's office in Spokane, and as deputy United States marshal in eastern Washington. He was for many years a special agent in the secret service of the department of justice and established a record as a sleuth in celebrated criminal cases and also in ferreting out violations of anti-trust law. He left the service to become assistant to the president of the Oliver Iron Mining company at Duluth, Minn. Since his return he has been a resident of Oswego and for the last three months parole officer for the penitentiary.

It is apparently a case of the office seeking the man, for Mr. Pray was not a candidate, and it was the recommendation of government officials who commended his organization abilities and his record of service that prompted the governor to select him. It is apparently an excellent appointment—at least we hope it is.—Salem Capital Journal.

The following resume of carlot apple shipments from several of the apple producing states for the season just closing shows the relative position of Oregon in the apple markets of the world: Oregon 5641; Idaho 6973; Washington 44363; New York 15,271; Virginia 7396.—State Market Report.

COURT HOUSE FILINGS

Real Estate Transfers Recorded
Jordan Valley Irrigation district to School Dist. No. 81, metes and bounds in NW 1-4 NW 1-4 Sec. 36, Twp. 30, Range 42. 5-9-31. \$100.

Wm. N. Beeson et ux to State of Oregon, R-W NE 1-4 SE 1-4 Sec. 9, Twp. 15, Range 45. 6-1-33. \$500.

Myrtle E. Griffith to E. L. Griffith, SW 1-4 SE 1-4 SE 1-4 Sec. 20-18-47. 2-27-31. \$10.

Eli Rose to Zenola Presley, metes and bounds in NW 1-4 Sec. 28, Twp. 14, Range 39. 6-2-30. \$150.

P. M. Warren to Nora Ferguson, lots 15, Block 144, Ward's Add. to Nyssa. 6-1-31. \$100.

S. M. Moltisam et ux to S. D. Duncan, all north Willow creek, W 1-2 SE 1-4 NE 1-4 Sec. 21-14-39. 10-28-30. \$100.

Merton Moudy et ux to Anna D. S. Pratt, Lots 1, 2, and 3, SE 1-4 NW 1-4, S 1-2 NE 1-4, E 1-2 SW 1-4 and SE 1-4 Sec. 1-16-40. 5-29-31. \$10.

Bertha E. Golden to Frank Golden, Lot 17, Block 14, Ont. 5-28-31. \$8000.

C. W. Glenn, sehniff, to Lillie B. Hope, Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, Block 27; Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8, Block 28, in NW Townsite Co. 2nd Add. to Vale. 6-6-31. \$20.

J. E. Pratt to Livica Pratt, Lot 2, Block 8, Eldridge Add. Vale. 7-12-21. \$100.

T. W. Brown to R. H. Foss, Lots 1

and 2, Block 11, Riverside Add. Ont. 10-26-29. \$10.

T. W. Brown to R. H. Foss, Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10, Block 106, Ont. 10-26-29. \$10.

F. W. Brown to F. H. Foss, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, Block 77, Ontario. 10-26-29. \$10.

F. G. Cleveland et al to Ontario Grain Co., metes and bounds, Block 3, junction. \$1000.

Complaints Filed in Circuit Court

State Indus. Acc. Comm. vs. Geo. F. Brinson. 6-1-31. Rec. of money. \$111.47.

Walsie Amloen vs. Thos. C. Amlden. 6-1-31. Divorce.

Orchards Water Co. vs. Chas. E. Stricklin, St. Eng. et al. 6-3-31. Injunction. \$1000.

JUNE 3, 1931

TO THE LAND OWNERS OF KINGMAN COLONY DRAINAGE DISTRICT: The undersigned supervisors of the Kingman Colony Drainage District have made an audit of the Treasurer's books covering the past current year, as provided by law, submit their report as follows.

TRIAL BALANCE

Close of Business June 5, 1931

	DR.	CR.
Advertising	\$ 105.50	
Bonds outstanding		\$ 35,000.00
Bond coupons paid	31,995.00	
County of Malheur	26,548.67	
Drainage tax record		88,541.26
Drainage system	55,554.33	
Emergency fund	241.80	
First Nat. Bank of Vale	138.47	
General Expense	160.49	
Interest and discount	2,485.58	
Interest paid on warrants	1,948.74	
Maintenance	1,593.58	
Material	2,591.63	
Malheur County Bank	327.42	
Salary and office expense	196.07	
Warrants outstanding	3,104.98	
	\$126,992.26	\$126,992.26

Receipts for Year Ending June 5, 1931

Cash in bank June 2, 1930	\$ 5.38
County treasurer for taxes paid in	3,902.80
Warrants issued	1,845.00
Total receipts	\$5,753.18

Expenditures for Year Ending June 5, 1931

Advertising	\$ 11.80
Bonds paid	1,500.00
Bond coupons paid	1,230.00
Interest paid on warrants	147.85
Maintenance	594.70
Material	141.25
Malheur County Bank Claim	324.71
Salary and office expense	196.07
Warrants redeemed	1,365.00
Total expenditures	\$5,511.38
Cash in bank June 5, 1931	241.80
Total expenditures and cash	\$5,753.18

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK T. MORGAN,

ROBT. R. OVERSTREET,

Supervisors.

Correct—Attest:

FRANK D. HALL,

Secretary-Treasurer.

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