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OUR NATION'S BIRTHDAY, JULY 4TH, 1776

Our second president, John Adams, poured out his very soul in support of the Declaration of Independence before the document was signed. We quote herewith:

"But whatever may be our fate, be assured that this Declaration will stand. It may cost treasure, and it may cost blood, but it will stand, and it will richly compensate for both. Through the thick gloom of the present, I see the brightness of the future, as the sun in heaven. We shall make this a glorious, an immortal day. When we are in our graves, our children will honor it. They will celebrate it with thanksgiving, with festivity, with bonfires and illuminations. On its annual return, they will shed tears, copious, gushing tears, not of subjection and slavery, not of agony and distress, but of exultation, and gratitude and joy. Sir, before God, I believe the hour is come. My judgement approves this measure, and my whole heart is in it.

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"Independence now, Independence forever!"
There is not a real American who does not thrill at the story of how colonial leaders affixed their signatures to the Declaration of Independence—the document which gave birth to our mighty nation. Let us stimulate a greater spirit of patriotism, and thereby deal telling blows to those in America who seek to undermine our constitution.

THE NEW GRAZING LAW

It has come—the federal law for control of public range land, which has been under consideration for a good many years. President Roosevelt has signed the Taylor grazing bill of much interest in Malheur county where thousands of acres of desert land are used for grazing sheep and cattle.

That the purpose of the bill is to conserve and improve range land is clearly indicated by the following provisions: 25 per cent of the grazing fees collected shall be expended on range improvement; 50 per cent shall be paid to the state for the benefit of the counties in which the districts are located and the remaining 25 per cent goes to meet the cost of administering the law.

Before grazing districts can be created under the Taylor bill, a public hearing must be held participated in by state officials, stockmen and other residents of the proposed district. Ninety days notice must be given.

The secretary of the interior is given full authority to make regulations governing the use, improvement and protection of the lands to be grazed and for the improvement of the range and in this connection may carry on erosion work. Congress struck from the bill a sweeping house provision which also empowered the secretary to stabilize the livestock industry dependent upon the use of the public range. The senate held the opinion that this was going too far.

AN UNDERSTANDING HEART

Service is a word often in use and even more often in thought wherever librarians gather. At the annual week of meetings of the American Library Association numerous phases of service were discussed and many illustrations made of their application to human affairs.

The president of the American Library Association is Miss Gratia Countryman of Minneapolis. It is generally recognized that she possesses a remarkably sympathetic understanding of human nature. For more than forty years her interest in people and her instinctive perception of and response to their tastes and needs have done much for library work throughout the United States. It has been, too, a fundamental of the training which she imparts to other library workers.

One evening there came to the library of which Miss Countryman is the chief, a woman weary in mind and body; she had done twelve family washings that week, yet she tramped some distance to come to the library, for escape from her burdens. "I want a book that will make me forget all about myself," she said to the girl at the desk. "Something that will make me forget who I am. Give me something about kings and queens." Anyone trained by Miss Countryman could not fail to produce just the kings and queens desired to carry this seeker out of the drab into the gorgeous.

Of course this unflinching recognition of what are kings and queens to the men and women, the boys and girls, who come in an almost endless stream to the public libraries of the land, is not attained overnight. The biography of Miss Countryman, if written, would testify that this particular quality of vision enriched her own experience even as it has made the Minneapolis Public Library an outstanding institution. The record should contain a picture of Miss Countryman's long fight to persuade a state library commission to provide books for barren communities where there were no libraries. This was some time before traveling libraries were introduced: thirty books and a borrowed horse were her equipment.

The world has need of an understanding heart. This, Miss Countryman has proved, will do much to turn the hopeless into the confident, and will cause the discouraged to raise their heads again, and march onward. C.S..M.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

The symbol of the closed shop is the closed list.

The station in life with which more people seem to be satisfied than any other is a service station.

Well, the more laws we have, the more there will be to break.

Houses will go up when building material goes down.

Will Rogers says it's surprising how many people will vote for a rascal. We've no doubt this view is quite generally shared by defeated candidates.

Some of the bills the solons passed in Washington they'd fail to recognize, we'll bet, if they passed 'em on the road.

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— Observations —

Nyssa, Oregon, July 5, 1934.

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weel, i dew hoop you had a glorious forth this year. I celebrated sum, but th nabor's hawgs got in my gardun, an i hed to send marthie to chaise em out, so that spoiled part of my day. then agin mu sun has found a nue plaise to hide his muneey, and i kudn't git thet, and marthie wudent give me a dern sent; then the ole kow hit me in the i with her tale at milkin time, and i jst had a awful pore day awl round.

i wuz n nwsa tother day and broct in to tom nordal's furnishure store. tom was showin me sum davenporta while i wuz lookin fer a new pitcher and katcher fer my bedrume. tom sez to me that no i kud go rong on 1 of his davenporta. but then tom allus wuz a big kiddur.

my ole frend, bob millar allus flintches wehn he shoots off a gun; he sez when they be chargin five cents apiece fer shot gun shells its too dern mutch. mebbe you don't kno mutch about ottermobiles, but i dew kno that part of a kar that cauzes the most accidents is the nut that holds the wheel.

don gram sez that the only thing that makes both ends meet these days is a wurm. don seams to fergit about the ole gent who lost his false teeth, and his noze and chin met.

barney wilson sez that if you give a woman a frea hand the fust thing she does is to powder her noze.

jon jung the good lookin skule teacher informs me that a true musick lover is i who, when he hears a ladie singin in the bath tub, puts his ear to the kee hole.

i hev a bunch of hawgs out on my farm, and i of em i kalls dillunger, becuze he is so dern hard to keap in the pen.

i bet you didn't kno i kud rite potrey; weel, you are fuled this time, and i wil klose with this littul verse:

i uster luv the littul bees,
they wuz my deeresst frend,
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