

**HAS MEMENTO OF LAFAYETTE**

**Spokane Woman Possesses Pitcher Made Nearly Century Ago When French Visited This Country.**

A memento of the second visit of Lafayette to America after the close of the Revolutionary war is the possession of Mrs. Alfred T. Anderson, wife of County Auditor Anderson of Spokane, and a descendant of a colonial family in whose home General Washington was a guest many times during the war, according to the Spokane Chronicle.

It is a blue and white water pitcher, bearing a picture of Lafayette and decorated with American eagles and other patriotic emblems.

"During the revolution, General Washington and his staff were entertained at the home of Mrs. Anderson's great-grandfather near Trenton, N. J., several times," said Mr. Anderson. "On one of these occasions it is related that the general was presented with two pigs, which he placed in one of his wagons and took to camp."

"The visit of Lafayette to America, of which the pitcher is a relic, was made in 1824, on invitation of President Monroe, when the French marshal laid the cornerstone of the Bunker Hill monument. He had paid an earlier visit to America in 1784.

"Between his two visits he had participated in the French revolution, had been made commander of the National Guard and had been made a prisoner by Austria when he fled the country. Napoleon had secured his release in 1798 and wanted to make him a peer of France, but this he refused and accepted instead a seat in the chamber of deputies.

"It was as a hero of two continents that he was hailed upon his second visit to America, and Mrs. Anderson prizes very highly the quaint blue pitcher which has come down to her from that time."

**WHALER'S GLORY HAS GONE**

**Industry Which Was Once the Greatest in America Has Been Declining for Fifty Years.**

At the outbreak of the American Revolution and for a period of 75 years following, whaling was the most important branch of American fisheries. From 500 to 700 vessels sought whales in all the oceans and seas of the world, and in one year New Bedford alone sent out 300 vessels whose cargoes of bone and oil were the basis of the industrial life of the city.

The pursuit of sperm whales reached its climax in 1837, when oil valued at nearly \$4,500,000 was brought in, mostly from the south Pacific, says the National Geographic Magazine. The height of the industry was in 1846, when 70,000 persons derived their support from whales, and 720 vessels, valued at \$21,000,000, were engaged.

For more than 50 years the fishery has been declining, and in numerous ports that once derived most of their wealth from the industry there have for a long time existed only memories of former greatness. The present importance of the whale fishery amounts to less than 2 per cent of the American fisheries.

**The Budget System.**

The budget system is not a system or form of government, but a mode of procedure in certain matters. Primarily a budget is a bag or sack with its contents, which may be anything from garden truck or cooked food to official documents. In England, where the word acquired its political or government term, it means the annual financial statement or the facts and figures which the chancellor of the exchequer makes in the house of commons, sitting as a committee of ways and means. The term has never been much used in this country, but it is sometimes applied to the estimate of government receipts and expenditures submitted in the annual report of the secretary of the treasury as a basis for appropriations to be made by the congress. Briefly, the budget system or a national budget may be defined as the financial statement of the government for the next fiscal year, showing in detail the services and expected amount of revenue, and an itemized estimate of expenditures in the different departments of government to be covered by appropriations not to be over-run.

**Luminous Paints.**

Luminous paints for varied uses have been brought into increased demand by the war, and the best results have been obtained from those consisting essentially of prepared zinc sulphide with a small percentage of radioactive material. To determine the brightness and life of different mixtures, elaborate tests have been made at the British National Physical Laboratory. It is found that increasing the radium adds to the brightness, but also increases the cost and the rate of decay, the differences in brightness and decay becoming much less after a few months. Keeping cost in mind, it is concluded that the most satisfactory paint has one part of radium to about 5,000 of zinc sulphide.

**Tropical Rains.**

Tropical rains are of relatively short duration, the reason of the small number of cyclonic storms in the tropics, and this duration is fairly uniform throughout the year.

The heaviest general rainfalls in Porto Rico are associated with West Indian hurricanes. The historic hurricane of August 8, 1899, precipitated rainfall equivalent to 1,113 tons per acre.

**About Hobbies.**  
Every hobbyist can extol his hobby above all others and there is something to be said for each one. Collectors of every sort of objects, from shells to stamps; students of every subject, from snakes to stars, find special mental reasons for interest in their particular line. And the reasons for preference would make a very remarkable collection of wordy arguments.

**Paper Plates for Pets.**

Using paper plates for animal pets will be found a good and sanitary plan. Some people do not care to wash the plates kept for dogs and cats, although they should be kept scrupulously clean and used for no other purpose. Why not, then, use paper plates, which may be bought by the hundreds for very little money, and which may be burned or thrown away after they have been used.

**Old Roman Temple Found.**

An ancient temple has been discovered in Rome. It is supposed to date from the time of Trajan (53-114 A. D.). The building is vaulted, and ornamented with columns and stucco. The stucco work of the ceiling shows some very fine figures, one with open arms in the attitude of prayer, two offering a sacrifice, another the figure of a man leaning on a stick.

**Ancient Egyptians Lived Well.**

The ancient Egyptians had mansions supplied with gardens, orchards, fish ponds and game preserves; they were acquainted with the benefits of the rotation of crops, and bred poultry extensively, practicing artificial hatching as we do at the present time. As early as 4514 B. C., or 6,431 years ago, irrigation became an object of national importance to the Egyptians.

**Salt Held in Reverence.**

The superstitions with regard to salt are endless. That the spilling of salt is unlucky is perhaps the commonest of all superstitious beliefs, and prevails in the kitchen as well as at the table. There are Scottish households where salt is still held in such reverence that the saltcellar used at the family table is invariably kept standing on the family Bible.

**The "Parakeet."**

A small bird of the parrot family now rarely if ever seen in Indiana was, half a century ago, somewhat numerous in the southern part of the state. This bird, the paroquet, or as called by the early settlers of this state, the "parakeet," is the Carolina parrot and is now scarcely known outside the swamps of Florida.

**To Remove Wall Paper.**

To remove wall paper in about half the time it usually takes, use a heaping tablespoonful of saltpeter to a gallon of hot water, and apply it to the paper freely with a whitewash brush. Keep the water hot, and after a few applications you can easily pull the paper from the wall.

**Fireproof Papers.**

Patents have been taken out at various times for paper which is claimed to be proof against fire, and therefore particularly suitable for documentary records. Most of these contain asbestos or a similar mineral fiber, with or without the addition of clays or metallic salts.

**For the Busy Man.**

To remind business men of engagements, a cabinet has been invented with a pigeonhole for every fifteen minutes, memorandum placed in a hole completing an electric circuit that rings a bell and flashes a light when the time for that hole arrives.

**She Was Interested.**

A child who recently moved into the neighborhood became so interested in a young woman that daily she would wait for her to pass the house. One day she walked right in the woman's way and smiling said, "Whose mamma are you?"

**Many Do.**

More advice is given and less followed on the subject of marriage than on anything else. A woman teacher who has preached against teachers marrying has acted contrary to her own advice.—Buffalo Commercial.

**The Busy Man.**

"Is Mr. Flubdub busy?" asked the diffident customer. "Mr. Flubdub is always busy," replied the pompous attendant. "Well, let him stay busy." And that's how Mr. Flubdub lost a big order.

**Elastic Horsehair.**

British aviators have found that horsehair cushions provide enough elasticity to counteract the vibration of airplanes and make the use of magnetic compasses possible.

**When Ferns Become Yellow.**

Place slices of raw potatoes around the ferns. The worms, which have been feeding upon the roots, will come out after the potato.

**Planting Is Easy.**

"A cornfield makes me think of good intentions," said Uncle Eben. "De pluntin' is easy. De big job is keepin' de weeds out."

**BOY SCOUTS**



(Conducted by National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.)

**DEAN RUSSELL ON SCOUTING**

James E. Russell, dean of the Teachers' college, has this to say of the Boy Scout program:

"Our children are in school a total of one thousand hours in the year. The average child of school age is awake a total of 5,475 hours. The normal child is getting impressions, using ideas, reaching conclusions, fixing habits, organizing his modes of behavior four hours outside of school for every hour spent in school. I would consider myself a prince among school men if I could devise a school program in which the curriculum should appeal so directly to a boy's interests and the courses of study apply so serviceably to adult needs as the Boy Scout program. Every task in scouting is a man's job cut down to a boy's size.

"The appeal to a boy's interests is not primarily because he is a boy, but particularly because he wants to be a man. Scan the list: agriculture and angling, blacksmithing and business, carpentering and civics, dairying and mining, music and plumbing, poultry and printing, first aid and politeness, life-saving and nature study, seamanship and campercraft, patriotism and cooking, and scores of other accomplishments and activities requiring accurate knowledge that is susceptible of direct and immediate application to everyday life. Everyone of these tasks holds the boy, not only because he is a boy and likes to do them, but also because they are tasks which grown men find useful. It is the man in the boy that is emphasized, and the type of manhood idealized is that which strives 'to stand for the right against the wrong, for truth against falsehood, to help the weak and oppressed, and to love and seek the best things of life.' Hence the Scout oath taken by every boy on becoming a tenderfoot: 'On my honor, I will do my best (1) to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout law; (2) to help other people at all times; (3) to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.'

"Scoutercraft is not intended to be a substitute for schooling. It is a device for supplementing the formal instruction of the schools, by leading the boy into new fields and giving him a chance to make practical use of all his powers, intellectual, moral, and physical. The best thing about it is its extraordinary diversity, reaching out to boys of all degrees of mental ability, in all kinds of social environment, and creating for them a real need to do their level best. "But the most significant contribution of the Boy Scout movement to education is its pedagogical methods. As a teacher, I take my hat off to Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the genius who in a bare decade has done more to vitalize the methods of character training than all the school men in this country have done since the pilgrims landed on the New England coast."

**ALL SCOUTS SHOULD CAMP.**

Out-of-door activities are fundamental in scouting. Only in the Scout camp can the Scout attain his highest ambitions and the scoutmaster his fullest influence.

Nothing but insurmountable difficulties should prevent any troop from having the privilege of spending a week at least in the open.

The camp may be co-ordinated with gardening or crop gathering. A few hours a day of productive labor will be worth while and will stimulate the appetite for recreative activities. Cutting the camp out of the Scout year is like leaving the yeast out of the bread.

**FILLING THE LEADER'S PLACE.**

Scout troop organizations must be continued, said the chief Scout executive in a recent statement to all Scouts. Wherever leaders enter active military service at the front, their places must be filled immediately from the ranks of the patriotic men who must stay at home because of those who are dependent upon them or because of physical disability.

**5,000 GARDENERS PARADE.**

Five thousand members of the Boy Scouts of America took part in the "Wake Up America" parade recently held in Greater New York. Many of the boys carried hoes and rakes, some were supplied with first-aid equipment and others carried signal flags. In this way the marching Scouts indicated how they intended to do their "bit" during the present national crisis.

**SCOUTS HELP CITY CANNING.**

New York city has started a municipal canning kitchen, to take care of the surplus food rejected at the docks. The mayor's committee of women have begun the canning of these foodstuffs on an immense scale for the benefit of the poorer people of that city, their output to be sold at cost. In this work they are finding the ever-obliging Boy Scouts invaluable through careful sorting of fruit and vegetables rejected by the city food inspectors.

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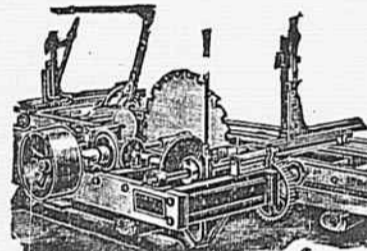
Whereas, Wade Jennings, of above County and State has made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate and effects of Nathan Jennings, late of said County and State, deceased.

These Are/ Therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Nathan Jennings, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Edgefield, C. H., S. C., in my office on the 21st day of Sept. (1917) next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

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