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The Fourth of July

real significance of Independence Day from an understanding of its meaning, a realization of what the Fourth of July stands for in American

their just powers from the consent of the governed.

In the words of Abraham Lincoln, "This was their majestic interpretation of the economy of the Universe This was their lofty, and wise, and noble understanding of the justice of the Creator to His creatures."

Americans today may well ponder carefully the expressions of these great men who gave years of thot and efforts to the forming of our national ideals and who wrote these ideals into the two great basic documents of our civic life—the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States.

The Declaration of Independence declares the doctrines of equality, liberty and that a government derives its just powers from the consent of the governed.

Equality means fraternity, brotherhood, fair-dealing, exclusion of no one from public benefits because of race or poverty or lowly birth. It does not mean social equality, or equality of wealth or equality of inherent ability. The Declaration referred to political equality, which means equal opportunity under the law.

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The national ideal of liberty has been the first watchworth on our lips. To assail our union, our government, in the interest of personal liberty, license, unbounded freedom, is not liberty as conceived by the writers of the Declaration. It is, rather, to break our national idea into pieces and to rush back towards the barbarism that existed before man set aside his, gelfishness to form co-operative government, without which we would still be roaming the wilderness and fighting for our daily bread.

The other vital thing in the preamble of the Declaration of Independence means that government is to be from the bottom up and not—from the top down. The American theory is that all power rests in the people as a whole. A tendency to depart from this system in recent years has been the greatest source of trouble. Only by holding to the representative form of government as established by our forefathers, can our republic endure. The national ideal of liberty has been the first

Making Use of Schools

HERE was a time when the little one-room school THERE was a time when the indic on-tool behavior four or five months during the year were a rendevous for rats and mice. But those days have

rendevous for rats and mice. But those days mice gone forever.

The small buildings are disappearing and in their place have been erected consolidated schools, costing from \$10,000 to \$100,000. They represent a large investment of taxpayers money which should not be always to the state of taxpayers money which should not be always the state of taxpayers money which should not be always the state of taxpayers money which should not be always the state of taxpayers money which should not be always the state of taxpayers money which should not be always the state of taxpayers money which should not be always the state of taxpayers money which should not be always the state of taxpayers are stated to taxpayers. lowed to lie idle all summer and earn nothing. They can be made to pay large dividends in community en-

joyment.

It may have been all right to let the birds and beasts and reptiles take possession of the one-room buildings because there was not much money invested in them, farmers were busy and they could be placed in them. in them, farmers were busy and they could be placed in condition for school cheaper than a caretaken could be employed. But with the expensive consolidated schools, it is different.

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This kind of reasoning does not apply to the modern rural school plant, in the light of a new day and a better understanding of how to make use of school houses as community centers.

For an expensive school building to be unused from April or May until September is sheer waste. There may be a time when rural schools will be run on an all-year basis, with vacations arranged at periods when children can help with the crops, but not the present, the consolidated school should justify its existing tence during the summer months, in a better vacation for the children and a richer community life for the faultts.

There are countless uses to which the school building may be put during vacation—uses which each ing may be put during vacation to the country appealing to the law without a cent of expense to himself. It will eliminate the possibility of any unfair advantage being dists to be traveling about the country appealing to the ex-service organization, as has been demonstrated time writhout number. It has worked valiantly for the disabled veteran and now it been demonstrated time writhout number. It has worked valiantly for the disabled veteran and now it writhout number. It has a worked valiantly for the disabled veteran and now it has a worked valiantly for the disabled veteran and now it has a worked valiantly for the disabled veteran and now it has a very ex-service of promoses to the ex-service organization, as has been demonstrated time writhout number. It has a how the admonstrated time writhout number. It has a how the admonstrated time writhout number. It has a how the admonstrated time writhout number. It has a how the admonstrated tim

Respect for Laws

NOT many crimes in several decades have attracted the attention that has been directed to the recent kidnapping and murder in Chicago. Revolting as are its details, its lesson should not be lost; neither should the charge the proceed by 196819.

its details, its lesson should not be lost; neither should its causes be passed by lightly. Probably never in criminal annals has such a clear case of guilt been built up against the defendants, avolving, as it does, their confessions and the mass of material evidence to support it. They are both subject to a double death, so to speak, as the law plainly sets out death as the penalty for murder and kidnapping for ransom. Whether or not the death penalty is visited upon them, only time will tell, but the public will follow the case with keen interest because of the many questions involved.

There is no question that the increase of violent ne is closely related to the delay in punishment of

criminals.

Those with criminal intent fail to see the relation
between a murder and the execution of a murderer
several years later, if, indeed, he is put to death at all, does not win his freedom on one pretext or an-

other.

Crime increases directly as the lessons which prompt application of the law would teach, fail to make an impression on the public mind.

The nation's criminal element will be encouraged whatever, course this case

discouraged, according to whatever, course this case

takes.
On account of the social position and wealth of the defendants' parents, the importance of the outcome of the trial of the two boys is great, because of the far-reaching effect it will have in inflenucing people to respect the law.

of what the Fourth of July stands for in American history.

No child should be permitted to grow up with the idea that the Fourth is a day we all take a vacation and try to see how much noise we can make.

Rather, every school child should be able to quote from memory the essential part of that immortal Declaration of Independence:

We hold these truths to be self-evident, equal, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalfenable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

A Los Angeles boy won the secondary oratorical championship of the United States. Poor boy! There's no place for orators in the movies.

Fright

ANY have heard the story of the man who was frightened to death by practical jokers. They tied him they were going to cut the soles of his feet and let him bleed to death. The water was colored red and the dull edge of a razor blade was passed across the soles of his bare feet, and the man, believing that he was bleeding to death, actually died of heart failure.

That was a foolish joke, but not nearly so foolish as some of the tricks that we allow to be played on

ourselves.

It is not necessary to go thru such an elaborate program to frighten some of us, especially where business is concerned.

Let someone wave the red flag of business depression across the horizon and the timid souls run to cover. Presperity is straightway frightened to death. The same old "bunk" is used every time. Some pessimist surmises that this is election year and therefore business will be "punk." It's an old superstition that belongs in the limbo of witchcraft, but so many unthinking souls accept it for truth every four years that it continues to operate to the detriment of business.

Elections do not hurt business, but business me

think they do and therefore they do.

The result is that prosperity is frightened to death:

But there's no reason for it. The next time someone says the election is strangulating business, don't look serious and agree—laugh at them

Polish shows better on the manners than on the

"Keep Off the Grass"

THE Coolidge spokesmen, who reiterated time with-out number that the president had no intention or desire to dictate the nomination of a vice president at Cleveland, disclosed the president's real sentiments in -that the "keep off the grass" sign applied

the matter—that the "keep off the grass" sign applied to members of congress.

It is not difficult to understand Coolidge's reasoning, in finally putting up the sign, when it began to appear that Senator Curtis might be the choice of the convention. Just as soon as the Curtis candidacy was taken seriously, William M. Butler, Coolidge's campaign manager, promptly came out for Judge Kenyon former senator from Iowa. This was the first time anything had come from Coolidge's chorts to indicate that he favored any particular man.

anything had come from consider man.

It is very clear that Coolidge is not going to make the campaign on the record of the congress, and therefore did not want a member of the congress on the ticket with him.

It is equally as clear why Coolidge will not want

It is equally as clear why Coolidge will not want to seek the presidency on the congressional record, because the congress did not always meet his views. His vetoes were twice overridden, and another one might have been, but for the fact that it was given just as

nave been, but for the fact that it was given just as congress was adjourning.

Congress refused to follow presidential advice on the bonus or tax revision, and this fall we will find out whether the presidet or congress was right.

Ever notice how much louder it sounds when some else slams the door.

school community can work out according to its own needs.

The American Legion deserves the united suppressed of port of all good Americans in its efforts to see that needs.

Parent-teacher's associations have a habit of distingtion the summer, but even they can make use of the building, as can all other distingtion that the men who fought get fair treatment.

The Legion has succeeded in untieing some of the work among the with impunity and the Stars and Stripes were not revokat it once did, because the human flappers don't with impunity and the Stars and Stripes were not revokat it once did, because the human flappers don't the life that centers in and around the school building should cease.

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