

The Cap of Liberty.

From very early times one of the distinguishing marks of a slave, both in Greece and oriental countries generally, was the lack of any covering for the head. Accordingly the cap came to be considered the insignia of liberty, and when slaves were given their freedom they were presented with a cap as an emblem of it. In Sparta the helots wore a cap of dogskin and this was reckoned a badge of servitude, but upon gaining their freedom this was replaced by a cap of a different material, of another shape and ornamented with flowers. A similar custom was observed in Rome, where the presentation of the pileus or cap was always a part of the ceremony of manumitting a slave; hence arose the proverb, "Servos ad pileum vocare." Also on medals the cap is the symbol of liberty and is usually represented as being held in the right hand by the people's view on the top of a spear, as in the case of the conspiracy against Caesar, it was intended as a public invitation to them to embrace the liberty that was offered them. The Goddess of Liberty on Mount Aventine was represented as holding a cap in her hand as a symbol of freedom. The Jacobins wore a red cap during the French revolution, and in England a blue cap with a white border is used as a symbol of liberty. The custom which prevails among university students of wearing a cap is said to have had its origin in a wish to signify that the wearers had acquired full liberty and were no longer subject to the rod of their superiors. — Brooklyn Eagle.

Indian Blankets.

Blanket collecting is one of the diversions of the officers' wives who follow their husbands' fortunes to western forts. In New Mexico among the Navajos these blankets are curious products. The designs are original with each worker and are interesting imprints of individual impressions. One displayed by an army woman, lately returned from a considerable stay at a fort near Santa Fe, has black trains of cars wandering over its red ground. The Indian who made it evidently admired the sweep of a railroad train and reproduced it so far as possible in the blanket. Another in the same collection has a queer mixed border of scrolls and figures without apparent relation and still jumbled together in a sort of harmony. This, the present owner relates, was admired by a friend of hers, and in consequence a request to duplicate it was made of its maker. But the old squaw promptly refused. A papoose of hers had died while the blanket was being wrought, and in her simple reasoning the two facts were effect and cause. The pattern had bewitched the baby, and no inducement could coax a repetition of the work. — New York Post.

Bees Against Carrier Pigeons.

An agriculturist of Westphalia made a bet that 12 bees, released at a distance of three miles from the hives at the same time as 12 pigeons, would travel over the ground as quickly as the birds. The first bee entered the hive one quarter of a minute before the first pigeon reached its columbarium. Three other bees arrived before the second pigeon, and the remainder of the competitors reached home simultaneously.

Normal News.
NEMO.

The Eclectic literary society had an evening with James Whitesomb Riley and Eugene Field last Friday evening. B'ographical sketches and recitations were given from their writings. Misses Jesse Stevens, Browning and Schulerude were special mention. The school paper was well read by Miss Sanford. A good audience was in attendance.

Supt. of Pub Instr. F. J. Brown, of Olympia, visited the school on Tuesday, and addressed the school in the morning. Also both senior class and Y. M. C. A. after school in the afternoon.

W. C. Thomas, a former pupil, was a visitor on Wednesday.

Miss Smith of Pomeroy, and Miss Dillon, of Whatcom, are our latest arrivals. Miss Dillon was here last year, since which time she has been teaching until recently.

Miss Axland of Aberdeen, and Mr. Showers, of Whatcom, have gone home for the remainder of the year.

Misses Anna Davies, Ge z, Larson, Steinback, Gillette and Thomas and Messrs. West and Steiner gave quotations Tuesday morning.

Miss Lizzie Smith has been absent for some time on account of illness.

The reading room is much improved by a new book case, in which books are found labeled, which were hitherto scattered over the building.

"Twinkle, twinkle, little star," has received considerable attention this week.

Al Thomas, of Wenatchee was in the city Thursday.

J. M. Perry, of Swanwick, was in the city yesterday on business.



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Forfeiture Notice.

KITTITAS COUNTY, Jan. 13, 1898.
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CHAS. BAXTER, J. W. EMERSON, L. JAFFE, AND FRANK E. GINGRAS.

DESERT LAND, FINAL PROOF NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.
United States Land Office, North Yakima, Wa.
February 2, 1898.

Notice is hereby given that Rufus Cook, of Ellensburg Washington has filed notice of intention to make proof on his desert land claim No. 537, for the W. 22, S. 34, S. W. 34, S. W. 34, Sec. 14, T. 18 N., R. 30 E., before L. A. Venable, clerk of the Superior Court at Ellensburg, Wa., on Saturday, the 9th day of April, 1898. He names the following witnesses to prove the complete irrigation and reclamation of said land: P. H. Schenbeck, J. W. Cook, Frank Fulton, William Huss, all of Ellensburg, Wash.
L. A. VENABLE, Register.

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Notice For Publication.

Land Office at North Yakima, Washington.
February 2d 1898.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make that proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before E. L. Evans, C. Clerk, at Ellensburg, Wash. on March 24th 1898.
DAVID O. ANS,
P. O. No. 1756 for the E. 1/2, S. 14, S. W. 1/4, E. 1/4 and S. E. 1/4 S. W. 1/4, Sec. 30, T. 19 N. R. 17 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: George W. Spahn and Thora Wn. William Spahn, Thorp, Wn., John A Yearwood Thorp, Wn., Sherman Taylor Thorp, Wn.

Any person who desires to protest against the allowance of such proof, or who knows of any substantial reason, under the law and regulations of the Interior Department why such proof should not be allowed, will be given an opportunity at the above mentioned time and place to cross-examine the witnesses of said claimant, and to offer evidence in rebuttal of that submitted by claimant.
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