



### Stories of Great Scouts

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#### "JOHNNY APPLESEED," SCOUT WHO PLANTED ORCHARDS

Not all of the great scouts were Indian fighters. In contrast to the career of Lewis and Clark, who was something of a professional Indian killer, is the life of John Chapman or "Johnny Applesseed." Chapman never killed an Indian in his life, but he probably saved as many white men from death at their hands as Wetzel did.

Chapman first appeared on the Ohio frontier in 1806. He came floating down the Ohio river in a canoe, towing another, and both boats were loaded with apple seeds from the cider mills of Pennsylvania. His purpose was to plant the seeds in the wilderness so that orchards would be started for the settlers when they arrived there to make their homes.

For the next 30 years he went everywhere up and down the Ohio country, planting seeds, going from one orchard to another, pruning and caring for the young trees. He was a welcome visitor in the log cabins of the settlers for he always carried a Bible and some books from which he would read and preach to them before the blazing fireplaces in the evening.

Johnny practiced his teachings of humility and kindness. He never killed anything for food. He carried a kit of cooking utensils, including a mush pan, which he sometimes wore as a hat. Usually he wore a broad-brimmed black hat, but a coffee sack with arm holes cut in it was his only coat.

White men called him "squaw" for he often went barefoot in winter as well as in summer, but the Indians said, "He has been touched by the Great Spirit." He went everywhere among them unharmed, for the fact that Johnny never carried a gun convinced them that he was under the special protection of the Manitou.

During the War of 1812 when the British were overrunning the Ohio country, Johnny Applesseed performed his greatest service for his people. In his wanderings among the tribes he often learned of their plans for attacks on the settlements. Where no other white man could have gone Johnny passed in safety and more than once he carried warnings to the settlers, giving them time to prepare for defense before the red invaders swept down upon them.

All this time Johnny Applesseed was carrying out his cherished dream of making Ohio bloom with fruit trees and many of the finest orchards in that state today owe their beginnings to this strange man. In his later years Johnny left the country which he had helped beautify and went to live with a relative in Fort Wayne, Ind. He died in 1847.

#### PRICELESS WEIGHTS FOUND

Only Complete Set of Colonial Standard is Discovered at Alexandria, Va.

Washington.—What is regarded as an important historic find has just been made in the discovery of the original set of standard weights and measures of Fairfax county in the Town hall at Alexandria, Va. The set is complete and consists of a yardstick, weights from 1 to 100 pounds and measures of all capacities, both dry and wet. All are of solid brass and are inscribed "Fairfax County, 1744."

The implements have been in the Town hall for a long time, but it was only recently that they were cleaned and the inscriptions discovered. An expert from the Department of Agriculture who examined the set states that they are the only complete set of colonial weights in the United States and as such are priceless. At the time they were made Alexandria was the county seat of Fairfax county. When Alexandria was ceded to the District of Columbia Fairfax County Court-house was made the county seat.

#### HORSE'S TAIL PRIVILEGED

Can Switch It When, Where and How He Pleases, is Decision of New York Court.

New York.—A horse's tail is privileged. That was decided in the Tombs court by Magistrate Corrigan. It cost Mike Baccarelli \$10 to learn that about his equine employee.

Baccarelli, a driver, was haled into court by an agent of the Humane society, who accused him of beating his horse. The beating was caused, he told the court, because the horse with one magnificent swish of the tail had knocked a perfect out of Baccarelli's hand.

"A tail belongs to a horse," decided the magistrate. "He can switch it when, where and as much as he pleases. That's what it's for. Ten dollars or five days in jail."

## AMERICA GETS SILVER BACK

Stream of White Metal Flowing to This Country After Helping Win the War.

### BAFFLED FOE IN THE FAR EAST

Offset German Propaganda and Upheld Confidence of the Natives During Critical Period—Treasury Restoring Supply.

New York.—Silver, like gold, is trickling toward the United States. It is coming to its best and readiest market in a stream that, of course, is not comparable to the amount of gold imported, but yet in sufficient volume to present unmistakable evidence that hordes and crannies are being searched for hoarded silver, that bank vaults of Europe in which silver has been collected for months are being emptied, and that our own chest, depleted by war needs, is being refilled to its normal brimming level. The silver now coming to the United States was mostly mined in this country, or at least exported from here, and comes back with a service stripe.

Used in the War. Silver was used in the war to offset German propaganda in the Far East. While troops were holding back the Germans in their drive on Paris in the spring of 1918, a flood of silver offset completely the efforts of the Germans to stir up trouble in the Far East. Silver dollars, idle in the vaults of the United States treasury department, were melted down into bars and hurried across the Pacific to provide additional cover for paper money, about which the natives of India had become alarmed.

The importance of dispelling disquieting reports in the Far East about the reserves, is indicated by the importance of silver in the economic life of the Far East. It is the money of the bazaars of India. It is the coin in which bills are paid and purchases made, and is the coin with which the native has been familiar since childhood and the one bullion in which he places implicit confidence.

The size of this outflow of silver from the United States in the days when it was considered a necessity to aid in winning the war may be judged from the figures of the director of the mint. In the six years from 1915 to 1920, inclusive, imports of silver into the United States amounted to \$308,933,478, while exports totaled \$813,808,536, an excess of exports over imports of \$444,875,058. Production of silver in the United States in the same period was \$382,867,546. From 1915 to 1919 inclusive the amount of new silver consumed in the arts in the United States was valued at \$93,739,681.

Shortage Made Up. The following table of imports and exports indicates why it was necessary to draw upon the stock of silver in the United States treasury to make up the shortage, including the melting of 270,121,155 silver dollars under the Pittman act:

Year	Imports	Exports	Excess of Exports Over Imports
1915	\$88,990,941	\$115,618,284	\$26,627,343
1916	88,410,618	239,021,631	150,611,013
1917	71,375,069	262,846,464	191,471,395
1918	52,349,477	84,139,556	31,790,079
1919	22,382,289	70,386,767	48,004,478
1920	34,493,954	33,598,884	19,114,900
Total	\$398,933,478	\$813,808,536	\$444,875,058

The Pittman act of April, 1918, authorized the melting of silver dollars to the extent of 350,000,000 to meet the world shortage of silver, production here falling far short of meeting the demand. The stock of silver money held by the United States was reduced from \$757,400,624 in 1915 to \$540,282,504 held at the end of 1920.

Now the chest is being replenished. Last February the coinage of silver dollars was resumed and the treasury is to continue its purchases of silver until that melted to help win the war has been restored.

#### BEAVERS SAVE PEAR CROP

Dams Opened and Loss of Irrigating Water Supplied by Industrious Animals.

Orondo, Wash.—Water from two beaver dams saved the pear crop of growers in the Entia district recently. There has been a shortage of water for irrigation purposes because of the drying up of Entia creek. Despite rigid enforcement of the users' rights law, the supply dwindled until drought threatened the pear harvest within three weeks of marketing.

Horace Mann, the district gauger, went up into the mountains to investigate the source of the creek, and discovered that beavers had dammed the water by erecting two large obstructions across a flat valley.

The dams were opened and enough water was released to save the entire crop and then again closed to save the lives of the little builders.

What's Fate of Army Bean? Camp Lewis, Wash.—Army recruits are asking regarding the fate of the army bean, storied piece-de-resistance of army posts in the past. National Guardsmen in Washington, who have been in encampment here this summer, report they did not find beans on the menu.

Honors More Than Even. "I hear you got the worst of it with the little boy next door," I remarked to Harry. "Oh, I didn't get much the worse of it," asserted the little chap. "He licked me, all right, but my dog licked his dog an' cat, too."

Bird's Power of Vision. A bird's power of vision is, on the average, about 100 times greater than man's. Birds have been known to see a worm on freshly plowed ground at a distance of 300 feet.

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**Nebraska Civil Rights Bill**

Chapter Thirteen of the Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Civil Rights. Enacted in 1893.

Sec. 1. Civil rights of persons. All persons within this state shall be entitled to a full and equal enjoyment of the accommodations, advantages, facilities and privileges of inns, restaurants, public conveyances, barber shops, theatres and other places of amusement; subject only to the conditions and limitations established by law and applicable alike to every person.

Sec. 2. Penalty for Violation of Preceding Section. Any person who shall violate the foregoing section by denying to any person, except for reasons of law applicable to all persons, the full enjoyment of any of the accommodations, advantages, facilities, or privileges enumerated in the foregoing section, or by aiding or inciting such denials, shall for each offense be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars, nor more than one hundred dollars, and pay the costs of the prosecution.

"The original act was held valid as to citizens; barber shops can not discriminate against persons on account of color. Messenger vs. State, 25 Nebr. page 677. N. W. 638."

"A restaurant keeper who refuses to serve a colored person with refreshments in a certain part of his restaurant, for no other reason than that he is colored, is civilly liable, though he offers to serve him by setting a table in a more private part of the house. Ferguson vs. Gies, 82 Mich. 358; N. W. 718."

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