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**WEST VIRGINIA HAS INTERESTING STORY**

**Important Part It Played in Early History of U. S. Other Features**

If you have special interest in the state of West Virginia, no matter whether you live in this sturdy commonwealth or not, you will find enjoyable reading in the special article on that state in the current issue of the National Republic, written by Henry D. Hatfield, United States senator. Hatfield has covered the interesting points in the history of the state, its industrial possibilities and its scenic attractions. Although West Virginia did not become a state until 1863 its people have played a prominent part in our history from the earliest days. In touching on his phase of the commonwealth's history, Senator Hatfield says in part:

**Plays Important Part**

"From whatever angle we look at West Virginia and West Virginians have played in the history of the nation. Many colonial leaders, such as Washington himself, were active in the development of this region, since the unusual richness of its natural resources was early recognized. Some of the most daring and resourceful leaders in American life, both in the days of the 13 colonies and after independence was achieved, came from this same section west of the mountains. That Washington realized the calibre of these mountaineers is indicated by his reply when asked what he would have done had failure met the Revolutionary army. He said: "With but a banner left and the means to reach West Augusta (now West Virginia) I would have rallied around me the men who would lift their bleeding country from the dust and set her free."

**Early History**

"It was that hope of getting possession of the vast empire, of incalculable riches, west of the mountains that induced the early explorers of the French and English nations to visit what is now West Virginia and leave their signatures there. Kanawha Falls, east of Charleston, was first reached Sept. 17, 1761, by Thomas Batts and Robert Fallam, who, with Thomas Woods, had been sent out by the King of England to take possession of the Mississippi Valley. Woods died on the way. Batts and Fallam carried out instructions, and on the claims made by them, England held the valley until force of arms brought recognition to these claims. But this was so rich a prize that France did not relinquish her rights without a bitter struggle. France used the Ohio River as the highway for such daring spirits as De Celeron in carrying on explorations. De Celeron industriously planted lead plates along the Ohio on West Virginia soil and elsewhere, claiming the valley for France in terms just as enthusiastic as those of Batts and Fallam, but France failed to back her claims with as many men or as heavy cannon as England.

A real campaigner is a fellow who can make his neighbors believe that the future prosperity of the country depends on his being elected mayor of the old home town this November.

Up in Chicago they are equipping new schools with garages, and now the parents never will get to use the car.—Dayton News.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Deerfield State Bank, of Deerfield, Illinois, held on January 14th, 1930, a resolution to increase the number of directors of said bank from seven to eleven was adopted under a two thirds majority vote of all of the banks capital stock, and eleven directors were elected to serve for one year or until their successors serve for one year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

This action was had in accordance with provisions of Section 12 of an Act to revise the law with relation to banks and banking. Deerfield State Bank.

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