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Entered as second-class mail matter at the post office at Washington, D. C. Washington and Lincoln. Ten days after celebrating the birth of Lincoln we are celebrating the birth of Washington. Our two greatest men were born in the shortest month. About the names and fames of both myths have gathered. No two men were ever more maligned in the days of their public activity. No two have ever been more exalted and deified after death. The measure of their hard fortune is the measure of their good fortune.

Washington was born at the top, had opportunities, and improved them. He was so successful he became a target for malice. Because of a stately presence, a serious mind and an inclination toward ceremony, he was pictured by his enemies as cold, crafty and ambitious. They flouted him as a leader of democracy, and attributed to him desires for a throne. They assailed even his personal character. If the lingo of the curbstones of today had been in use then, he would have been denounced as a boss and a grafter.

After death had dispersed the foul mists, fair mists gathered, and to a degree, have obscured the real man. An unlikely saint has succeeded an impossible sinner. Washington has been transformed into a political King Arthur, without flaw, and almost all-wise. Rufus Choate once complained that his biographers had made Washington "too dashed perfect."

Lincoln was born at the bottom, in the humblest condition, had no opportunities, and triumphed signally over adversity. Naturally, when he reached the top, he became a target for malice. His physical disadvantages, his bent of mind partly humorous, and his frank partiality for the simple life, were laid under tribute by his enemies, and he was pictured as a jester and coarse buffoon. He received the fullest measure of detraction. Not even his broad humanities, manifested in the White House, nor the Gettysburg address, nor the second inaugural served to silence his enemies.

Death transformed him, and he has since been painted in a spirit as white as the other was black. The language of eulogy has been exhausted in his behalf. Some of the praise would amuse the man who knew himself as well as he did others, and put no false values on anything or anybody.

But time is doing for both men what both would desire. They are coming into their real own in the appraisal of their countrymen as well as of others. They are world figures, and accepted by the world as America's best contributions to the greatest purposes of men. Byron's tribute to Washington and Lowell's to Lincoln show their characters and performances in the best relief.

The enormous cost of war is not accompanied by conditions which support the theory that anything which puts money into circulation is of public benefit.

San Francisco's exposition is now appealing simultaneously to the "made in America" and "see America first" ideas.

Reports from Roosevelt, N. J., may yet call forth a demand from T. R. that the town be required to change its name.

Popular Bathing Facilities. The conversion of the tidal basin into a bathing beach appears to meet the favor of the Senate, and in the sundry civil bill passed by that body is included an appropriation of \$50,000 for beginning this useful public work, meritorious in itself and having the additional good feature of attracting more people to Potomac Park. The Star has repeatedly argued in behalf of increased bathing and swimming facilities, not only as a general proposition, but as a local plan for promoting health and happiness of the people by encouraging exercise and cleanliness and widening the knowledge of the often most useful art of swimming.

The fine area of water has not been put to its full measure of utility, and save for a few boats and occasional skating has been merely a pleasure to spectators. Its popularity as a spectacle will be largely increased by its use by bathers. Senator Norris of Nebraska, who has advocated and industriously pressed the matter to inclusion in an appropriation bill, has taken a broad-gauge view of the question, and large numbers of the boys and youths of Washington will hold him in happy memory.

Washington is deficient in public bathing facilities, though the summers are long and two rivers, one great and the other ample, flow past the city. Wherever an American city has engaged in the enterprise of providing free bathing facilities for people, either in the form of bath-houses for use all the year or of

swimming pools for use in summer, the investment is considered a good one, and the municipal authorities so far from manifesting any inclination to recede from this line of endeavor invariably show a disposition to broaden and extend the work.

Few persons in this age doubt the efficacy of bathing as a factor in physical and moral hygiene. The only question with some has been the practicability of so extending municipal authority and action as to include this phase of public service. Some people have feared that municipalities are entering too extensively upon the work of conducting public utilities, but the usual arguments against such exercise of municipal authority do not lie against objects tending to the betterment of hygienic conditions.

Municipalities have taken over the matter of schools with the result that the private school in a way has been overshadowed. Municipalities have taken charge in large measure of the health of school children, and have made long strides toward conducting the play and recreation of the children. The municipal swimming pool in so far as the children are concerned affects them both in the matter of health and recreation. In its effect on adults it is probably mainly hygienic. The public bath and swimming pool are forms of municipal activity which are bound to grow.

No Intent to Slur the Court. If the government is to confiscate any portion of the fees paid by litigants to the auditor, the District, which shares with the United States court expenses, should, of course, share the spoils. But there should be no such robbery, and no such swag to be divided.

These words were used by The Star in a recent editorial concerning the court auditor's compensation and were specifically a protest against the surplus of auditor's fees over his fixed compensation going through the court registry automatically after five years into the Treasury of the United States, which transit The Star thought was the inevitable effect of existing law.

The words "conspicuous," "robbery," "spoils" and "swag" had relation in The Star's intent solely to the national government and to its acquisition through its absolute control of District finances of money to which it was not entitled, belonging at least one-half to the District, if it did not belong in equity to the litigant or auditor.

The Star did not intend to reflect in any way upon the Supreme Court of the District, or to impute to the court participation, direct or indirect, in any form of robbery, even as a constructive accomplice in a constructive robbery; and The Star greatly regrets to have used words which are capable of this construction.

The imputations of robbery were made, of course, in a Pickwickian sense and are obviously technically inaccurate even in their application to an impersonal Uncle Sam; but so far as The Star's intent is concerned they had no application in any sense whatever to the court, for whose members, individually and collectively, The Star has the highest regard as men above suspicion.

The Star is editorially on record as believing that the court and not Congress should reduce the auditor's compensation if he gets too much; that this reduction can be most easily and equitably effected by cutting down the work referred to the auditor or by reducing the fees required by the court to be paid to the auditor in specific cases; that there ought not to be any surplus of auditor's fees paid by litigants over the auditor's actual compensation; and that if there is such surplus it ought not to go to the Treasury of the United States, but either be divided with the District, or, as the contributions solely of individual local litigants, go wholly to the District.

The Star is now authoritatively assured that the court's intention from the first was to regulate the work referred to the auditor and the fees paid on his account by litigants in specific cases as to produce approximately only the amount fixed as the auditor's compensation; that any temporary surplus put in the registry of court is there only tentatively; that the court has never intended that the existing law should be permitted to carry this surplus automatically into the United States Treasury, but that legislation will be sought, if necessary, to dispose equitably of any surplus which may chance to exist and to provide for the payment of the auditor's full compensation in case of a deficit.

When this system is perfected and put in operation in accordance with the court's intent every ground of critical suggestion would seem to be removed.

New ideas in philanthropy are turned out by Henry Ford with a rapidity that suggests extensive and systematized equipment.

George Washington. It was 183 years ago that George Washington was born in a farmhouse close to and looking out upon the Potomac river below Washington city, fifty miles in a direct line, but about twenty miles farther if the windings of the Potomac river be followed. The place is now known to the world as Wakefield, but that name was given to the farm by that of the later Washington proprietors. The estate has been divided into many smaller holdings, though much of it is farmed by collateral kindred of George Washington, and a large acreage around the site of the house in which Washington was born, after passing out of the hands of Washington heirs, has long been back in the possession of people of Washington blood. The site of the house, part of the ruins of which were visible up to the time of the civil war,

is marked by a fine monument erected by the United States about twenty years ago. The farm on the Rappahannock, opposite Fredericksburg, where the cherry tree and stone-throwing incidents of George's boyhood took place, long ago passed out of the possession of Washingtons and has been divided into smaller farms. All vestiges of the house excepting the cellar pit disappeared so long ago that nobody in that country can remember having seen them. The Mount Vernon estate, great in extent in the days of Washington passed out of the hands of the Washington family, but the house and a small acreage surrounding it are preserved as a national shrine by the Ladies' Mount Vernon Association.

There is something especially significant and impressive in the commemoration of Washington's birthday at the National Capital. It is the seat of the government which he did so much to establish. His site was familiar to him from about his sixteenth birthday, and it appeared to him as the epicurean location for the capital of the nation. The city which was laid out in a part of the federal territory of Columbia was named in his honor. He assisted in the laying of the corner stone of the Capitol, and that building might be his tomb today but for certain circumstances not necessary to recount. His greatest monument in stone stands here. Around the city, up and down the river and to the eastward and westward of it are churches, houses and roads about which cluster Washington associations.

About the life of no other American has so much been written as that of Washington. In the flesh, especially when in active service, he had enemies noisy and bitter. Perhaps some were sincere in disagreement with him, and certainly many were filled with the malice of envy. By all the tests of greatness Washington was great. He was not a genius. He was not eccentric. He had no fads. He rode no nobbles. There was nothing dramatic in his utterance, nothing spectacular in his manner, nothing fustian in his speech. He never shone resplendent in speech or belle-lettres. He could not thrill men with his tongue, exalt them with his pen or astound them with his learning. Other men excelled him in the technique of statecraft, in the art of war and in holiness. But his abilities and attainments in all these respects were so harmoniously and admirably compounded that the result was a valiant and wise man, the greatest of Americans.

So far the income tax has managed to prove a disappointment to all having relations with it, from the government down.

The international law books as well as the geographies may show some changes after the conflict.

European warfare does not hesitate to utilize the high cost of living as a feature of military operations.

SHOOTING STARS. BY PHILANDER JOHNSON. An Eye to Business. "That was a great piece of statuary you just completed," said the art connoisseur.

"Do you think so?" rejoined the artist, wearily. "Yes, I do. But there's no advertisement in calling a statue artistic. I was rather hoping some expert would consider it immoral."

Measurements. A speech should be, they used to say. Important for its strength. The kind of speech you get today is valued for its length.

Delicate Position. "Now, Johnny," said the small boy's father, "I don't want you to get into any quarrels with the boys at school."

"I never do. I start right in by telling them I'm neutral." "And then I suppose they let you alone?"

"No, they don't. They all pick on me for not taking sides."

Fellow-Sufferer. "Has your wife been knitting anything to send to the sufferers abroad?" "Yes," replied Mr. Meekton. "And I do hope the things will look better on the poor chaps than the kind of clothes Henrietta selects for me."

Imposition. "Our congressman gets imposed on quite a lot," said Farmer Cortossel. "Has he been working hard?" "Part of the time. When there's any real argument goin' on there won't give him a chance. But when the filibusterin' starts they try to make him do all the talkin'."

Appreciation. Oh, the sunshine comes a-peekin' 'Round 'er corner of de world. An' de wind is softly speakin' 'Where de sleepin' leaf is curled. Oh, Mistoh Groun' Hog, De sky is bright an' blue, You didd' see yoh shadow An' we's much obliged to you.

When de air was bleak an' bitter And de goin' mighty rough, You was a lowdown critter An' we picked you foh a bluff. Oh, Mistoh Groun' Hog, You is de finest yet. We'd like to call you "Fido" An' adopt you foh a pet.

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A lot of Men's Gun Metal Calfskin Button Shoes, with gray cloth tops, in one of the newest spring styles. These are fresh, new and finely made shoes, in a stylish last and perfect fitting model. Sizes 7 to 10A; 6 to 9 1/2 B; 6 1/2 to 9 C and D.

Men's Neckties Anniversary price, 58c each. Regularly \$1.00.

Beautiful quality silk, in special patterns selected by our buyer for this sale. They are in handsome new spring colorings, and made in the full shape so well adapted to the open-space collars. The silk is of a weave whose good quality will manifest itself in lying.

Men's Silk-related Socks Anniversary price, 25 pairs for \$1.15. The regular 25c grade.

Men's Light-weight Seamless Silk-plated Socks, double toes and heels, with a high luster which does not disappear with washing. Shown in black and a good assortment of colors.

Men's Bathrobes Anniversary price, \$3.35 each. Regularly \$5.00.

Men's Fine Terry Cloth Bath Robes, in blue, gray, tan, green and lavender; all good patterns and the colors are absolutely fast. Fastened at neck and around waist with cords and tassels. Splendid quality, and well made.

Valenciennes Lace Edges Anniversary price, 60c doz. yard piece. A very special value.

Embroidered Robe Patterns Anniversary price, \$5.00. About Half Real Worth.

Women's Handkerchiefs Anniversary price, 18c each; \$1.00 for 6. Regularly 25c each.

Women's Dress Shields and Hose Supporters Anniversary price, 12 1/2c each. 6 in box for 75c.

Women's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs Anniversary price, 35c each; 3 for \$1.00. Regularly 50c.

Women's New Colonial Pumps Anniversary price, \$3.75 pair. Regular price, \$5.00.

Women's Spring Skirts Anniversary price, \$3.95 each. A Very Special Value.

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Women's Dainty Neckwear Collars, 35c each; 3 for \$1.00. Values, 50c and 75c.

Two styles; white, embroidered in several colors, and Plain White Swiss Embroidered Collars, in a variety of effects.

Guimpes, 50c each. Regularly \$1.00.

Lace Guimpes at half price. New shape, with plaited high-back collar. Also Hand-embroidered White Organdie Guimpes, with new low collars.

Vestees, 25c each. Regularly 50c.

Lace Vestees, with high plaited collar, in white and cream.

Enamel Watches & Chains Anniversary price, \$7.50 each. Regular \$15.00 quality.

Beautiful Enamel Watches with handsome chains to match. The watches can be worn in La Valliere style or on pin, and they are splendidly made both as regards case and movements. Fine enamel, delicately colored in electric blue, light blue, Copenhagen blue, Nile green, gray and emerald. A splendid Easter gift.

Silk Parasols Anniversary price, \$1.85 each. Much Less Than Regularly.

White and black stripes will be very fashionable in Parasols, and these are of this design, finished with Dresden silk borders and ebonine handles.

Hair Ornaments Anniversary price, 95c each. Values, \$2.00 to \$2.50.

Anniversary price, \$1.05 each. Regularly \$4.00 to \$5.00.

Dress Shields and Hose Supporters Anniversary price, \$1.05 each. Regularly \$4.00 to \$5.00.

Anniversary price, \$3.95 each. Values, \$5.75 to \$6.75.

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Perfect Cut Glass 7-piece Water Sets, \$3.95 each. Regularly \$5.00.

These Water Sets are of clear, brilliant and richly polished crystal, cut in a very attractive design—floral effect; pitcher and 6 glasses.

Cut Glass Tumblers, 10c each. Regularly 15c quality.

Cut Glass Tumblers, one-third less than usual. They are in beautiful floral cuttings and splendid variety. Water Tumblers, Grape Juice Glasses, Ice Tea Glasses, Bell-shape Tumblers, Highball Glasses.

Earthenware Cooking Utensils Casseroles, \$1.00 each. Regular value, \$1.50.

Best Quality Brown and White Earthenware Casseroles, the lining being of fine porcelain, set in a handsome heavy nickel frame with ball feet and mahogany-finished handles.

Bakino Sets, 3 dishes, 35c set. Regular value, 50c.

Housefurnishings Ladders, 88c each. A Special Anniversary Price.

Made of clean, well-seasoned, selected lumber, with wide steps and a shelf for paints and tools; steel braced and bolted to prevent spreading and insure sturdiness and safety, 6-ft. size.

Clothes Horses, 78c each. Very Special Value.

Folding Laundry Clothes Horses, made of fine lumber and built like steps, so that clothes will hang separately—one piece does not hang over the other.

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Mirrors and Pictures Colonial Mirrors, \$1.00 each. Regular \$2.00 quality.

These Mirrors are in the 8x22-inch shape, with antique gilt frame; the actual size of the glass is 6x18 inches, and at the top of each one is fitted a colored print, size 6x8 inches. The subjects include copies of the best masterpieces.

Colored Prints, 68c each. Regularly \$1.00.

Attractive subjects, mounted on two-toned mats, and enclosed in 10x12-inch burnished gilt frames of hand-carved effect.

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Colored Prints, in the most popular designs, enclosed in beautiful burnished gilt frames, size 8x12 inches. A really wonderful value.

Wardrobe Trunks Anniversary Special Price, \$16.75 each.

Full size Wardrobe Trunks, canvas covered and fiber bound; strongly made in every particular; steel clamps and fine brass lock. The interior is neat and practical—cloth lining, double bar hangers and five drawers. Roomy, convenient and high grade.

The best Wardrobe Trunk value obtainable.

Boys' New Reefers Anniversary price, \$3.95 each. Regularly \$5.00.

Spring-weight Reefers of selected all-wool materials in the smart plain box-fitting and Norfolk models. The materials are blue serge, black-and-white shepherd plaids and neat gray and tan mixtures, in new spring styles. Well made and perfect fitting. Sizes 2 1/2 to 10 years. Very special value at \$3.95 each.

Silks 40-inch-wide All-silk Broche Chas. meuse, in taupe, navy, wistaria and black. Anniversary price, \$1.00 yard.

38-inch-wide All-silk Crinkled Broche Crepes, for evening and home dresses; colors, lavender, sky blue, Copenhagen, maize, pink and light brown. Anniversary price, 85c yard.

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White Goods Sheer English Nainsook, soft finish and good wearing quality for underwear and infants' garments; 12 yards to the piece. Anniversary price, 12 1/2c yard.

White Mercerized Momic Satting very desirable for gowns, waists and all outer apparel; 27 inches wide. Anniversary price, 75c yard. Regular \$1.50 Quality.

Imported Silk-and-wool Scintella Fancrees—a fine, light-weight and easily draped spring fabric, in a wide assortment of fashionable colors, suitable for house and street wear—Belgian and navy blues, heliotrope, wistaria, purple, taupe, brown, black-and-white and beige. The quality and weave has everything in its favor.

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These Dresses are made of fine white dimity, with blue and pink striped belt and cuffs, stamped in dainty designs for hand-embroidering; they are entirely made up.

Sheets and Pillowcases Anniversary price, 75c ea. Colossal Sheets, of splendid quality cotton, with three-inch hems; size 90x99 inches.

Pillowcases, Anniversary price, 12 1/2c each.

"Fival" Brand Pillowcases; size 45x36 inches; hemmed ready for use.

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Women's Imported Silk Lisle Hose in white, tan and black. Anniversary price, 65c pair. Regularly \$1.00.

Women's Pure Ingrain Silk Hose, in black only, with double soles and high spliced heels; sizes 8 to 10; 25 dozen pair in the lot.

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STYLES—Satin-and-straw and all-straw, with flower, ribbon and feather trimmings.

SHAPES—Large and small shapes, in close-fitting and sailor effects.

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