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In Memory of Washington.

In all the states of the union except Arkansas, Iowa and Mississippi the anniversary of the birth of George Washington is observed as a legal holiday. Each year the observance of this day has become more general.

Washington's birthday is not a day for boisterous rejoicing and fireworks like the Fourth of July. Nor on the other hand is it a day for gloom or mourning. The flag flies from the top of the staff. It is rather a day proper for patriotic thought--a good day in which to study the precepts of Washington and the principles on which the greatest nation of all time was founded.

This particular Washington's birthday may be considered an apt time for citizens of this country of diverse ancestry, of different religion or creed, of various sentiments and ideas, to meditate and come to some conclusion as to whether their duty to America, their duty to the father of this country, does not require of them that they stop thinking how some fellow citizen worships God or with what particular accent he speaks or his father spoke, and consider first of all whether they themselves are strictly adhering to the principles of the constitution and the precepts of the founders of the republic, and secondly whether their fellow citizens are doing the same.

Nothing on earth--not religion--not birth--nothing whatsoever should be allowed to divide two citizens of this republic who understand what this republic means and are faithfully trying to follow the teachings of those who made of this land a nation. If the time ever comes when creed and birth and race prejudice can divide the people of this republic that day will be a more grave one than the United States of America than was the day when the stars and stripes were fired on at Fort Sumter.

At the close of the American revolution George Washington addressed a letter to the governors of the states. He set forth in this letter the four things which he considered to be essential to the existence of the United States. He mentioned these four things as "the pillars upon which the glorious fabric of our independence and national character must rest." As the fourth of these pillars he gave, "The prevalence of that pacific and friendly disposition among the people of the United States which will induce them to forget their local prejudices and policies, to make those mutual concessions which are requisite to the general prosperity, and, in some instances, to sacrifice their individual advantages to the interest of the community."

That spirit of tolerance and justice to all which Washington everywhere advocated is needed to-day. Its need has been particularly noticeable during the past year or two while bigotry and prejudice have apparently been gaining ground.

On this particular Washington's Birthday, citizens of this republic, foreign and native born, Catholics, Protestants and Jews, men of English, Irish, Swede, French and Italian descent, cannot spend the day with more profit to themselves, to their fellow citizens, and to America, than in the careful perusal of the Constitution of the United States and Washington's Farewell Address.

The excellent matter furnished by the Bachelors-Johnson syndicate has already become a highly appreciated feature of the STANDARD. Next Sunday the syndicate furnishes exceedingly readable articles on the noble ship La Gasconne, and on the latest gossip in New York. The matter furnished by this syndicate is not plate matter. It is "live" in the full sense of the term, and is used by the best paper only in several states of the union. The STANDARD holds the copyright for the state of Montana.

President Cleveland once remarked that he had "Congress on his hands." The country seems to be well aware that it has Cleveland on its hands.

The bill introduced in the legislature compelling news agents in Montana to pay a license of \$100 each is unjust and should be buried. It means that on trains the traveling public

will have to get along without newspapers. It means that in towns and small cities there will be no papers obtainable except those subscribed for. It means in large cities that one or two dealers will have a monopoly of the news business, for small dealers cannot afford to pay the license. The bill should be beaten.

A Meeting of Mayors.

A number of the mayors of Montana cities have arranged to meet in Helena within a few days to consider what legislation in addition to the code is needed in order that the cities may be governed as efficiently and as economically as possible during the next two years. It is a little late in the session for much to be accomplished now. After this week only 10 working days will be left, for it has been decided that the session ends at midnight of March 7. Still, in all the mass of pending legislation there is nothing that concerns so many taxpayers as does the proposed legislation touching the government of cities. If the legislature adjourns without devoting very careful consideration to municipal affairs it will have failed in its most important duty.

Mayor Ramsey, of Bozeman, in a letter published this morning, mentions a few matters which need action. The conference which met in Butte last Sunday arranged the salaries of city officials to their satisfaction but went no further than that. The citizens are the people most deeply concerned in the way municipal affairs have been conducted; yet in no city have the citizens manifested much interest in this subject. At the conference mentioned only one citizen not an office holder was present, and that one is a prospective candidate for mayor. The citizens should not leave the important matter of municipal legislation solely to those holding office.

As the STANDARD has often said, there can never be a satisfactory police force in Butte until the system of its appointment and control is changed. A change in administration cannot better the police force. Unless much desired legislation on this subject is passed at Helena the control of the police will remain in the hands of the politicians and every time there is a change of administration there will be a change of the police force from the chief to the jailor. No business man in Butte would conduct his establishment on that basis, but that is the basis on which the police force of Butte has always been run. It is as utterly impossible to get the best service out of a police department conducted in this way as to get the best service from the employes of a large mercantile establishment who might be changed every year from top to bottom regardless of efficiency.

There are many matters of municipal legislation which need the close attention of the mayors and the legislators. But the matter of getting the police entirely removed from the domain of politics is the most important of all. If the legislature in its closing days will pass legislation of this kind, Butte and the other cities of Montana will in less than five years have an experienced, efficient and reliable police force of which every citizen can be proud.

Its Chief Harm.

The Great Falls Leader opposes the anti-gambling law, claiming that it will not prevent gambling, that it will make that secret which has hitherto been open to observation and will turn the revenues of the state from this source over to a fund for corrupting police and other officials. It considers that the state of affairs will be worse when gambling is retired to private rooms.

It is to be presumed that if the representatives of the state of Montana pass the pending bill against gambling, the officials of the state of Montana will enforce the bill. If the law is not good enough to be enforced, it is not good enough to pass. Admitting, however, that the bill will not entirely stop gambling, and that cards will still be played for money in back rooms, that condition of things will be preferable from every point of view except the perhaps selfish point of view of those taxpayers who find gambling licenses a welcome lift in the payment of municipal and state expenses. The chief objection to open faro playing on the ground floors of buildings on the main streets, free of access to every one, is that it throws temptation in the way of many who would not otherwise think of gambling. Many a young man in many a city of Montana has been ruined because he chanced to drop into a gambling house, see somebody else win, and couldn't see why he shouldn't be able also to make money as easy as that. In most cases of this kind the young man has no thought of gambling when he enters, but stops in to see the excitement as do hundreds of spectators every night. He catches the craze by seeing some one else win. If the gambling were not public only gamblers would be concerned, and the young men who think they can use a little of their employers' money to make a stake for themselves would not be tempted unless they hunted for temptation.

Charles S. Wright.

The sudden death of Mr. Charles S. Wright, receiver of the land office at Miles City, is a deplorable event. For ten years or more Mr. Wright has been a conspicuous figure in eastern Montana; he was deservedly popular with the thousands of people who were intimately acquainted with him; politically he was an able and earnest democrat; in social life he had many endearing qualities. For a number of years Mr. Wright was connected with

the Yellowstone Journal, published at Miles City. In recognition of his political services and his splendid qualifications for the office he was appointed, a few months ago, by President Cleveland to the position of receiver of the United States land office.

Mr. Wright was married; he belonged to a family which has the heartfelt sympathy of uncounted friends in all parts of this state. Death came with singular and painful suddenness; from information received in this city it is learned his fatal illness was of only a few days' duration.

An editorial leader in last Sunday's New York Tribune discusses the address delivered at Great Falls by Rev. Dr. Edmund A. Wasson on "The Crisis of Unionism." The Tribune considers Dr. Wasson's view an admirable summary of the whole question, and says: "The point that that society, meaning thereby the whole social order, is the real party in interest, and not labor or capital, is one that will have to be recognized by both labor and capital before the much-vaunted labor question will ever be solved."

Yesterday's dispatches announce the passage of the bill in the California assembly prohibiting the wearing of hats or bonnets in theaters or other places of amusement. Knippenberg might have found something still worth doing had he consented to serve out the term for which he was elected. The bill should however have an additional provision prohibiting men from leaving the theater between acts.

Rev. W. C. Shippen should see to it that an extra session is not added to the mistakes of Moses.

Officer Dwyer is in a position to realize that the peacemaker's lot is not a happy one.

New York is threatened with another labor war and Colonel John Jacob Astor of Governor Morton's staff sniffs the battle from afar.

Pfeffer's effervescent whiskers are said to be the distinguishing mark between the senate and the women's council now in session in Washington.

China's emperor is disposed to regard Li Hung Chang as a formidable rival of the late lamented Mr. Banquo's ghost.

Anna Gould denies that she is marrying that Frenchman for his title. If it was a chump she wanted she could have saved money by purchasing in this country.

General Washington will regret to observe the star-eyed goddess of liberty attend the festivities in his honor to-day with a beef steak on her eye. The goldbugs have been playing hob with Uncle Sam's household.

Perhaps Chaplain Shippen's new Moses is the Independent's famous dark horse from the west side.

It was not surprising that when La Gasconne started back across the ocean her passenger list contained an entirely different lot of names.

Mr. Fisher of Livingston, who recently fell heir to a large fortune, is receiving 10 offers of marriage every day. Like the fly that fell into the molasses Jug he is in a position to exclaim, "This is rather too much of a good thing."

Miss Vanderbilt, who has just come out, says she will "never marry a moth-eaten relic of foreign nobility," and the press of the country is paying her the compliment of saying that the young lady seems to be possessed of almost human intelligence.

China has a newspaper one thousand years old, but the Helena Herald has ideas that are older than that.

The passage of Representative Booth's resolution by the house yesterday makes it advisable for the statesman to introduce all future bills on the end of a fist-pole.

DEER LODGE COUNTY NEWS.

The gold lead located during the last days of December just northwest of Jimmie O'Donnell's place, on Caribou, by Capt. M. S. Parker and George Steinberg, has caused somewhat of a stir in mining circles. Two tons of the ore was shipped and worked as a test, and the results are said to have been more than satisfactory, what the returns were. At any rate, they have a fine lead of gold-looking quartz, and have made seven more locations around it. Others have made locations in the vicinity, and parties are going out each day to take a look at the country and get in if possible. Gold leads have been known to exist in this locality for years back, but have been given little attention.

The rich placers of this particular locality, which have been worked for years, is good evidence that there are rich quartz leads in the vicinity, and we hope that there will be a thorough test made of the district this time as to its quartz-bearing qualities.

The Independence mine of E. H. Irvine & Co., just over the mountain to the south of the Casper & St. Ignace properties, is yielding handsomely, and many new locations have been made in that locality--mostly by the company, however.

Sheriff John Fitzpatrick expects to go to Utah to-day after Frank O'Neill, who has been located there. O'Neill is accused of burglarizing the house of the late John Fifer two years ago this month, and later of stealing a horse from Marco Vasovich, from his Modesty creek ranch. Requisition papers have been applied for, and they are expected here to-day, when the sheriff will start after his man.

The marriage of Edward H. Beal and Miss Maud Schwend occurred at the court house in this city on Monday last, Judge Brantly performing the ceremony. Both of the young people are well known in this valley and have many friends who will wish them God speed on their matrimonial voyage. They will make their home near Warm Springs--Silver State.

Deer Lodge has a fire company newly organized and consisting of the following members and officers:

President, Frank Conley; treasurer, Alex Brown; secretary, W. E. Coleman; chief, John McMahon; assistant chief, Robert Reid; captain Rose No. 1, Alex Marcelle; captain Rose No. 2, Tom Hirst; captain of the Hook and Ladder, Will Schurz.

Books and Magazines.
"Why? Says Gladys" is the odd title of a novelette by the distinguished English author, David Christie Murray, that heads the collection of attractive literary productions in the March number of Tales From Town Topics. It is a brilliantly written story of love and story of love and matrimonial infidelity, presented in dialogue form, and the author treats his theme with such gaiety and eloquence that one cannot fail to be interested and amused. Gladys is a lovely American girl who marries a reformed English rake, and as it turns out, the rake proves to be the steadfast and true element of the partnership, whereas Gladys, in an absurd spell of emotionalism, brings disaster into her home. Mr. Murray is at his best in recounting the misadventures of this strangely assorted pair, and produces a very good philosophical argument on the matrimony question as well as a captivating piece of romantic literature. The volume containing the novelette is crowded as usual with the bright array of stories, sketches, poems and colloquies culled from the back pages of Town Topics. Town Topics Publishing companies, 238 Fifth avenue, New York City.

In McClure's Magazine for March the new remedy for diphtheria, which promises to reduce the most malignant of diseases to comparative harmlessness, will be described in its manufacture and application, and with numerous pictures, by Dr. Hermann M. Bigs and Dr. William H. Park. The writers, through their official connection with the New York city board of health, are personally engaged in the production of the diphtheria anti-toxine, and write, therefore, from the fullest information.

Poet-Lore celebrates the second number of its 7th year with a new cover. To spell out and place the poets and dramatists whose names are interwoven in this new design of laurel and thorn is in itself a poetic study, and therefore, most suitable to the magazine. For Poet-Lore takes for its province the noble and uplifting writings of every age and race and seeks to make them known and appreciated. "We continue to find in Poet-Lore," says a recent critic, "an original and exceptional method of treating of literary subjects, which differentiates the magazine from all its competitors in the periodical field." Its "School of Literature" has been most valuable in showing how to appreciate our own American masterpieces, and it is now studying a series of poems illustrative of American history. Whittier's "The Norsemen" is considered in the February issue. Other topics are "The Religion of Robert Burns," "The Friendship of Whitman and Emerson," "Will and Fate in Shakespeare," "Ibsen's New Play," etc., etc.

BIG WARS CAUSED BY TRIFLES

A LIVES Chin Cost France 3,000,000
Shaves and 300 Years of strife.
Many times it has happened that a great and costly war has been brought about by an incident trivial and even ridiculous, says Answers. Thus the war of the Spanish succession is said to have been caused through a glass of water. A lady, Mrs. Mesham, was carrying a glass of water, when she was obstructed by the Marquis de Torey. A slight scuffle ensued and the water was spilled. The marquis thereat took offense, and bad feeling ensued between the English and French courts, with the ultimate result that France was declared. The campaign cost France many severe battles, viz.: Blenheim, 1704; Ramillies, 1707; Oudenarde, 1708, and Malplaquet, 1709.

Quite as absurd in its origin was the war that took place during the commonwealth of Modena. A soldier stole a bucket from a public well belonging to the state of Bologna. Although the value of the article did not exceed a quarter, its annexation was the signal for a fierce and prolonged war. Henry, the king of Sardinia, assisted the Modenese to retain the bucket, and in one of the subsequent battles he was made a prisoner. The bucket is still exhibited in the tower of the cathedral of Modena.

A third instance of a war resulting from a trifling cause was that between Louis VII of France and Henry II of England. The archbishop of Rouen decreed that no one should wear long hair upon their heads or chins. Louis submitted to the decree, whereupon his wife, Eleanor, rallied him upon his appearance. A quarrel ensued, which resulted in the dissolution of the marriage and Eleanor's marriage with Henry. By this marriage the broad domains in Normandy formerly belonging to Louis passed into the possession of Henry. Louis, hotly incensed, made an attack on Normandy, and henceforth, for nearly 300 years, arose those bloody and devastating wars, which cost France upward of 3,000,000 of lives.

Honor the Magnate.

From the Chicago Times.
It now appears that Magnate Pullman objects to any appearance before any court touching the matter of the strike last summer. The lackeys who surround him do not hesitate to laugh gaily at the officer who seeks to serve a process of the court upon their august employer. If one were speaking of an ordinary individual it might be proper to make the statement that the magnate is dodging the process of the court, but Pullman is too august a personage to permit any than the most honeyed phrase in describing his proceedings.

Now that it is ascertained beyond question that the magnate prefers to say nothing the manifest duty of the court is quite clear. People merely for the purpose of arriving at justice, as far as possible, ought not to insist that Mr. Pullman should make any statement whatever. He might claim the privilege, possibly, in this case of refusing to testify on the ground that he might criminate himself, but that's an ugly suggestion to make concerning one of his transcendental qualities. He is far and away above all sub-lunary considerations. His advanced head knocks out the stars in heaven. Ought not the court apologize to Mr. Pullman for assuming even for a moment to interfere with his daily affairs? He has to look over the accounts of his groggshops and his bedchambers on wheels, and he is altogether so great a man that the processes of the courts ought not to run against him.

Magnate Pullman is upon a pedestal of egotism which lifts him above his superior beings of the human race, and that he should be confronted by an ordinary bailiff reading to him the vulgar demands of mere court of justice is an exhibition of audacity that may be described even as populism.

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