



WASHINGTON

THE FATHER OF HIS COUNTRY

Why We Delight to Celebrate Washington's Birthday.

"BORN upon our soil—of parents also born upon it—never for a moment having had sight of the old world—instructed according to the modes of his time, in the spare, plain, but wholesome elementary knowledge which our institutions provide for the children of the people—growing up beneath and penetrated by the genuine influences of American society—living from infancy to manhood and age amidst our expanding, but not luxurious civilization—partaking in our great destiny of labor, our long contest with unreclaimed nature and uncivilized man



GEORGE WASHINGTON

our agony of glory, the war of independence—our great victory of peace, the formation of the union, and the establishment of the constitution—he is all, all our own. Washington is ours."

The foregoing was written by Daniel Webster in regard to the Father of His Country, the anniversary of whose birth occurs February 22, an occasion that is ever freshly remembered by American hearts. "He was the first man of the time in which he grew," wrote Rufus Choate. "His memory is first and most sacred in our love; and ever, hereafter, till the last drop of blood shall freeze in the last American heart, his name shall be a spell of power and might. There is one personal, one vast, felicity which no man can share with him. It was the daily beauty and towering and matchless glory of his life which enabled him to create his country, and at the same time secure an undying love and regard from the whole American people. Undoubtedly there were brave and wise and good men before his day in every colony. But the American nation, as a nation, I do not reckon to have begun before 1774, and the first love of that young America was Washington. The first word she heaped was his name. Her earliest breath spoke it. It is still her proud ejaculation. It will be the last gasp of her expiring life. About and around him we call up no dissentient, discordant and dissatisfied elements, no sectional prejudice or bias, no party, no creed, no dogma of politics. None of these shall assail him. Yes, when the storm of battle grows darkest and rages highest, the memory of Washington shall nerve every American arm and cheer every American heart. It shall rekindle that Promethean fire, that sublime flame of patriotism, that devoted love of country which his words have commended, which his example has consecrated."

The story of George Washington's life is an old one, but the salient facts will bear repeating. He was born at "Washington," Westmoreland county, Va., February 22, 1732, lived from 1755 to 1759 at what is now Mount Vernon, and when he was seven years old he was taken to an estate on the Rappahannock almost opposite Fredericksburg. The father was one of the prosperous plant-

ers of Virginia, able to give his children what education the times could afford. The first teacher of George is reputed to have been a convict, whom his father bought for the purpose. All of Washington's schooling ended before he was 16. His long and brilliant career as a soldier and statesman has given to history some of its most interesting pages. "It was strange," wrote Thackeray, "that in a savage forest of Pennsylvania a young Virginia officer should fire a shot, and waken up a war that was to last for 60 years, which was to cover his own country, and pass into Europe, to cost France her American colonies, to sever ours from us and create the great western republic; to rage over the old world when extinguished in the new; and, of all the myriads engaged in the vast contest, to leave the prize of the greatest fame with him who struck the first blow."

As to the esteem and affection in which the name and character of Washington were held one cannot do better than quote Lafayette, who wrote from France as follows:

"Were you but such a man as Julius Caesar, or the king of Prussia, I should almost be sorry for you at the end of the great tragedy where you are acting such a part. But, with my dear general, I rejoice at the blessings of a peace when our noble ends have been secured. Remember our Valley Forge times; and, from a recollection of past dangers and labors, we shall be still more pleased at our present comfortable situation. I cannot but envy the happiness of my grandchildren, when they will be about celebrating and worshipping your name. To have one of their ancestors among your soldiers, to know he had the good fortune to be the friend of your heart, will be the eternal honor in which they shall glory."

The poet Shelley, aboard an American ship, drinking to the health of Washington and the prosperity of the American commonwealth, remarked: "As a warrior and statesman he is righteous in all he did, unlike all who lived before or since; he never used his power but for the benefit of his fellow-creatures."

GEORGE REVISES HISTORY.



Teacher—The first thing the Puritans did after landing on Plymouth Rock was to fall upon their knees. What was the next thing they did?

Little George Washington—They fell upon the aborigines.—Boston Budget.

The Cheerful View.

Joel Grump—Well, I see our boodlin' common council's gone an' voted \$200 fer Washington birthday doin's—another sheer waste o' good money. Hiram Pond—Mebbe it'll turn out a lucky investment. Joel, like three years ago, when the cannon busted an' killed four on 'em.—Judge.

The Most Menacious Pastime.

They tell us how George Washington Made truth his constant mission. He must have missed a lot of fun By never 'goin' fishin'—Washington Star.

A New Psalm.

Washington each year reminds us That it really is sublime To, departing, sink your hatchet In the cherry-tree of time. —Puck.

VARIOUS AND INTERESTING.

Orange juice will polish patent leather. Almost 300 men were killed in the anthracite mines of Pennsylvania during 1903, according to the records kept by the state mining inspectors.

So effective is the life-saving service of the United States that from disasters to 246 documented vessels on the coast during the year, having 3,362 persons on board, only 20 lives were lost, and of the \$9,000,000 worth of property put in jeopardy, but a little more than \$1,000,000 was lost.

Dan Halsted, the last survivor of the Indian tribes that once inhabited New Jersey, is living the life of a hermit on the Morris river, near Norma, in that state. He is said to be the grandson of a former great chief. His sole companion in his solitude is a mongrel dog. He makes a living by fishing and truck gardening.

Navies rank as follows in first-class battleships: Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia and Japan. The United States will soon be second only to Great Britain. When the ships now building are all completed, the United States will have a fleet of 24 first-class battleships, ten armored cruisers of the best type and ten coast defense monitors of excellent fighting strength for harbor protection.

The congressional library has received from Mrs. C. W. Fall, of Nashville, Tenn., a large box containing the papers and letters of President James K. Polk. The letters were bequeathed to the owner by the wife of President Polk and have been in her possession for a number of years. The congressional library has been trying to gain possession of them for some time, as the collection is a very valuable one. Recently Mrs. Fall consented to turn them over to the government. The library officials decline to state the price paid for them, but it is understood the figure was \$10,000.

IN VARIOUS PLACES.

The total amount paid by the various South African compensation boards to those whose property was taken by the military during the war is £4,200,000.

Thirteen snuffboxes in agate and jasper, ornamented with gold and precious stones, and formerly the property of Frederick the Great, have been presented by the kaiser to the Hohenzollern museum.

The Serbian Institute of Journalists has petitioned parliament to delete from the press law the clause threatening prosecution for insulting foreign potentates, on the ground that in foreign countries there are no laws protecting the king of Serbia from offensive references in the press.

The Prussian government has decided to found an agricultural school at Delitzsch, in the province of Saxony, near the Saxon frontier. Delitzsch has a population of 10,500. It is on the line of the railroad extending from Leipzig to Magdeburg, which belongs to the Prussian government, in the heart of a most prosperous section of the country, where agriculture is the chief occupation of the people.

OVER THE WIRE.

A man has been fined in Vienna for calling a telephone girl a liar over the wire.

A portrait of Marconi is to be engraved on one of a new issue of Italian stamps.

When a telephone of the Chicago Telephone company is "busy" the nickel which you are supposed to have dropped in is supposed to drop out again. Constable John Small tried it 15 times and the nickel didn't drop once, he says. So he sued for the nickel. The telephone company paid \$500 in counsel fees and had to surrender the nickel in the end.

MARKET REPORT.

Cincinnati, Feb. 17.	
CATTLE—Common	\$3 00 @ 3 75
Heavy steers	4 50 @ 4 90
CALVES—Extra	7 00 @ 7 00
HOGS—Ch. packers	5 40 @ 5 50
Mixed packers	5 15 @ 5 40
SHEEP—Extra	4 35 @ 4 50
LAMBS—Extra	6 40 @ 6 50
FLOUR—Spring pat.	4 95 @ 5 20
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	1 03 @ 1 03
No. 3 winter	95 @ 98
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	47 @ 47
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	44 @ 44
RYE—No. 2	64 @ 69
HAY—Ch. timothy	13 75 @ 13 75
PORK—Clear family.	17 20 @ 17 20
LARD—Steam	7 02 1/2 @ 7 02 1/2
BUTTER—Ch. dairy.	12 @ 12
Choice creamery	28 @ 28
APPLES—Choice	3 50 @ 3 75
POTATOES—Per bbl	2 90 @ 3 00
TOBACCO—New	5 05 @ 12 50
Old	4 40 @ 14 50
Chicago.	
FLOUR—Winter pat.	4 40 @ 4 50
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	95 @ 1 00
No. 3 spring	85 @ 96
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	51 @ 51 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	41 @ 41 1/2
RYE—No. 2	68 @ 68
PORK—Mess	14 75 @ 14 87 1/2
LARD—Steam	7 52 1/2 @ 7 55
New York.	
FLOUR—Win. str. rts.	4 75 @ 4 90
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	1 00 @ 1 00
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	55 1/2 @ 55 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	51 @ 51
RYE—Western	72 @ 72
PORK—Family	15 75 @ 16 50
LARD—Steam	7 85 @ 7 85
Baltimore.	
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	1 02 1/2 @ 1 02 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	52 @ 52
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	43 @ 43
CATTLE—Steers	4 75 @ 5 50
HOGS—Western	4 70 @ 5 02 1/2
Louisville.	
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	1 00 @ 1 00
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	53 @ 53
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	45 1/2 @ 45 1/2
PORK—Mess	14 25 @ 14 25
LARD—Steam	7 00 @ 7 00
Indianapolis.	
WHEAT—No. 2 red.	97 1/2 @ 97 1/2
CORN—No. 2 mixed.	44 1/2 @ 44 1/2
OATS—No. 2 mixed.	41 @ 41

Ostentations.

An Acheson man tells the Globe about his uncle, an Irishman, who suddenly became rich. The first thing he did was to buy the best pew in the church. When Sunday rolled around the Irishman walked grandly down the aisle, carrying a silk hat and elegant overcoat. He found two strange women occupying his pew. "Come out," he said, imperiously. The women were very much shocked, and walked out, their heads hanging in shame. "Now, then, ladies," the Irishman said, "oblige me by walking back. I just wanted to show you who owned this pew."

Three Doctors' Opinions.

Buffalo, N. Y., Feb. 15. Physicians have accepted Dodd's Kidney Pills as the standard remedy for diseases of the kidneys and kindred complaints. R. H. Dunaway, M. D., of Benton, Ill., says: "Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me of Diabetes after everything else had failed and I was given up to die. I have since prescribed them in my regular practice for every form of Kidney Trouble and have never as yet known them to fail."

Jesse L. Limes, M. D., St. John, Kansas: "I prescribed Dodd's Kidney Pills for the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McBride of this place who suffered from Epileptic fits following Scarlatina; results were miraculous; I have never seen anything like it."

Leland Williamson, M. D., Yorktown, Ark., says: "Dodd's Kidney Pills are the best medicine I know of for all forms of Kidney Disease. I believe in using the remedy that relieves and cures my patients, whether ethical or not, and I always prescribe Dodd's Kidney Pills and can testify that they invariably accomplish a permanent and perfect cure of all Kidney Complaints."

Music of the Spheres.

Mrs. Gusher—Don't you think my daughter has a heavenly voice?
Mr. Weerigh—Well—er—it certainly sounds unearthly.—Woman's Home Companion.

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Hojack—"You don't really imagine that girls actually propose sometimes, do you?"
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