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### WASHINGTON'S PRINCIPLES.

"A century from the birth of Washington has changed the world," said Daniel Webster in his address on Washington's birthday, February 22, 1832.

Events have moved so swiftly that it is hard for us today to realize that it is less than two centuries since "Despotic power was predominant, and the feudal or military principle held the mass of mankind in hopeless bondage. One-half of Europe was crushed beneath the Bourbon sceptre, and no conception of political liberty, no hope even of religious toleration, existed in that nation which was America's first ally." The Republic in the New World was regarded, one century ago, as still an experiment watched with interest by curious and sceptical eyes abroad.

The principles of Washington are those on which the nation was built, and their soundness has been proved by their endurance. Their character, at this distance, has become to a certain extent legendary. But if one turns back to that speech of Webster's on "The Character of Washington," one realizes that it is because his principles were of an immortal rightness that the nation has grown and prospered on their foundation.

"In the first place, all his measures were right in their intent. He stated the whole basis of his own grand character when he told the country, in the home phrase of the proverb, that honesty is the best policy. One of the most striking things ever said of him is that he changed mankind's ideas of political greatness. To commanding talents and to success, the common elements of such greatness, he added a disregard of self, a spotlessness of motive, a steady submission to every public and private duty, which threw far into the shade the whole country. He had no favorites; he rejected all partisanship; and acting honestly for the universal good, he deserved, what he has so richly enjoyed, the universal love.

"His principle it was to act right, and to trust the people for support; his principle it was not to follow the lead of sinister and selfish ends, nor to rely on the arts of party delusion to obtain public sanction for such a course. Born for his country and for the world, he did not give up to party what was meant for mankind. He sought for men fit for offices; not for offices which

### THAT SUGAR FAMINE.

The latest figures for last year's American sugar crop show that beet sugar surpassed the former record crop of 1915 by 27 per cent and reached a total of 2,219,000,000 pounds. Cane sugar likewise made a new record, with 386,000,000 pounds, which was 15 per cent above the production of 1916.

The domestic production, even on such a scale as this, is only about one-fourth of the consumption. Most of the rest comes from Cuba. That island, too, had an immense crop, amounting to about 8,000,000,000 pounds, and representing a gain of nearly 8 per cent over the previous year.

All of this has an obvious bearing on the sugar prices that Americans were forced to pay during the greater part of last year. They show how baseless—or base if you prefer—were the glib explanations that sugar was going up because of impending scarcity. Instead of going up it should have gone down. It is doubtful whether there was ever any legitimate reason for a higher price than the public is paying today. It was pure speculation, aided by such flagrant propaganda of lying crop reports as has probably never been equaled. It would have been just about as logical if the gamblers had announced a prospective shortage of wheat or corn, with the resulting famine prices. Most of the public was rebuffed by hundreds of millions of dollars. Care should be taken that no such outrage is committed this year or any subsequent year, with regard to any of the necessities of life.

### BUSINESS CO-OPERATION.

A business man discussing the present business situation said that to him the most remarkable phase of it is the way business men are standing by one another during the crisis, trying to help each other weather the storm. It is to this spirit of co-operation that he attributes the small percentage of firms which are struggling with serious financial difficulties.

The speaker cited as an instance a creditor's meeting which he had attended that day. A firm with good holdings, but suffering from the general depression, had been threatened by one of its creditors with suit and receivership. The officers summoned all their creditors, presented a list of assets and liabilities, stated that although it was too early for it to show on the books they believed they had turned, and if not pressed they felt sure they would soon be able to meet their obligations in full. Every one of the creditors needed money, but they agreed to take the company's notes for 90 days at 7 per cent allowing the privilege of 60 days

extension should the recovery be slower than the indebted firm anticipated. Thus one more failure was averted.

This is only one of thousands of such adjustments being made all over the country. They are the bright spots illuminating the financial gloom. They are not only heartening but they speak volumes for the spirit of fairness and wisdom which animates modern business. Long after the discomforts of this period are forgotten, the memory of how men stood by one another will remain to encourage integrity and make all effort seem worth while.

### THE LEAGUE TO HELP CHINA.

The whole question of the suppression of the opium traffic in China has now been turned over to a secretariat of the League of Nations, with Dr. Hawking Yen, a member of the Chinese diplomatic service, an official in that group. This is one of the big jobs the League of Nations has undertaken, and one about which there can be little difference of opinion among enlightened nations.

It was thought in 1911 that the opium traffic had been practically eliminated. At that time, according to the report of a missionary who has lived and traveled much in China all the native opium had been disposed of and Chinese interest in keeping it out was sincere and active. Today the traffic is coming back. The indifference of Great Britain and the United States has been harmful. Opium and other dangerous drugs have been exported from them to China, and it is said that Japanese drug stores sell it freely without any risk to their proprietors.

China does not want the opium habit to curse her people again. Right-minded people in America, in Great Britain and even in Japan, who oppose any attempt to destroy China's progress in this regard are doubtless in the majority. Definite and quick action is needed, however, to counteract the evil influence of the few who are selfish, greedy and indifferent to the welfare of newly awakened China.

Even income-tax-reporting has its rewards. The longer a citizen postpones his report, the more exemptions he can think of. If he started in time, most anybody could prove that instead of his owing the government money, the government owed him money.

### THE OFFICE CAT



—By JUNIUS—

### AFOOT, YOU ALSO MAY HAVE OBSERVED.

A motor bike is smaller than a truck or touring car. But I have noticed that it can splash the mud darned near as far.

"Every day is the conflux of two eternities."—Thos. Carlyle.

### THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED.

Nearly a thousand years ago a Japanese princess whose name is lost to us but whose thought is what now is known as "The Sarashine Diary." "I dwell in the romances from morning to night, and as long as I was awake," she wrote. "The only thing I could think of was the shining prince who would some day come to me, as noble and beautiful as in the romances."

Eternal maiden dream! Ideas and manners change greatly. But the essentials of human nature change little. The dreams girls dream are much the same today in America as they were long ago in the courts of old Japan. Doubtless it was the same in 100 A. D., and doubtless it will be much the same in 2000 A. D.

Consider the idealized men they

dream of, fellows, and then look at what they get!

Chas. Runyan has observed that the same man who told about catching the big fish in a summer turns up now with a yarn about seeing the first robbin.

### INCIDENT STAGED IN DR. RICHARDSON'S OFFICE.

Caller—"I have a bill."  
Office Girl—"Dr. Richardson is out on an important case."  
Caller—"I have a bilious headache and—"  
Office Girl—"Oh! Step right in. The doctor will see you at once."

Your butcher may be a liquor ringer on the side. The elevator boy is, very likely, running a distillery after hours. The average newsboy can deliver newspapers or jugs, whichever you order. The gas meter man may be merely taking a census for the Bootleggers' union and it is dollars to pretzels that your milkman is in a position to deliver Borden's or Gordons.

Have you a neighbor who was an oyster opener a year ago, and who has just built a country place and bought a Rolls-Royce jaunting car. The answer: Chief of a liquor ring.

### CAN YOU MAKE THIS OUT?

Out in Frisco the boys have suddenly turned very square, stopping all bouts and closing the dance halls. One of the natives sent us this yesterday:  
"Vigilance committee wants to pass an ordinance forcing a heap of coke to wear long brothers and sisters. Everybody must hit the roses as ten. No heap of coke is allowed to cast his mince pies upon the mumble-peggs of a twist and twirl."  
"Yours for a nip of gay and frisky."  
"Native Without A Cellar."

"Getting Mary Married" is the perpetual endeavor in some families. "The Frontier of the Stars" will, of course, be marked by electric light signs.

## To Whom This May Concern

FRESH RANCH EGGS are still.....35c per doz.  
We have Gov'l. U. S. Bacon, 12 lb. cans; drop in.  
The Wholesale Eatables to you Direct.  
Paved Alley, rear U. S. National Bank.  
It's YOUR STORE—Make Use of It—Investigate!

## W. S. ALLINSON

## PUBLIC SALE

The undersigned will sell at Public Auction, at the John McAlister ranch, one and one-half miles due east of La Grande, commencing at 10 a. m., with Free Lunch at noon, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24 the Following Described Property:

### LIVESTOCK—CONSISTING OF

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|----------------------------------|---|
| <b>NINE HORSES—</b>              | <b>31 CATTLE—</b>                                     |
| 1 Black Gelding, 6 yrs. wt. 1500 | 10 head Milk Cows, 1 fresh and rest to be fresh soon. |
| 1 Black Mare, 6 yrs. wt. 1500    | 1 Durham Bull.  |
| 1 Brown mare, 5 yrs. wt. 1500    | 4 two-year-old Heifers.                               |
| 1 Gray Mare, 5 yrs. wt. 1450     | 7 Yearling Heifers.                                   |
| 1 Black Gelding, 6 yrs. wt. 1400 | 1 Calf.   |
| 1 Saddle Horse, 6 yrs. wt. 1000  | 8 Head Stock Cows.                                    |
| 2 extra good spring Mare colts.  |   |

### FARM IMPLEMENTS AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS:

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| 1 3-inch low truck Bain wagon          | 1 extension dining table.  |
| 1 Hayrack.                             | 6 dining room chairs.  |
| 1 16-foot disc Monitor drill.          | 1 buffet.  |
| 1 5-foot Deering mower.                | 2 rockers.   |
| 1 Good McCormick hay rake.             | 2 bedroom dressers.  |
| 1 60 bushel grain bed.                 | 1 bedstead and springs.  |
| 1 4-shovel cultivator.                 | 1 sanitary cot.  |
| 1 2-section steel harrow.              | 1 library table.   |
| 1 2-section steel harrow.              | Half barrel good elder vinegar.                                  |
| 1 good 14-in. walking plow.            | About 50 yds. Sunfast fiber carpet.                              |
| 1 harrow cart.                         | 24 Rhode Island Red hens.  |
| 1 manure cart.                         | 8 extra Rhode Island roasters.                                   |
| 1 2 1/2-in. centrifugal pump.          | 200 lbs. cabbage.  |
| 1 root cutter.                         | About 200 qts. various kinds of canned fruits; 20 qts. of jelly. |
| 1 set heavy breeching harness          | 1 case canned tomatoes.  |
| 1 set extra heavy lead harness         | 200 lbs. Washed beans.   |
| 1 set Yankee breeching and pole strap. | 5 gal. pickles laid down in brine.                               |
| 1 pair extra hip straps.               | About 400 lbs. of good sugar-cured hams, bacon, and shoulders.   |
| A number of extra good collars.        |  |
| 1 good Buck range cook stove           |  |
| 1 good wood heater.                    |  |
| 1 Cozy kitchen cabinet.                |  |
| 1 ice chest.                           |  |
| 1 cream separator.                     |  |

About 15 Tons of A-No. 1 Alfalfa Hay; Numerous Other Articles.

TERMS OF SALE—Sums of \$10 and under Cash; over \$10, a credit of nine months will be given, purchaser giving bankable note drawing 8 per cent from date. Two per cent off for cash.

ED. STRINGHAM, Auctioneer. W. R. CLAPP, Owner.  
ERNEST DELONG, Clerk.



## New Spring Footwear

OXFORDS AND PUMPS  
"ARMSTRONG" MAKE

Prepared in every way to take care of your shoe needs for spring, we are today arranging for display and selling, several newly opened cases of ARMSTRONG Pumps and Oxfords.

These famous shoes have won their place in La Grande, and many women who have been waiting will be glad to learn of their arrival. ARMSTRONG shoes are exclusive with this store. Their superior quality, fit and beauty are outstanding features. Here we list you some of the newest arrivals—

- BROWN KID OXFORD—Military heel, best welt sole, Armstrong make—a shoe of superior quality.
- BLACK KID OXFORD—Same as brown, Armstrong make.
- BROWN KID OXFORD, \$10.—Cuban heel, welt sole, Holdshape.
- BLACK KID OXFORD, \$9.00—Same as brown, Holdshape.
- BROWN CALF OXFORD, \$8.75—Low swagger heel, welt sole.
- BROWN CALF OXFORD—Low heel, heavy welt sole, brogue style.
- BROWN KID PUMP, \$9.50—Military heel, turn sole, plain; all sizes.
- BLACK KID PUMP, \$8.50—Same style as brown.

- BROWN SUEDE STRAP PUMP, \$8.50—Louis heel, cross straps, button at the side; something very new and novel.
- BLACK SUEDE STRAP PUMP, \$8.50—Plain black with kid trimming, single instep strap, two buttons.
- BROWN KID STRAP PUMP—Armstrong make; a beautiful shoe, of dark brown kid, Louis heel, welt sole.
- BROWN STRAP PUMP—For girls—Of heavy calf, and welt sole; instep strap; sizes 2 1/4 to 7 1/4, for growing girls.
- BLACK PATENT PUMP—For girls—Same as brown.

## New 27 inch Gingham 18c

New shipments this morning brought many new plaids, in bright colored, 27-inch gingham, to sell for 18c a yard.

The past week has indeed been a gingham week; hundreds of yards went out of the store to satisfied purchasers. Prices are so much lower that every woman can afford several pretty gingham dresses for wear about the house or on the street. See these new pieces.

Also new pieces in pretty checks and plaids at 25c yard. See them on display here.

New Shipments

AGATHA PERCALE, 25c.



PROFESSIONAL JEALOUSY.  
"Who am I?" asks one film.  
"Who cares?" answers another.

PRUNE DAY OVER.  
Why not have egg week  
Now that eggshells half price?  
And they are healthy too;  
Oregon eggs are  
Being laid by Oregon hens  
And not coming from China

Or somewhere.  
Also we might have pie week  
And have pie every day.  
That's what we wanted  
When we were kids,  
And ice cream week, etc. —  
Then weeks that would be fine  
For everybody,  
So we'd all be happy.  
—Multnomah.

Dominican Republic.  
The Dominican Republic is located in the eastern portion of the island of Haiti, one of the largest of the West Indies, lying between a latitude of 17:30:40 and 19:28:20 north and a longitude of 98:15 and 74:51 west of Greenwich. Its boundaries are the Atlantic ocean on the north, the Mona channel on the east, the Caribbean sea on the south and the Republic of Haiti on the west.

Shorty runs into Teebo!  
Snapper  
Atlanta, Wednesday

Dear PETEY:

Checked up our old dormitory pal "Snapper" Teebo this morning waiting on an appointment down Peachtree St. "Snap" wanted to know a bookfull about my visit to the Camel factories. "Tell us old apple seed," says "Snapper", "you're on the inside!" "Snap" still has that mighty annoying way of saying, "But that doesn't surprise me."

Anyhow—when I explained about the millions of Camels R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. made daily what does the old bird sputter but: "Why, Shorty, they'd have to make that many to supply the demand! Camels have the quality smokers want! And, they have the most wonderful mellow mild body and the most refreshing flavor ever created in a cigarette! Of course they make Camels by millions; of course they buy enough revenue stamps from Uncle Sam every day to build a duplicate of the Winston-Salem post office! Why not? Smokers everywhere will have Camels!"

But, "Snap" finally got to spilling some real nobby Camel selling stuff! "Shorty," says he, "I want to put it on record that in all the times I've pulled Camels out of my pocket to supply somebody's shortage I've heard enough good things said about 'em to fill a volume! 'That's my brand'; 'Camels are a wonderful cigarette'; 'Like getting money from home', etc.

"And, Shorty, what's the answer? Why—Camels blend of choice Turkish and choice Domestic tobaccos meets the universal taste! And that's the 'hole' story, old golf ball!"

Pete, you pet phonograph, did you ever hear a better record?

Sincerely,

