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Martha Washington at Valley Forge.

The part which Martha Washington played at Valley Forge has, indeed, seldom received the credit which it deserves as an example of the virtues of the women of the revolution. No soldier's wife was more faithful to her husband in the midst of his perils and hardships than simple-hearted Martha Washington, one of the richest women of the colonies. She visited the sick and suffering in their huts; she braved the dangers of the smallpox; she patched trousers, knitted socks and made shirts for the men, and his "dear Patsy," as the big general used to call his plump and pleasant little wife, kept the ladies of the camp busy, when they called on her at the stone house, sewing for the soldiers.—William Perrine, in Ladies' Home Journal.

Improved Train Equipment.

The O. R. & N. and Oregon Short Line have added a buffet, smoking and library car to their Portland-Chicago through train, and a dining car service has been inaugurated. The train is equipped with the latest chair cars, day coaches and luxurious first-class and ordinary sleepers. Direct connection made at Granger with Union Pacific, and at Ogden with Rio Grande lines, from all points in Oregon, Washington and Idaho to all Eastern cities. For information, rates, etc., call on any O. R. & N. agent, or address W. H. Hurlburt, General Passenger Agent, Portland.

Kept His Powder Dry.

According to his custom General Joubert preached a sermon yesterday, but he had a man detailed in the meanwhile, says the Chicago Record, to see that the powder did not get rained on.

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With local applications, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season your feet feel swollen, nervous and uncomfortable. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It rests and comforts; makes walking easy. Cures swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and is a certain cure for Chilblains, Sweating, damp or frosted feet. We have over thirty thousand testimonials. Try it *today*. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25c. Trial package FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

The seal is a clumsy animal on the land, but it is remarkably agile in the water, and can catch almost any fish.

Mothers will find Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup the best remedy to use for their children during the teething period.

Ella Ewing, the giantess, has completed her residence near Gorin, Mo. The house was built on a scale proportionate with Miss Ewing's needs. The doors are 10 feet high and the ceilings and windows look like those of fabled giants' castles. She is still growing, and is now 8 feet and 4 inches tall.

The levees on both sides of the Mississippi are of sufficient extent that if they were built in a single straight line they would be about 1,300 miles long, or long enough to stretch the greater part of the distance between New Orleans and New York.

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"I have been using CASCARETS for insomnia, with which I have been afflicted for over twenty years, and I can say that Cascarets have given me more relief than any other remedy I have ever tried. I shall certainly recommend them to my friends as being all they are represented." THOS. GILLARD, Elgin, Ill.

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TWELFTH CENSUS.

Duties and Requirements of the 50,000 Enumerators—Four Schedules Instead of Ten.

In the census building a great room is now the scene of bustling activity, the work of preparing portfolios for use by enumerators in the coming count of the population being fairly under way. These portfolios, of whitish-brown pasteboard, hinged together with black cloth, are 18 inches long and 10 wide and tied with four sets of tape. The tape used is not that "red tape" which to the ordinary mind signifies circumlocution and delay. The law requires speed in the census of 1900 and common every day white cotton tape will fasten the schedule-filled portfolios in their round from habitation to habitation. For convenient, accurate and rapid enumeration the United States has been divided into 300 supervisors' districts, and these in turn into about 50,000 enumeration districts, or E. D.'s, as they are called in the census office. Each of the 50,000 enumerators is yet to be appointed, so on the portfolios a blank space is left for his name.

The last census found the unhappy enumerator loaded down with from 10 to 13 schedules, each having voluminous instructions, to master which required considerable mental ability and power of memory. That census was taken under a law which required enumerators to ask many obnoxious questions. The census act of 1900 happily for all does not require these disagreeable queries.

Four schedules, not 10, cover enumerator's inquiries in 1900; schedules requiring information about population, vital statistics, manufactures and agriculture. In cities the enumerator will seldom need the agricultural, or in the rural districts the manufacturing schedule, so he will infrequently carry more than three.

A general realization by American citizens of their personal interest in a successful prosecution of the canvass by this white-tape army should arouse sentiments of local interest and pride in each enumeration district citizen would concern themselves about the selection of their registrar and local arbiter.

The white-tape army should be made up of men of a high standard. They should be quick, competent, courteous, tactful and truthful.

Cosmopolis Sawmill.

The Gray's Harbor, Wash., Commercial Company's sawmill plant at Cosmopolis, employes 500 men, with 100 men working on improvements; has a $31,000 monthly payroll; has a mess house that takes care of 400 men; scores of dwellings for rent to employes at a nominal sum, and which, in connection with the plant, presents nearly a mile of frontage on Chehalis river. The company is now constructing a new planing mill, a box factory, a tank factory, a finished lumber storing shed, new dry kilns, and making numerous other additions. During 1899 its output was 45,000,000 feet of lumber and 90,000,000 shingles.

Sea Lions Wanted.

J. E. W. Macfarland, superintendent of the new oil and guano factory, at Astoria, Or., is going to try an experiment this summer, that will meet the approval of the fishermen and the fishing interests generally. He will be willing to pay a good price to fishermen for all the sea lions that they may kill, as he believes that he can extract oil from them profitably, for they are always very fat when they come into the river. The matter will be brought up at the next meeting of the Fisherman's Union for discussion.

Northwest Notes.

Polk county, Or., has 2,508 voters of them, 1,156 have registered.

La Grande, Or., has a school population of 1,377 between the ages of 4 and 20.

Miss Oza Waldrop, actress, is the daughter of Rev. Joe Waldrop, of Prineville, Or.

Walter Benn, a Siletz Indian, is under bonds at Toledo, Or., to answer a charge of grand larceny.

A number of strangers are investigating the timber resources in the mountains west of Pedee.

Papers throughout Oregon are still urging voters to register. More than half of them are not yet on the books.

A. J. Smith is said to have given option to parties on his 32 acres of oyster land on Oyster bay, Wash., the price to be $15,000.

The Brownsville, Or., Times says the Calapoola river continues to make inroads on land in the eastern part of town, though the water is not high.

Tacoma druggists have organized a society which will join the Retail Druggists' Association of America. One of its objects is to prevent the sale of patent medicines and drugs in department stores.

A. F. Garr is a Toledo, Or., man who went to the residence of his wife, from whom he had separated, and "while she was absent at church, broke open the door with an ax, loaded a wagon with what he wanted and took it away." Mrs. Garr will take legal proceedings against him.

Claud Bullock, a young man of 20 years, of Wenatchee, Wash., accidentally shot himself in the left side. He died from the injuries.

Miss Roth, a Hoquiam, Wash., nurse, has entered the government service, and will leave at once for the Philippines.

Nineteen school teachers are employed by La Grande. The four male teachers are paid an average of $76 per month, but the female teachers get but $44.

A Seventh Day Adventist is giving Bible readings at Hilgard, Or. With the aid of a chart, he is endeavoring to illustrate and trace the prophecies of Daniel.

Referee L. R. Shepard sold the 394-acre Walling farm in Spring valley, Polk county, Or., to W. M. Toner, for $7,000. The other bidders were D. G. Henry and J. L. Purvine, the lowest bid being $4,000.

The city council of Pomeroy, Wash., has passed an ordinance that no gate opening on to a sidewalk in that city shall swing outward.

BRADSTREET'S REPORT.

General Trade Distribution Has Shown Tendency to Expand.

Bradstreet's says:

Relieved from the hampering effects of stormy weather, general trade distribution has shown a tendency to expand this week, prices of many staples are firmer and higher, and generally there is a better tone than noted for some weeks. Easily holding first rank in the matter of speculative activity, cotton early in the week touched the highest level, not only for the present season, but for at least six years past.

Wool is rather weaker, following the drop in prices at the London sale, and the rather slower demand from American manufacturers.

By another of the short swings which have distinguished wheat prices for a long time past, quotations have been advanced this week to the level touched some time ago.

Boot and shoe manufacturers are actively employed, and leather is firm, but hides are weaker or lower at most markets.

Building materials are firm, except at cities where labor troubles are apprehended.

The industrial situation is rather irregular, owing partly to the combined strike and lock-out of 50,000 building hands, building material workers and machinists at Chicago, and partly to isolated strikes of small numbers of men throughout the country.

Wheat, including flour, shipments for the week aggregate 4,208,758 bushels, against 3,863,387 bushels last week, 4,398,821 bushels the corresponding week of 1899, and 4,844,761 bushels in 1898.

Business failures in the United States for the week number 189, against 173 last week, 177 in this week a year ago, 247 in 1898, 227 in 1897 and 282 in 1896.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE.

Seattle Markets.

Onions, new, $2.25@2.50 per sack.
Lettuce, hot house, 40c per doz.
Potatoes, new, $18@20.
Beets, per sack, 75@85c.
Turnips, per sack, 60c.
Carrots, per sack, 50c.
Parsnips, per sack, 75@85c.
Cauliflower, 75c@$1 per dozen.
Cabbage, native and California, $1.00@1.25 per 100 pounds.
Apples, $1.25@1.50 per box.
Prunes, 60c per box.
Butter—Creamery, 31c per pound; dairy, 17@22c; ranch, 20c per pound.
Eggs—15½@16c.
Cheese—Native, 16c.
Poultry—13@14c; dressed, 14@15c.
Hay—Puget Sound timothy, $12.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, $18.00@19.00
Corn—Whole, $23.00; cracked, $23; feed meal, $23.
Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, $20;
Flour—Patent, per barrel, $3.25; blended straights, $3.00; California, $3.25; buckwheat flour, $6.00; graham, per barrel, $3.00; whole wheat flour, $3.00; rye flour, $3.80@4.00.
Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, $13.00; shorts, per ton, $15.00.
Feed—Chopped feed, $20.00 per ton; middlings, per ton, $20; oil cake meal, per ton, $30.00.
Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef steers, 7½@8c; cows, 7c; mutton 8c; pork, 7½c; trimmed, 9c; veal, 8½@10c.
Hams—Large, 13c; small, 13¼; breakfast bacon, 12½c; dry salt sides, 8c.

Portland Market.

Wheat — Walla Walla, 51@52c; Valley, 52c; Bluestem, 54c per bushel.
Flour—Best grades, $3.00; graham, $2.50; superfine, $2.10 per barrel.
Oats—Choice white, 35@36c; choice gray, 34c per bushel.
Barley—Feed barley, $14@15.00; brewing, $17.00@17.50 per ton.
Millstuffs—Bran, $13 per ton; middlings, $19; shorts, $15; chop, $14 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, $9@10; clover, $7@7.50; Oregon wild hay, $6@7 per ton.
Butter—Fancy creamery, 50@55c; seconds, 42½@45c; dairy, 30@37½c; store, 25½@32½c.
Eggs—11c per dozen.
Cheese—Oregon full cream, 13c; Young America, 14c; new cheese 10c per pound.
Poultry—Chickens, mixed, $3.50@4.50 per dozen; hens, $5.00; springs, $2.50@3.50; geese, $6.50@7.50 for old; $4.50@6.50; ducks, $5.00@5.50 per dozen; turkeys, live, 10@11c per pound.
Potatoes—50@65c per sack; sweets, 2@2¼c per pound.
Vegetables—Beets, $1; turnips, 90c; per sack; garlic, 7c per pound; cabbage, 1½c per pound; parsnips, $1; onions, $1.50@2.25; carrots, $1.
Hops—3@8c per pound
Wool—Valley, 12@13c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 8@14c; mohair, 27@30c per pound.
Mutton—Gross, best sheep, wethers and ewes, 4¼c; dressed mutton, 7@7½c per pound; lambs, 7½c per pound.
Hogs—Gross, choice heavy, $5.00; light and feeders, $4.50; dressed, $6.00@6.50 per 100 pounds.
Beef—Gross, top steers, $4.00@4.50; cows, $3.50@4.00; dressed beef, 6½@7¾c per pound.
Veal—Large, 6½@7½c; small, 8@9c per pound.
Tallow—5@5½c; No. 2 and grease, 3½@4c per pound.

San Francisco Market.

Wool—Spring—Nevada, 12@15c per pound; Eastern Oregon, 12@16c; Valley, 20@22c; Northern, 10@12c.
Hops—1899 crop, 11@13c per pound.
Butter — Fancy creamery 21c; do seconds, 19@20c; fancy dairy, 17@18c; do seconds, 15@16c per pound.
Eggs—Store, 13½c; fancy ranch, 16c.
Millstuffs — Middlings, $17.00@20.00; bran, $12.00@13.00.
Hay—Wheat $7.00@9.50; wheat and oat $7.00@9.00; best barley $5.50@7.50; alfalfa, $6.00@7.50 per ton; straw, 30@45c per bale.
Potatoes—Early Rose, 75@85c; Oregon Burbanks, 65c@1.00; river Burbanks, 40@70c; Salinas Burbanks, 80c@1.10 per sack.
Citrus Fruit—Oranges, Valencia, $2.75@8.25; Mexican limes, $4.00@5.00; California lemons 75c@$1.50; do choice $1.75@2.00 per box.
Tropical Fruits—Bananas, $1.50@2.50 per bunch; pineapples, nominal; Persian dates, 6@6½c per pound.

INTERESTING ITEMS.

The native hen of New Zealand is an expert rat killer.

The cholera is only fatal to persons who are great smokers.

The giraffe, the armadillo and the porcupine are voiceless.

Tomatoes have been cultivated for only one hundred years.

As a rule, the eyesight of women is better than that of men.

The animal that first succumbs to extreme cold is the horse.

In Switzerland a telephone can be rented for $8 a year.

The song of the nightingale can be heard at the distance of a mile.

Stammering men are four times as numerous as stammering women.

Nearly all of the ice consumed in Great Britain comes from Norway.

The population of the United States increases at the rate of about 7,000 every day.

The Illinois state board of health recommends that a sanitarium for consumptives be erected.

Mrs. Philip D. Armour, Jr., collects plates, and owns more than 2,000 exquisite ones.

American and Australian butter is rapidly crowding the German article from the English market.

An elm tree arrives at perfection after a growth of 150 years, and a healthy one will endure for 600 years.

Two-thirds of the crime in London is perpetrated between 2 P. M. on Saturday and 9 A. M. on Mondays.

Mexicans are not noted for their cleanliness, yet nearly every town in Mexico has a public bath house.

Miss Helen Gould has contributed the Berrian collection of works on Mormonism to the New York public library.

Louise Froebel, widow of Friedrich Froebel, founder of the kindergarten system, died in Hamburg at the age of 85.

The production of prunes is increasing rapidly in Oregon, the annual shipment of the dried fruit now amounting to 500 cars.

The production of soap in Great Britain is about 45,000 tons per week, of which between 3,000 and 4,000 tons are made in London.

A new regulation cog introduced in Swiss watches, works so accurately that the time pieces do not vary 10 seconds in a month.

A violent sneeze so shook the body of William A. Housell, a detective, of New Brunswick, N. J., that it caused temporary paralysis of the spine.

A half-blood Indian woman, Miss Laura Lykins, is a prominent lawyer in Oklahoma City. She graduated at the Carlisle Indian academy in 1898.

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Bicycles in South Africa.

The present campaign in South Africa is practically the first opportunity the British military authorities have had of putting the cycle corps to a real test. The cyclist corps attached to the Durban Light infantry recently covered a route of ninety miles in one day, for the purpose of obtaining information of the Boer forces, doing some skirmishing on the way. The veldt in dry weather is admirably adapted for cycling, as was demonstrated recently by the feat of an Englishman, just after the outbreak of war, who rode from Pretoria to Ladysmith on his wheel, passing several detachments of cavalry on the way.—Collier's Weekly.

Wireless Telegraphy

Has had a new demonstration of usefulness by the captain of a lightship, who used it after ordinary signals had failed, to notify the shore authorities of danger. In a like manner Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, the famous indigestion and dyspepsia cure, acts when other medicines fail. It regulates the bowels and improves the appetite.

Soap enough to supply 150,000 for one year has recently arrived in Denver in one load. It was carried in a special train of 45 carloads, and if stacked up, one bar on top of another, this soap would make a pile over 135 miles high.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is our only medicine for coughs and colds.—Mrs. C. Beltz, 439 8th Ave., Denver, Col., Nov. 8, '95

At Springfield the electric workers have gained an increase of wages from $2.50 and $2.75 per day to $3 per day, and the coal handlers from $9 per week to $10 for single and $11 for double teams per week.

Breeding and Feeding Microbes.

The intestines are full of disease germs that become active and dangerous in Constipation. Cascarets kill and expel them. Druggists, 10c, 25c, 50c.

A Pittsburg company is now engaged in an order for fitting up the palace of the Mikado, in Japan, with everything in the bath and sanitary line. Shipments are also being made to Australia, South America, China and Japan.

Could Have Shot Washington.

"It was once in my power to have shot General Washington," said a British soldier to an American as they were discussing the events of the great struggle after the concluding of peace.

"Why did you not shoot him then?" asked the American. "You ought to have done so for the benefit of your countrymen."

"The death of Washington would not have been for their benefit," repled the Englishman. "We depended upon him to use our prisoners kindly, and we'd sooner have shot an officer of our own."—N. Y. Herald.

More Precious Than Diamonds.

Mistress—Did Pat give you a diamond ring when you promised to marry him?"

Bridget—No, mum; but he be afther givin' me a hug that made me ribs crack!"—Jeweler's Weekly.

Check on Physicians.

Commissioner Wilson, of the international revenue bureau, has decided that a physician who prescribes and sells to his patients whisky, brandy, wine of any other alcoholic liquor that is not compounded into a medicine by the admixture of any drug or medicinal ingredient therewith, is required to pay special tax as a retail liquor dealer, even though the alcoholic liquor thus furnished be prescribed as a medicine only and so used.

Two Heads.

Two heads may be better than one, but one big head is usually enough.—Chicago Daily News.

The New England granite manufacturers have rejected the demands of the granite cutters for an eight hour day and at least $3 a day. It is expected that the men will strike March 1.

Archbishop Corrigan has made the study of the Italian language obligatory on all theological students in his diocese in order that Italian Catholics may be reached more effectively.

The Alaska Miners' Association, at Seattle, has adopted resolutions, which were sent to congress, praying for authority to mine the Nome beaches and condemning the sending of military to that district.

"Boston spinsters have organized to keep married women from getting employment." "Yes; they are determined to make life hard for man to the bitter end."—Maryland Journal.

"When you married you thought your husband was a demigod?" "Yes." "And now?" "Now he reminds me more of a demijohn."—N. Y. Press.

An Empress Who Wrestles.

The empress dowager of China is described by an English lady, who has spent the greater part of her life in the Celestial empire, as a much more remarkable woman than most Europeans suppose. She is an ardent painter, and her pictures are said to be admirable specimens of Chinese art. Strange as it may seem, her majesty is also said to be fond of wrestling, and frequently indulges in this rather virile form of exercise. She is well read, is fond of European music, and has some skill as a pianist. She is said, both by her friends and enemies, to be absolutely without any sense of fear, and, needless to say, her life has been attempted a number of times.—N. Y. Herald.

Mr. Hamm—(the eminent tragedian)—"Yes we opened our new play on the first of January." Friend—"And did you have a long run?" Hamm—"Well, no, we didn't have a long run, but after the second performance we had a long walk—all the way from Chicago to Philadelphia."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

THREE DAILY TRAINS BETWEEN OGDEN AND DENVER.

The increase in transcontinental travel by way of Salt Lake City in consequence of the scenic and other attractions of the route, has recently justified the Rio Grande Western Railway—in connection with the Denver & Rio Grande and Colorado Midland Railroads—says the Salt Lake Tribune, in establishing a triple daily fast passenger service between Ogden and Denver. All of these trains are equipped with the latest appliances, improvements and cars. This road now operates through sleepers between Chicago, Ogden and San Francisco, also a perfect dining car service. Send 2c postage for literature, rates or other information to J. D. Mansfield, 253 Washington street, Portland; or Geo. W. Heintz, general passenger agent, Salt Lake City.

"I was never glad for this impediment in my speech but once," said the man from Dearborn, who was in to see the big parade. "When was that?" "Fe-fe-fellow asked me h-h-how much I would take for a-a horse, and while I-I-I was t-trying to tell him s-sixty dollars, he offered me a hundred."—Women's Journal.

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"The last chapter of my book surprised you, didn't it?" said the young author. "Happier ending than you expectd, eh?" "Well," replied the long suffering friend, "I certainly felt a sense of relief when I read it."—N. O. Times-Democrat.

A new machine known as cryptographic typewriter, of which Frederick Sedgwick is the inventor, has been given a public test in Chicago. The machine writes in cipher and translates the matter automatically. It is said to be a marvel of mechanical perfection and has been examined by numerous army officials and business men.

The burning of the bride's playthings is part of the wedding ceremony in Japan. The bride lights a torch, which she hands to the bridegroom, who with it lights a fire in which the toys are destroyed.

A newspaper report of a wedding in a Missouri town closes with this candid statement: "They were married at the home of the brides' parents, where they will remain until the groom gets a job."

A firm in America is turning out large quantities of paper tiles which are used for roofing. They are reported to be hard and tough, and the glazing appears to be of the nature of Japanese lace. They are said to be exceedingly cheap, and can be fashioned in any color or shape to suit the purchaser.

One of the most sweeping temperance campaigns which the north of England has ever witnessed is now on. Members of parliament, lord mayors, members of the nobility and prominent ministers and laymen are speaking daily.

The W. C. T. U., of New York is giving special attention to a movement for the repeal of the Horton law, which permits prize fights.

The average saloon keeper may not know much of grammer, but in paying his saloon license he has something to do with syntaxx.—Elliott's Magazine.

1900

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SURELY AND PROMPTLY

Herrick at His Best.

"Thus much," says the poet Aldrich in the March Century, "may be conceded to Herrick's verse: at its best it has wings that carry it nearly as close to heaven's gates as any of Shakspeare's lark-like interludes. The brevity of the poems and their uniform smoothness sometimes produce the effect of monotony. The crowded richness of the line advises a desultory reading. But one must go back to them again and again. They bewitch the memory, having once caught it, and insist on saying themselves over and over. Among the poets of England the author of 'Hesperides' remains, and is likely to remain, unique. As Shakspeare stands alone in his vast domain, so Herrick stands alone in his scanty plot of ground.

"'Shine, Poet! in thy place and be content.'"

During the last year 25,202,901 bushels of grain and 2,198,513 gallons of molasses were used for the manufacture of liquor in this country, which produced 107,618,120 gallons of spirits and 1,657,808 gallons of rum, making a total of 109,275,928. This is about one gallon and a half to every man, woman and child in the country.

The national executive board of the United Mine Workers of America has levied an assessment of 25 cents monthly for the support of the strikers in the Southwest, who for nearly a year past have been fighting the Big Four Coal Company for an advance in wages.

Five hundred miners at the Bryson Coal & Coke Company mines, near Tazwell, Tennessee, walked out, after a day's notice of a demand of a 10 per cent increase in wages.

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