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The alternate domination of one faction over another, sharpened by the spirit of revenge, natural to party division, which in different ages and countries has perpetuated the most horrible enormities, is itself a frightful despotism. But this leads at length to a more formidable and permanent despotism. The disorders and miseries which result gradually inclined the minds of men to seek security and repose in the absolute power of the individual, and sooner or later the chief of some prevailing faction, more able and more fortunate than his competitors, turns this disposition to the purposes of his own elevation on the ruins of public liberty.—Washington, in his farewell address.

THE YOUNGEST POWER.

Americans look back to the beginning of this government, 128 years ago, as if it were a long stretch of history.

The birthday of Washington, which occurred but 172 years ago, is looked upon as an event almost deserving of a place in ancient history. In fact, it is but a brief period, scarcely covering the lives of two hearty men.

It is but a hand breadth of history across all the miraculous development of the social and economic phases of American life, to the colonial period.

There are men alive today who remember the stirring scenes of the close of the 18th century in America.

In just a trifle more than one century the greatest nation on earth has evolved from the chaotic mass of humanity, fleeing from the persecutions of kings and churches in the olden governments of the world and gathering in the councils of the free on these shores.

Compared to the old governments of Europe, America is only at the threshold of life. For 1,500 years there has been a semblance of government in Great Britain, under a continuous general chain of rulers.

Hungary has celebrated the 1,000th anniversary of her national life. Germany began to take on a semblance of individual life, which she has since maintained in varying degree, 1,200 years ago.

In France, human government had been passing from the worm to the chrysalis, and from the chrysalis back to the worm, and worse than the worm, for over a thousand years, and yet the American nation, issuing from the alchemy of religious and political freedom, formed from the outcasts and refugees from these antiquated forms of government, in less than a century and a half, after declaring her individuality, has outstripped them, surpass-

ed them, outmatched them, outtraded them, outfought them, outthought them, outrun them physically, financially, mentally, economically and spiritually.

In the presence of the written records of the Chinese nation, extending back over a period of 4,000 years, America has not yet written the first word in the preface to her glorious history.

Yet there is fully 4,000 years difference in the ideals, and accomplishments of the two nations, in favor of the American.

The birthday anniversary of Washington is celebrated today in reverence for Washington, personally, but in that broader sense, it is celebrated for that stirring brand of citizenship which Washington's age brought.

True, there was but one General Washington, but there were thousands of Private Washingtons, who exhibited and lived the same staunch and self-sacrificing lives as the Father of his Country lived, during the first years of this government.

That self-sacrificing type of citizen is just as much needed today. That overwhelming love of country is just as necessary to preserve the government, on February 22, 1904, as it was to suffer for the government in Valley Forge's frozen winter camp in 1778.

It was not more honorable and patriotic a task to write the Declaration of Independence in 1776, than it is to preserve its spirit in 1904.

The East Oregonian takes a pardonable pride in mentioning the fact that no other paper in Umatilla county took any part with the Commercial Association of Pendleton in securing a new schedule for the O. R. & N. branch train, for the accommodation of the people from the east end of the county. To the efforts of this paper, to the energetic Commercial Association and the progressive spirit of the officials and agents of the O. R. & N., which responds to every reasonable request of its patrons, is due this changed schedule which takes effect on February 25. The citizens of the east end of the county who patronize that branch train will especially appreciate this changed schedule by which they will reach Pendleton at 1:30 p. m., during tax-paying time, and Pendleton heartily appreciates the change, because this convenient train arriving early in the afternoon brings more and more business to the city. Pendleton is pleased to remember one thing always, and that is this: No reasonable request from her business men has ever yet failed to receive favorable consideration with the O. R. & N. company.

Mr. Cleveland's letter on democratic reorganization and reunion offers no enthusiasm for his party. It is an old sermon in not even a new dress. There is no thrilling shibboleth in his wearisome words that would stir the party and spur it to triumph. Just as Roosevelt is new blood in the republican fold, just as his creed is a thrilling call to the clansmen, so does the democratic party need new blood, new and radical ideas and a creed of pronounced and tumultuous progress that will call in the farthest wandering faction. Such a creed and such a call Mr. Cleveland cannot supply for an occasion on which such a man as Mr. Roosevelt is to be the opposing candidate. To match the living doctrines of Mr. Roosevelt, something more than a corpse must be resurrected from the democratic fold.

The Christian Endeavorers now assembled in our city, is the handsomest, brightest, most industrious, energetic and earnest body of workers that ever gathered in any cause in the city of Pendleton. It represents the youth and vigor of all the churches. It represents the young, vivacious blood of every Christian community in the state. It is the cream of the state, gathered from her best workers and best charac-

ters sent out to touch shoulders with and uplift the world. Those who have attended the meetings of the society in this city are struck with the unusual energy of the members, young and old. It is the great reserve vigor of every church organization, woven into a united and well directed force. The sessions are interesting. The delegates are interesting. Clear-headed workers, each with an ideal and a mission, and each with the nerve and backbone to carry a campaign for righteousness into any quarter of the world.

The farmers who have been holding for \$1 wheat have been patting themselves on the back now for several days. It's their time to smile.

THE FAME OF THE CITY.

A great rich city of power and pride. With streets full of traders, and ships on the tide. With rich men and workmen, and judges and preachers. The shops full of skill, and the schools full of teachers.

The people were proud of their opulent town. The rich men spent millions to bring it renown. The strong men built and the tradesmen planned. The shipmen sailed to every land; The lawyers argued, the teachers taught. And a poor shy poet his verses brought. And cast them into the splendid store.

The tradesmen stared at his useless craft. The rich men sneered and the strong men laughed. The preachers said it was worthless quite. The schoolmen claimed it was theirs to write. But the songs were spared, though they added naught. To the profits and praise the people sought. That was wafted at last from distant climes. And the townsmen said, "To remotest times We shall send our name and our greatness down."

The boast came true; but the famous town Had a lesson to learn when all was told. The nations that honored cared naught for its gold; Its skill they exceeded a hundred-fold. It had only been one of a thousand more

Had the songs of the poet been lost to its store. Then the rich men and tradesmen and schoolmen said They had never derided, but praised instead; And they boast of the poet their town has bred. —John Boyle O'Reilly.

THE SOUTH WANTS PANAMA.

Friends of the Panama treaty will be gratified to learn that competent engineers do not consider the Herculean task of excavating the great inter-oceanic canal by the isthmian route as so interminable in labor and the expenditure of hard American dollars as common belief makes it. The history of the Panama canal has made it a good deal of a bugaboo and there is, indeed, reason to view the undertaking of its construction by the United States with some misgivings as to time and money. All estimates must necessarily be loosely approximate.

However, we have lately, from Major Black and Lieutenant Brooks of the United States engineer corps operating in Panama, the assurance that two-fifths of the work of construction is already completed, which is to say that the canal is practically half done. This is much better than most of us have supposed. In round numbers 85 million cubic meters of earth have been excavated, making a ditch of regulation width 14 miles long on the Atlantic side of the isthmus and four miles long on the Pacific side. There is no Gibraltar-like rock to be blown asunder and vanquished by sheer attrition, as the bugaboo alarmists are fond of claiming, and the dry cutting still to be done amounts to but a few miles in extent.

The work done by the French Panama Canal Co. has been well done, though, of course, there is

much wreckage and jungle of late growth, and the old excavation will have to be deepened. American sanitary experts on the ground assert that the alarming unhealthfulness of the region has been considerably exaggerated and that, although pestilence is endemic, sickness and mortality can be vastly reduced and minimized by the exercise of stringent sanitary regulations, such as were put in force in Cuba by the Americans.

It is estimated by the best engineers who have lately examined the line of the canal thoroughly, that the remaining work on it can be done in less time than was employed in the active construction of the old Panama Canal Company. Some of them put the minimum requisite time to completion at seven or eight years, others at ten years.

If this be true, it is highly gratifying to know that there can reasonably be no foundation for all the talk we have been hearing about the improbability of the present generation witnessing the opening of the great trans-isthmian waterway to the commerce of the world. When Yankee energy, Yankee skill and Yankee dollars combine to accomplish a great National project such as this, the accomplishment is not only sure, but it is apt to be swift.—Atlanta Constitution.

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