



WASHINGTON AS BUSINESS MAN.

Probably the Largest Land Owner in the United States.

As a man of business Washington was extremely methodical. Everything was figured down to the penny, and there was no guesswork about the returns from any of his properties.

spark of celestial fire called conscience. Let your recreations be manful, not sinful.

Seek not to lessen the merits of others; neither give more than due praise. Be not hasty to believe flying reports to the injury of any.

The Thoughtful Parent.

Just after the Revolutionary War Washington and Gov. Clinton of New York obtained 6,000 acres in the Mohawk valley.

As a farmer Washington early drifted from the exclusive cultivation of tobacco to other crops, and later introduced a system of rotation in which the soil did not become exhausted.

The Richest Man of His Time. As the years went on Washington's lands increased in value and when he died he was one of the richest men of his time.

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GOOD Short Stories

Speaking of the difficulty students experience in remembering the exact situation of the mitral and tricuspid valves of the heart, Professor Huxley once remarked that he remembered that the mitral (so-called from its resemblance to the headgear of the church dignitary) must be on the left side, "because a bishop could never be in the right."

In one of his earliest cases, Daniel O'Connell, the famous Irish liberator, made a retort which attracted considerable attention to him. He was cross-examining an awkward witness, who declared that he had drunk nothing but his share of a pint of whisky.

According to the testimony of an American correspondent in Porto Rico, we still woefully lack popularity among the natives there. This is his description of the manner in which a suit, to which an American is a party, is conducted in one of the insular courts there.

"Macaulay Improves, Macaulay Improves!" Sydney Smith remarked one day; "I have observed in him of late flashes of silence. The 'sonorous vivacity' of this enormous talker nettled Smith, who found it impossible often to voice his own wit and wisdom.

Among the clever epigrams which occur in Mrs. Craigie's new society drama, "The Wisdom of the Wise," are: "Mrs. Blatner has made so many experiments that she has had no time to gain experience."

In his "Eccentricities of Genius," Major Pond tells the pathetic story of Ralph Waldo Emerson's last lecture, delivered in the Old South Church in Boston for the fund to save that building from demolition.

"And now, my son, I want to give you a little lesson. We have here a cherry tree, a little hatchet and the life of George Washington. I take a little branch from the tree and—"

Cottoneed Meal and Quality of Butter. It is the general experience that cottoneed meal produces a hard butter, and in some instances a small amount of this feed is given for that specific purpose.

Time's Mutations. "Really your face is very familiar, sir, but you seem to have the advantage of me in names."

The Face of the Lady Blazed. "Sir!" she fairly snarled. "But a remarkably lucky series of stock investments," he went on, "have enabled me to become your next door neighbor."

Our Overheated Houses. A Mexican newspaper declares that when Mexicans visit the United States in winter they suffer more from the overheated houses than from the cold outside.

Trolleys Carry the Mails. In Pennsylvania the trolley is carrying the mail and thus supplanting the star routes.

One Lone Populist. There is only one member of the new Legislature of Tennessee who is not a Democrat. He is a Populist.

SUPPOSE WE SMILE. HUMOROUS PARAGRAPHS FROM THE COMIC PAPERS.

Pleasant Incidents Occurring the World Over—Sayings that are Cheerful to Old or Young—Funny Selections that Everybody Will Enjoy.

"Do you see that man over yonder? He has just had greatness thrust upon him."

"How so?" "Why, he's the only public man in the country who when asked to tell what would happen in the new century said he didn't know."

Can Get Along. "Do you think it is desirable for a man to study the dead languages?"

A Difference. "The parson (on a visit)—And how long do you pray at night, my boy?"

Puzzling. Dickerman—There's one thing that puzzles me. Rawley—And, pray, what is that?

The Corned Ph. Iosopher. "There is nothing a woman more enjoys," said the Corned philosopher,

Quick Exit. "Mr. Lew told me that he was a Yale man. Do you know what class he was graduated from?"

Accommodating Old Man. He—I asked your father's consent by telephone.

A Valuable Dog. Mr. Suburb—Yes, he's a splendid watch dog. Paid \$500 for him.

The One Concerned. The Bride (three times widow)—That Dicky Small is one of the most important men I ever saw.

Good Advice. Willie Sonnet—In what magazine would you advise me to publish poems to give them the highest position?

His Glorious Record. "Let me see, Colonel," she said in her sweetest manner, "where was it you won your spurs?"

An American Sign in Egypt. "American Bazar," in huge letters over a shop in Alexandria, Egypt, attracted the attention of an American.

She Was Speaking. Nurse Girl—I lost track of the child, mum, and— "Good gracious! Why didn't you speak to a policeman?"

Not Serious. Passenger (to station porter)—Now, it's 4 o'clock and the time table says the train arrives at 3:14.

Affection's Shrine. "Pauline has one side of her bonnet devoted to photographs of her lost beau."

Freaks of Fortune. Mikey—Chimmy's got a pair o' skates for Christmas, an' a red pencil, an' a one-bladed knife, an' five cents' wort' o' gum an' a bean shooter, an' a pair o' suspenders, an'—

Unsurmountable. Wunn—I seem to have the worst luck in the way of getting my feet stumpled over in street cars.

Inadvertently Pleasant. "I didn't know it was to be a comic opera."

Uncertain. Briggs—How long has Miss Perty been on the stage?

Study in Economics. "She accepted me, but wouldn't let me sit by her on the sofa."

A Domestic Explosive. Little girl—Papa, what is powder? Father—It is something people get blown up with.

An Illiterate. Jane—What did you ever reject John Gray for? Kitty—He was so illiterate.

The First Course. "Miss Keedick is taking the first course in the Female College of Journalism. It will last three months."

Looked Like It. Dog—I wonder if those are what they call goo-goo eyes?

The Feminine Kind. Johnson—Does your wife speak French? Thompson—She thinks she does.

Justice. "Won't you give a veteran something to eat, mum?" said Tired Thompson to Mrs. Whiffet.

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A Cruel American Parent. The Mother—My dear, your father is obdurate. He says that after raking and scraping, as he vulgarly expresses it, and getting into debt, and making other sacrifices, he can only allow you \$500 apiece for your clothes.

BLIND BARBER IN MICHIGAN. Sharpness in Hearing Makes Up for His Lack of Vision.

In Detroit, Mich., there is a barber who is stone blind, yet does a thriving business in spite of his inability to see.

One would think that even customers of longest standing would hesitate before going to a man who could not see, but Mr. Max has not only not lost any of his old customers, but has added many new ones to his trade since he lost his sight.

"I can tell whereabout in the shop my men are and what they are doing, just as easily as though I were looking at them all," he said, good-naturedly.

"I can tell when a man is being shaved by the scrape of the razor, and sometimes I know whether the beard is a stiff or a soft one."

"When a man is having an egg shampoo I hear the egg shell crack and the egg beaten and I hear the customer go to the fountain afterward to wash his head."

"I can tell just about what the day's business has been and what we ought to have made. My daughter is the cashier, and when she is away I make the change myself. I can tell all the coins by the feeling, but, of course, I do not know one bill from another, and I never attempt to make change for anything but a \$1 bill."

HUMOR IN THE AMBULANCE. Doctor's Story of a Man and Woman with Broken Legs.

"When I was an ambulance surgeon," said the young family physician, "I used to start like a fire horse at the sound of the call. I was just as much interested in the work at the end of two years as I was the day I began."

"I watched a French waiter's face the other day when she was talking to him, and I'll be blamed if he didn't look as if he had the toothache."

"Won't you give a veteran something to eat, mum?" said Tired Thompson to Mrs. Whiffet.

"You a veteran," replied Mrs. Whiffet, unbelievably. "You were never a soldier, I'll be bound."

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BRADSTREET'S REPORT. Trade Advices Are Reported to be More Cheerful.

Bradstreet's says: Trade advices are rather more cheerful. This applies as much as to current retail business which has been enlarged with wintry weather as it does to the opening spring trade which finds stimulation in the general confidence felt as to the general outlook for the year.

Despite the check given to business by the talk of consolidations, a fair volume of trade is doing at all leading iron markets, and the advances in these columns last week are firmly held.

Wheat, including flour shipments, for the week aggregate 4,814,878 bushels, against 4,997,813 last week.

Canadian failures numbered 39, against 34 last week.

PACIFIC COAST TRADE. Seattle Market. Onions, new yellow, \$3.50 @ 8.

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Beets, per sack, \$1. Turnips, per sack, 75c. Squash—2c.

Carrots, per sack, 75c. Parsnips, per sack, \$1.25 @ 1.50. Celery—60c doz.

Cabbage, native and California, 2c per pound. Butter—Creamery, 25c; dairy, 15c @ 18c; ranch, 16c @ 18c pound.

Cheese—14c. Eggs—Ranch, 20c; Eastern 20c. Poultry—13c; dressed, native chickens, 13 1/2c; turkey, 15c.

Hay—Puget Sound timothy, \$15.00; choice Eastern Washington timothy, \$19.00.

Corn—Whole, \$23.00; cracked, \$24; feed meal, \$24. Barley—Rolled or ground, per ton, \$20.

Flour—Patent, per barrel, \$3.40; blended straight, \$3.25; California, \$3.25; buckwheat flour, \$6.00; graham, per barrel, \$3.25; whole wheat flour, \$3.25; rye flour, \$3.80 @ 4.00.

Millstuffs—Bran, per ton, \$15.00; shorts, per ton, \$16.00. Feed—Chopped feed, \$19.00 per ton; middlings, per ton, \$23; oil cake meal, per ton, \$29.00.

Fresh Meats—Choice dressed beef steers, price 8c; cows, 7 1/2c; mutton 7 1/2c; pork, 8c; trimmed, 10c; veal, 10c. Hams—Large, 11 1/2c; small, 11 1/2c; breakfast bacon, 13 1/2c; dry salt sides, 8 1/2c.

Portland Cement. Wheat—Walla Walla, 55c; Valley, nominal; Bluestem, 56 1/2c per bushel. Flour—Best grades, \$3.40; graham, \$2.60.

Oats—Choice white, 45c; choice gray, 43c per bushel. Barley—Feed barley, \$15.50 brewing, \$16.50 per ton.

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