

THE PICTURE AND WILL OF MARY, MOTHER OF GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The following communicated article from the pen of one of our prominent physicians will be read with interest by all students of American history:

A unique and mournful fate has attended the posthumous fame of Mary, the mother of Washington, to whose neglected memory a suitable monument has at last been unveiled, with national honors, at Fredericksburg, Va. Though revered as the mother and mentor of our first president, and as such entitled to the highest distinction, aside from her own personal merits, until now no sculptured memorial to her has ever been completed. Every previous attempt has been fruitless, resulting in failure and humiliation. But this is not all. Not only has she been altogether without a finished monument to commemorate her virtues and testify the grateful admiration of her fellow countrymen and countrywomen, but until a comparatively recent date, although she died but one hundred and four years ago, no authentic portrait or picture of her has been known to exist, representing in reliable vivisimilitude her physical lineaments and facial features.

There are spurious portraits almost without number, and some that have at least a plausible history, but so far as known to those who have made a study of the subject there is but one genuine portrait of her in the wide world, and that a comparatively recent discovery in an obscure district of England.

George Washington Parke Curtis—the adopted son of George Washington, a most zealous antiquarian in everything that concerned the relics of the Washington family, and perhaps the one person best qualified to judge—repeatedly asserted his belief that there was no portrait extant of the mother of Washington. He had never seen or even heard of the Cookham portrait, to which we refer, and if he had, the chances are that he would have spared neither money nor pains to obtain it. It was painted in 1728 or 1729, in the village of Cookham, Berkshire county, England, where Mistress Mary Ball, of Virginia, lived with her paternal relatives before she married Augustine Washington (George's father) and returned to America. Unfortunately, the picture is the work of a careless artist, and bears inherent evidences of that fact. As a work of art it is said to be below mediocrity, and most probably was executed as a study rather than a finished production. Still it has that distinctive quality often seen in portraits, of giving the impression that the subject must have looked that way, and inasmuch as it is the only portrait with any respectable pretensions to genuineness, it is a treasure of inestimable value. It is now in the possession of the family of the late S. B. Morse, of electric telegraph fame.

Mary Washington's will, which is still preserved in the clerk's office at Fredericksburg, Va., and a copy of which happens to be accessible, is of special interest, from the fact that it throws a strong light on her character and domestic relations, and gives amusing information concerning her treasured household belongings and the personality of her slaves. It begins thus: "In the name of God! Amen! I, Mary Washington, of Fredericksburg, in the county of Spotsylvania, being in good health, but calling to mind the uncertainty of this life, and willing to dispose of what remains of my worldly estate, do make and publish this, my last will, recommending my soul into the hands of my Creator, for the remission of all my sins through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of mankind; I dispose of my worldly estate as follows:

"I give to my son, General George Washington, all my land on Accokuk river, in the county of Stafford, and also my negro boy George, to him and his heirs forever. Also, my best bed, bedstead and Virginia cloth curtains (the same that stand in my best bedroom), my quilted blue and white quilt and my best dressing glass.

"I give and devise to my daughter, Betty Lewis, my phaeton and my bay horse.

"I give and devise to my grandson, Corbin Washington, my negro vench, Old Bet, my riding chair and two black horses, to him and his assigns forever.

"I give and devise to my granddaughter, Bettie Curtis, my negro woman, little Bet, and her future increase, to her and her assigns forever. Also, my largest looking-glass, my walnut writing desk and drawers, a square dining table, one bed, bedstead, bolster, one pillow, one blanket and pair of sheets, white Virginia cloth counterpane, my red and white tea china, teaspoons, and half of my pewter and crackery-ware, and the remainder of my iron kitchen furniture.

"I give and devise to my granddaughters, Betty Curtis, Fannie Ball and Milly Washington—but should my daughter, Betty Lewis, fancy any one, two or three articles, she is to have them before a division thereof.

"In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, the 20th of May, 1788."

THEY FALL UP AND GET HURT.

The fish that live at enormous depths are, in consequence of the enormous pressure, liable to a curious form of accident. In chasing their prey or for any other reason, they rise to a considerable distance above the floor of the ocean, the gases of their swimming bladder become considerably expanded and their specific gravity greatly reduced; up to a certain limit the muscles of their body can counteract the tendency to float upward and enable the fish to regain its proper sphere of life

at the bottom, but beyond that limit the muscles are not strong enough to drive the body downward, and the fish, becoming more and more distended as it goes, is gradually killed on its long and involuntary journey to the surface of the sea.

The deep-sea fish, then, are exposed to a danger that no other animals in the world are subject to—namely, that of tumbling upward. That such accidents do occasionally occur is evidenced by the fact that some fish, which are known to be true deep-sea forms, were discovered dead and floating on the surface of the ocean long before our modern investigations were commenced.—Popular Science Monthly.

CHURCH SERVICES TODAY.

Services at the Presbyterian church tomorrow as follows: Morning, at 11 o'clock, preaching by the Rev. Robert Liddell, pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Everett, Wash.; subject, "A Christian Motto." Sunday school at the close of the morning service. Young People's Christian Endeavor meeting at 7:45 p. m. Evening service at 7:45. Sermon by Rev. R. Liddell; subject, "The Unifying Power of Christianity." A cordial invitation is extended to the public generally to attend these services. The presence of all the members of the church resident in this city, and of all those non-members who stately worship here, is particularly desired at the morning and evening services on this occasion. Please note that the evening service commences at 7:45, and not 7:30, as heretofore.

Services at the Congregational church as usual. Morning subject: "The Heathen—Who They Are and What They Need." Subject in the evening: "The Frembling Judge, or Felix Before Paul." The Sunday school meets at 12:15 and the Christian Endeavor at 6:45, and the evening service at 7:45.

The following order of services will be held at the M. E. church, Sunday, May 15th, at 11 a. m. Opening verse, from hymn 82. Responsive reading, Ps. 47 (all joining). Chant, No. 43. Scripture Lesson, No. 516. Hymn, No. 516. Notices. Anthem, "But My Trust is in Thy Mercy," G. W. Morgan. Sermon by Rev. J. W. Bushong, on "Profit and Loss." Collection (organ recital). Hymn, No. 517. Benediction.

AT 7:45 P. M. Opening verse, from hymn 776. Responsive reading, Ps. 67, (all joining). Gloria Patri, No. 49. Hymn, No. 63. Prayer, Chant, Lord's Prayer. Notices. Anthem, "Incline Thine Ear," Hummel. Sermon by the pastor, subject: "The Coming Girl, the Ideal Woman; Their Place, Their Power in the Stirling Events of the Closing Decade of the 19th Century." Evening Offertory, (Verse of hymn 1070). Hymn, No. 294. Benediction. Friendly greetings.

PERSONAL.

R. Livingston, of Chicago, is in the city.

David Shanahan left for Portland on the up boat last night.

Miss Lillie Lewis, of John Day's river, is visiting at Mr. Stevart's.

Charles Lovell is in the city from Montana, visiting his father.

Miss Nellie Busey is visiting her sister, Mrs. Slater, in Portland.

P. A. Stokes and family leave by the steamer Columbia for California tomorrow morning.

Judge McBride adjourned court yesterday. He will open court at St. Helens next Tuesday.

Alex. Campbell presented his many friends yesterday with a bunch of beautiful panicles gathered in the vicinity of Greenwood.

John W. Welch left on the steamer Telephone for Pendleton, where he goes to attend the meeting of the state grand lodge of Odd Fellows, as a delegate from Astoria.

Mr. R. A. Livingston, of Chicago, who is taking a western trip for his health, is stopping with his cousins, D. and D. R. Campbell, of this city, and will remain for about a week.

A BIRD IN THE HAND, ETC.

We hope Astoria will not get excited now in the critical time of her expectancy—and want too many railroads. Take one at a time. One railroad in the hand is forth ten double-tracked, transcontinental lines in the tall timber of prospectiveness.—Salem Statesman.

THE BICYCLE BUILT FOR TWO.

In the way of "bicycles built for two" nothing is so cute as the "baby attachment" which is to be seen every day in the park. A little seat or chair is fastened in front of the rider (presumably a fond father), and there the little mit often not able to walk, sits, strapped securely in, while the machine goes spinning over hill and dale. The cradle, or even the slipper, not to mention paragon, are not in it as baby pacifiers compared with the new fangled family bicycle.—Philadelphia Times.

DECORATION DAY.

Astoria, Or., April 30, 1904. To the People of Astoria, and the Public Schools Especially—Greeting: Cushing Post, No. 14, Department of Oregon, G. A. R., propose celebrating the coming anniversary, Memorial Day, in the usual appropriate manner. The decoration services will be had at the public cemetery, on the hill, in Astoria. The order of exercises and full program will be published further on.

Attest: P. D. WINTON, Post Commander. W. C. CASSELL, Adjutant.

REMOVED.

Drs. A. L. & J. A. Fulton have removed to their new offices, over A. V. Allen's store.

THE DEPRESSION.

(Communicated.)

The democratic papers are still keeping up the miserable howl that these hard times were coming on for years, and during all Harrison's administration, hoping for some person ignorant enough to believe it. Peck, in his report on the industrial condition of New York, up to June, 1892, said that there never was as many people employed, and never were as high wages paid as was during the year ending June, 1892. This was Cleveland's Democratic friend, appointed by himself. The same report was made by the Democratic labor commissioner of Indiana, Grand Master Workman Powderly, of the Knights of Labor, said in a letter to President Cleveland, about six months ago: "You took hold of the reins of government in the most prosperous time for labor that ever was known in the country; now thousands of people are out of employment, and some are in a really deplorable condition; you must do something to give people employment." I wonder if these men did not know of the condition of the laboring classes during the last administration as well as the editors of the Budget and Evening Telegram, and others of the same calibre.

A FARMER'S INSTITUTE.

(Communicated.)

Something altogether new for Clatsop county has been planned, and is now so far arranged that it is safe, and in fact necessary, to announce it. This is a farmer's institute. Agriculture has been so little recognized by the people of this county that it is hardly thought of as one of our industries. But we have many thousands acres of the most productive lands within easy reach of this city, and much effort has been made by some to bring these lands into cultivation. Any effort that looks to the supply of our markets, as far as possible, with dairy products and vegetables from our own lands will be met with general interest.

The farmer's institutes are held by the faculty of the state agricultural college. Their object is to discuss matters of special interest to farmers, and to describe experiments, and to show the assured results of experiments tried under favorable circumstances. At the United States experimental station at Corvallis much has been discovered that no one farmer has any facilities for experimenting upon. One such experiment, fully tested, might save thousands of dollars' loss, or waste of effort, if it showed the thing worthless, or be worth millions if it were a success. Clatsop county is interested mostly in dairies, and hence discussion upon butter and cheese making, pasturage, fodder plants and clovers and drainage may be expected; together, perhaps, with something about poultry, etc.

President Bloss, whom Astorians remember as one of our lecturers of last winter, will probably be here to discuss tile drainage.

Prof. H. T. French, of the agricultural college, writes, under date of May 7: "President Bloss, Prof. Coote, the horticulturist, and myself, will attend the institute and present papers and discussions upon the topics mentioned. My field will be dairying, and more particularly grasses and clovers and fodder plants."

The latter part of July will be the time, and the place at Gearheart Park or Seaside, to be arranged and announced soon. Not only the farmers, but many Astorians, will be interested in hearing of things that remind them of the gardens and fields.

We may be glad, also, to have these learned professors look critically at our soils and products. What we have of these here do not suffer in comparison with any.

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