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## About George Washington

AN ENGLISH historian, John Richard Green, writes in his "History of the English People" that George Washington whose 193rd birthday anniversary is tomorrow, was a man of clear, unbiased judgment, heroic endurance and silence under difficulties; that he was calm in the face of danger or defeat, patient but quick when he struck, loft in his sense of duty and free in peace and war from mean ambition. "No nobler figure," writes Green, "ever stood at the forefront of a nation's life." It is a fine tribute and one to which added weight is given by the fact that it comes from a source which is not swayed by bias of nationalism.

Washington was at the forefront of doing in the years of travail which gave this nation birth. He led the military forces which fought us free. He continued to lead the country's destinies until it had become vigorous enough to walk alone. As general and as statesman his abilities were equally great and his services alike invaluable. After he had done his part so well, Washington retired to the comfort and luxury of his home estate to end his days in quiet.

There is a tendency to exalt and almost deify Washington, by making him appear as a superman, free from human frailty. The fable of the cherry tree and the conclusion its tellers draw from it, that Washington never told a lie are not needed to prove Washington great. The record of his services to his country does that. It is not necessary to make him out a demigod. We ought to stop telling our children that he was freed from fault and invariably told the truth. Such statements are not susceptible of proof. The greatness of Washington needs no tribute of flattering personal extollment. His position as a great outstanding figure of our history is secure without it.

## Air Forces vs. Others

THERE is a bill before congress to establish a government department of aeronautics and create a united air service for the national defense. It is proposed by Secretary of War Weeks and Secretary of the Navy Wilbur and all of the higher officials of their departments.

Brigadier General William Mitchell, assistant chief of the army air service, declares that both the army and the navy are resisting any sort of change which might curtail or modify their authority or permit aviation to become anything more than an auxiliary to their own activities. And this, he declares, is notwithstanding that air power can destroy any battleship that has been built or that ever can be built, and that, as a defensive power along our coasts the navy's usefulness, for this reason, is gone. The United States, declares General Mitchell, is despite these facts "fifth among nations in air power, and 'is falling behind all the time.'"

General Mitchell is certain that wars of the future will be decided by the air forces. Demonstrations in the world war showed this, he says, and experiments by other nations than ours since its close have confirmed it. England, France, Japan and Italy are building tremendous air fleets and training men in their operation. The United States is doing little to keep pace.

The navy and the army are fighting back heavily against the flying general's charges. The navy declares that experiments in bombing the battleship Washington showed that she could not be sunk by attack from above. The army declares that the airplane is by no means so important an adjunct to its operations as General Mitchell charges.

It is hard for a layman standing apart from all this to decide whose charges and claims are soundest. But it does seem plausible and likely that the air service would go further in development of usefulness if organized independently than as an adjunct to the army and navy. It is not easy to imagine the war department admitting that airplanes are more potent than the army, or the navy department admitting their superiority to fleets.

Only ten of the 41 nations or states represented at the Geneva opium conference appear as signatories to the protocol adopted prior to the sine die adjournment of the conference Thursday. And the protocol itself is a weak and vague thing. Nevertheless it is better than nothing, and it is a pity that the United States representatives withdrew from the conference without signing it. The protocol pledges its signatories to use their efforts for lessening of traffic in and use of opium and other narcotics, but does not pledge them to their suppression within a given period, as was demanded by the American delegation.

The Albany Herald appears to be sound in its contention that there is no demand for re-creation of a tax conservation commission for all counties, such as is contemplated by the bill of Representative Howard, of Lane county. The temper of the people, as the Herald points out, is against the creation of new commissions. This legislature has made a commendable record of negation in rejecting un-called for legislation. It may well continue in that course by letting the Howard bill go the route of indefinite postponement.

State Prohibition Commissioner Levens seems to be one of those silent persons. He hasn't been in print with a word on anything since his appointment. By the way, has Mr. Levens taken office and is Cleaver actually out?

## COMMENT OF THE PRESS

**Working Together.** (Pendleton East-Oregonian) In many respects the Pendleton Commercial association is a more efficient working organization than ever before. The association through its various committees and the board of managers is regularly busy with a good many subjects that happen to be of extreme importance to the city and county. At times the work is of a nature that does not call for

publicity. The value is there just the same.

The organization now has a more consistent financial policy than previously. Great care is taken to conserve the funds so as to keep the association upon a sound footing. When necessary to expend money for good purposes expenditures are made but rigid care is taken to see that the money is not wasted or given for purposes that would be futile.

During recent years the association has rendered extremely good service by stopping many fake schemes that would otherwise have been carried out here and also by putting the lid on drives seeking money from local people. Most of the drives taboored are contemplated by outside organizations and quite often the purposes are laudable. It goes without saying, however, that there is a limit to what people can give and the association committee has held this fact in mind. A rather tight fisted policy has been necessary during the period of depression.

The Commercial association is Pendleton's business organization and its object is the city's advancement. It is able to function well because of a very strong local spirit of co-operation and good will. That spirit actually prevails in Pendleton, it is no mere theory, and it is one of our best assets. Let's keep it and make it work for the general good.

**Aftermath.** (NEA Service Bulletin) Probably as an aftermath of the sensational Leop-Leopold murder trial, Chicago's seven newspapers are being bombarded with demands for suppression or a playing down of crime news.

For months prominent business men of the second city have urged a "cleaner" press. Organizations have passed resolutions, speeches have been made and a lot of hot air spilled. Now the Protestant churches, 700 strong, issue an ultimatum. Let there be, during Lent, a press free from crime and scandal, a press that subordinates the sordid side of life and plays up the important, "significant" things. Let there be, they say, or something will be done in the way of approaching the big stores to have them withdraw their advertising.

The publishers are given until March 1 to give their answer. And on the heels of that comes news of a resolution of the Bar association of Chicago, urging that court room scenes be portrayed less sensationally. Let there be less of the theatrical, say the lawyers, and more of the dignity and impressiveness of court procedure.

This is just a price that Chicago papers must pay as the result of being the capital of the newspaper world during the most sensational murder case in modern newspapering.

## New Guessing Suggestions.

(Corvallis Gazette-Times) Newspaper guessing contests seem to be sweeping the country as one of the current fads. The G-T suggests one that it believes will beat them all. Why not run pictures of the town's ministers in the papers and offer a reward to a given list of men who can guess which one is his "pastor"?

## Concrete vs. Blacktop.

(Pendleton East-Oregonian) There is an argument underway whether a bit of highway on the lower Columbia should be rebuilt with concrete or black top. Leave it to the motorist and he will call for concrete. It does not get lumpy, is safer, especially in wet weather and a concrete highway can be seen at night.

## Deep Snow; Summer Water.

(Hood River Glacier) The report of deep snow brought back from the Cloud Capp Inn altitude of Mount Hood by the Portland Snowshoe club and local citizens is encouraging. While the snow banks of the forest of the base region are not as deep as normally at this season, the higher altitudes have a record of ice and snow for supplying orchardists with summer irrigation water.

## 25 Years Ago

(From The Guard of Feb. 21, 1906)

The local cabus of the Native Sons and Daughters will give a reception for Joaquin Miller after the lecture Friday evening.

H. G. McKinley was in Salem yesterday.

The charity ball given at armory hall last evening under auspices of the Woman's Relief corps was a success socially, but not financially.

R. A. Booth of Seginaw was in the city on business today.

Attorney L. T. Harris is in Junction City today attending to legal business.

Miss Loretta Bradford went to Portland this afternoon on business.

Tomorrow (Friday) will be a holiday, it being Washington's birthday. All the banks will observe the day by closing.

A meeting of the Red Cross will be held in Mrs. Linton's rooms, Risdon building, Thursday afternoon.

## Oregon Briefs

At the last meeting of the stockholders of the Lathia Hotel association in Ashland it was decided to sell \$20,000 more stock and to issue \$80,000 in bonds with which to complete and furnish the hotel.

At a recent meeting of the Central Point city council an ordinance was passed which provides for the leasing over of 10 lots owned by the city to persons who will agree to construct upon each lot a building to cost not less than \$1000.

August 3 to 5 inclusive has been set apart for the annual Buyers' Week in Portland by the trade and commerce bureau of the chamber of commerce in cooperation with wholesalers, manufacturers and jobbers.

School district 41, comprising the Soapstone section of southwestern Clatsop county, has ceased to exist, the district attorney holding that the recent organization of the district was illegal.

Sam F. Blythe, dean of Northwest

ern printers, whose record at the old-time case in days before the linotype has never been equaled, celebrated his 83d birthday Saturday at his home in River.

The water distributed by the city of Corvallis is now pure, and has been pure since last August, according to G. V. Copson, professor of bacteriology at Oregon Agricultural college.

## As the World Wags

**LABORATORY SCHOOLS?** Ever hear of them. I confess that I never did until I read an article in the Editorial Review a few days ago, written by Henry Hood, after a painstaking investigation. Such are the schools using what is known as the Dalton Plan.

THE IDEA sprouted in the mind of a seventeen-year-old school teacher in Wisconsin, Helen Parkhurst by name, about a dozen years ago. Instead of giving out tasks one day and checking up on performance the next day in a set program of recitations, she gave each pupil an outline of work to be accomplished for a week ahead in the case of younger pupils and for a month ahead with older pupils. This work covering the required things in their courses was left to the individual to do in his or her own way and all regular recitations were eliminated, the teacher becoming the friendly counselor or consulting engineer to use a popular designation of the present day. From time to time when a particular group of the dull-witted needed special help a recitation was held to clear up difficulties. The ambitious student who eagerly "ate up" assignments was given individual examinations on the work performed and allowed to go as fast as he wished.

THE SCHEME worked. In fact it worked wonderfully well. Miss Parkhurst used it in several schools, always successfully. She tried it out from every angle. Somehow, the news about this new type of school came to Mrs. W. Murray Crane, whose husband was at the time governor of Massachusetts. Mrs. Crane was an active patroness of a school for crippled children and succeeded in having the plan introduced there. It worked wonders again. Then the Cranes used their influence toward its introduction in the city schools of Dalton, Massachusetts, their home town where it has been in successful operation since 1919. Starting from Dalton the plan has been initiated and is now being used in England where there are over two thousand schools using it, in France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Poland, South Africa, Australia, China and Japan. Miss Parkhurst's book, "Education on the Dalton Plan" has been translated into French, German, Italian, Swedish, Polish, Hebrew, Japanese, Chinese and Hindustani.

IN AMERICA, strangely enough, it has met the most opposition from educators. I suppose it seems too simple and at the same time too revolutionary. Perhaps Miss Parkhurst does not have enough letters after her name. Anyhow, it was not until the plan received the approval of European educators did American educators receive it with much enthusiasm. It is now being introduced in many places in the eastern states and Miss Parkhurst has a school known as the Children's University School, New York City, placed under her own supervision.

THE SECRET of the success of the plan, is that it arouses personal initiative on the part of the pupil, makes him his own boss. It is not essential to the teacher as it requires much forethought in preparation and wide knowledge as an interpreter and as a student of psychology. It is rather more than less expensive in operation as it requires an excellent equipment in the way of libraries, etc. But it lends itself especially well to one-session school system making equipment available for two shifts of students.

THE GREAT ADVANTAGE of such a plan is that it gives the student the particular kind of mental training which is useful in institutions of higher education. With such a system in use in preparatory schools, many of the tragedies of freshmen at colleges and universities incidental to adjusting themselves to a system which throws them intellectually upon their own resources would be avoided.

## In Lighter Vein

**Helping Hands** (London Tit-Bits) "You are back very quickly, dear." Husband (who went out ten minutes previously to try a new motorcycle)—"Yes, dear, I got a lift on an ambulance."

**Useless Expense** (London Humorist) The Mayor "I paid a grinner to a palmer yesterday. She described you exactly, and said we should be married within a month."

**Only a Symptom** (Washington Star) "Do you never think of retiring from office?" "Occasionally," answered Senator Sorghum. "But the thought never has anything to do with politics. It merely implies that I am dumber, and that it's time to see a doctor."

**Such a Comedown!** St. Peter: "This new arrival seems disappointed in Heaven." Gabriel: "He is. He'd just finished reading a real estate agent's prospectus of a new residence tract when his fliover ran over an embankment."

## BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his own spirit than he that taketh a city.—Proverbs 16:32.

## Bible Question.

(Look Up the Answer) What combination of virtue brings great gain?—1. Tim. 6:6.

# HERE'S WEEK-END JOB FOR CROSS-WORD FANS

"It's a Humdinger," Announces Man Who Makes Twisters, in Sending Out This One For Entertainment of the Followers of His Unusual Art

Short words and long words, strange words and common words make up this week's giant cross-word puzzle. In some cases they'll be easy to locate, because all the letters are keyed. In other cases, they'll present a little difficulty, because some of the letters are unkeyed. Taken all in all, this is a model giant.

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**Horizontal**

1. A lasso.
6. Request.
11. A narcotic.
16. Bearlike.
21. Calculated.
22. Expression of astonishment.
24. Classical scholarship.
27. A chart.
29. Odor.
31. A co-ordinating conjunction.
32. A seed-vessel of a plant.
34. A clum.
35. A canvas shelter.
36. Human beings.
38. Heartrending fear.
39. Exist.
40. Farewell.
42. A limb.
44. A sphere.
45. Revenue.
47. A hawk.
49. Beast of burden.
50. To shake.
51. A float of logs.
53. Biorhythm.
55. One who gardens.
57. To guard.
59. A fairy descended from fallen angels.
60. To haul.
62. Born.
63. To speak.
64. Half an "em."
65. Goddess of dawn.
67. To regret.
68. High temperature.
69. A musical note.
71. Political party now in power.
74. The finish.
75. Esthetics.
76. A female sheep.
78. To anger.
79. Hebrew deity.
80. Behold.
81. A sharp blow.
82. A professional.
83. Biblical home of Abraham.
84. An exclamation of glee.
85. A large deer.
86. A young goat.
87. To perform.
88. Form of the verb "to be."
89. Aged.
91. A shoemaker's tool.
93. A particle.
95. Self.
98. Ireland.
100. Point of compass.
102. To total.
103. Course.
105. Call for help.
107. God of the sun.
108. Because.
109. A web-footed diving bird.
111. First woman.
113. A serf.
115. Anxious.
117. Whip scorpion.
119. Attack.
122. Alike.
124. A small bird.
125. A vessel in which the host is preserved.
126. A point.
128. Sagaciously.
129. Skill.
130. An aeriform fluid.
132. To complete.
134. Before.
136. To be.
138. Consumed.
140. An enormous bird.
142. Male pronoun.
143. A musical instrument.
145. Before.
147. To put out.
148. A baseball implement.
150. A beer.
152. Stopped.
154. The opposition.
156. A plum-like fruit.
158. Inspire with love.
160. That cannot be numbered.
161. Blind.
162. Weird.
163. Calm.
164. Avariciousness.
165. Besides.
167. Pique.
168. Rested.

**Vertical**

1. The early form of a caterpillar.
2. Be.
3. Ribbed fabric.
4. An object of worship.
5. Toward.
6. To set.
7. Crust formed from wound.
8. Sick.
9. Sun god.
10. Compound ether.
11. Recurring on the eighth day.
12. Mixed type.
13. A doctrine.
14. So be it.
15. Measure of type.
16. On a higher plane.
17. Cutting tools.
18. Anger.
19. Negative.
20. To shut in.
21. One who makes noise.
23. An exclamation of glee.
24. One who sends.
25. Purpose.
26. Public announcement.
27. An antenna.
28. Atmospheric moisture.
29. To inspect sightly.
30. Recent.
31. A tree.
32. A small lizard.
33. A liquor.
34. A lyric poem.
35. A narrow beam of light.
36. Shelter.
37. To obstruct.
38. "One" in cards.
39. Deep black.
40. An article of clothing.
41. A point.
42. To gossip.
43. The spawn of fishes.
44. A struggle.
45. An eruptive disease.
46. When the snow flakes fall.
47. To take oath.
48. A barrier of bushes.
49. A shade tree.
50. A tablet.
51. A period of time.
52. To provide for war.
53. Female pronoun.
54. A measure of length.
55. To contend.
56. An age.
57. Soup.
58. A lyric poem.
59. A sack.
60. To cut off the top.
61. The rainbow.
62. A narrow strip of fabric.
63. Any soggy mass.
64. An omnibus.
65. Eggs.
66. To roam.
67. Small insect.
68. A substance used for sealing.
69. In addition.
70. To mend with thread.
71. To travel on wings.
72. Small insect.
73. A small barrel.
74. To piece out.
75. One who holds an easy position.
76. The organ of sight.
77. A narrow passage.
78. To derive of inheritance.
79. Enticement.
80. A native animal.
81. A dark, oily liquid.
82. Informatively.
83. Conforming to the rules of poetic form.
84. Belonging to the past.
85. Strong or vigorous.
86. One who attributes certain acts to the sun's action.
87. Check leaves.
88. Measure of area.
89. Those banished.
90. To encure.
91. Female parent.
92. Kodak.
144. Smooth, unspirated.
145. A whirlpool.
146. The orient.
148. Turkish governor (pl.).
149. Examination.
151. Deparment.
153. Jewish god.
155. Point of compass.
157. Elise.
158. A direction (abbr.).
161. Thin cereals.
166. Exclamation of interrupting.
169. An edged tool.
171. Large sea ducks.
174. A non-poisonous serpent.
175. A male child.
177. To scold.
178. A vase-shaped vessel.
181. Measure of type (pl.).
182. Aged.
184. A bulky piece of timber.
185. A Japanese coin.
186. To jump.
187. Reverification.
188. A decimal.
190. Barrier against overflow of water.
191. To assist.
192. A Greek letter.
194. Every one.
195. Cover.
197. Female deer.
198. To dress.
200. A drinking cup.
201. To