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GEORGE WASHINGTON'S TASK

February 22 marks the 196th anniversary of George Washington's birth and the annual observance of that important date calls forth the usual eulogies and discussions which serve to keep his memory fresh in the minds and hearts of his countrymen.

But the ordinary birthday oration generally fails to bring out many of the striking features of Washington's truly remarkable career. His achievements are duly stressed, but the seemingly insurmountable obstacles which he had to meet are seldom given the attention they deserve, except possibly the story of Valley Forge.

It was Washington's lot to create an army out of the most unpromising material; to supply and feed it from the most meager resources; to withstand the vicious attacks upon his policies and character by the infamous "Conway Cabal," which sought to depose him as commander-in-chief in favor of Gates, and to be hampered by antagonistic public clamor and the "impotence of the fugitive congress."

His burdens were further increased by the difficulties of recruiting, the treachery of Lee at the battle of Monmouth, the treason of Benedict Arnold, a revolt by Pennsylvania troops at Morristown and by a part of the New Jersey contingent.

In spite of all these and many other trying conditions, Washington pressed on with grim determination until the arrival of aid from France in 1778 presaged final victory.

After independence had been won, fresh troubles arose thru dissatisfaction among the unpaid troops to form a plan to overthrow congress and erect a new government, a plan which was sternly repressed by Washington. The breakdown of the government under the Articles of Confederation brought Washington from his retirement to take the lead in establishing a more stable system under our present constitution and to serve as president for eight years, during which he faced violent opposition at various times.

The true measure of Washington's greatness, then, is not merely what he accomplished, but it involves also the almost insuperable obstacles which he overcame in its accomplishment. When these are known and understood, we may form a more adequate conception of his tremendous task.

A NEW TITLE ESTABLISHED

Heretofore the conferring of degrees has been confined to persons of purely educational attainments, usually as a result of college training. We have had in profusion Masters of Arts, Masters of Science and the like.

But recently a new degree is being conferred, but not in formal ceremonies with the recipients in scholastic garb, but as a simple recognition of practical merit in one of the world's basic activities. It is that of Master Farmer.

During the past year this degree, or title, has been conferred upon successful farmers selected by agricultural journals in 17 states, the qualifications for the honor being stated as follows:

"Those who have maintained and improved the fertility of their farms through crop rotation, fertilization and the production of livestock; used labor saving equipment; modernized their homes by installing electric lights running water and other conveniences."

It is a good idea worth developing until all outstanding farmers in the country have been awarded this recognition. In no line of effort is there so great a need for practical leadership as in agriculture. The degree of Master Farmer, if worthily bestowed, will give a certain dignity to the important vocation of farming, and will point out those who receive it as conspicuous examples for emulation.

Girls of Eastern Clackamas county have an easy way of testing the temperament of their "sweetie." If he can drive over the average country road of this section without swearing, as a husband he will never become peeved because of a little thing like burned biscuits, a late dinner, or anything of that order.

That fellow who killed another for reading movie subtitles aloud will hardly be able to make a convincing insanity plea, but may get off on the ground of justifiable homicide.

At the time of going to press, the rumor that Rupert Hughes's next biography whitewashing Benedict Arnold would be on the market in the spring could not be confirmed.—Kansas City Star.

Wonder what candidate in 1928 the gossipers are going to credit with having made that ancient and moldy remark that a "dollar a day and a pot of beans is enough for any working man?"

The most talked of man in the world today has about the least to say.

THE IMPROVED AUTOS

Those of you who have had an opportunity to examine the new cars of popular make brought into Estacada this week will agree that they are wonderful, as compared with the highest priced machines of ten or twelve years ago. Had these cars been on the market as they appear today fifteen years ago they probably would have readily sold for twenty times their present sale price.

Every year brings great improvements in automobiles and while they are becoming less expensive to own and operate they are becoming a greater necessity in every day life. Every family needs a car today, and they are becoming so cheap that everyone can own one.

Ten years hence no doubt the new cars will show a greater improvement than the present ones over those of ten years ago. The airplane may become popular, but it will never, in our opinion, replace the auto.

Acquittals, paroles and pardons seem to indicate there has been a great reduction in the wages of sin.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

A lot more bald headed men would wear wigs if it wasn't for the cover charge.

EAGLE CREEK

EAGLE CREEK, Feb. 16.—(Special).—George Sawtelle, formerly a resident of Eagle Creek, but now of Portland, was a recent visitor at the home of his sister, Mrs. E. L. Suter.

Mr. and Mrs. Powell of Portland have bought the Trainor place and will move out Thursday of this week. For several days they have been at work refinishing the inside of the house.

Mrs. A. C. Cogswell drove to Portland Friday in company with Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Miss Madden and Mrs. Byron Cogswell of Springfield. While there they visited the Oregonian's new model home.

Ben Forrester is having 100 English walnut trees set out on his ranch on the hill. Paul and Ray Forrester have been doing the work.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Burnett and Shirley and Henry Suter drove to Portland Tuesday of last week and attended the automobile show while there.

Mr. and Mrs. Conner spent Friday in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Still and daughter Audrey spent the week end in Portland with Mrs. Still's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Glover and Clifton spent the week end with relatives in Portland.

Grant Test was a diner guest at the Conner home Sunday.

The P. T. A. meeting on Thursday of last week was well attended and the children of the school furnished several enjoyable numbers for the program. One of the features was a song by the first and second grades accompanied on the piano by little Bobby Rheburg, age 6 years. It was decided to charge 10 cents admission for each adult for the program at the school on Friday, the 17th. Lunch will be sold after the program.

On Friday Arbor Day was observed at the school by a program appropriate for the occasion. A noon picnic dinner was observed by the entire school.

Mrs. Johnson and son of Portland were visitors at the Hyde home on Tuesday of last week.

Olaf Spildie has been gone for several days on a business trip to Salem and Silverton.

Mr. Nebauer and Ben Forrester drove to Estacada on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kemp and daughter from Portland visited on Sunday at the William Hyde home.

Miss Flora Haysany spent the week end in Portland with her parents.

Miss Beulah Barnett spent Saturday in Portland and on Sunday visited friends in Sherwood.

Albert Lawrence left last week for Portland where he will enter Rankin's aviation school. Albert has made his home for several years with Mat Glover and has many friends here who will wish him success in his new venture.

Many regret to hear the news of the death of Dick Gibson who died on Wednesday morning in a Portland hospital following an operation for hernia. He had been sick only a few days, so his death came as a shock to his many friends. He was a life-long resident of this community having lived on a farm on Douglass ridge. Besides his wife he is survived by three brothers, two of whom live at Barton. Funeral services were held at the Eagle Creek church on Wednesday, interment at Gibson cemetery on Douglass ridge.

NORTH EAGLE CREEK

NORTH EAGLE CREEK, Feb. 16.—(Special).—C. Rex Parks of the News office and Miss Pamblit Kemp

Mrs. Greer was an Estacada visitor Saturday.

John and Stanley Cox and Carl Felker attended the basket ball games at Estacada Friday night.

Mrs. Wm. Oehm of Newport recently spent several days at the Guy Clester home.

Mrs. Ernest Douglass called on Mrs. George Bell Wednesday.

Mrs. Wiley Douglass, who has been ill, is much improved.

Little Arthur Douglass who has been ill for some time, is not recovering very fast. He has been out of school for over a month.

Oliver Suter is helping C. L. Chambers this week.

Miss Edith Brown called at the Guy Clester home Sunday afternoon.

The E. P. Kingston family shopped in Portland Monday.

nephew Leon Young spent a few days in Portland and Newberg visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marshall and son Phillip spent the week end with friends in Estacada.

Ray Erickson went to Portland on Saturday, returning Sunday.

Mrs. Mabel Thompson spent the week end at her home in Portland. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Schaefer spent the week end in Portland.

Harry Wooster spent the week end with his grandparents at Garfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gunter and Betty June spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Haas Tracy in Estacada.

Mrs. George Townsend returned Monday from Portland where she had been visiting her parents.

J. L. Beaver spent Saturday in Estacada.

Warren Smith spent the week end with friends in Estacada and Boring. Steve Turell spent Saturday and Sunday at his home in Gladstone.

Mrs. R. B. Gibson of Upper Eagle Creek was in town Thursday morning.

THREE LINKS

Mrs. Fox left for her home in Oregon City after a week's visit with her brother Steve and Sister Helen.

The 3 B's club met at the home of Mrs. George Armstrong February 9.

Mrs. Lovelace of Estacada spent a few days with Mrs. Ina Smith.

Mrs. C. A. Radford and children are visiting Mrs. Radford's parents in Boring.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ramsey and

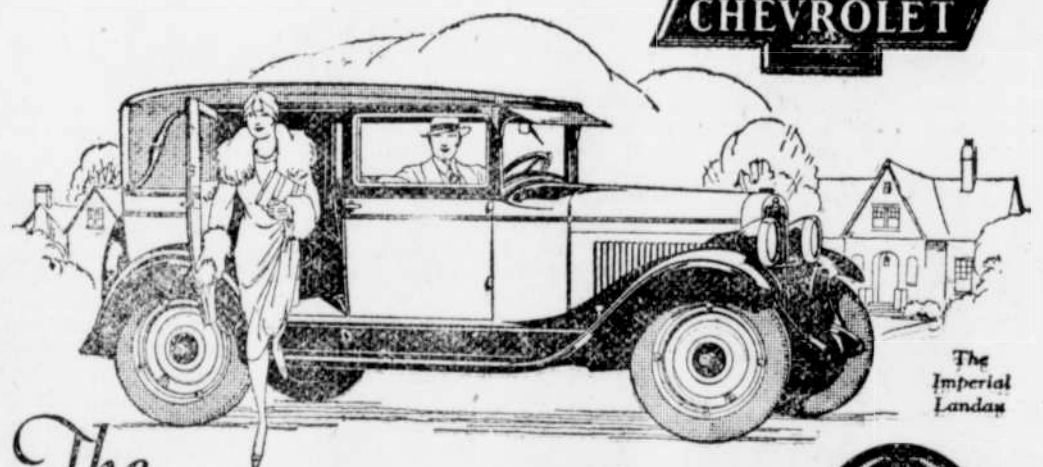
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