

THOMAS JEFFERSON.

One hundred and forty-six years ago to-day Thomas Jefferson, the third president of the United States, was born. It would be assuming our readers to be ignorant of the history of the struggles of our forefathers for liberty now to go over the early history of Thomas Jefferson. Suffice it to say that he was one of the very greatest of those devoted lovers of liberty who pledged "their lives, their fortunes and their sacred honor" to that cause which led to the independence and building up of one of the strongest and best governments extant. No man had a more comprehensive nor clearer view of the essential principles of our government than Mr. Jefferson. On being inducted into the office of president Mr. Jefferson, deviating from the example of his predecessors, transmitted to Congress a written message instead of delivering a speech in person. This message was a remarkable document, in this, that it set forth in the narrowest compass and with great clearness and precision of language the essential principles that form the superstructure of our government, as follows: "Equal and exact justice to all men of whatever state or persuasion, religious or political; peace, commerce and honest friendship with all nations entangling alliances with none; the support of the state governments, in all their rights, as the most competent administrations for our domestic concerns, and the surest bulwarks against anti-republican tendencies; the preservation of the general government, in its whole constitutional vigor, as the sheet anchor of our peace at home and safety abroad; a jealous care of the right of election by the people, a mild and safe corrective of abuses, which are lopped by the sword of revolution, where peaceable remedies are unprovided; absolute acquiescence in the decisions of the majority, the vital principle of republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism; a well-disciplined militia, our best reliance in peace, and for the first moments of war, till regulars may relieve them; the supremacy of the civil over the military authority; economy in the public expense, that labor may be lightly burdened; the honest payment of our debts, and sacred preservation of the public faith; encouragement of agriculture, and of commerce as its handmaid; the diffusion of information and arrangement of all abuses at the bar of the public reason; freedom of religion, freedom of the press, and freedom of the person, under the protection of the *habeas corpus*; and trial by juries impartially selected. These principles form the bright constellation which has gone before us, and guided our steps through an age of revolution and reformation." Without referring to the declaration of independence and the many other productions from the pen of Mr. Jefferson the above alone is sufficient to stamp him as the very greatest statesman of his day, and, in fact, the greatest in the history of the country whose weal he so well subverted. No wonder, then, that democrats revere this day, as the one that gave birth to so great a man. All over the country to-day evidences of the reverence and high esteem in which he is held will be manifested. It were well to do so.

CRUEL SEPARATION.

When a Chinese girl is married she must wait four months before etiquette allows her to pay her first visit to her mother, but after this initiatory call, she may go to the home of her parents at any time. The Popular Science Monthly relates a pathetic instance connected with this marriage custom.

A Chinese woman had one daughter, an only child, of whom she was passionately fond, and this girl was married at the age of 16. When the first four months were nearly past, her mother's neighbor died, and as death is said to bring uncleanness to those associated with it, the bride's visit to her old home had to be delayed for a hundred days, lest she should become contaminated.

Before this period had passed, the bride's mother-in-law died, and she was obliged to go into mourning for three years. Just before she put off mourning, a son was born to her, and that made it necessary that the visit should be again delayed.

Meanwhile her mother, whose heart grew more and more hungry for her presence, became nervously ill, and subject to hallucinations, under which she imagined she saw her child entering her door. She declared that she could distinctly perceive her face, discern every detail in her dress, and hear the jingle of her bangles.

"O, my child, you have come!" she would exclaim, but when she clasped the vision she found only empty air within her arms.

At length the daughter, who had all these years been but two miles away, really came to visit her mother. The two embraced each other and wept aloud, and thereafter the mother's hallucination ceased.

Here is another warning to cigarette smokers: A young man in Massachusetts who smoked 15 cigarettes a day has fallen heir to his uncle's library, which contains nothing lighter in the way of mental pabulum than the works of Emerson.

Philadelphia is now the greatest carpet making city in the world. Only about thirty years ago the industry there had its beginning with John Bromley, who worked two looms in a small building. There are now 172 establishments, occupying over 200 large structures working 7,350 looms and employing 17,800 workmen. They produced last year 71,500,000 yards of carpet, worth nearly \$48,000,000. And the price to the consumer has been reduced about one-half.

Shoe dealer (to clerk)—William, why, did you insist upon selling to that old gentleman who went out a pair of small, soft shoes when he called for cowhide boots?

"Well—"

"I insist upon knowing."

"The fact is, I call on his daughter quite frequently in the evenings."

The St. Louis Globe-Democrat says the civil service reform of the administration has with it an understanding that a moral necessity exists for the removal of all Democrats from office as fast as possible. That is rapidly becoming evident.

Six states have voted down prohibition by popular vote in succession, and little doubt is had that Massachusetts will add another next month, and Rhode Island will come in later, with Pennsylvania doubtful in June.

The new law in Connecticut fines both the seller and the boy under sixteen who uses tobacco or cigarettes. The parents will have to pay the fines, and may administer supplementary penalties at home.

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