

## Pays Tribute to Washington

Before the Medford high school, Hon. B. F. Mulkey recently paid the following tribute to George Washington, the occasion being the birthday of the Father of his country:

The three most important dates in American history are: First, 1684, when the Dutch flag retired and left the British emblem floating over all the colonies from Maine to Georgia, thus making of one government a heterogeneous mass of people to be molded into acceptance of Anglo-Saxon ideas. Second, 1776, when sovereignty was taken from the king and restored to man, whereby laws of nature it belonged, 1865, third, when a new definition by the issues of the civil war was given to the word "man." After the first date there was one hundred years of amalgamation; after the second date, there was one hundred years under a constitution that denied the full import of the declaration of independence which declared all men to be free and equal. Since the third date, America has recognized that the blessings of freedom are for all, regardless of birth, race or color.

The one hundred years preceding the revolution united the people of the several colonies for the supreme effort. It also in its inter-colonial wars, developed a self-confident soldiery and a score of field marshals, and, above all, it developed a hero who would strike the imagination and inspire the confidence of the revolting people, north and south. Without this hero it is doubtful whether the ill clad, poorly equipped, yeomanry of '76 could have brought the war to a successful close. A smile of derision in Europe greeted the plebeian array of American soldiers, without training, armed with clubs, crowbars, axes and guns, about to be pitted against the best trained army of Europe. When George Washington, placing himself at the head of these troops drew his sword and dedicated it to the cause of freedom, all Europe beheld the American army in the light of its leadership. They beheld no longer a weak, unorganized body of men, but a great mass of latent power about to become potential under the magical leadership of Washington. Any cause is interpreted by the character of its leadership. George Washington now symbolized the American cause in the field. One of the greatest services Washington rendered was to rescue the American

army from the ridiculous and make it respected abroad.

Washington greatness lay in this power to inspire confidence. He possessed character rather than genius. He was well poised in the midst of victories or defeat and accepted praise and censure with equal thanks. He was put to the severest tests by the efforts of those who would wound him by calumny, as well as by those who would crown him king. He refused to turn back when Gates, Conway, Lovell and Lee plotted his overthrow, with the help of a strong faction in the continental congress, and he refused to turn aside when with the army at his back a little later powerful influences offered to crown him king. Caesar put aside the crown "with the back of his hand." Washington thrust it aside palm outward, and it was never offered again. In all this he was actuated by a disinterested, unselfish devotion to his country. He loved his native land, rather than himself. Rank and nobility for himself and his children he eschewed that he might bestow perpetual happiness upon myriads of children yet unborn. Marlborough, England's greatest soldier, never planned a campaign that failed, and never fought a battle but to win. He was a greater soldier than Washington. The English speaking world are forgetting Marlborough. Marlborough drew pay for soldiers long in their graves, and appropriated it to his own use and stately monuments and a vast estate still live to remind the world of Marlborough. Washington refused pay for his services during the war, and landed estates that came to him subsequent thereto have been taken away in many instances by adverse decisions of our departments and courts, and there is nothing left of a material character erected by the hand of Washington to tell the world he ever lived. Marlborough's dog kennel is more stately and commodious than the Mt. Vernon home in all its equipment. Over the triumphal arch marking the entrance to the Marlborough estates is a Latin phrase inscribed to his genius, but the world has come to interpret it to mean "pride, avarice, shame." On the fleshy tablets of 80,000,000 human hearts is inscribed the name of Washington, which has come to be interpreted as "father of his country and its savior." And the name of Washington will grow upon human-

ity forever. When the silver queen of night dances out through the Golden Gate across the sea to hold midnight court with her Australian stars, there in barbarous archipelagoes, the tongues of infant nations are being taught to lip the name that was spoken by the earliest breath of the great republic that now gives light to these barbarous people.

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Dated at Medford, Oregon, February 18, 1910.

PIERRE L. HARRELL,  
Administratrix of the Estate of J. W. Harrell, Deceased.

W. E. PHIPPS,  
Attorney.

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