

The One Hundred and Seventy-Sixth Anniversary of Washington's Birth

George Washington was born on the banks of the Potomac, in Westmoreland county, Virginia, on February 22, 1732.

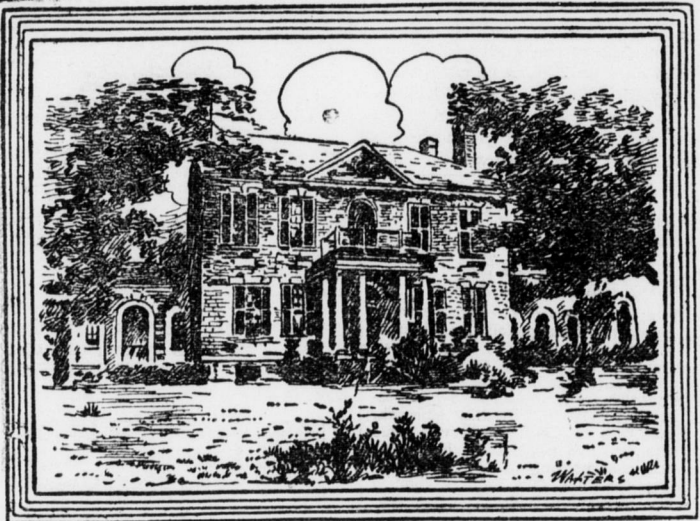
At the age of 16 he was a good surveyor and at 19 he was adjutant of one of the Virginia militia districts, with the rank of major.

At the age of 21 he was selected by Gov. Dinwiddie of Virginia as a "person of distinction," under orders of the British government, to demand an explanation of the French, who were forming settlements in the northwest and in the Mississippi valley.

At the age of 23 he was commissioned as colonel in the British army, and from that time, when as a "soldier of the king" he became distinguished on the field, until he took leave of

delivered over to the vestry on February 27, 1773, the construction having been begun January 1, 1767. Col. Washington was one of the first vestrymen of the church, and on the day that it was turned over by the builders he purchased pew No. 5 for the sum of £36 10 shillings, agreeing also to pay an annual rental of £5 for the same.

The church was consecrated by Bishop Claggett of Maryland on June 14, 1814. This ancient and historic edifice is still used as a place of worship. It is kept open every week day, and is annually visited by thousands. A small admission fee is charged for the purpose of defraying the expense of keeping it open to the public. In the rear of and on the south side is



Woodlawn Mansion, Westmoreland County, Virginia, One of Washington's Earliest Homes.

his officers on November 23, 1783, after having overthrown the royal government, he was the most important factor in the affairs of the new country.

Ending an eventful and successful military career, he retired to his home at Mount Vernon, Va., from which place in 1784 he wrote to Lafayette: "I have become a private citizen on the banks of the Potomac, and under the shadow of my own vine and fig tree, free from the bustle of the camp, . . . I am solacing myself with those tranquil enjoyments of which the soldier who is ever in pursuit of fame, the statesman . . . and the courtier . . . can have little conception."

At the time Washington wrote the quoted words to Lafayette he had no thought that he would be called as the president of the republic, the living reality of which he had created. But so, and on the 30th day of April, 1789, having been elected on the 6th day of the same month, he took the oath of office in New York city, having journeyed to that place from Mount Vernon in his private carriage.

Washington served his country as its first chief executive for a period of eight years—two terms—and declined a third term. No other president since Washington has enjoyed that distinction.

The national government, in conjunction with the states, has undertaken to do honor to his memory by making his birthday a national holiday and by erecting monuments of marble pointing skyward, but the grandest and most expressive tribute is embraced in the lettering: "First in War, First in Peace, First in the Hearts of His Countrymen," as chiseled on the statue which stands

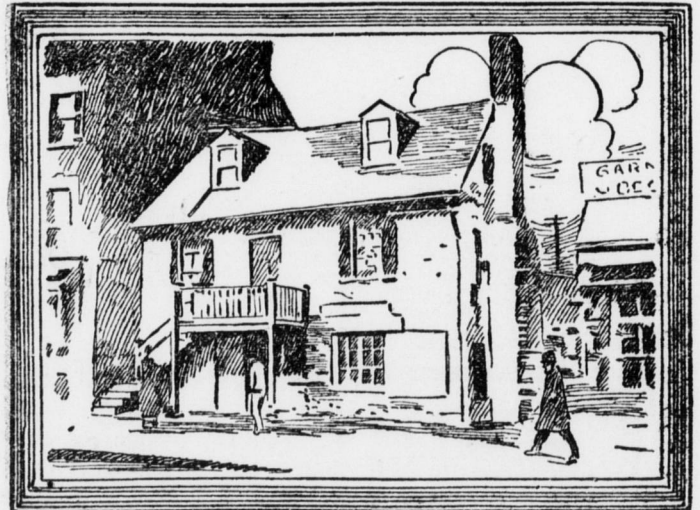
an old burial ground, and some very old tablets, antedating the construction of the church, are still standing, and are in a remarkable state of preservation.

The square pew, with open door, on the right of the pulpit and under the balcony, is pew No. 5, which was occupied by Col. Washington when attending services there until the date of his death; he never changed his membership from the church. A silver plate, bearing his autograph, is on the top of the pew door. Originally all the pews in the church were built in a square form, but later, with the exception of the Washington pew, were changed to the present-day style of construction.

On the east wall, under the balcony and to the right of the pulpit, is a memorial tablet placed to the memory of Gen. Washington.

A similar tablet, placed to the memory of Gen. Robert E. Lee, occupies similar space on the wall to the left of the pulpit. Gen. Lee was a vestryman of the church at the commencement of the civil war, and the pew occupied by him is across the aisle from and a little to the rear of the Washington pew. This pew is indicated by a silver plate showing his autograph.

Washington received his commission in 1755, as a colonel in the British army, from Gen. Braddock, in the Carlyle house, at Alexandria, Va. This house was erected in 1732 by John S. Carlyle on the brow of a hill, and its base rests on an old fort built in 1615 by Capt. John Smith on one of the occasions when he came up the Potomac to trade with the Indians. Originally the house was reached by a fine flight of stone steps from a beautiful lawn reaching to Fairfax street and adorned by 16 Lombardy poplars ar-



Washington's Headquarters While Directing Survey of Washington City, 1791.

on the plaza at the east of the capitol.

Washington was a very enthusiastic Mason, and was identified with the lodge in Alexandria, Va., which was chartered in 1783 under the Pennsylvania jurisdiction, but in 1788 it was rechartered as the Alexandria-Washington lodge, No. 22, and Washington was named as worshipful master in the charter.

Christ church, Alexandria, Va., Ivy and moss covered, was completed and

ranged in four parallel rows. The poplars and lawn have long since disappeared, and long ranges of rooms of the present Braddock house occupy their site, and the house is only visible to the public from the eastern or rear side.

It was also in this house that the unfortunate expedition against Fort Duquesne was arranged by Gen. Braddock and the governors of Maryland, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Virginia, in 1755.

SENATOR FILE CHARGES

AGAINST OHIO'S BOARD OF STATE SCHOOL EXAMINERS.

SAYS THAT CLIQUES EXIST.

Claims that Bosses Control the Cliques for Corrupt Purposes and that Ladies Have Been Insulted by Board's Members.

Columbus, O. — The joint committee for the investigation of the charges made by Senator Meek against the state board of school examiners met Thursday and outlined a plan of work. The investigation will begin next Monday. The committee decided to employ two attorneys of opposite politics and M. A. Daugherty, of Lancaster, was selected as the democratic counsel. Senator Meek handed the committee a list of 16 persons whom he desired to have as witnesses for his side.

Senator Meek filed written charges with the committee. The charges follow:

"I, the undersigned, make the following charges against the members of the board of state school examiners and the state commissioner of common schools of Ohio, to-wit:

"That cliques and organizations have existed and do now exist in the school system of the state of Ohio for improper influence in the selection of such school officials and for other corrupt purposes; that such cliques and organizations are under the dominion of bosses, who control said cliques for corrupt purposes.

"That school certificates have been improperly and irregularly issued by the state board of school examiners of Ohio; that members of said board have trafficked in such certificates or issued or promised to issue the same on consideration of receiving employment as lecturers before teachers' institutes in said state, or on other improper grounds.

"That members of said board of state school examiners of Ohio have insulted lady applicants for state school certificates in said state with immoral and licentious proposals, and while said lady applicants were being examined by said board of state school examiners for the purpose of obtaining state school certificates in said state."

ON A CHARGE OF PERJURY.

Ex-Gov. Voorhees, of New Jersey, Is Indicted by New York Grand Jury.

New York City. — Indictments alleging perjury were returned Thursday against ex-Governor of New Jersey Foster M. Voorhees and Frank H. Combes, following a grand jury inquiry into the acts of these two men while they were officials of the Bankers' Life Insurance Co.

A special grand jury, which is investigating a multitude of big financial transactions, made an incursion into the field of life insurance two weeks ago and Thursday's findings are the outcome. The Bankers' Life Insurance Co. went out of business some time ago and the allegations have to do with acts committed prior to 1905 and while Voorhees was president and Combes the secretary of the company.

In the indictments, which are similar, one being returned against each, it is charged that in 1904 the president and secretary swore falsely in setting forth in a report to the state insurance department that certain claimed dividends were not due to policyholders.

The company had headquarters in this city, but the indicted men are residents of New Jersey.

VIOLATION OF POSTAL LAWS

Is Alleged in a Suit Against an Express Company, Brought by the Government.

Cincinnati, O. — Violation of the postal laws by carrying first class mail matter was charged against the American Express Co. in a suit filed in the United States district court here Thursday by District Attorney McPherson.

This suit was the first gun in a campaign which the government proposes to wage against common carriers for carrying first class mail matter contrary to law.

In the information which Attorney McPherson filed he alleges that the American Express Co. on January 6 carried a letter from Belton, Tex., to Cincinnati. The letter was from Mrs. Will Brown, of Belton, and in it she ordered from a glove company 12 pairs of gloves and enclosed an express money order for \$2.47 in payment. McPherson claims the letter did not relate to the business of the express company and that the envelope did not bear a postage stamp as required by law. The penalty for violation of this provision of the federal statutes is \$100.

Congress.

Washington. — In the house on the 13th an interesting speech on the tariff was delivered by Champ Clark, of Missouri. General debate on the legislative appropriation bill was closed. The senate discussed the law governing the reserves of national banks, also the criminal code bill.

Wallace Wants to be Governor.

Kansas City, Mo. — Judge William H. Wallace, of the criminal court of this city, who has been making a vigorous campaign for Sunday observance, announces his candidacy for the democratic nomination for governor of Missouri. His platform declares for "the state wide enforcement of the Sunday and liquor laws."

He Helped Capture Wilkes Booth.

Chicago, Ill. — Col. Andrew Wendell, who was one of the band of soldiers which captured J. Wilkes Booth after the assassination of President Lincoln, died here Thursday.

LINCOLN, THE EMANCIPATOR.

ANNIVERSARY OF HIS BIRTH WAS FITTINGLY OBSERVED.

Political Organizations in Many Cities Honored the Memory of the War President.

Grand Rapids, Mich. — The Lincoln club banquet here last night was a brilliant success. It was held in the furniture exposition building and more than 2,000 persons occupied seats at the table. The hall was elaborately decorated, and as a compliment to Ambassador Jusserand, of France, French colors were mingled with the American.

United States Senator William Alden Smith was toastmaster. The speakers were Ambassador Jusserand, Congressman George Foss, Secretary of War Taft, Gov. Guild, of Massachusetts, and Director John Barrett, of the bureau of American republics at Washington.

Detroit, Mich. — Melville E. Ingalls, of Cincinnati, chairman of the board of the Big Four railroad, made the address of the evening at the banquet last night of the Bankers' Club of Detroit. Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Leslie M. Shaw, who early in the evening made an address in Ypsilanti, 35 miles away, was hurried into the city in a special car and made a brief talk to the bankers.

Pittsburg, Pa. — With four United States senators, as many congressmen and several hundred of the most prominent business men of the Pittsburg district in attendance, the annual Lincoln birthday banquet of the Pittsburg chamber of commerce was held at the Hotel Schenley here last night. The dinner was very successful and the chief address was delivered by Senator Knox, of Pennsylvania. The other speakers and guests were: Senators Dolliver, Iowa; Thomas H. Carter, Montana; Boies Penrose, Pennsylvania, and Congressman J. Sloat Fasset, of New York. Three congressmen of this district, James F. Burke, Dr. Barchfield and W. H. Graham, were also present.

Washington, D. C. — The ninety-ninth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln was fittingly celebrated here last night at the Church of Our Father under the joint auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic and the United States Historical society, assisted by the Women's Relief Corps. Among the noted men who delivered addresses on the different phases of the life of the martyred president were Vice President Fairbanks, Speaker Cannon, Secretary Wilson, Associate Justice Harlan, of the supreme court of the United States, and others.

Hon. James Bryce, the British ambassador to the United States, and Justice Brewer, of the United States supreme court, were among the speakers at the annual banquet of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion which last night celebrated the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

New York City. — Three democratic nominees for the governorship of New York state in past campaigns spoke last night at the Lincoln birthday celebration held at the National Democratic club. The three speakers were ex-Judge Cady Herrick, John B. Stanchfield and ex-Justice Augustus A. Van Wyck.

President's Roosevelt's last message to congress was characterized as "the address of a ruler, thoroughly imbued with the feeling that the king can do no wrong," by ex-Judge Herrick.

STARCH MIXER EXPLODED.

Five Men Killed and a Property Loss of \$100,000 at Providence, R. I.

Providence, R. I. — Five persons are believed to have been killed by the explosion of a starch mixer in the starch factory of C. S. Tanner late Wednesday afternoon. Three other persons were injured. Their condition is not serious. The building was badly wrecked by the explosion, and fire following completed the work of destruction. The dead:

- Richard Gomes.
- John Dault.
- Tony _____.
- Mike _____.

All these were workmen. Another man, A. L. Chase, who was in a chandlery store which occupied a corner of the building, is missing and is supposed to be buried in the ruins.

Three colored men who were passing the building at the time were hit by bricks and pieces of mortar and also suffered from burns from quantities of hot starch, which was sprinkled liberally about the neighborhood.

The cause of the explosion remains to be determined. Mr. Tanner intimated that it may have been due to a spark from defective electric light wiring igniting the starch mixer prematurely. In the room when the explosion occurred were the four workmen, Gomes, Dault and two others known only as Tony and Mike. It is supposed that they were instantly killed and their bodies incinerated by the fire.

The property loss is about \$100,000.

Congress.

Washington. — In the senate on the 12th Senator Rayner, of Maryland, made a speech in opposition to the Aldrich financial bill. The criminal code bill was considered for two hours. The house passed the Indian appropriation bill and several speeches on the tariff and the president's recent message were made.

Bank Burglars Stole \$23,000.

Rich Hill, Mo. — Securing about \$23,000 in cash after dynamiting and wrecking the \$9,000 building of the Farmers and Merchants' bank in this city five bandits terrorized the city here early Wednesday morning and escaped.

A Thousand Miners Strike.

Duquoin, Ill. — Following a very stormy meeting between the miners and operators 1,000 miners went on strike here Wednesday. The trouble originated over the price of powder which the operators have been selling to the miners.

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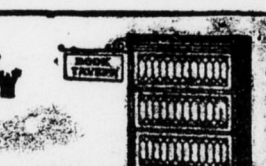
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