



A PORTRAIT BY JOHN TRUMBULL, 1796.

As a member of Washington's staff during the war, Trumbull had an opportunity to see the General during some of the most trying and important incidents of his career. His paintings uniformly show Washington in action, and are full of fire. Many contemporaries gave Trumbull first place for likeness.

Eloquent Tributes to Washington— The Father of his Country

BORN upon our soil—of parents also born upon it—never for a moment having had sight of the old world—instructed according to the modes of his time, only in the spare, plain, but wholesome elementary knowledge which our institutions provide for the children of the people—growing up beneath and penetrated by the genuine influences of

of her expiring life. About and around him we call up no dissentient, discordant and dissatisfied elements, no sectional prejudice or bias, no party, no creed, no dogma of politics. None of these shall assail him. Yes, when the storm of battle grows darkest and rages highest, the memory of Washington shall nerve every American arm and cheer every American heart. It shall reilluminate that Promethean fire, that sublime flame of patriotism, that devoted love of country which his words have commended, which his example has consecrated.

THE ATHENAEUM PORTRAIT OF WASHINGTON.



By Gilbert Stuart.

After painting the crowned heads of Europe, Stuart confessed that he lost his self-possession when Washington first sat for him. The first attempt was a failure. He afterwards painted several portraits of which this is unquestionably the best.

American society—living from infancy to manhood and age amidst our expanding, but not luxurious civilization—partaking in our great destiny of labor, our long contest with unclaimed nature and uncivilized man—our agony of glory, the War of Independence—our great victory of peace, the formation of the union, and the establishment of the constitution—he is all, all our own. Washington is ours."

The foregoing was written by Daniel Webster in regard to the Father of His Country. "He was the first man of the time in which he grew," wrote Rufus Choate. "His memory is first and most sacred in our love; and ever, hereafter, till the last drop of blood shall freeze in the last American heart, his name shall be a spell of power and might. There is one personal, one vast, felicity which no man can share with him. It was the daily beauty and towering and matchless glory of his life which enabled him to create his country, and at the same time secure an undying love and regard from the whole American people. Undoubtedly there were brave and wise and good men before his day in every colony. But the American nation as a nation, I do not reckon to have begun before 1774, and the first love of that young America was Washington. The first word she breathed spoke it. It is still her proud ejaculation. It will be the last gasp

pass into Europe, to cost France her American colonies, to sever ours from us and create the great Western republic; to rage over the Old World when extinguished in the New; and, of all the myriads engaged in the vast contest, to leave the prize of the greatest fame with him who struck the first blow."

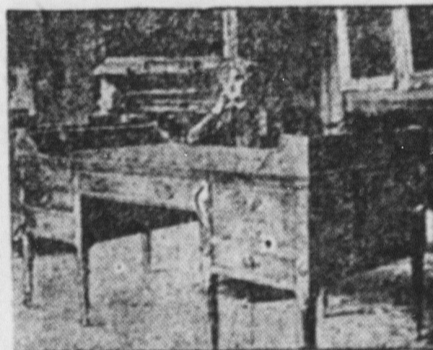
As to the esteem and affection in which the name and character of Washington were held one cannot do better than quote Lafayette, who wrote from France as follows:

"Were you but such a man as Julius Caesar, or the King of Prussia, I should almost be sorry for you at the end of the great tragedy where you are acting such a part. But, with my dear general, I rejoice at the blessings of a peace when our noble ends have been secured. Remember our Valley Forge times; and, from a recollection of past dangers and labors, we shall be still more pleased at our present comfortable situation. I cannot but envy the happiness of my grandchildren, when they will be about celebrating and worshipping your name. To have one of their ancestors among your soldiers, to know he had the good fortune to be the friend of your heart, will be the eternal honor in which they shall glory."

The poet Shelley, aboard an American ship, drinking to the health of Washington and the prosperity of the American commonwealth, remarked: "As a warrior and statesman he was righteous in all he did, unlike all who lived before or since; he never used his power, but for the benefit of his fellow creatures."

The origin of Washington's birthday as a holiday is stated as follows: On February 22, 1783, a number of gentlemen met in a New York tavern to celebrate the great general's birthday. They then agreed to assemble in future on that day, celebrating it with odes and toasts. Washington's ascendancy shortly after to the Presidency gave a new zest to the "annual," so that in time, it became general, and finally grew into a "legal holiday," the people demanding it for a custom.

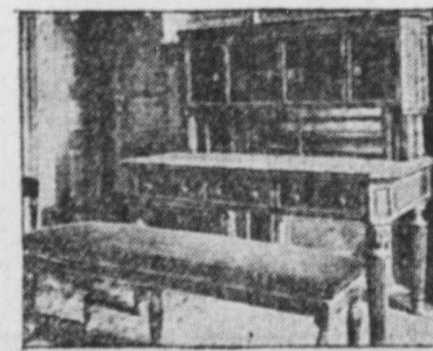
WASHINGTON RELICS IN NEW YORK CITY.



WASHINGTON'S WRITING TABLE

Now in City Hall. It was the most important piece of furniture in the President's office at Federal Hall, in Wall Street.

WASHINGTON'S DESK AND DESK SEAT.



Now in City Hall. At this desk the Father of His Country is said to have penned his first message to Congress.

WASHINGTON'S PRAYER AT VALLEY FORGE.



Dumb for himself, unless it were to God, But for his barefoot soldiers eloquent.

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Latest News Gleaned From Various Parts.

In a dense fog two trolley cars on the Lehigh Valley Transit Company collided on the Board Street Bridge, Bethlehem. The fronts of both cars were badly wrecked, both motormen escaping injury. Margaret Krause, who was on her way to school, was badly bruised.

The Bucks County Medical Society at its Winter meeting at Newtown adopted a resolution urging the members of the Legislature to sustain the present compulsory vaccination laws.

The Doylestown Board of Trade has reorganized by electing Robert L. Clymer, president; Joseph K. Musselman, vice president; Edward G. Case, secretary, and John Yardley, treasurer.

The jury of view appointed to assess damages for the proposed opening of Fifth Street, Chester, gave to the Young Men's Christian Association \$7,000 and the Eyre estate \$99. The jury refused to award damages to the Patterson Mill Company.

Adam Wehr, of Creasy, was found by railroaders along the Pennsylvania Railroad near Creasy, with both feet frozen. He was taken to Wilkes-Barre on the Philadelphia flyer and is now at the City Hospital.

A Southbound Delaware & Hudson freight train crashed into the rear of a work train at Jermy. Engineer Carlson and brakeman Frank Gallagher, of the freight train, were so badly injured that they probably will die.

Governor Stuart issued a requisition on Governor Hughes, of New York, for the return to Williamsport of Harry Schack, under arrest at Elmira, on the charge of enticing minor children.

The Northampton grand jury presented to court a recommendation that the county prison be enlarged. The average number of prisoners five years ago was seventy-five, but there has been such a rapid increase in commitments that the daily average now is 120.

Camp Hill, Cumberland County, has awarded a contract for the construction of a new school building which will cost \$12,000.

Andy Monar, a coal miner at Windber, Blair County, to win a \$10 bet walked three miles barefooted through the snow with the weather zero cold. He went to work next day.

The Reading Company's Sterling mine is now lighted by electricity, the company having installed a plant at the colliery. Portions of the interior are made light as day and officials and miners are elated over the introduction of the new illuminant. The Sterling, the North Franklin and Enterprise collieries are the only ones having the light, which is so much superior over the old miner lamp, that officials say all the Reading Company's collieries will be illuminated with electricity.

At the Winter meeting of the Lehigh Valley Medical Society, at Bethlehem, the doctors adopted a resolution protesting against the action of nurses in fixing their minimum rate at \$25 a week. The doctors also indorsed the passage of a bill now before the State Legislature establishing a new medical council for the purpose of examining and licensing practitioners of medicine. Dr. Charles McIntyre, of Easton, president of the society, presided at the meeting, which was followed by a banquet. Papers were read by Dr. E. M. Green, of Easton, on "Pneumonia"; Dr. Fred C. Selberlin, of Allentown, on "Observations During Forty Years of Practice"; Dr. H. A. Wilson, of Philadelphia, on "Modern Tendencies in the Treatment of Boer Tuberculosis."

Hugh Garren, while opening oysters in a South Bethlehem restaurant, found three good-sized pearls in three successive oysters he opened. A gem broker valued the pearls at \$200.

William Corbett, of South Scranton, brewery wagon driver, killed himself in a cell in the Southside Prison Station House. He cut his throat with the jagged edge of a pair of handcuffs and then with his fingers tore open the wound so that his blood gushed out in a stream. Corbett was suffering from delirium tremens, following a long debauch, and had been locked up in the cell at his own request.

A miners' train of four cars left the track and turning turtle rolled down a steep embankment between Reiner City and Brookside. A score of miners and boys, who were in the cars, were badly bruised, but not seriously hurt. These trains use coal stoves, which were upset when the cars toppled over and quickly set fire to the coaches, the red-hot coals thrown about also setting fire to the clothing of the passengers before they could climb out of the cars. Several were painfully burned. The fire was extinguished with snow. The accident is directly attributable to the intense cold which pervaded the region the past few days. The frost caused a rail to snap as the locomotive passed over it. The engine left the tracks and cars followed, the swaying of the coaches causing them to overturn as they went down the embankment. Stones and stumps of trees did not stop them as they were torn and crushed into a mass of wreckage.

Amos Jones, a professional hunter, was arrested by Game Warden Lowry at Lake Ariel and fined \$175. Jones, who lives at Lake Ariel, shot seven ruffed grouse on November 7. The price received for the game was disproportionate to the fine he has to pay, which with the lawyer fees will amount to \$200, and he is a very indignant man.

Between Paxinos and Snydertown a Reading freight train bound for Tamnaga collided with a work train, a number of trainmen having narrow escapes from being killed. Several cars were wrecked, also a locomotive.

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STANDING GUARD IN AFRICA.

However dull campaigning in Africa may be, no one could reasonably complain of guard duty by night on that score. In his book, "Campaigning on the Upper Nile," Lieutenant Vandeleur quotes a few entries from the records of a post commander. The entries, it is true, present great uniformity, but they are of themselves sufficiently exciting.

April 19th. Lion visited camp during night and carried off woman.

April 20th. Lion came again and took another woman.

April 21st. Lion carried off Bunyora man. Seen by patrols and fired at. He visited cattle-house, and was wounded by guard.

April 22d. Section went out to look for lion and found him near river. Badly wounded, but very fierce. Was killed and brought into camp.

April 24th. Another lion (probably lioness) visited camp last night, and carried off Nubian child. Was seen by patrols and fired at.

April 25th. Lioness came again, and went to cattle-house, where guard fired at and wounded her. One of the shots struck house at considerable distance, and entered thigh of Nubian woman, where it still remains. Woman apparently little the worse.

Forster told me that he found that the tracks of the lions passed one night two yards from the door of my house. As the door was made only of grass and could easily have been pushed down, I congratulated myself on not having been at home.

Lions had never been heard of here before, and it was an extraordinary circumstance that they should have come here through the dense grass and undergrowth. Precisely the same thing happened at Kitawa in July, when a lion visited the place three nights running, taking a child the first night, a woman the next, and a child on the third night, when I happened to be camping there on my return from Lake Albert.

An Ivory Mat.

Many people have never even heard of such a thing and it is not to be wondered at, for these mats are exceedingly rare, and it is said by those who know that only three of these beautiful curiosities exist in the whole world. The one we now write about is the largest one made. It measures eight by four feet, and though made in a small hill State in the north of India, has an almost Greek design for its border. It was only used on State occasions, when the rajah sat on it to sign important documents. The original cost of the mat is fabulous, for 6000 pounds of ivory must have been taken off the tusks, as the mat is as flexible as a woven stuff and beautifully fine.—London Graphic.

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