

THE FIRST PORTRAIT OF WASHINGTON.



This picture was painted in 1772 by Charles Willson Peale, the father of Rembrandt Peale, and usually known as the Elder Peale. It shows Washington in the uniform of a British colonial colonel. The original painting is now in the possession of Washington and Lee University.—The Booklover's Magazine.

A George Washington Box.

By MILDRED NORMAN.

"If you did not know what to do, what would you do?" This is what Lina asked Sister Emma after she had leaned on her elbows and looked out of the window five minutes without speaking.

"I would think and think until I thought of something," replied Sister Emma, half closing her book to take a look at her little sister.

"And if you could not think—"

"I would ask every one I met until I found something."

Lina began to smile. "I'll begin with you, sister."

Sister Emma dropped her book, and laughed merrily. "Wise little maid," she said.

Then she took Lina on her lap and they talked it all over. Talked over what? Why, Lina's party. Mamma had told her that she might have a George Washington party.

The next day a box was spied on the hall table with "Washington" in large letters on it. Each member of the family was asked to put in an idea for a Washington party.

Bertram, Lina's brother, thought of something so funny that he had to kick off his shoes and dance a jig before he wrote it. It was just one word, "Hatchets."

Johnny could not think of anything, so he looked in the box. When he saw "Hatchets," he wrote, "Cherry-trees," for he thought cherry-trees would be as good for a party as hatchets.

Phil looked in, and said, "Poo! I can do better than that," and he wrote, "Orange Pudding."

Mamma looked in, and she said, "Whoever could make a party out of hatchets and cherry-trees? Orange pudding, though, is a good idea. I will make the pudding." So mamma wrote that.

Papa looked in, and he wrote, "Nuts and Goodies."

Sister came last and she wrote, "A Thinking-cap."

Then Lina opened the box and Sister Emma matched the ideas together and made a party of them.

When the little friends arrived on the afternoon of the 23d of February the box stood on the hall table, and Johnnie stood beside it, with a red sash tied over his white blouse, looking very gay. He invited each guest to put his hand into the box and take out what he found.

George Washington himself, Bertram, stood just inside the door, and showed each guest to seat.

When they opened the parcels each found that he held in his hand a hatchet. Some were red, some white and some blue.

Then Sister Emma, Lady Wash-

ton, came in, and said that there were six trees on the wall, and one was a cherry-tree, and the first one who discovered it would have the first chance to use his hatchet on it.

Roy Gardner found it first. Lady Washington tied a handkerchief over his eyes and told him to see how near he could come to putting the hatchet



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in the chopped place in the cherry-tree.

Roy walked off bravely, chopping right and left with his pasteboard hatchet, and pinned it up on the other side of the room. You may be sure there was a merry laugh over that.

Dolly Dean did a great deal better, for she only left it in the top of the tree.

Willie, Dolly's brother, said he knew he could hit the right place, but he hung it on the roots.

Annie Mable placed it exactly. "I saw that it was just so high, right in front of me," Annie explained, "and when Lady Washington turned me around three times, I said to myself, 'It is just so high, right in front of me, and it was.'"

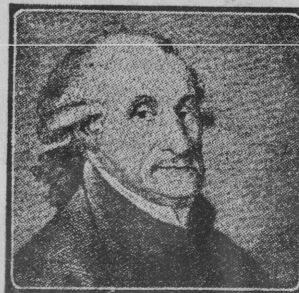
After that they played hide the hatchet, and chase the hatchet, until every one was glad to sit down and spell the hatchet. Willie Dean spelled more words than any one else. Willie was a good speller.

Then Lady Washington said they might match hatchets by the numbers on them. That was fun!

Two by two they marched out to supper, singing "Yankee Doodle," with their hatchets pinned to their shoulders.

If you want to know how good a time they had, try a Washington box yourself.

AN UNUSUAL WASHINGTON.



Painted in 1789 by Christian Gulager, to whom Washington gave but one sitting. Rev. Jeremy Belknap pronounced it a "very good likeness." The original is now in the possession of Mrs. Arthur Cochran, Chateau de Laufenburg, Grand Duchy of Baden.—The Booklover's Magazine.

Named After Washington.

One State and some sixty-odd counties, cities, towns, rivers, lakes and water courses perpetuate Washington's name on the map. All the Caesars and Napoleons who carved up Europe left no such reminders of their transitory greatness. Alexander, after twenty centuries, left nothing like it.

As a city maker the capital which bears his name remains as his monument. It was his project and he was its founder. Had he any idea of the country's future development into metropolitan districts? Did he foresee even vaguely a time of city dominance in national affairs such as is now threatened?

The possibility of a community within a ten-mile radius of New York's City Hall greater than the entire population of the young Republic was then undreamed of. If the infant nation could have received from Washington and his counselors some provision for its physical growth, if some part of the consideration bestowed on its political future could have been given to the establishment of safeguards for the restraint of menacing movements of population, would not the restriction have been beneficial?

There has arisen a need for barriers to preserve the balance of power between city and country which the Fathers of the Republic had no means of foreseeing. — New York Evening World.

Mightiest Name on Earth.

Washington is the mightiest name on earth. Long since mightiest in the cause of civil liberty; still mightiest in moral reform. On that name no eulogy is expected. It cannot be. To add brightness to the sun or glory to the name of Washington is alike impossible. Let none attempt it. In solemn awe pronounce the name, and in its naked deathless splendor leaving it shining on.—Abraham Lincoln.

Seal Put Upon His Glory.

If virtue can secure happiness in another world, he is happy. In this the seal is put upon his glory. It is no longer in jeopardy from the fickleness of fortune.—Alexander Hamilton.

A Tribute to Washington.

The most illustrious and beloved personage this country ever produced.—John Adams.

UNWRITTEN HISTORY.



Papa Washington — "George, Neighbor Fairfax has reported to me that he has lost some of his choice apples. Now, do you know—"

George—"Now, see here, father, just because I acknowledged that cherry tree racket, you needn't think I'm going to own up to all the deviltry committed in the neighborhood."

Saint-Gaudens' Memories.

"Ecstatic, dream-like playing and picking of flowers in the twilight among the graves of an old burying ground, just over the fence from the first house I have any vision of, blended with similar ecstatic enjoyment of the red wheels of the locomotive in some journey out of New York, are my first impressions, vaguely discerned in the gray, filmy cobweb of the past.

"But soon we went to the Bowery, whence delightful reminiscences of the smell of cake in the bakery at the corner of the street, and of the stewed peaches of the German family in the same house, have followed me through life."—From "The Reminiscences of Augustus Saint-Gaudens," in the Century.

Mark Twain on Books.

A young girl once asked Mark Twain if he liked books for Christmas gifts.

"Well, that depends," drawled the great humorist. "If a book has a leather cover it is really valuable as a razor strop. If it is a brief, concise work, such as the French write, it is useful to put under the short leg of a wabby table. An old-fashioned book, with a clasp, can't be beat as a missile to hurl at a dog, and a large book, like a geography, is as good as a piece of tin to nail over a broken pane of glass."—Philadelphia Ledger.

What Jefferson Said of Washington.

Perhaps the strongest feature in his character was prudence, never acting until every circumstance, every consideration, was maturely weighed; refraining if he saw a doubt, but when once decided, going through with his purpose, whatever obstacles opposed. His integrity was most pure, his justice the most inflexible I have ever known, no motives of interest or consanguinity, of friendship or hatred, being able to bias his decision. He was, indeed, in every sense of the words, a wise, a good and a great man.—Thomas Jefferson.

One of the World's Worthies.

In war we have produced a Washington, whose memory will be adored while liberty shall have a votary, whose name shall triumph over time, and will in future ages assume its just place among the most celebrated worthies of the world.—Thomas Jefferson.

Washington Never Swerved.

Love of country in him was invested with the sacred obligation of a duty, and from the faithful discharge of this duty he never swerved for a moment, either in thought or deed, through the whole period of his eventful career.—Jared Sparks.

Washington First of His Time.

He was the first man of the time in which he grew. 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 of might.—Rufus Choate.

The Flag of Washington.



Fling out, fling out, with cheer and shout, To all the winds Our Country's Banner! Be every bar and every star Displayed in full and glorious manner! Blow, zephyrs, blow! Keep the dear ensign flying! Blow, zephyrs, sweetly mournful—sighing, sighing, sighing! —Abraham Coles, in Christian Herald.

PENNSYLVANIA

Interesting Items from All Sections of the Keystone State.

SHORTEN THE DISTANCE
New Franklin & Clearfield Line Makes Quite a Cut-Off in Chicago Route.

Oil City.—The new Franklin & Clearfield railroad, designed to shorten the distance between New York and Chicago over the New York Central system, is completed to within two miles of Brookville and it is expected trains will be running over it in a few months.

The line was projected as a freight road between Polk, on the Oil City branch of the Lake Shore and Clearfield. Traffic arrangements will be made with the Low Grade division of the Pennsylvania railroad from Brookville to Falls Creek and with the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh road from Falls Creek to Clearfield, where connections will be made with the Beech Creek branch of the New York Central lines.

The new road, when finished, will be 111 miles long.

SIX OFFICERS INDICTED
Venango County Stirred by Grand Jury's Action.

Franklin.—The grand jury completed its investigation concerning the maintenance of Venango county's poor. The importance of the report is indicated by the fact that Judge George S. Criswell has called a special session of criminal court for the first Monday in March in order that the accused persons may have an early trial. Otherwise the cases would have to go over until the last week in April. Those indicted are: County Commissioner H. H. Baumgardner of Oil City; Mrs. Baumgardner, Homer Sutton, Mrs. Sutton, Roy Sutton and William Small. The charges cover alleged indiscretions committed in the poor house. The board of county commissioners is also severely scored.

LITTLE GIRL KILLS HERSELF
Explodes Revolver in Play and Sends Bullet into Brain.

Greensburg.—"Papa, I'm going to shoot!" laughingly shouted 8-year-old Mary Flain to her father, Henry Flain, a miner of Bolivar, as she placed a .38-caliber revolver to her head and pulled the trigger. The bullet penetrated the brain and the child died instantly.

FALLS OUT OF CELLAR
Man and Refrigerator Drops Thirty Feet Below the Floor.

Wilkes-Barre.—Miles Lamoreaux, employed by Dr. E. R. Teitworth, at Luzerne, was sent down cellar to fix the furnace. Suddenly the concrete floor gave way and the young man and refrigerator dropped 30 feet into a mine opening.

Westmoreland Wants Good Roads.
New Kensington.—All Western Westmoreland county is displaying keen interest in the good roads movement started by the New Kensington Business Men's association. Efforts are being made to establish good highways as those in Allegheny county and good roads petitions, started by the New Kensington councils, are being circulated. The borough council has instructed engineers to survey the Freepport road, the first to be improved.

Shifting Lumber Catches Man.
Kittanning.—Held a prisoner for half an hour by the sudden shifting of lumber on a car that was being moved, James Henry, a brakeman, was painfully injured at the Kittanning plate glass works. He was standing on the platform of the car when the lumber slid in such a way that his arm was caught and severely crushed. Much lumber had to be removed before the man could be released.

Fireman Charged With Intoxication.
Connellsville.—Charged with going to a fire while under the influence of liquor, M. J. King, chief of the Connellsville fire department, was suspended by Chairman Wallace, of the public safety committee, and ordered to appear before that committee for a hearing.

Fifty More Coke Ovens Fired.
Connellsville.—Fifty coke ovens of the H. C. Frick Coke Company were fired at the Alice works. Further blocks of 50 are to be fired until the works are in operation to their full capacity. Preparations are being made to fire the Mullen works, 82 ovens, at Stauffer.

QUARANTINE AT BUTLER
State Authorities Take Steps to Prevent Spread of Smallpox.

Harrisburg.—Smallpox has been brought into this state from Iowa and the department of health has established a quarantine because of two cases in Butler county. One is in Wickboro and the other in Plum Tree township, both being traceable to a visit from a girl living in Iowa.

Both parties concealed the cases until they were in a postula state and may die.

LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

Harrisburg.—Representative Holland of Washington county presented in the legislature a bill amending the Pennsylvania constitution so as to permit women to vote.

The house passed "Farmer" Cressy's resolution calling upon the auditor general to show how much revenue the State has lost by the enactment two years ago of the law to tax, not the market or actual value of trust company stock, but its face value.

Representative Martin of Mercer offered a resolution barring ex-members of the legislature or others from lobbying on the floors or in the corridors of the house. On any one member's request the sergeant-at-arms may eject them.

The senate passed finally the Lang-fitt sealers of weights and measures bill and the three measures prepared by Controller Cunningham, providing for a county sinking fund commission, authorizing the controller, commissioners and treasurer to select county depositories and permitting clerks in the county controller's office to administer oaths. These four bills have not been considered by the house.

Harrisburg.—The house passed finally the following bills:

Regulating the practice of osteopathy (the State Osteopathic association's bill).

Providing for levying a tax to erect and maintain suitable buildings for fire apparatus in first class townships. Empowering any taxpayer of any township, borough, poor or school district, upon providing for costs, to appear in behalf of such municipality to the common pleas courts from the judgment of any justice or alderman against such municipality.

Providing for the perpetual care and preservation of burial grounds and cemeteries.

Authorizing parties in interest or their counsel to themselves select auditors and masters needed in judicial proceedings, except in divorce cases. Authorizing the governor to prescribe in orders the organization of the national guard to conform to the United States regulations governing organized and volunteer militia.

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Prohibiting the sale or offering for sale of eggs unfit for food.

Regulating the manufacture and sale of lard and lard compounds.

Regulating the sale of cold storage poultry, game and eggs. (Part of the set of seven pure food bills backed by the dairy and food division.)

Amending the act of March 31, 1860, by further restricting the sale of carbolic acid.

Joint resolution to amend articles 5, 5, 8, 12 and 14 of the constitution as adopted by the legislature of 1907 and published last year.

Harrisburg.—Governor Stuart signed the following bills:

To enable the state battlefield memorial commission to erect the state monument at Gettysburg.

Making an appropriation of \$90,000 to defray cost of fighting foot and mouth disease.

Making an appropriation of \$40,000 to the attorney general's department to pay for counsel fees and expenses in capitol and other cases, in which the state is a party.

To provide four extra clerks to senate and four to house committees.

MONEY FOR BRYN MAWR
Alumnae Raise \$100,000 of the \$380,000 Required to Secure \$250,000 More.

Philadelphia.—At the annual meeting of the Bryn Mawr Alumnae association, held at the college, the first \$100,000 of the \$500,000 the association has undertaken to raise for the endowment fund was handed over to the college treasurer and much optimism was expressed regarding the ability of the alumnae to raise the remainder within the stipulated time, viz., before June 30, 1910.

The alumnae are stimulated in their efforts by the offer of the trustees of the Rockefeller general education fund to contribute \$250,000 to the endowment of the institution, provided \$380,000 (including the \$100,000 already contributed by the alumnae) be secured for it by the date mentioned, making \$630,000 in all, of which \$130,000 shall be used to pay existing indebtedness, the remainder to be held intact as a permanent endowment.

Men Made Idle by Fire.
Latrobe.—Over 200 men were thrown out of employment through the destruction by fire of the boiler house at the Latrobe Coal and Coke Company's plant. The loss is several thousand dollars, covered by insurance. When the blaze was discovered by the night watchman it had gained great headway, and the firemen directed their efforts to saving the tipples. It is thought operations can be resumed next week.

Salisbury.—At a meeting of prominent women of Salisbury and vicinity at the home of Mrs. H. C. W. Patterson an organization was perfected to establish a free library, with the following officers: President, Miss Ethel Fair; secretary, Miss Bessie Drummond; treasurer, Mrs. T. R. Johnston.

New Castle.—Phillip Gibbons, a farmer near Pertersville, discovered a lighted candle set in the hay loft in such a position it would soon have fired the barn.