





been greater generals, there have been as great statesmen, there have been men who combined both capacities perhaps in as high a degree in their acts done in the broad light of publicity But no one comes to mind who during his lifetime exercised so great an influence upon his country. Of him it was true that he can best govern others who has learned to govern himself. There is scarcely another personage in history who was at once as particit as the enthusiast, yielding nothing in fervor for country to the impulsive Patrick Henry, and yet preserving that tranquillity which kept his mental vision unobscured by passion and unrick Henry, and yet preserving that tranquillity which kept his mental vision unobscured by passion and unclouded by the dreams of zealots, equal newisdom and calmness of judgment is an architect of states to his illustrius associate, James Madison.

Aspiring to the loftiest ideas of free

OUR FIRST PRESIDENT.

Great as a Statesman But Greater as a Citizen.

dom, independence, prosperity, propers, and happiness, his was nevertheless a moderation which kept in viethat which was attainable practical, and he never reached for the will-o-th wisps which dazzle the imagination

descent, and the maryone. It at the states were all pulling in different directions and the body which had been held together, apparently with reluctance, under the pressure of foreign invasion, bid fair to be dissolved into its original units, it was the personal influence of Washington that contributed more than any one cause to a happy solution of the serious difficulties. When the state of Virginia, after her heroic conduct in the beginning of the revolution and throughout the war and her noble sacrifice in yielding to the confederation her vast northwest territory, was on the point of frustrating all that had gone before by refusing to accede to the constitution submitted to the states for ratification, it was the influence of Washington that saved that great state for the cause of the union and thus saved the union itself. Not taking part in the debates of the legislature or the subsequent convention, he was active nevertheless, by writing to his friend and answering inquiries from numer cus citizens until the ratification was carried against the violent exertion of some of the ablest of Virginia's re

at work among the people that his unique position in history stands out most clearly. The personal element is always stronger than that of an abstract idea in political movements. It refay be fairly doubted, and is netually doubted by the highest historical authority, if the new government could have been established on broad national lines merely on the strength of its inherent virtue, had there not been back of it the heroic figure of Washington. The new plan of government being a compromise between conflicting interests and modes of thought met with dissatisfaction, in some particular, almost everywhere, but there was abroad among the people the feeling, sometimes clearly expressed but generally remaining in an indistinct form, that whatever there was unsatisfactory in the plan was bound to work out well in the hands of Washington. This unbounded trust in the people's hero had designated him for the first executive long before the constitution itself was ratified, and but for this faith in the one man we might not have had the nation of the United States of America, but in its stead several disjointed confederacies. With perfect propriety could the Italian patriot Alicri greet Washington with the words: "Happy are you who have for the sublime and permanent basis of your glory the love of country demonstrated by deeda." And it was not merely local feeling, but fairly represented the universal sentiment of the people which found expression in the parting words of his neighbors of Alexandria when he left them on his journey to New York to enter upon his duties as president of the United States: "Farewell, and make a grateful people happy; and may the Being who maleth and unmaketh at His will, restore to us again the best of men and the most beloved fellow-citizen."

It is customary to speak of Washington in his public capacity of commander-in-chief or of president. It may be well, therefore, to have called attention to the signature of his life, full of glory and heroism though it was, did Washington was prefer

A TRUE SOLUTION.



riot—Say, little boy, do you know Washington crossed the Dela-

-Wanted to get on the other reckon.—Texas Siftings.

An Exception.

'No truly great man ever yet
Confessed 'I can't,' my lad,''
So sagely spake a father to his son.
The hopeful answered: "Don't forget
That little story, Dad,
You used to tell about George W sh

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Monte Carlo, Feb. 15.—A quantity of jewels belonging to Miss Ward, an American, have been stolen from her apartments in a hotel here.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 14.—Rev. Percy Barnes of Yantic has accepted the call to the pastorate of Grace Episcopal church of this city. He will begin his work here next Sunday.

Washington, Feb. 14.—The contract for building the new revenue cutter to be stationed on the Pacific coast has been awarded to Cramp & Son of Philadelphia at their bid of \$198,000.

Albany, Feb. 15.—Gov. Morton has

McAndrews, Whitehaven; Sarah A. Bachman, Slatington.
Washington, Feb. 15.—The president has approved the joint resolution recently passed by congress granting the local committee of arrangements permission to use the reservation south of the executive mansion, known as the White House lot, for the purpose of erecting three great tents, seating about 10,000 persons each, for the meeting places of the fifteenth international Christian Endeavor convention, which

about 10,000 persons each, for the meeting places of the fifteenth international Christian Endeavor convention, which meets in this city next July.

Boston, Feb. 15.—A cable dispatch from the European Union of Astronomers to Messrs. Chandler and Ritchie announced the discovery of a comet by Perrine at Nice. The object was observed at Kiel in the following position: February 13, 7082, Greenwich mean time, right ascension 19 hours, 44 minutes, 47.9 seconds; declination south, 2 degrees, 22, minutes, 38 seconds. The last comet discovered by Perrine in November is still visible to astronomers.

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Washington, Feb. 15.—The Indian bureau has received a report from a special United States Indian agent in western Montana which shows that the bison is not so much extinct as has been supposed. Charles Allard and Michael Pablo, two Flat-head Indians, it is stated, have now about 150 head of buffalces ranging on their reservation. Some of them have been bred to Gallaway cattle with fair results. These Indians, the report states, annually ship stock to Chicago which yields them a good income.

A NOTED MINISTER.

Brief Sketch of the Life of the Late Rev Theophilus Jones.

Rev. Theophilus Jones, who was the oldest and one of the ablest Welsh Baptist ministers of America, died at the home of his son, D. M. Jones, Esq., attorney-at-law, Wilkesbarre, at the age of 86 years. Mr. Jones was born at Caerphili, South Wales, February 2, 1810. He was converted at the age of eighteen, under the ministry of Christmas Evans, at Caerphili; but there is one very remarkable fact in his boyhood days, viz, when he was fourteen or fifteen years old he used to go to the neighborhood of Hengoed, about six miles from his home, to conduct prayer meetings, before he had professed conversion, and it is said that he manifested remarkable power in prayer even at that age.

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teent, and it will appear in that paper in the near future.

Legion of Honor Banquet.

On Monday evening the members of Council No. 970, American Legion of Honor, of Hazleton, were guests of Council No. 300, of town, and were banquetted by the latter at DePierro Bros. cafe. The large dining room never held a more jolly pasty, and mirth and merriment religned supreme until a late hour.

Editor Fowler, of the Progress, was toastmaster of the evening, and many witty and interesting remarks were made in response to the toasts on the programme. The Hazleton delegation were highly pleased with the treatment accorded them, and look forward with pleasure to another such evening.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castort When she was a Child, she cried for Casto When she became Miss, she clung to Cast When she had Children, she gave them Cas

PLEASURE CALENDAR.

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February 20 to 22.—Fair at Cottage hall by Freeland Company, No. 29, Knights of Mystic Chain. Admission, 5 cents, February 20.—Fair of Division 20, A. p. H., at Eckley. February 22.—Shooting match at Mrs. Krause's hotel, followed by a masquerade ball. All are invited.

February 23.—Entertainment of Young Men's Opera house. Admission, 15, 25 and 35 cents.

March 17.—Annual ball of St Patrick's Beneficial Society at Young Men's opera house. Admission, 36 cents.

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