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George Washington.

A nation never tires of honoring the birth of its greatest men. The 22nd of February brings to us the one hundred and seventy-eighth anniversary of the birth of George Washington and celebrations in his honor will be held in every section of this broad land.

Washington was great as the world measures greatness and there is a constant calling to mind his earthly deeds to true greatness. It is true he did not have to struggle with poverty, as so many of our Americans, who have obtained greatness have done, for his parents were wealthy for the times in which he lived. But his wealth did not, as is so generally the case, fasten upon him idle and dissolute habits. From the beginning of his career until its close his life was a busy and active one, free from vices of every kind. Indeed, Washington morality has ever been held up as an example for the youth and even the mousing historian has failed in his attacks upon it. His devotion to his country in times of war and peace are conspicuous features. His public services as President were devoid of selfishness and ambitious motive, free from party prejudices and prompted by motives that he believed to be for the best interests of the nation. In purity of character and freedom from vices of every kind, Washington stands as a model for American youth. His reply to his indignant father, whose impetuous nature was aroused by the apparent wastonness of the cutting of his favorite cherry tree: "Father I cannot tell a lie; I cut the tree" was a striking symbolical illustration of the development in boyhood of the character of his manhood. It was not his public life services alone that have given him the commanding positions he holds in the affections of the American people. His personal character his unimpeachable integrity, the purity of his motives and the tenor of his whole private life have had much to do with it. No better evidence of the esteem in which he was held by his contemporaries could be given him than the fact that the public observance of his birthday began during his lifetime. This has been true of no other American.

Conference Quartette.
As announced the Methodist Conference Quartette appeared in the Opera House here Wednesday night and last night, and was greeted on both nights by a full house. The singing was excellent and the expectations of our people fully satisfied. Where all did their part exceedingly well Rev. C. E. Vale, first tenor, and Mr. R. M. Phillips, second bass, won the praise of the entire audience, and the solo by Mrs. A. H. Fleming was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Last night the concert was composed of secular music by the Quartette and comic songs, jokes etc., by home talent which was much enjoyed by all.

The repeated applause was evidence that the entertainments were most highly appreciated and enjoyed by our people. And quite a nice sum was realized for the building fund of the college.

East Carolina Teachers' Training School Notes.

Pres. Wright is delighted with a recent visit to the schools of Elizabeth City.

Miss Mary V. Jones of Butts, Ala., has arrived and taken up her work as matron.

Pres. Wright attended the meeting in Goldsboro of the S. E. Division of County Superintendents. He reports a fine, enthusiastic meeting. The students recently had a jolly oyster roast on Tar River.

On the evening of February 7th,

the school attended an organ recital, given by Prof. Mullbenger of Atlantic College, at the Jarvis Memorial church.

Prof. H. E. Austin conducted the meeting of Pitt County Teachers' Association Saturday, February 12th. He gave the first of a series of three lectures on the recitation.

Pres. Wright and Prof. Wilson attended the State Association of City School Superintendents in Durham. Mr. Wilson was re-elected Secretary for the fourth time.

At the invitation of the County Superintendents Pres. Wright and Professors Wilson and Ragsdale have addressed a number of Teachers' Meetings. Pres. Wright spoke to the teachers of Sampson county at Clinton, February 5th; Prof. Ragsdale addressed those of Nash county at Nashville, January 28th; of Vance county at Henderson, January 29th; of Wilson county at Wilson, February 5th. Prof. Wilson met those of Chowan, at Edenton, February 5th; Prof. Ragsdale will be at Weldon, Halifax county February 18th, and at Rich Square, Northampton county, February 19th. Mr. Wilson will go to Trenton, Jones county, February 18th.

Birthday Reception.

The birthday reception given by the Home Missionary Society at the Methodist church on Monday night was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. Delicious refreshments were served and a general good time was had. Quite a neat little sum was realized by the Society.

Oyster Supper.

On last Friday night at their armory the members of the Louisburg Rifles were given an oyster supper by the Captain and Lieutenants. Although the weather was bad about thirty were present and an excellent supper and a good time was had.

Doll Reception.

At the home of Mr. A. W. Alston, on Church street, on Monday afternoon, little Miss Elizabeth Alsten gave a doll reception to a number of her little friends in honor of her guest, little Miss Ruth Whitfield, of Franklinton. Brilliant decorations had been arranged and dainty refreshments were served, and a very good time enjoyed by all who attended.

Services at Episcopal Church During Lent.

Services at the Episcopal church on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock and on Friday night at 8 o'clock.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Episcopal church and the ladies of the Parish will meet in the Rectory on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Sunday services the same as usual.

New Uniforms Received.

The Louisburg Rifles have received their new olive drab uniforms and are using them in the place of the old regulation blue uniform. The boys in their new dress present quite a pleasing appearance and Capt. Banks informs us that Company D, is better equipped now than ever before. The company is having regular drills every week preparing for inspection and the officers hope to have the men, a number of whom are new, in good shape by that time.

Newspapers Not Money Makers

Newspapers, as a rule, are not money-makers. Perhaps no profession or avocation holds out so scanty hopes of riches as the calling of newspaper men. As old as the art of printing is the picture of the struggling, weary, worn editor. But there always will be newspapers, for the reason that there always will be need for them. Somehow, it seems to us, there is more of charity and

forbearance in a newspaper office than anywhere else under the sun. When the merchant or business man gets in tough luck and people fail to patronize them, they "ouss" their town and say unkind things of those who do not patronize them. When the newspaper man gets in tough luck (and that is where he usually stays,) he only speaks the kinder words of his town and says gentler things of those who do not patronize him. When the average man's bitterest enemy dies he breathes a sigh of relief. When the newspaper man's enemy (or, the enemy of the newspaper man) dies, the editor places the last and sweetest flower upon the grave.

That man is an ingrate who begrudges the dollar he gives to keep burning the fire in the newspaper office.—Reidsville Weekly.

Fires.

On Saturday night about ten o'clock fire was discovered in a lot of cotton stored away in a carriage house near the residence of Mr. G. W. Ford and belonging to Mr. Ford. The fire department was soon on the scene and extinguished the fire which caused but a small damage.

On Monday night at about 10:15 o'clock the fire alarm was sounded and it was soon found that a building in the stockade for the road prisoners, which is located just back of the jail, was on fire. Within about two minutes after the alarm was sounded the fire companies were on the scene and were quick at the work of putting out the fire. The damage to the building was estimated at \$50 and the fire was supposed to have been caused from a lantern exploding.

In both of these fires our firemen did good, quick and efficient work and they are justly entitled to the honors and support of our people.

Margaret Items.

Not having seen any tidings from our little village in some time I will send in a few.

Owing to the unfavorable weather conditions farmers of this section are right much behind in their preparation for the new crop.

Several of our farmers took advantage of the recent rise in cotton. Don't blame you boys 15-1-2 cents is a good price.

Glad to note the improved condition of Mr. D. T. Loyds here which was very seriously hurt last week and has been under treatment in Leasburg some time.

Mrs. Sarah F. Spruill, of Asbury Park, N. J., is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. J. R. Whelless.

A little grand child of Friday Davis (col) was very painfully burned one day last week, but is getting on as well as could be expected at this writing.

Miss Eva Spruill, of Asbury Park, N. J., who has been visiting relatives near here left Saturday afternoon to spend a few days with relatives in Franklinton.

While Margret cannot boast of many unacquainted young ladies, we honestly believe we have as fine a pair of old bachelors as you will find in any corner. One of which seems ever willing to mingle with the fair sex. So girls if any one of you reading this being on the matrimonial market will communicate with our little village, "Ere long," the wedding bells will be heard.

Glad to note the improved condition of the Whelless school. The number of pupils being much larger than usual, and all progressing very rapidly.

J. R. Bunn informs us that he will take in the concert to be given in Louisburg by the famous Methodist Quartette if he can make connection.

Wishing your paper much success, adieu.

FOR THE SOLICITORSHIP.

Wash County Presents the Name of Hon. E. A. P. Cooley.

The announcement that Hon. R. A. P. Cooley is in the race for the solicitorship to succeed Mr. C. C. Daniels is good news to Mr. Cooley's many friends throughout the district who will accord him most loyal support. Mr. Cooley's popularity is on the increase and he feels most gratified at the outlook.

No man in the entire district is better known than this gifted son of Franklin, whose greater life has been so interwoven with the destinies of Nash and her people, who will give him loyal support. He is an able lawyer, a fluent speaker and possesses to a marked degree that spirit of human kindness as has made for him staunch friends. He is by nature a winner and has already adorned himself with the smile which public office lends and which public trust and confidence inspire. If elected, and the prospects grew brighter each day, it may be easily expected to see the office as fittingly filled as it will be worthily bestowed and a portion of a large debt due him by the democratic party of this district paid none too soon. To review his past labors on the political battle fields in defense of democracy would be but recounting what is already thoroughly known by the voters of the entire district. His personal sacrifices are well known to the leaders of past political battles. In legal ability, his sword will measure well with that of any man in the district.

With confidence in Mr. Cooley and his ability to protect the interests of the State, and with confidence in the voters of Franklin, Wilson, Edgecombe and Martin counties, the voters and friends of Mr. Cooley in Nash are looking for the recognition deserved and which is reasonably expected in a successful result of the contest.—Nashville Graphic.

Mr. St. L. Skull Dead.

Mr. St. Leon Skull died at the home of Dr. S. P. Burt, on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Skull was about 85 years of age and had been a sufferer for some time. He was a member of the law firm of Winston & Skull, of Windsor, and had been here for only about one month. He married Miss Beaufort Davis, daughter of the late Geo. W. Davis, of Arcola.

He leaves a wife and one child who have the sympathy of the entire community. His remains were taken to Arcola where they were entombed on Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. S. P. Burt and Mrs. Skull, Messrs. S. P. Boddie and J. W. Hollingsworth accompanied the remains to Arcola.

Stop this Foolishness.

A Chicago mail order house has given \$100,000 to a Y. M. C. A. building fund. It was given for a good purpose. But there are several places in North Carolina where the Y. M. C. A. is needed and a part of that money was North Carolina money. If the people of Raleigh and Greensboro, for instance, who have been trading with the Chicago firm had spent the money at home the home merchant could give much more to the proposed buildings in these two cities than he will now be able to do. The \$100,000 and the other hundreds of thousands of dollars that this firm has made no doubt represents a legitimate profit, but it is a profit that should go to the local merchant. He spends his money in his own community; helps its business enterprises and supports its charitable organizations.—Greensboro Record.

Mr. J. P. Hill received telegram today from K. P. Hill saying that they would have 60 horses and mules to arrive next Thursday. Best he ever bought.

PERSONALS.

Miss Laura Mills left last week for Baltimore.

F. R. Pleasants is visiting his sister, Mrs. H. A. Page, at Aberdeen. Miss Lynn Hall returned Monday from a visit to friends in Greensboro.

Capt. J. H. Fialator returned one day last week from a trip to Florida.

Mr. V. C. Williams spent a few days with his people at Kittrell the past week.

Mr. J. T. Mills and family, of Manson, visited Mrs. J. H. Bobbitt the past week.

Mr. S. L. Duke, of Brickleyville, was a pleasant caller at the editors' saunter yesterday.

Misses Annie Pegram and Olive Alford attended the anniversary exercises at Wake Forest last week.

Mr. Gay I. Buell, President of the Montgomery Lumber Co., of Spring Hope, was in town Tuesday.

Little Ruth Whitfield, of Franklinton, spent a few days the past week with her aunt, Mrs. A. W. Alston.

Mr. R. F. Leonard, after spending a while with friends in this county, returned to the Old Soldiers Home at Raleigh yesterday.

Mr. Aaron Deitz returned one day last week from a trip to Baltimore where he purchased a nice stock of spring goods for his store here.

Mr. P. S. Allen accompanied by Mr. J. M. Allen and Dr. E. F. Yarbrough left Sunday for Greensboro where he entered Johns-Hopkins Hospital for treatment.

Misses Effie Vinoo, Kathleen Ballard, Grace Ward and Messrs. A. H. Vann, E. J. Cheatam and Mr. Elster, came over from Franklinton on Automobile Wednesday night to attend the concert at the Opera House.

Epsom Items.

Now don't think for one moment that this is a valentine. But as we never see anything concerning our thriving village in your valuable paper, we think perhaps some of your readers may like to keep in touch with our movements, our going out and our coming in, our prosperity and our adversity. We all are glad to know that Epsom is on a little boom just now and sincerely hope it may continue to move onward and upward in financial, moral, mental and spiritual knowledge, wisdom and power.

Little Lury, the sixteen months old baby girl of Mr. Gus Staiback caught on fire and was right badly, though we hope not seriously, burned last Friday.

One of Mr. S. W. Duke's horses got its leg broken in the thigh last Wednesday which necessitated the immediate use of Sir Walter Raleigh's remedy for final relief. We feel very sorry for those who have to pass through such experiences.

Misses Rowena and Ada Daniel attended the Anniversary of Wake Forest College last week. Two of the boys accompanied them home. They report a fine time.

Owing to the bad weather, the Baptist Missionary Society failed to meet in its regular monthly session Saturday.

According to Madam Rumor we think the Register of Deeds will receive another call from our neighborhood in a few days.

Mr. Warner Wynne has again turned his face Epsomward and it is needless to say that he is extended a warm welcome by his many friends when he used to serve as general merchant. He has had a very pretty store erected on the lot just across the road from Liberty Christian church, and expects to build a dwelling house on the same lot in the near future.

J. C. Lassiter now occupies the

the store formerly run by Mr. Wynne at Epsom.

Miss Lou Duke is fixing to move her goods into the drug store so as to give room to Mr. P. J. Staiback who will hereafter occupy the building known as Duke's store. We shall be glad to number Mr. Staiback in our list of merchants and give him a cordial welcome.

The timber is already sawed for the new school house here and it is earnestly hoped that the anxious patrons of this school will soon be made to rejoice at the sound of the hammer and other tools in the erection of this greatly needed building. The present teachers are cherishing fond hopes of holding their commencement exercises in the new school house in April. That they may realize the fruit of their desires is the wish of

RED HEAD.

What It Will Do.

Limburger cheese laid away in cupboards and refrigerators will drive ants away. No doubt of it. It will drive a hog out of a tan-yard, it will drive a spike in a brick; it will drive a tramp away from a meal of victuals; it will drive a mule through a barbed wire fence; it will drive a herd of cattle over a precipice; it will drive a negro away from a chicken roost or a man to insanity who stays five minutes within ten feet of its unsavory presence. And yet some men will sit up and eat the stuff and profess to like it.

Boom Your Town.

Boom your town. If you don't who will? Make all the newcomers and prospective residents think it is going to be the metropolis of this part of the country, and it soon will be. Get in live and energetic men and the town cannot help but prosper, go forward, and grow. You never saw a town amount to anything where business men and citizens were always engaged in telling how dead it was—lifeless and that all the powers that be could not start it moving, building up and endowing it with new life. This is enough to kill any town, while the statements are not true. Make the best of everything. Take the progressive side of every reasonable question. Advertise your town and business in every possible way, and your brightest hopes in regard to it will be fully realized.

Washington's Birthday.

Again we approach the birthday of the "Father of his Country." George Washington was able to become first in the hearts of his countrymen because he deserved this distinction, and because by his honor and truth, his wisdom and judgment, he arose above the intrigues of the selfish and jealous men and the turmoil of party passion and pointed the way to national strength in national righteousness. The acts of no man in public life have been free from criticism, nor has his character remained unassailed, but fewer of these shafts have been turned on Washington than on other men who have held such high positions of trust and honor, but they cannot dim the luster that has gathered around his name or detract from the reverence in which he is held by every patriotic American.

—We are requested to say that the Senior Class is indeed a wonderful one. Besides having discovered the secrets of Masonry and invented a very simple Burglar Alarm they have also solved the mysterious problem of the wonderful Smith name, or of any other name for all that. "What's in a name, a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." In the College Chapel on the evening of February twenty-first at seven thirty o'clock, one and all may see these wonders. Admission 15 and 25 cents.