

## GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The first president of the United States was born in Westmoreland county, Va., Feb. 22, 1732. He died in 1799 at Mount Vernon, Va., in his sixty-eighth year. He was inaugurated president April 30, 1789, in front of Federal hall on Wall street, New York city, where now stands the subtreasury building. Washington served two terms as president and then retired to his farm at Mount Vernon. He was by training and choice a planter, though his military experience in youth and his general wisdom and patriotism led to his being called to the chief command of the Continental army during the Revolutionary war. In politics General Washington was a Federalist.

said the other,

"Sure I would."

"A Socialist is one who believes in

"Does that mean that if you had two

"And if you had two shirts what

"Ah, gwan! you know I have two

His mother tucked four-year-old

Johnny away in the top berth of the

sleeping car. Hearing him stirring in

the middle of the night, she called soft-

"Johnny, do you know where you

"Tourse I do," he returned sturdily.

"I'm in the top drawer."-Youth's Com-

Upon a certain occasion General

banquet, after which a reception was

Among the people who filed in to

shake hands with him General Sher-

man noticed a face that was very fa-

"Who are you?" he asked in an apolo-

getic aside, as he welcomed the guest

The man blushed and murmured be-

hind a deprecatory hand, "Made your

"Ah, of course," exclaimed the gener

al loudly, and, turning to the receiving

"Gentleman, allow me to present Ma-

"I suppose you will marry when you

"No," replied the thoughtful little

girl; "mamma says papa is more care

than the children, so I guess the care

of my children will be enough for me

Tully Scott of Cripple Creek, in

whose mine gold has been struck in a

vein of unexampled richness-\$25 to

"This stroke of luck has come to me

"I used to know a miner whom a

ing could wean him from the whisky.

bustion story-a story of a man so sat-

urated with liquor that once when he

went to blow out a candle his breath

took fire from the flame and he burned

"The well meaning chum at the end

of his tale looked at the reprobate

"There, Horace, let that be a warn-

"'It will,' Horace answered in an

awed voice. 'By heaven, I'll never

blow out a candle again the longest

The employer was bending over a ta-

ble, looking at the directory. The new

office boy slipped up quietly and poked

"Honored Sir-Yer pants is ripped."

It was at an election meeting, and an

"Don't beat about the bush; answer

a note into his hand. The surprised

employer opened it and read:

young miner and said solemnly:

at a time when I am able to take it

without the care of a husband."

at a congratulatory dinner:

grow up," said the visitor pleasantly.

committee behind him, he said:

miliar, but which he could not place.

General Sherman Recognized Him.

held, says the Boston Herald.

heartily.

shirts, sir."

jor Schurtz."

A Resolution.

tranquilly.

ing to you.'

day I live."

Yes or No.

A Valuable Office Boy.

Limiting the Trouble.

dividing up with the other fellow."

farms you would give me one?"

"And if you had two houses?"

"I would give you one."

would you do with them?

shirts."-Everybody's.

In the Top Drawer.

**←** The — Scrap Book

And She Kept on Smoking.

"Aunt Chloe, do you think you are a Christian?" asked a preacher of an old negro woman who was smoking a pipe. "Yes, brudder, I spects I is."

"Do you believe in the Bible?" "Yes, brudder."

"Do you know there is a passage in the Scripture that declares that nothing unclean shall inherit the kingdom · of heaven?"

"Yes, I's heard of it."

"Well, you smoke, and there is nothing so unclean as the breath of a smoker. So what do you say to that?" "Well, when I go dere I spects to leave my breff behind me."

> HE WHO DIED AT AZAN. He who died at Azan sends This to comfort faithful friends:

Faithful friends! It lies, I know, Pale and white and cold as snow; And ye say, "Abdullah's dead!" Weeping at my feet and head; I can see your falling tears, I can hear your cries and prayers; Yet I smile and whisper this: "I am not that thing you kiss; Cease your tears, and let it lie. It was mine, it is not I.'

Farewell, friends! Yet not farewell; Where I am ye, too, shall dwell. I am gone before your face A heartbeat's time, a gray ant's pace When ye come where I have stepped Ye will wonder why ye wept; Ye will know, by true love taught, That here is all and there is naught. Weep awhile, if ye are fain, Sunshine still must follow rain! Only not at death, for death-Now I see-is that first breath Which our souls draw when we enter Life, that is of all life center.

He who died at Azan gave This to those that made his grave. -Edwin Arnold.

Necessity, Not Choice.

A woman hurried up to a policeman at the corner of Twenty-third street in New York city.

"Does this crosstown car take you down to the bridge toward Brooklyn?" she demanded.

"Why, madam," returned the policeman, "do you want to go to Brooklyn?" "No, I don't want to," the woman replied, "but I have to."-Ladies' Home Journal.

Extremely Rude.

Delegate Flynn of Oklahoma tells with great glee of a conversation that took place between a Boston lady and an Oklahoma man with reference to

"I take it, ma'am," said the Oklahoman, "that you've traveled considerable in these parts?"

"Quite a good deal," answered the Bostonian. "As far west as California and Nevada, and I've spent some time

in Arizona." "Have you ever seen the Cherokee Strip?" suddenly asked the Oklahoma

Thereupon ensued a painful silence. It was plainly to be seen that the Bos-

ton lady was much embarrassed. When she had in a manner recovered her composure, she observed: "In the first place, sir, I consider

your query extremely rude, and in the second place, you might have been more refined in your language by asking me if I had seen the Cherokee disrobe."-Lippincott's.

Dividing Up.

. Two casual acquaintances were disexcited voter shouted to the candidate, cussing politics. One announced that he had turned Socialist. "I don't know what a Socialist is," my question 'Yes' or 'No.'" The canNews. There Were Others. When Sol Smith Russell's daughter Alice was a mischievous tot, she was

caught red handed in one of her pranks. Her mother sent her upstairs and charged her to pray to the Lord to forgive her.

didate replied, "But, my dear sir, there

are some questions which cannot be

answered 'Yes' or 'No.'" The elector

replied rudely with the single excla-

mation "Bosh!" The candidate con-

tinued: "Very well, I will prove what

I say. Now, sir, the question I will

put you is this; 'Have you left off beat-

ing your wife?" And the meeting

shouted to the inquisitive elector, "An-

swer him 'Yes' or 'No!"" - London

Alice did not quite fancy the going aloft alone, but she had to obey, of course. She was gone perhaps ten minutes when she tentatively reappeared at the top of the flight. It was observed that she was not in as chastened a mood as the gravity of the offense seemed to require.

"Alice," inquired her mother, "did you ask God to forgive you?"

"Yes, mamma. I told him all about how naughty I was and asked him to forgive me. And, oh, mamma, pitty soon God said to me: 'Great Scott! Alice Russell,' says he, 'there's a whole lot of little girls a heap naughtier'n you!" "

She Couldn't Very Well.

An attache of one of the foreign legations in Washington had become very much attached to one of the sweetest and most beautiful girls in the capital society. He felt quite sure that his ardor was not altogether without response on the girl's part. Their meetings had become oftener and their appearances in public together were frequent, and the young fellow felt that a certain ball to be given on a particular evening to which they were both invited would mean a great deal to him. So he personally selected a box of the most beautiful flowers he could get, and writing a note addressed to the girl, gave it to his valet, carefully instructing him to deliver it with the box in about two or three hours.

The man finally reported that the box and note had been delivered, but to the attache's surprise when he arrived at the ball and went straight up to the girl, he noticed that she was not alone and was carrying some other flowers. She barely nodded to him as he approached, and during the entire evening distinctly shunned him. The evening was a miserable one, and he went home sick at heart. There he found his box of flowers standing on the table. Mystified, he summoned his valet, only to be assured that he had personally delivered the note and box. "But not that one, sir," he added.

"You pointed out quite another box, "What was in the box you took?" asked the young man, absolutely mysti-

"I cannot tell, sir, and naturally I did not open it," replied the valet.

He was sent in haste to the girl's address, and the box was brought back to the young man, who opened it only to find that his valet had carried to the girl a new lot of underwear which he had bought that day for himself and Sherman was the guest of honor at a had sent home.

> And the note had read: "May I hope that you will wear these

for my sake?"-Ladies' Home Journal.

Men and Brutes.

"Now, gentlemen," said Sheridan as the ladies left the room, "are we to drink like men or beasts?" The guests exclaimed, "Like men, of course." "Then," said he, "we are going to get jolly drunk, for brutes never drink more than they want."

His Last Card.

A certain venerable archdeacon engaged as a new footman a well recommended youth who had served as a stable boy. The first duty which he was called upon to perform was to accompany the archdeacon on a series of formal calls.

"Bring the cards, Thomas, and leave one at each house," ordered his master. After two hours of visiting from house to house the archdeacon's list was exhausted.

"This is the last house, Thomas," he said. "Leave two cards here."

"Beggin' your pardon, sir," was the reply, "I can't. I've only the ace of spades left." the pound, or \$50,000 to the ton-said

Nature Study.

With a heart attuned to "nature study," a little Hungarian girl in the Canadian northwest exclaimed, "Yah, lucky strike made a drunkard of. He | teacher; it's certain beautiful on our remained a drunkard all his life. Noth- prairie, where the birds and the small sheep run about raw." It is this girl's "A chum of his once read him, by brother who states, "Plumage is the foway of warning, a spontaneous com- liage of a parrot or hen."-Century.

The Humorous Governor. When Wolcott was governor of Massachusetts his youngest son, Oliver, was in one of the primary classes of a school. The teacher was one day asking questions of her little pupils, to give them a chance to show what they knew about one thing and another, for the entertainment of a lady who was visiting the school, and she finally inquired:

"Can any one tell me who is the governor of Massachusetts?" No one could tell, not wen little

Oliver. The teacher then told every one of the

pupils when he got home to ask his father, so as to be ready to tell her the next day. Accordingly when the class aqueduct across the Antelope valley H. I. Peterson, money advanced taking gave out the question, calling on Oliver nel through ranges, will carry the H. I. Peterson, salary to July 1st ...... 205 98 Office: Rooms 3 and 5, Walsh Blk., McCook to see what he might have to say about | melted snow water to big reservoirs | Jones, Finnegan & Co. mdse. pauper.... 20 42 it. Oliver answered:

making fun of everythin'."

## Water Supply

Two Gigantic Engineering Projects Inaugurated by Los Angeles and New York City-One Enterprise Is to Cost \$25,000,000, the Other About \$161,000,000. -

work has just begun on two ing projects for city water sup- county treasurer examiners. ply ever conceived by man. New York and Los Angeles, 3,000 miles apart, are the cities to be served. For New York an additional water supply of for the location of a public road was read and more than 500,000,000 gallons a day is to be brought down from the Catskills, 150 miles, by aqueduct and tunnel, through fertile valleys, under the Hud- Commencing at the north-east corner of section

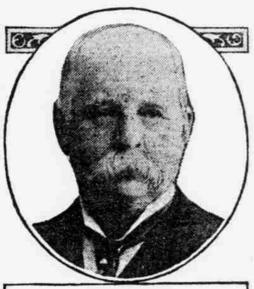
son and the East rivers and beneath 15, township 3, range 30 in Red Willow county; the Narrows, through which the ocean thence south on the section line to the southliners pass, to Staten Island. From east corner of said section and terminating the high rampart of the Sierra Ne- thereat, and clerk was instructed to notify overvada range Los Angeles is to bring down an extra water supply capable of supporting a city of 1,000,000 people 200 miles under mountains, across deserts and through beautiful orange

groves to the city.

about \$161,000,000 and the Los Angeles vided. undertaking approximately \$25,000,000. The California city expects to have its aqueduct completed within five years. New York's project is not promised complete before 1930, though it is excity will be served with water from this source several years earlier.

Mayor McClellan a short time ago broke ground for the initial work on J. C. Puckett, mdse. Mrs. Vandervoort the New York project. Seven gigantic reservoirs are to be built in the Catskills on the east side of the Hudson river and one on the other side, at Kensico, N. Y. A dozen villages with 3,000 people and nearly 1,000 houses must move out, for their sites will be submerged.

The eight reservoirs will have a combined area of 16,056 acres, with a hold-





J. EDWARD SIMMONS-FRED EATON.

ing capacity of 257,220,000,000 gallons. The largest reservoir, the Ashokan, will cover 10,120 acres and hold 170,-000,000,000 gallons. The dam required to create this artificial lake will cost \$29,000,000 and will be the largest in the world. Built of earth, rock and cement, it will be half a mile thick at the base and 300 feet high. The spillway over the dam will be a cataract more than a hundred feet higher than the waterfall at Niagara.

The mighty aqueduct which is to carry the waters to the great city will require a wonderful siphon drop under the Hudson, to be cut through the solid rock 600 feet below the surface of the river and 1,000 feet below the surface of the high ground where the cut is made. The plans for the creation of this great water supply system have been made under the supervision of a board headed by the well known financier J. Edward Simmons.

This supply of 500,000,000 gallons of water daily in addition to the present supply is required by the growth of the city will have 7,000,000 people by present population is about 4,300,000.

Los Angeles now has about 275,000 people, but is growing so rapidly that a vastly larger water supply is imperative. Some years ago Fred Eaton, who has been city engineer and mayor of Los Angeles, conceived the idea of bringing the pure water of the Owens the desert to the city. His plan has thereof as follows: been adopted, and bonds for \$25,000,-000 have been voted to build the aqueduct. Twenty-three miles of canal will be dredged in the mountains. Then a conduit of thirty-seven miles, lined with masonry, will be built. Six miles more of aqueduct, with five miles of A. L. Cochran, expenses.... tunnel through rock, will bring the L. W. Stayner, circulars for sheriff..... 3 50 Postoffice Building waters to the "bad lands" of Jawbone J. C. Moore, office expense......... 4 65 canyon. About eight miles of tunnels, Flora B. Quick, salary and office expenses 246 45 a mile of steel flume, two miles of steel McCook Elec, Light Co, lights June..... 10 55 pressure pipe in inverted siphon con- Geo. Fowler, salary as janitor...... 45 00 desert, with a few more miles of tunnear Los Angeles, to be piped through Perry & Bee, supplies...... 41 80 "Pa says he's the governor. But I the city and supplied for irrigation T. B. Harris, services Spaulding case don't believe it, 'cause he's always purposes on the outlying farm and or claimed \$25.00 allowed...... 2 50 thard lands.

## County Commissioners' Proceedings.

McCook, Nebraska, July 8, 1907. The board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present C. B. Gray, F. S. Lofton and S. Premer, commissioners, P. E. Reeder, attorney, and E. J. Wilcox. clerk.

The minutes were read and on motion approv-

Moved by Premer, seconded by Lofton, that claim of Robert Baker for \$177.49 services in the Spaulding case be allowed at \$100.00, on roll call Premer and Lofton voted age and Gray nay, On motion the county attorney was instructed

T the two edges of this continent to commence suit against the bondsmen of excounty treasurer, J. H. Berge, for shortage and of the most gigantic engineer- interest as shown by the final report of the

On motion the board commenced checking the accounts of E. J. Wilcox, county clerk, and

continued same throughout the day. The petition of Henry Corcoran et al. asking considered. The board find that all the requirements of the law have been complied with and the public good requires it; on motion petition was granted and road established as follows: seer of highways to open said road. On motion damages were allowed on above road by reason of the establishment of same as follows:

James Doyle, \$20.00 claimed \$60.00, Williston H. Smith, \$20.00 claimed \$60.00, George Traphagan, \$40.00 claimed \$140.00, and overseer of road district was directed to pay the same out of any The New York project is to cost funds belonging to the district as by law pro-

Neb. Telep. Co, telephone rentals & tolls8 27 00 Klopp & Bartlett Co. supplies..... 6 00 Eli D. Akers, labor on court house ...... 3 00 C. L. Fahnestock, salary as county phys. 30 00 J. E. Ludwick, jail furniture ..... pected the upper parts of the great P. E. Reeder, salary second quarter ..... 200 00 Stephen Bolles, delivering trees..... W. C. Bullard, coal for Tuttle, pauper ... 6 00 J. H. Grannis, mdse, Sam O'Connor, pag 16 00 On motion board adjourned to meet July 9,

E.J. Wilcox. C. B. Gray,

Chairman. McCook, Nebraska, July 9, 1907.

The board of County Commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present C. B. Gray, F. S. Lofton and S. Premer, commissioners, P. E. Reeder, attorney, and E. J. Wilcox, clerk. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion the treasurer was instructed to re fund to the Republican Valley Rail Road Co. the sum of \$20.45 the amount of taxes assessed by the county assessor on the following lots and paid by them under protest:

Lot 4 same ...... 2 76 Lot 3 in 30-3-29..... 2 36 for the reason that said lots have been assessed by the State Board of Equalization for the year

1900 as part of the depot grounds. On motion Board adjourned to meet July 10, 1907. Attest:

E. J. Wilcox. C. B. Gray. County Clerk. Chairman.

McCook, Nebraska, July 10, 1907. The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present C. B. Gray F. S. Lofton and S. Premer, commissioners P. E. Reeder, attorney, and E. J. Wilcox, clerk. The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved.

On motion the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Indianola was designated as a county depositary. On motion the depository bond of the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Indianola, Nebraska was approved.

The semi-annual statement of Flora B. Quick, county superintendent, was examined, approved and ordered placed on file.

The board having made a careful examination of the accounts of E. J. Wilcox, county clerk, find that he has received as fees from January 2, 1907, to June 30, 1907, both inclusive, \$1,793,25. The board having made a careful examination of the accounts of J. C. Moore, county judge find that he has received as fees from January 2, to June 30, 1907, both inclusive, \$423,25.

On motion board adjourned to meet July 11 E. J. Wilcox, C. B. Gray, Chairman

McCook, Nebraska, July 11, 1907. The board of county commissioners, met pursuant to adjournment, present C. B. Gray. F. S. Lofton and S. Premer, county commissioners, and E. J. Wilcox, clerk.

The minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. The board having made a careful examination

of the accounts of R. W. Devoe, clerk of the district court, find that he has received as fees from January 2, 1907, to June 30, 1907, both inclusive, the sum of \$\$531.45. The board having made a careful examination of the accounts of H. I. Peterson sheriff, find

that he has received as fees from January 2, to June 30, 1907, both inclusive, the sum of \$408.61, The petition of J. E. Kelley et al. asking for a public road was read and considered, the board find that all owners of land along line of proposed road have given their consent thereto in writing, and on motion same was granted establishing a road as follows: commencing at the north-east corner of section 6, tp. 2, N., R. 29 New York city. It is estimated that | W., running west on section line with slight curve to north on dam at north end of lake in S. the time the work is completed. The E. & 31-3-39, thence south-west to intersect present road running west on section line. Also vacating road No. 308, commencing about sixty rods south of said north-east corner of section 6, running west 120 rods, north 60 rods, to point A. G. BUMP where above road meets section line, and clerk was instructed to notify overseer of highways to open said road.

The following claims were audited and allowed and on motion clerk was instructed to draw river from the Sierra Nevada across | warrants on the county general fund in payment

> Geo. LeHew, services county treas, office 9 00 C. H. BOYLE Geo, Jackson, guarding jail..... J. O. Easton, watching for Spaul'g suspt. 15 00 same..... Ted Cain. Western Union Tel. Co. telegrams...... R. W. Devoe, salary second quarter ..... 50 00

H. Winans, livery hire, claimed \$10.50,

C. B. Gray, salary as commissioner. S. Premer, F. S. Lofton On motion the board adjourned to meet July 19, 1907. Attest:

E. J. Wilcox, County Clerk. Chairman

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