

GEORGE THE FIRST AND BEST

Early Observance of the Anniversary of the Birth of Washington.

THE PATRIOTIC CUSTOM A CENTURY OLD

Chronicles of a Celebration in 1792—Honourance of a Mitten-Philadelphia Statue of Washington—Valley Forge as a Public Park.

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Some writers maintain it was in 1792, just 100 years ago, that the idea of observing Washington's birthday with public demonstrations originated.

Authentic records show that the idea originated and was carried into effect before 1792. A facsimile of the New York Journal and Patriotic Register, bearing date February 25, 1792, contains an account of the celebration of Washington's birthday in New York City by the Society of the Cincinnati and the Tammany society.

Valley Forge as a Public Park.

Valley Forge is one of the most memorable of all the many historic names which cluster around revolutionary events, and it is one that must ever be dear to every worshiper at the shrine of freedom.

Philadelphia's Statue.

The largest statue of George Washington ever made has just been completed in Berlin by Dr. Adolph Siemering, the eminent German sculptor.

Easter Celebrations.

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The Custom Popularized.

A few years later, when on the eve of retirement from his exciting public life, a birthday celebration occurred which well deserves recording.

Washington's First Love Affair.

In the drawing room of Dr. J. D. Monrore (the able superintendent of the Eastern Lunatic asylum situated in Williamsburg) hangs the portrait of Mary Fairfax, the beautiful and belshish in a family where beauty is hereditary and pronounced, writes Marion Harland in Harpers.

George's First Love Affair.

George Washington was no dandy. True, no great battle was fought at Valley Forge, but it was the crucial test of the power of the colonists to maintain their war for independence.

IMPLETIES.

George Washington was the patriotic name of an old southern negro who has long since been gathered to his dusky forefathers.

A City Missionary.

A city missionary tells the following story in the Buffalo Courier: "I said to a beautiful little boy—'but so dirty: When you go to bed tonight will you promise me to shake out your clothes and wash your face with soap?"

Many Sobriquets.

Washington was called by many sobriquets. He was the first of all "Father of his country."

ECHOES FROM THE ANTE ROOM

Co-operative and Social Orders the Spirit of the Day.

REVIEW OF THE ACTIVE ORGANIZATIONS

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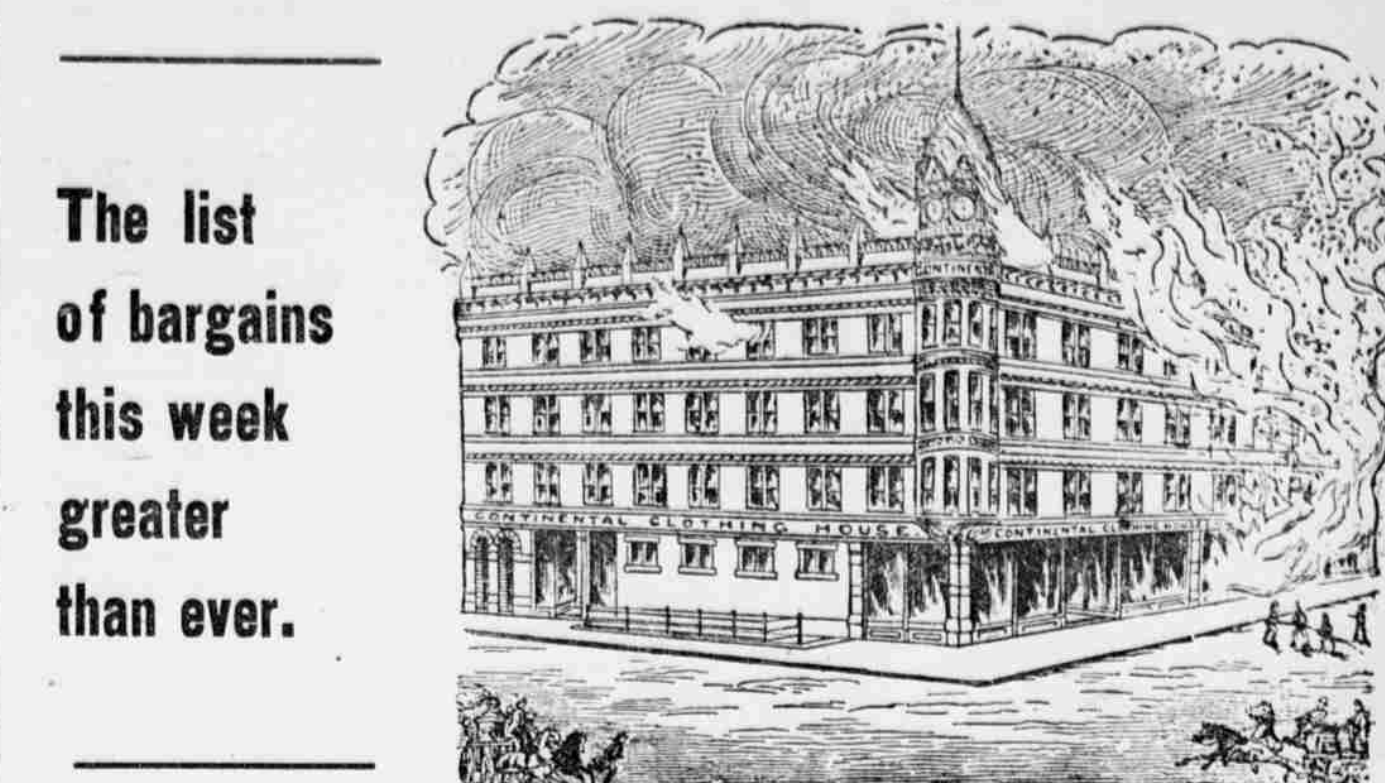
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CONTINENTAL CLOTHING HOUSE. GREAT FIRE SALE.

The balance of the stock on sale at 25c to 50 on the dollar. At 25c, At 50c on the dollar. Every damaged garment must be sold by March 1.



The list of bargains this week greater than ever.

MEN'S SUITS, Price \$5. Former Price \$10 and \$12. 750 men's cassimere suits all slightly damaged, but ridiculously cheap at \$3. Sacks and frocks, all at the same price.

MEN'S SUITS Over 500 suits of fancy wools, and fancy chevots, in sacks only at \$10. No suit in the lot has ever been sold for less than \$15, and some as high as \$20. This is a rare chance to get the best quality for less than 50 cents on the dollar.

MEN'S SUITS \$10 Men's Pantaloons \$1.50 \$2.00

The sale of men's pantaloons will continue this week—in all sizes and weights—and colors—slightly damaged by water only—at \$1.50 and \$2.

BOYS' SUITS Boys' cheviot long pant suit \$3.50 Boys' cassimere long pant suits \$5.00 Boys' fine worsted and cheviot suits \$8 and \$10 Boys' knee pant suits \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50; [former price \$6 to \$8.

Star Shirt Waists 43 Cents on Monday. Manhattan Unlaundered Waists 29c.

The best waist in the market for service—medium and dark colors. Boys' Blouse Waists, \$1.00 Boys' Kilt Suits, \$1.00

A job lot of boys' blouse suits and kilts, at \$1 on Monday. Big Drive in Boys' Knee Pants, At 25c, at 50c, on Monday.

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