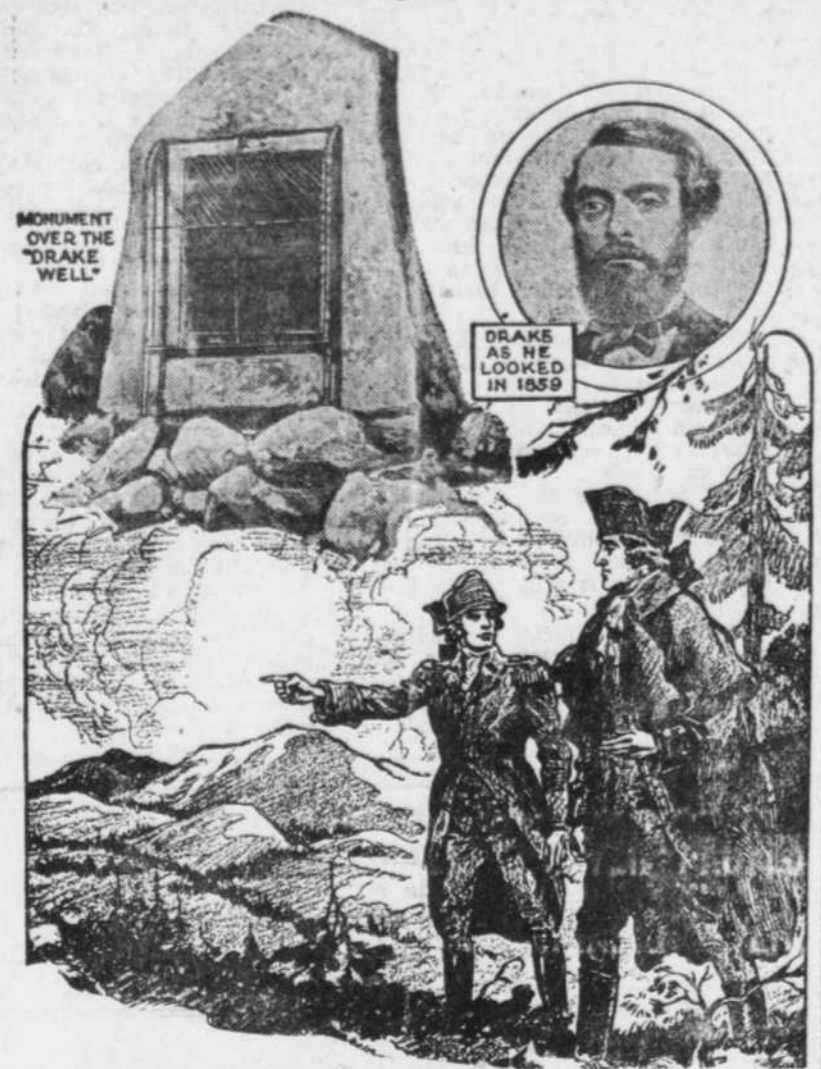


# Washington's Early Adventures Now Assuming New Significance



By HENRY BOTSFORD

After well nigh a century and three-quarters a new interest has recently been aroused in the earliest military adventures of George Washington. When barely twenty-one years old, in 1753, Washington was sent by Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia into the far northwestern wilderness—that is, northwestern Pennsylvania—to warn the French that they must cease their efforts to occupy that region. Recent researches have given a new historical significance to that expedition, during which Washington, always reckless of his personal safety, had one of his narrow escapes from death at the hands of a treacherous Indian guide.

The French at that time occupied Canada and claimed the Mississippi and Ohio Valleys. Though the fringe of English speaking colonies along the Atlantic contained the chief European population, France maintained sovereignty over most of North America's area. They were apparently determined to occupy northwestern Pennsylvania, partly because it was known even then to be rich in petroleum.

**Region's Wealth Known**

Pioneers and missionaries, English, French, German and Dutch, had all reported to their governments that the petroleum was of great potential value. There is, however, no reason to believe that Washington knew of its existence or value until his adventure of 1753. Then he learned that the oil had long been used by the Indians and the pioneer whites for fuel and light, for medicine and in making war paint. Washington was so much impressed with its possibilities that he later became owner of a large area of oil-bearing lands. Although the petroleum industry in its modern form was then undreamed of, Washington was so sure that a fortune resided in his oil-bearing lands that in his will he listed them as his most valuable holdings. In the property schedule attached to the will he wrote:

"This tract was taken up by General Lewis and myself on account of the bituminous spring which it contains, of so inflammable a nature as to burn as freely as spirits and as nearly difficult to extinguish."

**The Will of Washington**

Some historians declare that in an earlier will Washington dedicated this "burning spring" to the public. At any rate, it had passed from his ownership before his death. He sold this tract for \$200,000, but, suspecting it might revert to his estate under a mortgage, he warned his heirs that should it do so it would be worth much more than the \$200,000.

Although Washington's first knowledge of petroleum was gained within a few miles of the place where the first oil well in the world was drilled, that first well was not opened until one hundred and six years later, 1859. In that year Edwin Laurentine Drake bored the first well, just south of Titusville, Pennsylvania, and really started the modern petroleum industry.

**A Development Wonder**

Today the American industry is the major part of the world's oil business. Americans are directing oil developments all over the world. It is all part of the huge problem: to make sure that the tomorrows shall see America's requirements met. Every decade the production of petroleum has doubled. Science and technical progress have met all demands. Foreign investment and development are in the nature of insurance for the future.

In the days of Drake and the industry's beginnings petroleum's value lay in lubricants and kerosene. The age of machinery was only beginning, with its insatiable

demand for lubricants, while kerosene, though the best illuminant ever known, was dangerous because poor refining left gasoline that was liable to explode. It is difficult nowadays, when the world is being combated for more petroleum to make more gasoline, to realize that gasoline was once a nuisance and a menace. The internal combustion engine created the demand for gasoline, now the primary product of petroleum. The demands of millions of motor cars increasing constantly, invention and chemistry were set at work by the captains of the industry to make the barrel of petroleum turn out a larger and larger proportion of gasoline. This was done by the cracking process, through which every year now sees a larger proportion of crude oil turned into gasoline.

**High and Growing Demands**

Today well-nigh 2,500,000 barrels of petroleum are required every day to satisfy the demand for motor cars, tractors, trucks, buses, artificial gas plants and the innumerable by-products. Invention is constantly finding new uses, as enterprise just as constantly finds new supplies of petroleum. The wonderful and rather mysterious fluid has revolutionized social habits and industrial methods; yet it is only two-thirds of a century since the industry had its feeble beginning in the Pennsylvania oil country.

This year the country will use about 750,000,000 barrels of petroleum. The country will use 700,000,000 gallons of gasoline and will export 1,900,000 more. The production, processing and marketing of petroleum is probably second only to agriculture among American industries.

Roughly, 70 per cent of the world's petroleum industry is American. Ten billions of capital is invested in it—half the valuation of the national railroad system. It employs just about 1,000,000 people. The petroleum pipe line system, gridironing a good share of the country, aggregates about 85,000 miles. Petroleum revolutionized naval warfare by bringing in the oil burning ship; it is fast revolutionizing merchant marines in the same fashion. Multiplication of motor cars, along with the special taxation of their gasoline, has made possible the modern highway system.

**A True Social Service**

Perhaps the most nearly revolutionary result of Drake's modernization of the petroleum industry is to be found in the change it has brought in the life of rural America. It has carried the city to the country, the country to the city. It has, by making possible the cheap and quick transportation that everybody nowadays enjoys, enabled country and city to know and understand each other as they never did before. It has brought social and educational privileges to country dwellers that a few decades ago seemed absolutely denied to them. On the one hand it has enabled the cities to spread out into suburban areas and the zone of the country estates; on the other, it has enabled the people of the open country to have neighbors, society, church and school privileges, intimate acquaintance.

It is a historic fact that the tendency toward division of interest and understanding between city and country is the most serious internal menace to the security of nations, to the integrity of society. More than anything else, country and city need to know and understand each other and each other's problems. The easy transportation, the ready opportunity for association and acquaintance that have come with the Age of Petroleum have made possible, in this favored country at least, exactly this new intimacy and understanding.

The only fellow who can afford to drink bootleg liquor is the one who has seen all there is to

## SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IN NEVADA INCREASES

Total enrollment in the public schools of Nevada for the school year ending June 30, 1926, increased \$33 over 1925 according to the biennial report compiled by W. J. Hunting, retiring superintendent of public instruction. There were 17,088 pupils enrolled in the school in 1925 while in 1926 there were 17,921, Mr. Hunting reports.

Boys lead girls in school enrollment, according to the statistical tables, with boys to the number of 9336 attending school in 1926 compared with 8585 girls. Boys also showed a greater gain in enrollment than girls, indicating that 513 more boys were registered in 1926 than 1925. Enrollment of girls showed a gain of 320.

Washoe county leads in public school enrollment, the total in 1925 being 5204 while in 1926 it reached 5406. Mineral county has the lowest total enrollment with 158 registered for the term ending in June of last year. This is a decrease of two from 1925.

It cost the elementary schools of the state \$1,450,833.96 to operate during the school year closing June 30, 1926 with the high schools spending \$709,139.84. It cost the elementary schools less per pupil, however.

The education of one high school student during the year cost \$289.34, while elementary school students cost \$134.77 each.

## FRED N. LITTLETON ACQUITTED BY JURY

Fred N. Littleton, former naturalization examiner, who was tried for charges of fraud against the government in that he assisted certain parties in getting their naturalization papers who were not entitled to them, has been acquitted.

It took the jury about three hours to reach its decision after Judge Farrington had given his instructions. The case was called for trial last Monday and lasted throughout the week, consuming far less of the court's time than had been anticipated.

In the charges it was alleged that Littleton had been a party to a conspiracy in 1919 through which one John Peco was given certificate of restoration to which he was not entitled.

## SUPERINTENDENT TO HOME IS APPOINTED

Joe Kendall, superintendent of the Hawthorne Mines Co., has been appointed to the position of superintendent of the Nevada orphan's home and he will take immediate charge of the institution. Superintendent Geo. W. Cowing, who retires will remain at the home and will be on the payroll until February first.

The appointment went to Kendall at a meeting of the board by the votes of Walter W. Anderson, state superintendent of public instruction, and George Watt, surveyor general. Ed. Malley, state treasurer, did not participate in the discussion but he cast his ballot in favor of Mr. Cowing.

The board made no changes in the personnel of the home employees.—Carson Appeal.

## \$3,500,000 AMMUNITION DEPOT TO BE BUILT AT HAWTHORNE, NEV.

(Reno Evening Gazette)

The plans of the navy department for the development of a three and a half million dollar ammunition depot at Hawthorne, Nevada, call for the following construction:

- Administration building, dispensary and sick quarters, quarters for officers and civilian employees, barracks, mess hall, galley, recreation hall and post exchange, \$420,000.
- Central heating plant, oil storage tanks, transformer house, incinerator, locomotive and crane shed, garage and equipment, storage building, receiving and shipping shed, storehouse, shipping building and surveillance test house, \$360,000.
- Magazines, filler house, cooling house, detonator houses, barricades, storehouse for empty mine cases, etc., lightning protection, steam plant, \$970,000.
- Water development and distribution, electric light and power, fire alarm and telephone, heating distribution, sewage disposal, drainage, roads and walks, railroad, fencing, \$1,440,000.
- Locomotives, locomotive crane, rolling stock, trucks, trailers, fire apparatus, \$80,000.
- Plant equipment and shop tools \$180,000.

## GENERAL MOTORS ACCEPTANCE CORP. INCREASES CAPITAL

General Motors acceptance corporation, which operates the service employed in credit purchases of General Motors products, announces that the New York State banking department has approved an increase in its capital stock of 60,000 shares. This stock will be sold to General Motors corporation at \$125 per share, thus providing \$7,500,000 of additional capital funds.

With this increase General Motors acceptance corporation has capital, surplus and undivided profits of approximately \$38,200,000. All of the stock is owned by General Motors corporation.

The French now say the British owe them billions for the care of war prisoners back in 1902. Now the British will doubtless reply by sending a bill for the board and lodging of William the Conqueror and his soldiers, due since 1066.

## JURY LIST DRAWN BY COMMISSIONERS

The following names have been drawn by the county commissioners for trial jurors for 1927:

- Nelson**  
Issac Allcock, Wm. J. Crozier, John Sartain.
- Searchlight**  
Willett H. Barton, Edward T. Merrill, J. J. McDonald, Oscar C. Scott, Bert Bobo, John Falvey, Rose Grissell, William Jolly, Chas. Kennedy, Ira Prond, Fred Reim, A. J. Robbins, Jack H. Smith.
- Sloan**  
Eddy S. Gillette, Veima Van Eaton.
- Arden**  
Eugene Barnum, Virgil Denny.
- Las Vegas**  
Julius Ahstrom, Azar Alldredge, Frank Allen, Thomas S. Allen, L. Arnett, Elizabeth Bailey, Thomas Balma, C. P. Ball, Frank Barger, Bud S. Barrett, Charles E. arrett, Roy D. Barton, Lawrence O. Bates, W. S. Batty, Geo. W. Beard, E. A. Buckett, Leva Beckley, W. J. Bell, Edna Bernard, E. P. Bihlmaier, C. J. Black, Carl A. Blank, Mark Bleak, B. F. Boggs Jr., Walter Bond, Frank Bonnell, Lee Boyd, Anna S. Bracken, Henrietta L. Brockman, N. R. Burkhard, A. E. Callian, Fred Callihan, Mary T. Campbell, Agnes E. Carrell, John Cashen, Thelma Cobley, Myrtle Codd, D. F. Colgin, Carrie, Jonger Arthur H. Cooper, Mary Elizabeth Corradetti, G. R. Cottinire, Mariner Cox, Hazel Craver, Albert George G. Davis Wm. W. Davis, Earl F. Davison, Alice M. Day.
- C. Dees, A. C. Delkin, Della DeVinney, Bernice M. Dixon, John Dotson, LeRoy E. Dutton, Tra J. Earl.**
- Carl D. Farrar, W. E. Ferron, James L. Filbey, C. C. Foster, Chas. A. French.**
- Ella E. Garner, Arthur Geman, Sarah E. George, F. A. Gibson, Otis C. Goodwin, W. J. Gregory, Mildred L. Haig, Luella Hart, J. H. Harbeson, Ida Grossman Harris, Arthur H. Harrington, N. A. Harvey, Ruth B. Harvey, Gilbert Heffner, Herbert Heidenreich, Fern Henry, Patience A. Hesse, J. R. Hewitt, Orpha Higbie, A. D. Hinrickson, Oscar W. Hogsett, Earl Honrath, Cora Lee Honstedt, Denver T. Johnstone, Dan Jondahl, Myrtle Joplin, Herbert H. Krause, J. G. Laravey, Christie Lee, R. R. S. Lehman, D. G. Lorenzi.**
- Inez McCann, Alice McFarland, Mrs. Thomas McFee, Jerry McGrath, E. G. McGriff, Dora McPherson, Marjorie McQuada, Clarence Mabey, Tony Matelleti, David Mackey, Nellie M. Martin, Edwin Marshall, Archie Mellott, Grace Ganey Mildren, R. G. E. Miller, Rosa C. Miller, Geo. Ogden Montgomery, Minnie D. Morrow, William D. Morse.**
- Wm. E. Mott, John Herbert Nay, Sylvester Nay, John W. Neeley, Edward L. Norris, Leon Oakes, Agnes Parvin, W. H. Pike, C. L. Potter, Ethel Potthoff.**
- Pearl Ridgeway, R. E. Rockwell, Joe S. Rounow, Sarah W. Rott, Margaret Sager, Kate Santongue, Shirley C. Scott, T. M. Self, Mrs. Joseph A. Sherrin, Sam Shaw Jr., Stelt Shaw, Fred D. Smith, Joseph S. Smith, Dave Southerland.**
- Ferd Tisdial, S. C. Taylor, Alma Tompkins, H. M. Towner, DeWitt Tracht, C. H. Tracy, Wm. H. Trelease, G. Lawrence Ullom, C. C. Underhill, Marvin Wait, Minnie L. Woodard.**
- West End**  
Ed. Wagner, Frank Wass, Reuben Whipple, J. W. Wilson, Thomas Young.
- Moapa**  
Arthur E. Doty, Guy E. Doty, Seth C. Evans, Perry O. Huntsman, Charles R. Kear, Teresa Logan.
- Logandale**  
John F. Allen, Joseph Allison, Elmer Bowman, Leslie E. Hewitt, Bert Mills, Henry Rice Jr., Edwin G. Wells.
- Overton**  
M. D. Cooper, Richard Cooper, Le Roy Felt, Albert S. Jones, Robert E. Lee, Frank Perkins, J. B. Robinson, Floyd W. West, Clifford Whitmore.

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**Mesquite**  
David A. Abbott, James E. Hughes.

## SERVICE WITHOUT A TAX HEADACHE

After years of experience with gas distribution, Santa Clara, California, a city of 6,000 population, has sold its municipal system to the Pacific Gas and Electric Company for \$50,000. Like many another town that had saddled itself with a gas or electric utility venture, Santa Clara came to a day when it faced the alternative of selling out to a privately operated company or expanding a large sum for needed replacements and extensions, a procedure that would call for a substantial increase in taxes. Citizens thought over the offer of the private company, realized that adequate gas service was hampering the growth of the municipality, and made their decision at the polls. Official tally sheets showed 539 votes for the sale and only 39 against.

The purchasing company at once got busy running emergency lines to increase pressure and improve service, preliminary to spending \$100,000 for replacements, larger feeders and many new mains. Still another benefit, is a rate reduction already in effect that will save Santa Clara consumers \$9,300 a year on their gas bills.

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NOTICE is hereby given, that I, the duly elected, qualified and acting Treasurer and Ex-Officio Tax Receiver in and for the County of Clark, State of Nevada, in pursuance of an order of the Board of County Commissioners of said County, duly made and entered on the minutes of the Board at the regular adjourned meeting held on the 18th day of December, 1926, will on the 21st day of February 1927, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, such right, title and interest as the County of Clark now has in and to all that real property now held by the undersigned in trust for said County and heretofore owned and assessed to M. L. Lee, Lafayette Matthews and W. J. Irwin, and upon which the state and county taxes for the years 1921, 1923 and 1924 amounting to \$17.02, \$5.28 and \$18.79, respectively, remained unpaid and became delinquent on December 1, 1924 June 6, 1922 and December 3, 1923, respectively, and for which said taxes the said properties were sold to the Treasurer of said County on July 20, 1925, July 17, 1922 and July 21, 1924, respectively. Said properties are situated in Clark County, Nevada, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit: The South East Quarter of Section 29, township 16 South, Range 68 East, and the East 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 and the West 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4, Section 26, Township 21 South, Range 62 East of Mt. Diablo Base & Meridian.

J. M. ULLOM,  
Treasurer and Ex-Officio Tax Receiver for the County of Clark, State of Nevada.

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The fellow who won't take no for an answer is greatly to be admired in a way, but sometimes he's an awful pest to have around.—Fort Wayne News Sentinel.

A lot of fellows who celebrated the New Year with bootleg liquor are unable to look forward to anything.

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