

# 47 Years Ago.

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dependence engrossed on parchment. Three copies of it, according to one tradition, were signed in the Independence chamber, one of which now hangs there, behind the table and chair used by John Hancock and George Washington, the former while presiding over the continental congress, the latter over the constitutional convention. The original is preserved in the state department at Washington and lately has shown indications of crumbling away that President Roosevelt some time ago ordered that it be kept in a lock safe.

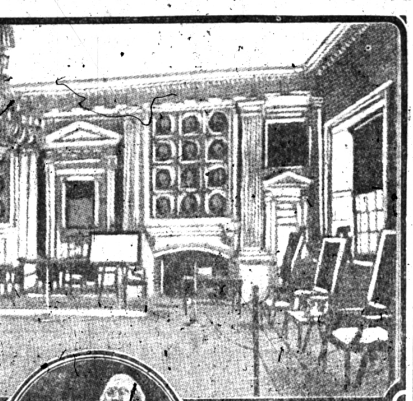
Many most impressive events and ceremonies took place in the Independence hall. The British defiled it with cruelty to American prisoners during the occupation of Philadelphia by the troops of George Howe. The flag captured by the Americans and preserved at Yorktown were received here by congress. The second inauguration of

ALTHOUGH so much written about there is very little accurate popular understanding of the history of Independence hall where the Declaration of Independence was signed July 4, 1776.

Its construction was begun in 1722, about 50 years after the first landing of William Penn at the site of Philadelphia, near the house known as the Hilo Anchor tavern. It is sacredly consecrated to the working of an inscrutable destiny that transcended

HALL WHEREIN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE WAS ADOPTED.

though provided with immense chimneys, and that these stores cost about \$25,000 of money. The second room, prepared for regular occupancy was the western one on the ground floor. The justices of the provincial supreme court who first sat there were John Kinsey, Thomas Graeme and William Tull. A bell, probably brought from England by William Penn, was hung in a tree near the government's headquarters as early as 1683, and rung when it was desired to bring the people together or upon occasions of solemnity. It is believed to have been transferred to the cupola of the old court house in the tower of the new state house. In October, 1751, the memorable order was given by Chief Justice Marshall, Charles, the provincial agent in London, for a bell of 2,000 pounds weight. The superintendents of the state house, Isaac Norris, Thomas Leach and Edward Warner.



STATUE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

Washington as president and that also of John Adams took place in what is now known as Congress hall, adjoining the state house to the north, which was not built until 1753. It was here that congress received the news of the death of Washington.

Much work of restoration had made Independence hall what it is today. In general, this work has been directed by careful study of the past, and serious consideration of the chairs occupied by the members of both bodies, Hancock and Washington, and many others. On the president's table is the silver inkstand used in signing both the Declaration of Independence and the constitution.

The Declaration chamber, where the continental congress met, is, with the exception of a new flooring, substantially in the same state as it was in 1776. The walls are covered with portraits of many of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and many notable men.

Washington preserved here by Peale. Here are the chair and table used by the presiding officers of both bodies, Hancock and Washington, and many others. On the president's table is the silver inkstand used in signing both the Declaration of Independence and the constitution.

In the rear portion of the main lobby of the state house is the Liberty bell, unless except as a sacred memorial of the past. It is supposed to have been cast by the same foundry as the Liberty bell which formerly hung in its place in the tower, but which now rests on the floor. Passing up the grand staircase, some of the original portraits in the original building are found upon its walls. Among them are those of Washington, Lafayette, William Penn, Louis XVI, George III, and George James Hamilton, the figures before full length and heroic size.

### Betty Ross and the Rejected Flag

We often read and hear the statement: "It is to be regretted that many of the fascinating narratives of our colonial history are born of imagination, and among these are the Washingtons." Captain John Smith's adventure with the Indians, Putnam's famous ride, Betty Ross and our first flag, and Barbara Fritchie at Fredericks-town."

There is abundance of proof extended to verify that Betty Ross lived, and that she was employed by the military contractor who manufactured the government archives bear witness.

Betty Ross's flag was first rejected and rejected by the committee on the Washington flag. Betty Ross, a Quaker, was the first to see the flag in the fall of 1850. The announcement did not receive serious consideration until at a public banquet given in America. At this banquet, being in the hands of the Washington flag.

## DRY FARMING EXPERIMENTS ON NON-IRRIGATED LAND

Investigations to Determine Whether Profitable Crops of Wheat and Other Grains Can Be Secured in Montana.—By Alfred Atkinson.

Investigations to determine some of the farming possibilities of the non-irrigated lands of Montana were started during the spring of 1905. The aim in taking up this line of experimentation was not to test all the different crops and soil culture methods that might be proposed, but rather by using a few of the most promising crops handed in the best known manner, to determine if crop returns were possible on the non-irrigated lands of Montana. This aspect of the fact that the results are reported along but few lines of this nature. These few results, however, furnish an answer to the general question by indicating that profitable crops can be raised on the level lands of Montana without the aid of irrigation. Among the questions that the dry farmer must answer before his farm

been grown for many years under rather severe conditions. As a result the crop is a hardy grower, maturing four weeks earlier than the grain under conditions quite unfavorable.

The Giroux wheat, a good, hard, broad-leaved variety, had been grown under the same conditions in Russia for many years before the seed was brought to Montana. Both of these show possibilities as bread making varieties.

Flax is commonly planted as the first crop after breaking and seems to be fairly well adapted to growth on spring broken dry land soil. It is the practice in some sections to continue the growth of the flax for several years in succession, but the yield of flax that most of the grain crops will return a more profitable yield than will the flax. The average of all tests so

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## STILL LOOKING FOR LIGHT.

Strangely Enough, English Firm Failed to Understand Letter from its Japanese Agent.

An English firm, whose shipment of goods was delayed in reaching Japan, received the following communication from their newly-appointed Japanese agent: "With regard to the matter of escaping the penalty for non-delivery of this—there is only one way. We must make a stir or strike occurring in our factory. Of course I placed my presence on the premises, and in making it included forms of letter and included this will avoid the trouble of penalty of same." As Mr. — is most respectable and competent, and also heavy upright and godly, it fears me that useless to apply for his signature. Please therefore attach same at Yokohama office, making it clear. But no cause for fear of prison happening, as this offer happens by merchants of high integrity. But if this is not the case, I would not be too mean and excessive toward for business purpose. I think more better a little sentimental wisdom of polite manner and thus found good business edifice." The firm knows as much now about the delay as it did before.

## INTOLERABLE ITCHING.

Fearful Eczema All Over Baby's Face—Professional Treatment Failed.

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"When my little girl was six months old I noticed small red spots on her face. They grew so large that I sent for the doctor by mistake of helping the eruption, his ointment seemed to make it worse. Then I went to a second doctor who said it was eczema. He also gave me an ointment which did not help either. The disease spread all over the face and I began to weep. The itching grew intolerable and it was a terrible sight to see. I consulted doctors for months but they were unable to cure her. I spent over \$20 to \$30 without relief. One evening I began to use the Cuticura Remedies. The next morning the baby's face was all white instead of red. I continued until the eczema entirely disappeared. Mrs. P. E. Gumbin, Sheldon, Ia., July 12, '08."

## NOT WHAT HE MEANT.

Sawed—I'm rather dull this evening. I feel a little down in the mouth, don't you know. Miss Cutting—O, impossible! Why, it's not a six-months an inch long!

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## PUTS CRIMP IN PIANO FIEND

Scheme of Long-Suffering Couple Resulted in Considerable Abatement of Misalliance.

"We've found a joyful way to stop our continual playing of a piano in the flat below us," said a young matron to a girl friend. "Unfortunately, the remedy is only applicable when the nuisance is in the flat below ours. I'm afraid it won't do other people

two friends to dinner, and when the music down stairs had been going for some time one of our friends suggested that we make use of it and have a dance. The idea no sooner took root than we had the rug up and were doing the waltz. I had never seen or ever saw, and we took little care to tread softly. It was not long before the music ceased, and it was something like an hour before they began to play again. Almost at the same time, even though we were in the middle of our salad, we got up and began to twostep, with the result that again the music stopped. Even if we were playing a little louder, we had had no end to the abominable music. Incidentally, we had better have done our waltzing in the kitchen. Now, every time they begin to play, and I voice as hard as we can to the music, and the consequence is we are having more peace in our own home."

Then Turn to Another.

When you have set yourself to a task, finish it.—Ovid.

## A Traction Creaking Outfit.

The activities have been greatly developed to the question of what crops to plant. Because of the peculiar crop growing conditions prevailing, it is evident that the farm crops commonly grown in irrigated or humid sections will not all be equally well adapted to produce returns on the dry farm.

It is a fact that a crop may be adapted to dry land culture. It must possess certain characters. Some of these which seem essential are: stage early growth, a comparatively strong deep rooting system and early maturity.

Among all varieties grown so far the Turkey Red is the highest yielding. The average for all years of the different farms is 35.7 bushels per acre. At the Rosebud county sub-station the crop on the plot of Turkey Red was 58.17 bushels in addition to its



A Couple of Dry Land Pumpkins.

power to return high yields, four made from this variety possesses high bread making qualities. The California White hulls barley is the earliest ripening of all the spring grains tested. This grain, which is in demand for feeding purposes and for the manufacture of certain cereal food products, usually commands a good market. The California White hulls barley, which yields a higher number of bushels than the White Hulls, is really a better yielding, weighing but 48 pounds to the bushel as compared with 60 in the case of the White Hulls.

Three varieties of spring wheat have been tested. The Kunkabana, a Macaroni variety, shows the earliest maturity and highest yield. The Macaroni wheat as a class seems well adapted to grow under dry farm conditions. The seed was originally imported into this country from Russia where it has been grown for many years.

Useful Hints on Bees.

Good rules to follow at all times are these: Don't place your bees in positions that would be intolerable to yourself. Too many disturbances to one's colonies is ruinous to their future prospects. If a colony is doing well, let it alone.

Bees are almost human in many things. They have the same tendency to puffer, just as you to "do" a neighbor, eager for sport, etc.

Money in Nuts.

Fortunate nut grower to be accumulated by growers of nuts to be made largely and intelligently in the business. If they follow the best and most progressive methods, which this nut grower advocates. There is no agricultural pursuit which promises more