

# 1888

## Historical Happenings

- January 3 Washington, D.C. Marvin Chester Stone of Washington was issued a patent today for the manufacture of drinking straws that are made from manila paper coated with paraffin wax. Cheap enough to be disposed of after just one use and more enjoyable and sanitary than the current practice of using a hollow stalk of rye.
- January 13 Washington, D. C. **Geographic Society planning magazine**  
A meeting was held today at the Cosmos Club between 33 distinguished men who have established "a society for the increase and diffusion of geographic knowledge." Known as the National Geographic Society, the fledgling organization hopes to sponsor expeditions and research project, and to publish a National Geographic Magazine.
- March 14 New England **Worst blizzard in memory**  
\*By the calendar, spring is a week away, but under 50 inches of snow, flowers will have to wait to show their blooms. Some 400 people have died since the storm began March 11. Throughout New England, trains have frozen to their tracks. Telegraph lines have fallen, leaving small towns isolated. In New Hampshire, snow drifts are reported as high as 15 feet. Future generations just may call 1888 "The Year of the Great Blizzard."  
\*See related articles in *Diary*
- May 3 Washington  
Mount Rainier tunnel completed as two work teams meet in middle of mountain.
- October Baton Rouge, Louisiana  
A medicine man in town is using a new come-on to sell his "cure-all" tonic. He pulls teeth free as a way of getting people to by his extract, called Wild West Bitters. And "Dr." Frank Wallace not only pulls teeth, he also presents a vaudeville show that includes comedians and banjo players. Local dentist at first complained about Wallace's tooth-pulling. He has pacified them, however, by telling them that when he pulls teeth it gives the dentists the chance to replace them.
- November 6 **Harrison wins Presidency despite loss in popular vote**  
Benjamin Harrison lost the popular vote to Grover Cleveland, 5,444,000 to 5,540,000 in an eight-man race. However, he won 233 of the electoral votes, far more than needed for the election. Cleveland was next with 168 electoral votes.

# AGE CHART /GEORGE WADSWORTH'S

## FAMILY

YEAR	GEORGE W.	EMELINE M.	ELMER	ALVAH
1857	21			
1858	22	16		
1859	23	17		
1860	24	18		
1861	25	19		
1862	26	20		
1863	27	21	1	
1864	28	22	2	
1865	29	23	3	
1866	30	24	4	
1867	31	25	5	
1868	32	26	6	1
1869	33	27	7	2
1870	34	28	8	3
1871	35	29	9	4
1872	36	30	10	5
1873	37	31	11	6
1874	38	32	12	7
1875	39	33	13	8
1876	40	34	14	9
1877	41	35	15	10
1878	42	36	16	11
1879	43	37	17	12
1880	44	38	18	13
1881	45	39	19	14
1882	46	40	20	15
1883	47	41	21	16
1884	48	DIED OCT 12, 1882	22	17
1885	49	PHTHISIS	23	18
1886	50	41 YRS	24	19
1887	51	6 MOS.	25	20
		18 DAYS		
<b>1888</b>	<b>52</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>
1889	53		27	22
1890	54		28	23
1891	55		29	24
1892	56		30	25
1893	57		31	26
1894	58		32	27
	Died July 8, 1907		Died July 14, 1917	
	Pernicious Anemia		Pleuritis	