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Bellefonte, Pa., May 6, 1892. John DuBois.

How the Multi-Millionaire Laid the Foundation of His Wealth.

When, about a third of a century ago a short, rather stout man of middle age, landed at the little village of Luthersburg, Clearfield county, and put up at the only hostelry in the town, his appearance did not lead those who saw him to think that he was anything more than he pretended to be—a stranger in search of recreation. The stranger was reticent and no one knew where he came from or what his business was. He was equipped with a rifle and other hunting paraphernalia, and his chief object was, apparently, to seek sport in the unbroken forests that stretched from one end of the county to the other. Securing a lunch that would last him several days, the mysterious stranger started on his trip, plunging into the woods as if perfectly acquainted with woodcraft. That was the last seen of the visitor for about a week. Of his journey through the pine and hemlock forests that then covered the hills and dales of Brady, Huston and adjoining townships of Clearfield county; of his adventures at night with the wild animals that roamed through the woods; of his privations and sacrifices of comfort, and of the many other incidents connected with a trip through the woods, no one knew anything for several days. But that the stranger was not bent on pleasure alone developed in a few years afterward. Instead of shooting game or growing weary in the search thereof, the stranger had employed every minute of his time in most profitable business. He had gone over some of the most valuable timber tracts in Clearfield county, examining every tree with the eye of an expert, estimating the number of feet of pine and hemlock in certain tracts with the accuracy of a log scaler, and counting up the value of the aggregate with the ability of a shrewd business man. He viewed the whole tract of land with a practical eye that missed no detail and when he finally emerged from the forest his active brain had made a mental map of the land; he knew where to build his mills and how to best get his timber to them. The mysterious stranger was John DuBois, who just before that time lived in Williamsport. When the opportunity came he purchased a tract of land as large as he could get, and he had bought many thousands of acres we do not know, but when it is understood that, after fifteen years of steady sawing at the rate of 180,000 feet per day, there was still left one tract of 15,000 acres not a tree of which had been touched, besides hundreds of others acres which would furnish timber for his big mills for years to come, it is not surprising that he was a practical man, he knew what he was buying better than the man who sold, and the price he paid was \$5 to \$15 per acre. In 1874 he built his big mill at DuBois which laid out the town known by his name. It was then the largest mill in the United States. Other mills have been added since. Thus a multi-millionaire laid the sure foundation of the wealth that is now estimated at \$17,000,000. About three years ago Mr. DuBois died. He had never married. Before his death his next of kin wondered how he would dispose of his wealth. There were numerous nephews and nieces and they all expected to get a snug sum from the great mill owner. With the assistance of Hon. George A. Jenks, solicitor general of the United States under President Cleveland, Mr. DuBois drew up a will that was remarkable for its brevity. The transfer of his vast wealth was made to his favorite nephew, John E. DuBois, a dead, conveying the entire property to John E. DuBois, in trust, had been given to the young man before his uncle's death. It cost the estate something like \$180,000 (without attorney's fees) to settle the collateral inheritance tax. But the estate could stand it. The rumor that the estate is to be sold to the Pennsylvania railroad for \$17,000,000 revives these memories of a man of whom it can well be said that he was not the architect of his own fortune, but a builder of a business that is second to none of the kind in the United States.

William Astor Dies in Liverpool.

New York, April 26.—A special to the Evening World from Paris states that Wm. Astor died last night at a hotel in from heart failure. Mr. Astor was the father of Mrs. J. Coleman Drayton, and was greatly worried over the scandal in which she was involved. Next to his nephew, William Waldorf Astor, and probably Jay Gould, he was the richest citizen of America. His wealth was at least between fifty and sixty millions, the greater part of which is invested in New York real estate. William Astor, who during the life of his father was completely overshadowed by him, has always been more or less in the background, so far as public prominence was concerned, was only recognized by the reflected light of his wife, who since the death of Mrs. John Jacob Astor, several years before that of her husband, has been the acknowledged leader of New York's fashionable society. For many years the influence of Mrs. Astor in society matters has been all-potent, and she has in fact been the soul arbiter of the fate of those who have sought to gain admittance to the "inner circle," or creme de la creme, as Ward McAllister calls it. Her predecessor had been Mrs. John Jacob Astor, her sister-in-law, and after her death it was natural that she should assume the sceptre, the wife of William Waldorf Astor not being recognized by her as entitled to take the lead. Excursion Club to Attend THE WORLD'S FAIR.—If you have any desire to visit the World's Fair at Chicago bear in mind that the United World's Fair Excursion Co. is a sound organization, with ample capital to fulfill their promises. The company sells tickets on the installment plan. Apply to A. H. Roby Sect. 403 Exchange Building Boston.

The Grant Monument.

President Harrison Lays the Corner-Stone at New York.

New York, April 27.—The first stone of the great mausoleum which is to perpetuate the memory of General Ulysses S. Grant was laid in Riverside Park at 2 o'clock last Wednesday President Harrison, in the presence of the Cabinet and thousands of citizens, laid the granite block upon which is to be built a tomb worthy of the nation and the nation's hero. The ceremonies were impressive, and the weather favored them. Long before the hour set for the ceremonial the park presented an animated appearance. As early as 10 o'clock the little knoll upon which the enduring monument will stand was surrounded by thousands of civilians. Hour after hour the great throng was augmented. It was a peaceful, orderly, decorous gathering. The best people of the metropolis were centered around the side of the mausoleum that is to be. President Harrison arrived at 1.30. He entered the park, and when the crowd beheld the coach the Chief Magistrate of the nation was given an ovation. The President was accompanied by members of his Cabinet, and they all witnessed the ceremony except Secretary Blaine. Mr. Blaine's ill health was the reason assigned for his absence. The State Department was, however, represented.

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