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What Was Seen During a Few Days' Visit to the Government Capital.

The following account of what was seen in Washington during our recent southern trip, was written by Master Edward Elwell, with some assistance as to historical facts and dates.

EDWARD ELWELL'S DIARY.

As has already been told, we left Atlanta on Saturday, November 16th, and reached Washington on Sunday at noon. After dinner we took a walk, passing the White House, and going through some of the parks. As we were walking along the street we noticed a policeman following us, and when he caught up to us we found it was Mr. Albert Hunt, who used to live in Bloomsburg. He has been on the police force for several years, and is a fine looking officer.

Later in the afternoon we went to St. John's Episcopal Church, and after services met the rector Rev. Dr. McKay-Smith, who was in college with the editor of this paper. It is a very old church, and the music was good.

On Monday morning we went to the Capitol. It is 751 feet long, and 324 feet wide. It is certainly a grand structure. We got a guide who took us through the building and pointed out the different things of interest. Among them were the House of Representatives, the Senate Chamber, the U. S. Supreme Court room, the President's room (which is only used by him three times in four years), the Congressional Library, the bronze and marble stairways, historic paintings and statues, the famous bronze doors, the rotunda which was first used by the lower branch of congress, but is now used as a statuary hall where the statues of two prominent men from each state in the Union are to be placed. Only a few of the states have thus far complied. The dome is decorated with frescoes. In it is the wonderful whispering gallery, where you can hear a conversation clear across the hall with your backs turned to each other and talking in a very low tone.

I went with the guide to one side of the rotunda and talked with Mamma and Papa who were 65 feet away, with a lot of people talking between us.

Then the White House was next visited.

We only saw the East room as the other rooms were all closed. The East room is the largest one in the Mansion.

Next we went to the U. S. Treasury building, and found Dr. A. B. Jamison who is employed in the first auditor's office. He used to live in Bloomsburg. He went through the building with us and we saw the vaults where all the money is kept, and the flag that was draped around President Lincoln's theatre box when he was shot, and it shows the place where Booth's spur caught in the flag when he leaped onto the stage and broke his ankle, and many other things, including a package of bonds worth four and a half million dollars. By that time we were hungry, and we went home, and after having lunch we started out again and went to the Navy Yard expecting to see some Monitors or Men-of-War, but the Monitors and Men-of-War we saw were two 25 ft. tugs. Then we went to the National Museum and saw the uniform and gun and many other things that belonged to Gen. Geo. Washington. By that time it was 4:30 and as all the public buildings close at that time we went to our hotel and remained there all evening. On Tuesday morning we called at the drug store of Mr. A. F. Hendershott, who was born and raised in Bloomsburg, and he went with us to Mt. Vernon. At the Penn'a R. R. station we saw the spot where President Garfield fell when Guiteau shot him. It is marked by a gilt star on the floor.

Taking the steam cars we crossed the Potomac River and soon reached Alexandria, Va. In this city stands the old Christ Church of which Washington was a vestryman. It is a quaint looking old building. Here also stands the hotel whose proprietor shot Col. Ellsworth at the beginning of the war in 1861, when that brave young officer entered the hotel and put up a Union flag. At Alexandria we took an electric car and reached Mt. Vernon at noon. You have to pay 25 cts. admission to the grounds, and visitors are not allowed to eat lunches there because they would throw paper and lunch boxes on the grounds. We saw several ladies who had to hand their lunches to the gate keeper as they went in.

As everybody knows, Mt. Vernon, the home of Gen. George Washington, is about 17 miles down the Potomac River from Washington.

The property contains 233 1/2 acres, and belongs to the Mt. Vernon Ladies' Association of the Union. The buildings have been restored as nearly as possible to the condition in which they were when Washington lived there. The rooms have been refurnished by different States of the Union. Among the most interesting things we saw were the room in which Washington died, his original letters, his spectacles, his cane, his flute, the bed on which he died, his clothes, the room in which Martha Washington died, and the vault where both their bodies lie in marble tombs. Up to 1831 the remains lay in the old vault, but at that time they were removed to the new one where they now are. The inner vault contains the remains of about 30 members of the Washington family, and on Oct. 7, 1837 the door of the vault was locked and the key thrown into the Potomac.

The property is in charge of a superintendent and several assistants, and everything is kept in very good order. The mansion stands on high ground overlooking the Potomac, which is very wide, and the view from the porch over the broad lawn is beautiful. After visiting the tomb we went on down the hill to the steamboat landing where the boat from Washington stops every day. We saw schools of young perch and other fish in the water, and had a fine view up and down the river. Coming back up the hill we passed the coach house and saw the old family coach used by Washington.

I bought a Mt. Vernon souvenir, a little hatchet made of cherry wood grown on the place, which reminded me of the story about Washington's cutting down his father's cherry tree with his little hatchet. I also picked up some white pebbles in the flower garden to keep as a memento of our visit there. We left Mt. Vernon at 1:30 feeling that it was the most interesting place that we had visited during our journey. By the time we got home and got our lunch it was 3:45 and as all the public buildings close at 4:30, we did not go to any of them but went to Chevy Chase which is about 4 miles from Washington. The line of trolley cars runs out there. The land is owned by a company and it is intended to be a place for handsome residences and a summer resort for Washington people. It is in the state of Maryland, so that we were in three different states that day, District of Columbia, Virginia, and Maryland.

On Wednesday morning we went through the State, War, and Navy departments, and then the Smithsonian Institute, which is one of the finest museums in the world, the Medical museum, where I did not see anything that I cared for, and then to the U. S. Fish Commission building where we saw a lot of fish in tanks of water. There are not many there, as most of them are at the Atlanta exposition where we saw them in the U. S. Government Building. We were near the Washington monument but did not go up in it. It is 555 ft. high and is made of stone from every state in the Union, and from nearly every country in the world. It takes the elevator about 10 minutes to get to the top.

Washington is a beautiful city with wide, clean streets, pretty parks, fine statues, and Government buildings scattered all around. We could have spent several days more there in sight-seeing, but the weather grew cold and unpleasant so we decided to start for home. On Thursday we went to Philadelphia and on Friday we came home, after an absence of 15 days.

G. EDWARD ELWELL JR.

No Quorum.

There was to have been a meeting of the Council last Monday evening, but owing to the absence of several of the members there was not a sufficient number in attendance to transact business. Quite a number of citizens were present and several matters were discussed. Building inspector Humphrey reported that he had examined the Evans building at the corner of Main and Iron streets, and that the flue needed attention, and the chimney should be built higher. Mr. Gorrey, representing the Highway committee, stated that they had examined the alleys and streets east of East street, and would report in favor of granting the request of C. W. Neal, John Wolf and Walter Laubach desired building permits. There will be an adjourned meeting next Monday evening.

The influence of one determined man on a jury was demonstrated in the case of Arley Gilroy, who was convicted of arson at Williamsport. The jury stood 11 to 1 in favor of acquittal.

IN MAKING HOLIDAY PURCHASES

You will no doubt look for something useful. What would be more appreciated by father, brother, grandfather, cousin, uncle or sweetheart, than a smoking jacket, pair of gloves, night robe, nice umbrella, walking stick, some nice neckwear, fine silk suspenders, or mackintosh coat. Everyone of them useful, and the purchaser need not squeeze the pocket book in pleasing. Commence at 25cts. for a nice necktie, and up as high as one wishes to go. The selection at each price is extremely large, and was made with utmost care. Indeed, your holiday shopping will be incomplete if you fail to stop at this establishment.

Mid-season has put very close prices on all suits and overcoats.

J. M. GIDDING & CO.

TURNED THE TABLES.

Several of the gay young men of this place started in one evening last week to have a fine gay time at the expense of a man from the country, whom they corralled in one of the hotels, but he had the last laugh. He was known by reputation at least, to nearly all of them, and they repaired to the bar where they exchanged beer for his reminiscences. Beer and jokes flowed freely, and they imagined they were having an immense time at the expense of John.

In the conversation he informed them that he had just received \$300, and fearing that it might be taken from him, he concluded to come to this hotel, remain during the night and send the money away in the morning. By this time it had become late, very late, every one in the house, excepting this party, had retired, and it was proposed that they adjourn. The clerk was told to give the countryman a good room, good-nights were exchanged, and all retired to their rooms. In a short time they were startled by hearing the cry of "Landlord! Landlord! Landlord!" Peter, the clerk, hurried up stairs, the boys made their appearance, and the other guests came out of their rooms to learn the cause of the trouble. There stood the man from the country apparently much excited, who exclaimed "where is my three hundred dollars?" A thorough search participated in by the clerk, the boys and the guests was made, but the money could not be found. About this time it dawned upon the minds of the aforesaid young men who had been having such a good time at his expense, that perhaps there was trouble ahead. Here was a man who had \$300, they were the last with him and it was lost. There was not much sleep that night, and they were up early in the morning anxiously awaiting the appearance of the countryman. At last he came down stairs and was met by the clerk, who interrogated him in regard to his money. The old man grinned, poked him in the ribs, and said, "Say, Pete, dat was a good yoke dem young fellers sought dey was playing on me last night when dey turned my cap wrong side front, and pinned green turtle tobacco advertisements on my coat."

But say, I had dat money all de time under my bolster, sought I would youst holler I had lost it and then no one would rob me. Yes, I don't care if I do take a little Rohr before breakfast."

An Interesting Meeting.

The Y. M. C. A. hall was packed with men last Saturday afternoon, who turned out to hear the railroad Evangelist, Mr. John M. Warden. His subject was "The Four Great Sins," and he handled it in an able manner. Services have been held every evening during the week at the rooms, which have been well attended. Whilst he is not as eloquent as other evangelists we have had in our town, yet what he lacks in that direction he makes up in earnestness. Under his preaching, many men have signified an intention of leading a different life.

New Officers Elected.

At the regular monthly meeting of Encampment 32, U. V. L., on Wednesday night, the following officers were elected: J. H. Maize, Col.; R. C. Buckalew, Lt. Col.; M. Breckbill, Maj.; A. Hebbine, Quarter Master; C. S. Furman, Chaplain; J. B. Robison, O. D. Appointives: C. S. Fornwald, Adj't; F. M. Gilmore, O. G.; B. F. Gilmore, Ensign; B. F. Sharpless, Q. M. Sergeant. Trustees: B. F. Sharpless, Jac. Keller and Louis Cohen.

New Bicycle Shop.

W. H. Crossly, whose bicycle repair shop was destroyed by fire some time since, has secured a location for the erection of a new one in the lot of Walter Laubach on the Light Street road immediately above the City Hall. It will be a brick building 18 by 30 feet, and substantially fire proof. Work was commenced on it last Monday.

Miss Liza Breece, who has been a patient sufferer for about three years was relieved from her sufferings Sunday morning at 5:30 o'clock. The funeral services were held at her home Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 conducted by Rev. C. H. Brandt.

No End to the Great Reduction Sales at the **D. Lowenberg Clothing Store,** as long as our Enormous Stock of Winter Clothing lasts.

Still selling those knee pants,
Still selling those children's suits,
Still selling those men's woolen shirts, } at 75c.
Still selling those men's mittens,
Still selling those men's heavy working pants at 49c.
Still selling those heavy pull down and plush caps at 25 and 50c., etc.
Still selling those men's fine woolen pants at \$1.75 to \$2.00.
Still selling those elegant Rochester overcoats at \$5.00, \$6.50 and \$10.00.
Still selling those long warm storm coats, at \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.00.
Still selling those children's suits at \$1.75.

HOLIDAY GOODS AT LOW PRICES.

White silk handkerchiefs at 19c.
Elegant neckwear at 25 and 50c.
Elegant gloves at 50c. to \$1.00.

Low prices in these hard times is what the people want, and these prices will last all the winter long at

The D. Lowenberg Clothing Store.

Solid silver watch given away on New Year's day. Every dollar purchaser receives a chance on same.