

Washington Eighty Years Ago.

Those of our readers who visit Washington to witness the inauguration ceremony, and look upon the splendors of the now magnificent Capitol, will read with interest the following letter by Congressman Gallatin to his wife, just after his arrival in the then small village, eighty years ago:

"I arrived here on Saturday last. The weather was intensely cold the Saturday I crossed the Allegheny mountains, and afterwards I was detained one day and a half by rain and snow. * * * Our local situation is far from being pleasant or even convenient. Around the Capitol are seven or eight boarding houses, one tailor, one shoemaker, one printer, a washerwoman, a grocery shop, a pamphlet and stationery shop, a small dry goods shop, and an oyster house. This makes the whole of the federal city as connected with the Capitol. At the distance of three-fourths of a mile, on or near the eastern branch, lie scattered the habitations of Mr. Law and of Mr. Carroll, the principal proprietaries of the ground, half a dozen houses, a very large but perfectly empty warehouse, and a wharf graced by not a single vessel. And this makes the whole intended commercial part of the city, unless we include in it what is called the twenty buildings, being so many unfinished houses commenced by Morris and Nicholson, and perhaps as many undertaken by Greenleaf, both of which groups lie, at the distance of half a mile from each other, near the mouth of the eastern branch and the Potomac, and are divided by a large swamp from the Capitol hill and the little village connected with it. Taking a contrary direction from the Capitol towards the president's house, the same swamp intervenes, and a straight causeway, which measures one mile and a half and seventeen perches, forms the communication between the two buildings. A small stream, about the size of the largest of the two that runs between Clare's and our house, and decorated with the pompous appellation of 'Tyber,' feeds without draining the swamps, and along that causeway (called the Pennsylvania avenue), between the Capitol and president's house, not a single house intervenes or can intervene without devoting its wretched tenant to perpetual fevers. From the president's house to Georgetown the distance is not quite a mile and a half; the ground is high and level; the public offices and from fifty to one hundred good houses are finished. The president's house is a very elegant building, and this part of the city on account of its vicinity to Georgetown, with which it communicates over Rock creek by two bridges, and by the concourse of people drawn by having business with the public offices, will improve considerably, and may, within a short time, form a town equal in size and population to Lancaster or Annapolis. But we are not there; the distance is too great for convenience from thence to the Capitol.

Six or seven of the members have taken lodgings at Georgetown, three near the president's house, and all the others are crowded in the eight boarding houses near the Capitol. I am at Conrad & McMunn's, where I share the room of Mr. Varum, and pay at the rate, I think, including attendance, wood, candles and liquors, of \$15 per week. At the table, I believe, we are from twenty-four to thirty, and were it not for the presence of Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Brown, would look like a refectory of monks. The two Nicholases, Mr. Langdon, Mr. Jefferson, General Smith, Mr. Baldwin, etc., etc., make part of our mess. The company is good enough, but is always the same, and, unless in my own family, I had rather now and then see some other persons. Our not being able to have a room each is a greater inconvenience. As to our fare, we have hardly any vegetables, the people being obliged to resort to Alexandria for supplies. Our beef is not very good; mutton and poultry good. The price of provisions and wood about the same as in Philadelphia. As to rents, I have not yet been able to ascertain anything precise, but, upon the whole, living must be some what dearer here than either in Philadelphia or New York."

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Union Lodge, No. 103, meets First and Third Wednesday of each month.
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Northern Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 16, Meets fourth Wednesday each month.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Towanda Lodge, No. 290. Meets every Tuesday evening.
Endowment Rank, Section 101. Meets Third Friday in each month.

ODD FELLOWS.

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Bradford Encampment, No. 41. Meets Second and Fourth Wednesday night of each month.
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