BETTY WASHINGTON.

GREAT COMMANDER.

Beautiful Interior Decorations in Her Home at Fredericksburg, Done in Raised Stucco by an English Prisoner -Locks of Vast Proportions.



N the outskirts of the little town of Fredericksburg. Va., stands a house of peculiar interest to all Americans. It is Kenmore, the home of George Washington's only sister, Betty, which was built by her husband, Colonel

Fielding Lewis, to gratify the ambition she often expressed of "being mistress of a fine house." Few, if any strangers, visit Fredericksburg without seeing this historic old mansion, which is considered the "show" place of the town.

The interior of Kenmore is severely sloping roof, tiny paned windows and knockers, carry one back to a time now nearly a century and a half past. The doors are high and narrow, of elaborately carved oak. The first thing that strikes the eye on entering the small, square hall, is a high clock of the kind popularly known as 'Grandfather's Clock," which was once the property of Mary Washington.

Interior of Kenmore.

Few houses have such an extremely handsome interior as Kenmore. The ceilings and mantels alone are worth a visit to see, being the most beautiful of their kind in the state. The ceilings are stuccoed with raised plaster in elaborate designs of wreaths and garlands of flowers, sheaves of wheat, etc., and over the mantels are large ornate portrayals of the fables of Aesop, done in the same beautiful work. The one over the drawing room mantel is said to have been designed by George Washington for his sister. We are told by an old chronicler that this ornamentation of ceiling and mantel was the chief thing that pleased Mistress Betty Lewis in all her fine house. It was the work of an English soldier, who was captured during the revolution and sent for safe keeping to the home of Colonel Lewis, where he thus employed his time more profitably than most of the other English soldiers then in America. The drawing room, which is lofty and of unusual size, presents a faithful picture of the apartment in which the luxurious Virginian of that day liked to gather his family or entertain his friends. The high walls are paneled to the top, the deep windows furnish seats almost as large, though hardly so comfortable as armchairs, and on the doors are immense brass locks, containing keys of ponderous size. It would almost seem from these cumbersome locks which are found on so many old homes, that our forefathers were wont to have a sense of security in proportion to the size of the from fear must the good folk of Kenmore have been. The drawing-room opens at one end on a massive stone porch and on the other into a smaller. but remarkably beautiful parlor, where we find again the same elaborate work on ceilings, mantels and walls. Crossing the halls, we come to the diningroom, the brightest room in the house, and here George Washington often sat, drinking a cup of tea with his sister. or attending as an honorary guest one of her stately midday dinners. During



COLONEL FIELDING LEWIS.

the visit of Lafayette to Fredericksburg to meet Mrs. Washington, his friend's mother, he too, dined in this room, and it is said the gallant Frenchman expressed himself as being more than charmed, with not only his fair hostess, but her handsome home,

Where Mary Washington Died. On the upper floor of the house are the bed-rooms, which are unusually large and bright, but the chief interest pertains to the one on the left hand of the corridor. Here we are told is the room in which Mary Washington breathed her last. This fact is not generally known, as it is usually supposed that she died in her own more humble home not far away. When she had been ill for some time with an incurable malady, Mrs. Lewis persuaded her to be moved to Kenmore, and it was here that she spent the last few weeks of her life. Not far from the house and within sight of the windows of this room arises the tall granite shaft which was erected to the memory of Mary Washington by the women of America. This is the only public monument to a woman in the United States. It is a handsome shaft, fifty feet high, on the face of which is inscribed in raised letters. "Mary, the

Mother of Washington." On the reverse side is cut in the stone, "Erected by her Countrywomen." An amusing THE ONLY SISTER OF THE incident happened in connection with the latter inscription. Among the crowds of people who attended the unveiling of the monument were many whose lives were passed on farms in remote parts of the country. One of them, an old woman, after giving a long, appreciative look to the monument, and carefully spelling over the inscription, fairly beamed with delight. "Thank goodness!" she said, "here is one thing them everlasting city woment ain't had a hand in. Shows what country folks can do when they have a mind to!"

Lavish Hospitality at Kenmore.

Kenmore was always the scene of lavish hospitality, and within its walls were entertained many of the men who assisted in making our country's history. In the spacious drawing-room. in days gone by, stately dames have courtsied low to their partners in the time-honored minuet, and coquettish damsels, in dainty short-waisted gowns, tripped gayly through the Virginia reel. These were the women who later became the wives and mothers simple, but very imposing, and its high of the heroes of the revolution. Most of the men of note of the time just quaint doorways, with huge brass previous to the revolution, were received as guests at Kenmore, and dur- | and glorious struggle that gave us ing the war which ensued the house became known far and near as the abode of patriotism. Colonel Lewis. who was a man of prominence, and proprietor of nearly half the town of Fredericksburg, was an ardent patriot. and though ill with consumption (of which he finally died before the close of the war), managed to render much



MRS. FIELDING LEWIS. (Only Sister of George Washington.)

service to his country. When he became too feeble to go on horseback. he had himself carried in his chariot to the neighboring Court House, where he uttered patriotic words which, by reason of his prominence and popularity, had much effect on the young men of the surrounding country, and many were inspired by him to become soldiers. Portraits are still preserved of himself and his wife.

It seems somewhat strange that while more, probably, has been published of George Washington's mother locks on their doors. If this be so, and wife than of any other American we cannot help thinking how very free woman, so little should have been written of his only sister. Mrs. Lewis bore a likeness to her brother so great that it was startling, and when, as was sometimes done in joke, a military hat was placed upon her head and a cape thrown over her shoulders, it was almost impossible to distinguish between them. George Washington Parke Custis, in his "Memoirs of Washington," says that on these occasions so strong was the resemblance that "Battalions would have presented arms and senates risen to do homage to the chief." In character and disposition, also, there was the same remarkable likeness between the brother and sister.

Gen, Washington Gave the Bride Away. One of Mrs. Lewis' sons, Lawrence, married Washington's adopted child, Eleanor Parke Custis, or "beautiful Nelly Custis," as she is known in history, the granddaughter of Martha Washington by her first husband. The wedding took place on February 22. 1799, the last birthday General Washington was destined to spend on earth. and he himself gave the bride away. Kenmore has passed through the hands of several owners during the last half century, and was at one time converted into a boys' school. During the civil war, when the town was bombarded by the Federal troops, the house was struck in several places by shells, some of which yet remain firmly imbedded in the walls. The present owner of Kenmore, a good old "rebel," often points these out to his Northern visitors and laughingly tells them to notice the impression they made on the place the last time they were here." The house is now owned by William Key Howard, a well-known Marylander, who purchased it some ten or twelve years ago. He has had the spacious grounds put in beautiful order and the homestead itself carefully repaired, both inside and out, so that it is now once more restored to its former beauty and stands to-day as proudly as ever, a stately reminder of revolutionary times and of the days

> The Little Maid's Reply. (A True Incident.)

of Washington.

The little maiden opened wide the door To let the honored Washington depart; The great-souled General, her mother's The first in war, in peace, in every

A better office to you, wear," said he, And placed his hand benignly on her

With curtesy quaint and reverent, smil-"Yes, sir; to let you in." she archly said. -Charles Lee in St. Nicholas.

A Promise. We won't forget the birthday Of a noble little bey
Till hatchets climb the cherry-trees
And clap their hands for joy.

—Anna M. Pratt in School Days.



are very fond. has been said we need more holids Granting this, but there many persons who no observe any, whatever the

may be. There is one day that is full of s gestions-a day so linked with the tory of our country that patriotic ser ments come to our hearts at its mention. Washington's Birthday to have a special programme of own. It would be an excellent idea make it a history day, a stars-a stripes day, to hold meetings and tivals in commemoration of the g liberty.

Every public school in the land or to mark the event by suitable exerc As the schools close for this day, not make the afternoon previous a season, when the events of Wash ton's career may be reviewed, patr addresses listened to, suitable 1 rendered, and entertainments suc charades or plays appropriate to time be given by the pupils? Make day to be looked forward to; a d delight; a day on which the young unfolding mind may grasp the idea such patriotism as the Father o Country possessed is sufficient to a name immortal.

Teach them that love of count one of the greatest of virtues, and only by loyalty and fidelity to the and the great principles it repre can the men and women of the ft hope to maintain that high pos which the United States holds an the nations of the earth. And for the young people themse

who are out of school and just be ning the serious affairs of life, there be old folks' concerns and en tainments, Continental masquerades in the old time costs of the days of Washington. Let be sham battles, with snow forts, be it that snow is plentiful. At would not hurt the elders to tal hand in this fray. It would warr the blood, stir up the ideas, rouse patriotism and break the mono that too often settles over a mic aged existence. There should be s and feastings, and dancing and rejoi all along the line, and the asser guests should thank heaven that a man as deorge Washington lived, a man whom nothing could courage, a man who, through t disappointments, vicissitudes, tre ery, ingratitude and persecution, ever alive in his heart one hope, idea, one determination, and that to secure to the citizens of this c try and their posterity forever blessings of civil and religious libe And when the day's festivities are the most appropriate ending will that all join in the doxology:

"Praise God from whom all bless flow."

One of Many.

From the portrait by James painted from life for David C. pool of Philadelphia, editor Daily Advertiser, the journal ch by Washington to publish his fare address. In this picture Washin is represented in the uniform of mander-in-chief. The form is



GEN. WASHINGTON.

drawn, the face serene and dignified, the costume truly rendered. At the death of Mr. Claypool it was purchased with the original manuscript of the address (which Mr. Claypool, by Washington's permission, had retained), by James Lenox, and is in the collection oldest and one of the most noted bankfounded by him in the city of New York.

Columbia, My Country. Columbia, my country! the last born of

nations,
The herald of freedom, the Star of the
West, West,
The brightest of stars midst file earth's constellations,
Still on your broad bosom mankind shall be blest.
Long dispersed are the clouds that rebellious once gathered,
And to dim thy resplendence no mists intervene;

intervene; Your old "Ship of State" all the tempests has weathered. And your zenith in beauty grows calm

Light requires eight minutes and eighteen seconds to pass from the sun to the earth when at its mean distance; therefore, when we look at the sun we see him, not where he actually is, that where he was about eighteen minutes and eighteen seconds ago; his true place is then always in advance of his apparent place.

a so unless subdued by the powers

HELENA BANK CLOSED. The Merchants National Suspends, to the Surprise of Everyone.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 15 .- The Merchants National bank failed to open its doors this morning, and a few minutes after 10 o'clock notice was posted that persistent and relentless withdrawals had largely roduced the bank's available resources, and to better protect depositors the directors deemed it advisable to order a suspension of busness for the time.

The suspension was a great surprise to the Helena public, as the bank was considered exceptionally strong and conservatively managed.

The last report of the bank, published December 17, showed deposits of \$1,550,000, loans of \$1,260,000 and cash and exchange \$462,000. capital stock was \$350,000 and the

surplus \$126,000. L. H. Hershfield, president, is the ers in the state, the firm of Hershfield & Bros. having been established in Helena in 1865. He is chairman of the state Republican committee. He had always been considered a sound financler. One of the brothers some time ago married an Irish girl and divorce proceedings later caused a wide sensa-

McCullagh Left a Snug Fortune.

St. Louis, Mo . Feb. 15. - The inventory of the estate of the late Joseph B. McCullagh, editor of the Globe-Demo-crat, was filed with the clerk of the probate court yesterday by Public Administrator Richardson. The perministrator Richardson. The personal property is returned at \$876,

Viscourt's Deed of Trust Law Wanted. TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 15 .- Barkley of Elk presented to the house a petition from citizens of his county asking for the repeal of the present mortgage law and for the enactment of the Missouri deed of trust law.

GENERAL SHELBY IS DEAD WORLD'S CONFERENCE

His Long Struggle Ended Peacefully-A Brave Soldier Gone.

MERWIN, Mo., Feb. 15. General Jo O. Shelby died at 4:20 o'clock this morning, so peacefully that those who watched at his bedside scarcely realized that the end was at hand until he breathed his last.

General Shelby remained unconscious to the last and no word or sign of recognition to those about him came from the dying man. His eyelids had remained closed for several hours and there was only a relaxation of the features as the hand of death swept across the pallad face.



GENERAL JO O. SHELBY.

General Shelby began to sink at 9 o'clock last night. At that hour Drs. of Manitoba. Others who are present Boulware and Gilmore said he could are: G. W. Caviner, president of the not survive beyond midnight. The ollege at Battle Creek, Mich.; C. B. family had already given up the last ray of hope and Mrs. Shelby and her daughter, Miss Anna, were prostrated

The daughter of the meetings now with grief. The message was not being held are such that only dele-borne to them for an hour. Then Mrs. gates are admitted. The time is de-Shelby simply said that she had ex-voted to the consideration of the plans pected it.

deman and George Hall, were watch cause is making advancement everying at the bedside when the signs of where. death approached. Mr. Haldeman called attention to a sudden pallor which came over General Shelby's face and the members of the family. except Mrs. Shelby and Miss Anna, were called to the room.

Ben Shelby, Joe Shelby and Webb Shelby had borne up remarkably throughout their father's sickness, although they were passionately devoted to him. When they realized that the end had come they were completely

All along the family had hoped that General Jo Shelby would regain con-sciousness before his death and this fact added to their grief. He had not spoken a word for over forty-eight hours and had given no sign of rational consciousness for three days.

The body lies in the east room, which was occupied by General Shelby as a bed room for many years. The face shows evidence of the long strug-gle and intense suffering which the patient underwent. The eyes are sunken and the cheeks hollow, while the body is emaciated from the ravages of the high fever.

No arrangements for the funeral have yet been made, but the family decided, after consultation this morning, to bury General Shelby beside his comrades of the Confederacy in Forest Hill cemetery, Kansas City. Ben Shelby said the people of Bates county wanted his father's body to rest in the wishes should be regarded. However. cemetery would be the proper place for burial and so decided.

The ex-Confederate veterans of Kansas City will have charge of the funeral and will complete the arrangements there. The body will likely be taken from here by special funeral train over the Kansas City, Pittsburg and Gulf railroad Monday. The body may lie in state in Kansas City for a day, although this will be left entirely to the as her correct name appears to be, Confederate veterans.

WARNED BY CALDERHEAD.

Kansas Congressman Forespes Danger in the Accumulation of Wealth.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15 .- At the last meeting of the house banking and currency committee, Mr. Calderhead of Republican, spoke against a bill to incorporate the International American bank with Cornelius Bliss, Andrew Carnegie, P. D. Armour and ten other millionaires as incorporators, eight shaw committed suicide, leaving his branch banks to be established in wife in destitute circumstances. other countries.

Among other things Mr. Calderhead condition of unrest. The under half day morning. of the country believes that it is in-jured, and injured largely by the power of aggregated wealth. They actually believe it. They believe it to such an extent that large areas of the country need nothing but a leader of ability to give us an insurrection. That is the truth, and that is the political storm that will follow any attempt, direct or indirect, to incorporate the men named here into a private bank, with a capital of millions of dollars, and the plea that it is done for the benefit of international commerce will not answer that mob-for it is a mobwhich only needs a commanding gen-eral to lead it. If the leader should happen to have the military instinct it would mean civil war.

The speech was taken as a warning to the east, and was marveled at the more because of the speaker's politics, and there was a sensation in the committee room

Settled for \$800,000

DULUTH, Minn., Feb. 15 .- The case of Alfred Merritt against J. D. Rockefeller is understood to have been settled by a \$500,000 cash payment to Merritt, and all the Merritt family, with claims aggregating \$4,000,000 or \$5,000,000, are said to have joined in the settlement.

Missionaries Will Meet.

PLATTE CITY, Mo., Feb. 15 .- The Missouri State Missionary association will hold its next annual convention in Platte City, beginning April 1, and alosing the evening of April 2.

SEVENTH - DAY ADVENT-ISTS AT LINCOLN.

Delegates From all Parts of the World in Attendance-Preliminary Work and Bible Institute Precede the Regular Conference Sessions Held at College View.

February 8th the Seventh-Day Adrentists commenced their regular biannial world's conference, which continues until March 8th. The meeting this year is being held at College View, near Lincoln, the seat of Union College, one of the nine leading colleges of that denomination located in the United States.

The bible institute, which precedes he general conference, opened on February 9. The general conference will not open until Friday next. February 19. The bible institute is progressing n an excellent manner, and the meetngs draw most of the prominent adrentists of the world.

It is expected that there will be, when the conference is fairly under way, fully 1,000 delegates. Already there is a large number present.

These meetings are held every two

Among the delegates from foreign countries that have arrived up to date tre: H. P. Holser, of Hamburg Germany; E. J. Waggoner of London; W. White of Australia; George Thomp-on of South Africa; J. N. J. Loughson of South Africa; J. N. borough of Sweden; Elder J. C. Foster,

of the work throughout the world. Joe and Ben Shelby, with C. F. Hal- From the reports given, the Adventist

INVESTING THE FUND

Part of the State School Fund to be Used to Buy Warrants.

The state board of educational lands and funds has adopted the plan advosated by Governor Crounse three years 1go and have decided to invest \$50,000 of the permanent school fund in unregeristered state warrants issued since February 1. Warrants issued since that day, if they have a levy behind them, will be cashed by Treasurer Meserve at face value. A suit to test the legality of investing the permanent school fund in state warrants called in by the state board was instituted a few years ago. The supreme court de-sided that the state board could not compel a person to part with a warrant antil there is money in the fund on which the warrant is drawn. As fast as unregistered warrants on the gen-eral fund are presented to Treasurer Meserve, he will cash them to the extent of \$50,000 as an investment for the permanent school fund. The warrants are considered state securities, and as such will be bought. It will be impossible, however, for the state to pay a premium.

Robt. Fitzsimmons in Lincoln. Robert Fitzsimmons, the prize-fighter cemetery at Butler, twenty miles from who is to meet Champion Corbett at the family home, and he felt that their Carson City, Nevada, the 17th day of ext March, passed through Lincoln Mrs. Shelby and the other members of ast Friday evening at 5:45, and about the family felt that the Kansas City 500 of Lincoln's citizens assembled at the Rock Island depot to get a glimpse the lanky Cornishman. He apof the lanky Cornishman. He ap-peared on the platform of the Pullman coach long enough to let the crowd see him and make a short speech.

Hound Over.

Nimrod Meek, the Lincoln man who assaulted little Laura Nagle, or Lange has been bound over to the district court to answer for his revolting crime, his bond being placed at \$2,000, in default of which he was sent to jail.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

A horse belonging to the Lincolu Transfer company stumbled and feil rency committee, Mr. Calderhead of on the east approach of the viaduct Kansas, a pronounced gold standard and broke its neck. An officer was called, who shot the animal and put it out of its misery.

A. A. Adams, a farmer near Bradwife in destitute circumstances.

The home of Peter Nelson near said: "The whole United States is in a Plainview burned to the ground Satur-

Dr J. J. Porter of Kearney, recently stricken with appoplexy, died Friday evening.

A Bank's Capital Entirely Gone. WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Feb. 15 .- The State Trust and Savings bank, capital \$25,000, passed into the hands of W. H. Stack as receiver this morning. This bank was owned by the Fowlers, who are alleged to have used it for their own enterprises. The capital is said to be completely wiped out.

Will Form a Whisky Trust.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 15 .- A secret meeting of distillers from all over the state was held in this city late last night for the purpose of forming a whisky trust of all Kentucky distillers. Their object is to control the output and the price of Kentucky whisky.

Old Time Minstrel Dead. KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 15 .- The angel of death entered the city has pital at 11 o'clock yesterday moral and stilled the heart of a minstre whose voice thrilled the audience half a century ago with the rich, full melodies of the plantation. Charles

Christie, whose name recalls the earli-est recollections of burnt cork artists, closed his eyes in the last long sleep President Bunting Again. WASHINGTON, Feb. 16,-Pre Eleveland left the city last night on the light house tender Maple for a day's duck shooting at Widewater, Va-