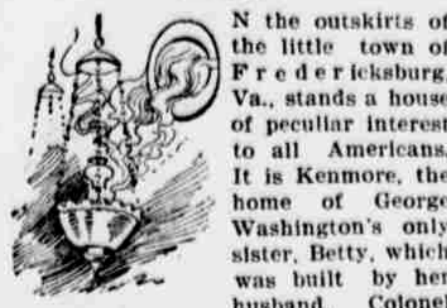


BETTY WASHINGTON.

THE ONLY SISTER OF THE GREAT COMMANDER.

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



In 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."

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 portraits of the fables of Aesop, done in the same beautiful work.



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, but 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.

Mother of Washington." On the reverse side is cut in the stone, "Erected by her Countrywomen." An amusing 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.

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 courted low to their partners in the time-honored minuet, and coquettish damsels, in dainty short-waisted gowns, tripped gayly through the Virginia reel.



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 and wife than of any other American 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.

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 Little Maid's Reply.

The little maiden opened wide the door To let the honored Washington depart; The great-souled General, her mother's friend— The first in war, in peace, in every heart. "A better office to you, wear," said he, And placed his hand benignly on her head. With courtesy quaint and reverent, smiling glance— "Yes, sir; to let you in," she archly said. —Charles Lee in St. Nicholas.

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY.



RESERVING for days, holidays, birthdays is something of which great many people are very fond. It has been said that we need more holidays. Granting this, but there are many persons who do not observe any, whatever they may be.

There is one day that is full of suggestions—a day so linked with the history of our country that patriotic sentiments come to our hearts at its mention, Washington's Birthday.

Every public school in the land ought to mark the event by suitable exercises. As the schools close for this day, do not make the afternoon previous a season, when the events of Washington's career may be reviewed, patriotic addresses listened to, suitable rendered, and entertainments such as charades or plays appropriate to the time be given by the pupils?

Teach them that love of country is one of the greatest of virtues, and only by loyalty and fidelity to the and the great principles it represents can the men and women of the future hope to maintain that high position which the United States holds among the nations of the earth.

And for the young people themselves who are out of school and just beginning the serious affairs of life, there be old folks' concerns and entertainments, Continental party masquerades in the old time costumes of the days of Washington. Let them be sham battles, with snow forts, and be it that snow is plentiful. This would not hurt the elders to take hand in this fray. It would rouse the blood, stir up the ideas, arouse patriotism and break the monotony that too often settles over a middle-aged existence.

From the portrait by James G. Thompson painted from life for David C. Pool of Philadelphia, editor of the Daily Advertiser, the journal edited by Washington to publish his fair address. In this picture Washington 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 founded 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, The brightest of stars midst the 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 respiciendo no mists intervene; Your old "Ship of State" all the tempests has weathered, And your zenith in beauty grows calm and serene. 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, but where he was about eighteen minutes and eighteen seconds ago; his true place is then always in advance of his apparent place.

GENERAL SHELBY IS DEAD

His Long Struggle Ended Peacefully—A Brave Soldier Gone.

Merwin, Mo., Feb. 15.—General Jo O. Shelby died at 4:30 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 pallid face.



GENERAL JO O. SHELBY.

General Shelby began to sink at 5 o'clock last night. At that hour Drs. Bouliware and Gilmore said he could not survive beyond midnight. The family had already given up the last ray of hope and Mrs. Shelby and her daughter, Miss Anna, were prostrated with grief. The message was not borne to them for an hour. Then Mrs. Shelby simply said that she had expected it.

Joe and Ben Shelby, with C. F. Haldeman and George Hall, were watching at the bedside when the signs of 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 overcome.

All along the family had hoped that General Jo Shelby would regain consciousness 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 struggle 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 cemetery at Butler, twenty miles from the family home, and he felt that their wishes should be regarded. However, Mrs. Shelby and the other members of the family felt that the Kansas City 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 Confederate veterans.

WARNED BY CALDERHEAD.

Kansas Congressman Foresees Danger in the Accumulation of Wealth.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—At the last meeting of the house banking and currency committee, Mr. Calderhead of Kansas, a pronounced gold standard 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 branch banks to be established in other countries.

Among other things Mr. Calderhead said: "The whole United States is in a condition of unrest. The under half of the country believes that it is injured, and injured largely by the power of aggregated wealth. They actually believe it. They believe it to such an extent that a large area 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 mob—which only needs a commanding general 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 \$500,000. 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 closing the evening of April 2.

Missouri'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.

WORLD'S CONFERENCE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS 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 Adventists commenced their regular biennial 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 the general conference, opened on February 9. The general conference will not open until Friday next, February 19. The bible institute is progressing in an excellent manner, and the meetings draw most of the prominent adventists 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 years. Among the delegates from foreign countries that have arrived up to date are: H. P. Holser, of Hamburg, Germany; E. J. Waggoner of London; W. C. White of Australia; George Thompson of South Africa; J. N. J. Loughborough of Sweden; Elder J. C. Foster, of Manitoba. Others who are present are: G. W. Caviner, president of the college at Battle Creek, Mich.; C. B. Hughes, president of Keene college, Texas; and Wm. Covert, president of the Wisconsin conference.

The character of the meetings now being held are such that only delegates are admitted. The time is devoted to the consideration of the plans of the work throughout the world. From the reports given, the Adventist cause is making advancement everywhere.

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 advocated by Governor Crouse three years ago and have decided to invest \$50,000 of the permanent school fund in unregistered 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 decided that the state board could not compel a person to part with a warrant until there is money in the fund on which the warrant is drawn. As fast as unregistered warrants on the general 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.

Bound Over.

Nimrod Meek, the Lincoln man who assaulted little Laura Nagle, or Lange as her correct name appears to be, 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.

Robt. Fitzsimmons in Lincoln.

Robert Fitzsimmons, the prize-fighter who is to meet Champion Corbett at Carson City, Nevada, the 17th day of next March, passed through Lincoln last Friday evening at 5:45, and about 100 of Lincoln's citizens assembled at the Rock Island depot to get a glimpse of the lanky Cornishman. He appeared on the platform of the Pullman coach long enough to let the crowd see him and make a short speech.

STATE NEWS NOTES.

A horse belonging to the Lincoln Transfer company stumbled and fell on the east approach of the viaduct 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 Bradshaw committed suicide, leaving his wife in destitute circumstances.

The home of Peter Nelson near Plainview burned to the ground Saturday morning.

Dr. J. J. Porter of Kearney, recently stricken with apoplexy, 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 Fowles, 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 hospital at 11 o'clock yesterday morning and stilled the heart of a minstrel whose voice thrilled the audiences of half a century ago with the rich, full melodies of the plantation. Charles Christie, whose name recalls the earliest recollections of burnt cork artists, closed his eyes in the last long sleep.

President Hunting Again.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—President Cleveland left the city last night on the light house tender Maple for a day's duck shooting at Widewater, Va.