

Famous Building Intertwined With Country's History



Rich in Noble Memories



A building of serenity and symmetry, of fine amplitude, a gracious, salubrious building, rich in noble memories, yet touched also with a living sweetness; such is the beautiful old State house in Philadelphia, often referred to as Independence hall. And it stood here, and was even then a building of age and dignity, when Sir Walter Scott said to Washington Irving, with a tolerant condescension which he meant to be flattering, "The vast aboriginal trees that have sheltered the Indians before the intrusion of the white man, are the monuments and antiquities of your country!" Scott was quite ignorant of the fact that America had architecture; to him, our country had merely trees, although this building, and some other American buildings, were richer in beauty and in noble association than quite a number of those in his own land of which he wrote with such enthusiasm.

Scott was deeply impressed by the thought of our illimitable forests. He longed to see one, as Dickens longed to see an American prairie. And had Scott come over here, and had he seen not only a forest but this State house, his imagination would have been fired, and he might have written a great novel about America, rich in details of the Revolutionary leaders, with the picturesque John Hancock, in scarlet coat and cocked hat with black cockade, entering this building to preside at the signing of the Declaration. . . .

Beautiful in Many Ways. The State house, "Independence Hall," was planned in 1729 and completed, except as to wing and tower, five years later; quite old enough, one sees, to satisfy even a Walter Scott! But it must not be thought that it is beautiful or interesting principally on account of age. Age adds to a beautiful building the salt and savor of time, the romantic patina, literal or metaphorical, that comes with the decades. But this State house is beautiful in itself; it was beautiful when it was young and new; it will remain beautiful as long as it stands, with its traditions growing more interesting with time. After all, Philadelphia was the largest and richest Colonial city of Great Britain, and so it was natural that a fine administrative structure should be built here. And it was put up in the same period which saw the construction of two other admirable state houses, that of Boston (not the stately pillared building of the pres-

ent time, but the delightful ancient state house), and the charming State house of Annapolis. All three are lessons in good taste, in positive beauty. And the Philadelphia structure is the finest of the three. . . .

The State house is a beautiful building, alike in its mass effects and in its smallest details, in the views of it from the exterior or in rooms within. Its facade is exactly centered, and similarly winged and arched at right and left. It is beautiful and it is balanced.

Viewed From the Outside. Seen from Independence square, which is a large open space, stone paved, with intervening surfaces of grass and fair-sized trees, it is a towered building of time-mellowed brick, with white window stones, with smallish pillared doorway beneath a tower built outside the lines of the main building, and, over this doorway, a splendid Palladian window. Above are cornices, and a fetching, bulging, bow-fronted window, and above this is a clock-tower, square at the bottom and rising in eight-sided diminutions to a six-sided narrow pinnacle which is topped by a trident-like weather-vane of gilt.

Enter beneath the triple Palladian window, with its heavy muntins, and passing by the foot of the finest stairs in America, you enter a broad and brick-paved central hall; and there comes the sense of a glory of white, with touches of mahogany and darkish green.

The rooms are serenely beautiful; they are dignified, large and light; there are pillars and pilasters, there are charming cornices, there are panels; in every direction one sees beautiful corners or vistas or entrance-ways. The views through the arches of the room of the Supreme court, into and across the Hall of the Signing, defined by those three pillared arches, is astonishingly effective.

At the foot of the wonderful stairs now stands the Liberty bell, upon which may still be read the Bible verse which long before the Revolution was cast upon it by its makers: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land, upon all the inhabitants thereof."

Problem Before People. There is abundant room for improvement, but the point is that improvement consists for the most part in adherence to the original plan, or at most in slight changes or modifications, such as have been made from time to time—not all of which, by the way, have proved to be wise. The problem is one of applying sound and well-tried principles to life, removing obstacles to the efficient working of tested machinery, and realizing in thought and act the noblest ideals. From this point of view, the attitude of Americans should be appreciative and grateful, rather than critical. To turn for light from America to Russia is very like turning from Christianity to voodooism. To judge America or

Americanism by the worst features of our national life, or by our failures, is much as it would be to judge Christianity by the lives of those who, professing a belief in it, have been traitors to it. There is much to alarm and dishearten, but there is also much to cheer and give hope, and abundant reason and ground for faith. So we of all people ought to be able to "greet the unseen with a cheer." We are facing not the twilight with its shadows, but the glories of the dawn. Therefore, the American is, as well he may be, the most hopeful of the sons of men.

Many Lovely Vistas.

The stair mounts, ramp by ramp, within the great tower; a broad stair with broad treads and low risers; and on the second floor, as on the first, there are everywhere long and lovely vistas of distinction. And on the second floor is a great banquet hall, entered through a delicately bell-flowered doorway topped by a beautiful fanlight, occupying the entire length of the building; and at each end of the great room is a broad fireplace, with the intent that the two shall flicker at each other with fineness of effect.

A tangle of especial distinction is given to the admirable Chestnut street face of the State house by the unusually high keystones, of marble, which center the brick above each of the ample windows and rise into a band of dark gray marble that extends across the entire one hundred and seven feet of the building's front; and by a line, above this band, of nine panels of marble, beneath the windows of the second floor. The quoins on the corners, and the fine wooden cornice and balustrade, add still further distinction; and in all it is a noble and distinguished building, rich in noble and distinguished memories. —Robert Shackleton in "The Book of Philadelphia."



Not a Meaningless Document. It is the fashion among some today to belittle the Declaration of Independence as a meaningless document, as a mere gesture which those who framed and signed it did not intend to be followed with deeds. Nothing is more false. Nor is it true that in the essentials the evolution of the United States has departed from the ideal that was in that paper given expression. Those who signed the Declaration knew perfectly well that they could not create a nation by a mere stroke of the pen and were aware of the tremendous difficulties ahead, not merely those of liberation, but those of construction and organization. They knew that they were but taking the first step and that in the long journey there would be departures from the straight path.

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Little Ethel was an only child and one day, when the minister called she was told to entertain him in the parlor until her mother could see him. A few minutes later the mother, on her way downstairs, heard the visitor ask Ethel how many brothers and sisters she had, and, to her surprise and consternation, the little miss answered, "Seven."

Although somewhat perturbed, the mother made no comment upon the remark of her little daughter, but sent her out to play.

After the minister had left, the child was taken to task and asked why she had said there were seven children. Ethel replied:

"Because I didn't want that strange gentleman to know that you were so poor that you didn't have but one child."—Everybody's Magazine.

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WHY SOME MEN GO INSANE

Kind of Office "Help" With Which Most of Us Are More or Less Familiar.

The Colorado building boasts the "dumbest" girl in all Washington, asserts the Post of that city. She's a nectarine, a pipkin and a peach. Recently her boss, who is a very busy, bellowing sort of man, told her to get Agriculture on the telephone. She jumped for a phone directory.

Time wore on. Late afternoon came. The boss had been engrossed in matters of grave importance, and it was nearly 4:30 before he suddenly recalled that Annie hadn't reported on his morning phone call.

"Annie," he thundered, "where's my Agriculture call?"

"Why, I'm sorry, sir, but he hasn't got a phone!"

"Who hasn't got a phone?"

"Why, Mr. Culture, sir. I looked through all the C's and all the K's, sir, and I couldn't find Mr. Agra Culture's name in either list, sir."

That Swat!

Yesterday's newspaper still has great potential value. Rolled into the shape of a bludgeon, it can do powerful execution and wonderful work in the decimation of the common, low-lived house fly. A dead fly is the only good fly—and its good is infinitesimal even in that condition. So swat the flies right now.—Barre (Vt.) Times.

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"I'm no guld enough for ye, dear!" he whispered. "What for did ye choose me oot o' see money?"

"Ah, well, ye see, your name's MacIntyre."

"Yes, but—" began the bewildered suitor.

"An' ye ken," finished the widow, "all my linen is marked 'McI,' that's why, Donald."

Shocking?

"There will have to be some new rules made here or else I shall give notice," said the girl in the telephone office to the chief clerk.

"Why, what's the matter?"

"Well, some of the things said over the wire are not fit for me to hear."

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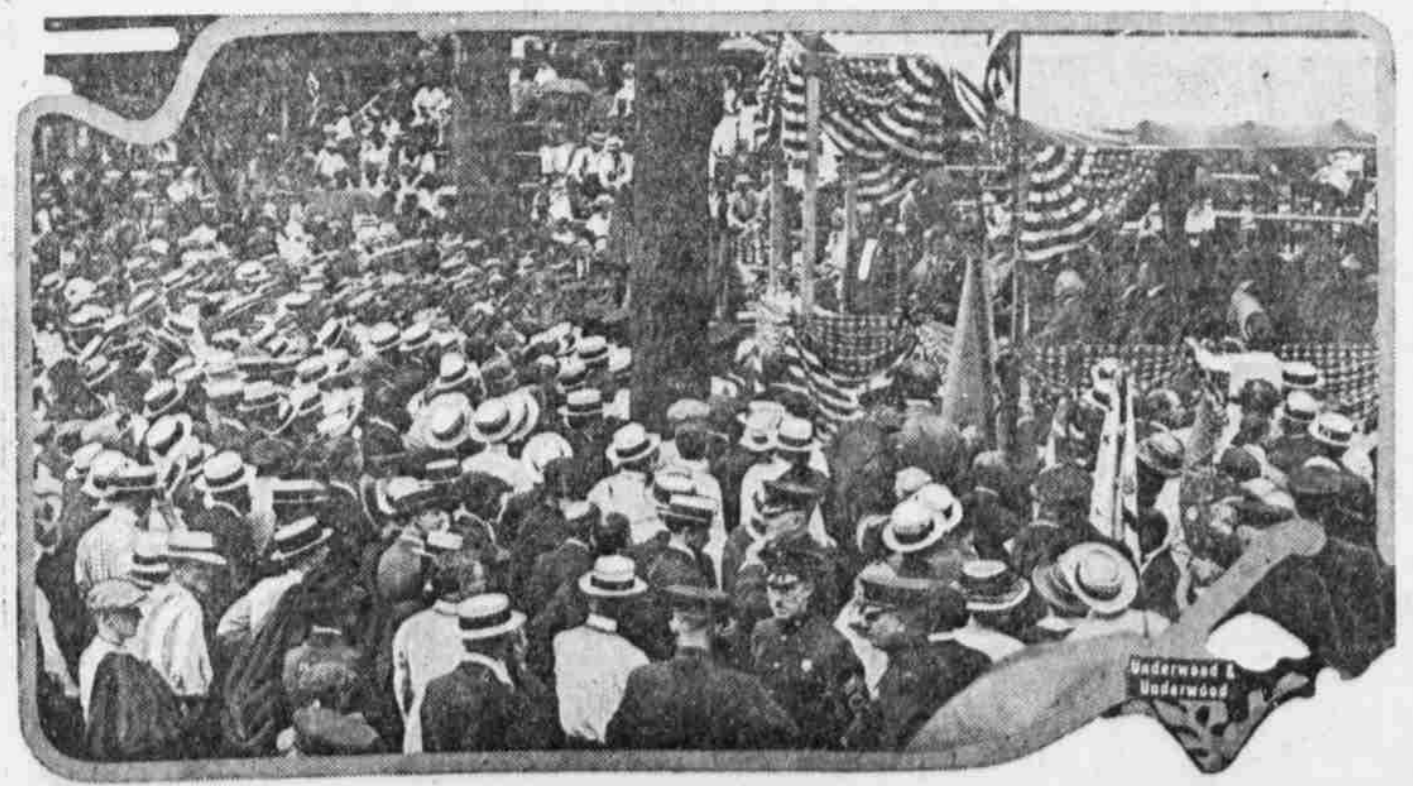
We See the Point.

There seems to be a great opening for humorists in the states. George S. Chappell, who wrote that spoof South Sea Island epic, "The Cruise of the Kawa," seems on the strength of it to have sprung into prominence at once. He is now, of course, lecturing on what he forgot to put into the book, and appears before his audiences wearing a polo helmet which he states is "the original helmet worn by Marco Polo during the first chukka!" A reputation as a wag seems more easily gained over there than on this side of the pond!—Passing Show, London.

Locomotive's Good Record.

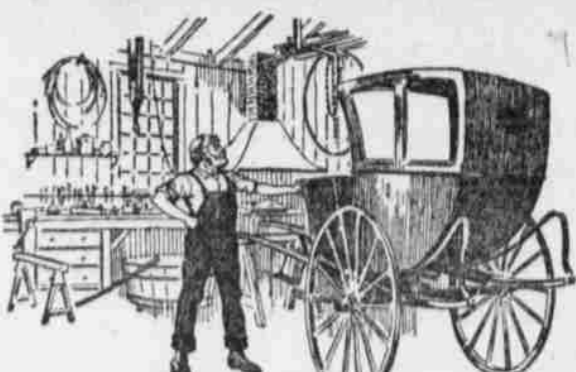
In a Wyoming coal mine there is an electrical mine locomotive that is still going strong after 27 years. It has hauled 3,712,500 tons of coal an average of 1.5 miles. Many a mule has gone to a quiet grave in that period; for mules may come and mules may go, but an electric locomotive goes all the time.

Don't blame the smoking lamp if it suits the indolent owner.



Crowd Listening to the Late Senator Knox Deliver Independence Day Address, at Independence Hall, Last Year.

The Old Carriage Maker Had an Important Truth



"To make each part as strong as the rest," was his way of "building a wonderful, one-horse chaise that wouldn't wear out till judgment day."

This illustrates a fact that is keeping many doctors busy these days—human bodies, like chaises, break down because some part isn't as strong as the others.

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