

A Week in Washington.

To begin with, a pen sketch of the monument may be of interest to some. The foundation for the shaft is 141 feet square and thirty-eight feet below the surface. From here rises the monument proper, which is fifty-five feet at the base, while the walls are fifteen feet thick, gradually tapering to the height of 500 feet, where the wall is thirty-five feet square and walls but eighteen inches thick. Here the roof commences, which makes the structure fifty-five feet higher. There are eight openings on the 500 foot landing, four feet from the floor, and are ten by thirty inches. From them one gets a splendid view of the city and surrounding country. The tourists are taken up in a large elevator, thirty-five passengers at a time. It takes nine minutes to go and seven minutes to come down in the elevator. I rode up and walked down so as to read the inscriptions, and it took me thirty-five minutes to make the trip down.

When the shaft was commenced every state and territory was requested to furnish a block of granite or marble with a suitable inscription thereon, and I believe that some of the foreign countries were asked to show their regard for Washington, if they so desired, and quite a number responded, Arabia, China, Brazil, and others which have slipped my memory. One block is from the chapel built to the memory of Wm. Tell in 1335. Besides the above named blocks there are a number from fraternal and patriotic orders. Among the first to respond from the foreign countries was the pope of Rome, but his block don't appear in the wall for the simple reason that there were some A. P. A.s working on that shaft and one morning when the workmen repaired to their work that rock had been broken into thousands of pieces and thrown into the river close by. The pope did not send a second block, so this monument to Washington is one of the few things in these United States which the dago has not had his finger in.

There are 900 steps, and every fifty feet a landing, where one can rest and read the inscriptions, and some are very fine and very appropriate. The inscriptions commence at the first landing and extend up 450 feet, so you may imagine the reading in that space. I would like to see all those names in print. They would make quite a little volume. This monument was commenced in 1848 and was finished and dedicated February 21, 1885, and cost \$1,187,000.

Lincoln park is on East Capital ave., about one-half mile from the capitol. The park contains about six acres, beautifully laid out in walks and carriage drives, and in the center is the statue of the man from which the park takes its name. He is standing by a pillar on which rests his right hand, while with his left he is holding the emancipation proclamation, extended as if blessing a slave kneeling at his feet. The shackles on the slave are broken and he is gazing at the president as though giving thanks for his liberty. On the back of the monument lies the driver's whip with the lash detached from the stock, and two shackles with the two center links missing. The bronze cost \$17,000 and was dedicated by Fred Douglas April 14, 1876, just eleven years after Lincoln was assassinated, and I think it the finest monument of Abraham Lincoln I ever saw. The inscriptions are:

FREEDOM'S MEMORIAL.

In grateful memory of Abraham Lincoln this monument was erected by the Western Sanitary Commission of St. Louis by funds contributed solely by emancipated citizens of the United States, declared free by his proclamation Jan. 1, 1863.

The first contribution was made by Charlotte Scott, a freed woman of Virginia, being her first earnings in freedom and consecrated to his monument when she heard of his death. My next visit was to Arlington Heights. This was the home of General Lee at the outbreak of the rebellion. After he left the place it was confiscated by Uncle Sam and 200 acres of it were dedicated for a national burying ground, but in 1864 Curtin Lee, Mrs. Lee's son, put in a claim that the property was his, having been deeded to him by his mother years before, so the government compromised with him for \$150,000. This is the most romantic as well as the most historic farm of any around Washington. The old mansion is built on the crest of the hill just on the edge of the large trees, and from here one has a fine view of Washington and the old Potomac river. There are about 12000 soldiers buried here. Of that number 4,077 are unknown, and looking over the head stones I saw some very familiar names of old comrades who were buried here, Generals Harney, Crook, Sheridan, Commodore Porter and quite a number of colonels and majors and one captain that served with me in 1863.

Friend Thompson, as I stood there between the graves of Generals Crook and Harney, a feeling came over me that would be hard to describe. There at my back lay 200 acres consecrated, not by holy water, but by 12000 as noble and patriotic men as the sun ever shone upon, for you must bear in mind that the men who grasped the musket in 1861 had but loyalty to encourage them and their undying love for their country. At that moment the question

flashed over my mind, "Has the rising generation done its duty to the country that these noble men gave up their lives for, that it might still be free and independent?" Answer says, "No." Then the rising generation has not only insulted the sacred memory of each and every one of those dead heroes, but it has been a disgrace to itself and the country in which it lives. And what has been the cause? It can be explained in a few words. This generation has been busy chasing after the almighty dollar and has followed after a band wagon loaded down with English nine compeeps and Italian monkey-ys until it has got so far from home that it is about to be lost altogether. But I see some of them get back the 6th of last November, and I hope that they may continue to return home and redeem the lost character, and never follow the wagon off again, no matter how many monkeys there are in it.

While standing there among the noble dead, a few amendments to the constitution came into my head. I think they would be a benefit to the nation as well as to mankind in general, and offer the following:

Resolved, That when the British lion is caught meddling with our financial affairs, we amputate his tail two inches south of his ears; and

Resolved, When the Italian monkey is caught with his paw in the treasury, no matter for what purpose, amputate his claws at the elbow and sandpaper the stump so that nothing will stick to them. For the second offense serve him as the lion was served;

Resolved, That a priest robbing a widow and orphan children under the pretext of praying the departed parent out of purgatory, shall be obliged to produce a receipt from the spirit of Abraham Lincoln showing that the goods have been delivered. If he can't produce the receipt, prosecute him just as you would any other criminal for procuring money under false pretenses;

Resolved, That any parent wishing to visit a convent to see a daughter and talk with her, shall be at liberty to do so at any time; and the mother superior and her inferiors shall not be permitted to wait within 300 feet of said child and mother or father during said meeting under penalty of the same sentence as the Italian monkey.

With these few amendments to the constitution I feel we would have but little need of issuing \$50,000,000 bonds; there would be less wine drunk by the priests, and the laymen of that church would have more money to buy bread and shoes for themselves and orphan children.

And now, a word to some of you old comrades may not come amiss. You, too, followed the wagon off until you found yourselves on Hoke Smith's plantation, and some of you have not got back yet, financially; but it is needless to warn you old fellows, for I am sure Hoke's wagon has no charms for you.

In Washington eight out of every ten of the inhabitants are directly or indirectly dependent on the government for their livelihood and they are as num as oysters. I told one of them it appeared that every one had a padlock on his mouth and the pope had the key. His answer was, "Shake, stranger, you guessed it the first time." Now my advice to all Americans is, don't go chasing any more bond wagons but attend to business like Americans.

H. H. K.

Masonic Strength.

A clipping handed us a few days ago contains the following tremendous and startling presentation of the strength of Freemasonry:

"In connection with the cable dispatch from Madrid it may be interesting to know that, according to the statistics presented during the recent and latest convention or assembly of the Grand Orient, held in Paris, the Masonic strength is as follows: European lodges number 7,906,148 adherents or brethren; in the United States there are 5,805,320; in Canada and South American republics, 4,581,231; in Asia and Oceania, 695,955; in Africa, 88,882, and 19,717 in Cuba and Porto Rico. The total number of the Freemasons is therefore about 22,000,000. It has increased by 533,140 during the last twelve years. In 1880 there were 137,065 lodges, and at present there are 141,385."

This is about as ridiculous as the "cable dispatch" referred to, which stated that the boy King Alfonso XIII of Spain had been enrolled as a Mason. The King Alfonso is eight years old, hardly of lawful age. Just what sort of statistics were presented at the "convention" of the Grand Orient is not revealed, but certain it is they are very much out. According to statistics for 1883, in the United States and Canada there were fifty-seven grand lodges, 11,676 subordinate lodges, with 747,492 members. The total membership in the world is something over 2,000,000, leaving about 20,000,000 difference between the Grand Orient and our own. These 20,000,000 are—possibly—"adherents" of maybe "unaffiliates." This thing of being "big" is a big thing.—N. Y. Dispatch.

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A. P. A. Resolutions to Be Introduced in the Washington Legislation.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 2.—Fred T. Taylor, member of the legislature and state secretary of the A. P. A., has prepared the following resolution, which he will introduce at the coming session. He says he believes it will be passed, and that other legislatures will adopt similar memorials. It reads: "WHEREAS, There being a great agitation throughout the United States on account of the establishing of an ablegate or delegate of an ecclesiastical power within the boundaries of the United States of America, and

"WHEREAS, Believing that Mgr. Satolli, the said ablegate or delegate of the pope of Rome, is a menace to our free institutions; therefore, be it

"RESOLVED, By the Washington legislature that our senator be instructed and our representative in congress be requested to have said representative of said ecclesiastical power removed beyond the shores of the United States of America."

They Can't Become Citizens.

During the past month the press of this city has devoted considerable space to the subjects of Roman Catholics and the Knights of Pythias. First the fact was published that the ban had been removed from all secret societies except the Masonic and that in the archdiocese of St. Paul Catholics might join them, and that in consequence of such action, prominent Catholics like Judge Kelly and City Clerk Prendergast had rode the Pythian goat. Then it was announced that the "ban" had not been removed, which has caused no little wonder as to where Kelly and Prendergast "are at." No one should permit himself to be deceived as to the intentions and purposes of the Roman Catholic church. "Control or ruin" has ever been its motto, and it is undoubtedly in accordance with that idea that its communicants are seeking admission into the various secret orders. In Masonry they are not wanted. Our fraternity is not seeking proselytes in the Roman Catholic church, or any other church, sect, individual or association in the world.

The enemies of Freemasonry are divided into two classes—one through ignorance of its principles opposes it; the other hates Masonry because it cannot use or control it. To the latter class belongs the Roman Catholic church.—Masonic Record.

A Priest in Politics.

Priest Robinson has been following the instructions of his bishop and the political tenets of his church. Before election he visited some of the members of the church in Globeville. One of the aforesaid members reported the result of the visit. "What ticket will you vote?" asked the priest. "Republican," was the reply. "No you'll not; you must vote the Populist ticket." "I can't do that, father." "You must, or I'll send you to hell." "I don't believe you can send me to hell. I was raised a Catholic, and I am a Catholic, but if you make me choose between the church and the party, I will remain a Republican." Such was the conversation. Now, when the mass of the Catholic church people take this stand in America, absolute independence of the church and priest in political matters, the mission of the A. P. A. will have been accomplished, so far as that church is concerned.—Denver American.

Simply Foreigners.

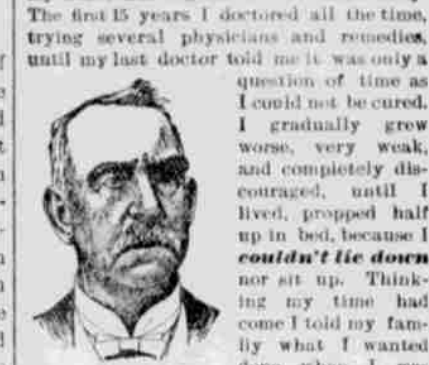
We trust that the Roman Catholics connected with the Odd Fellows, Knights of Pythias, Sons of Temperance, etc., who have received a command from Italy to surrender their American rights, will begin to realize that the A. P. A. is correct in looking upon them as under foreign control, and therefore not good Americans. Men who are ordered from Rome to take their children from the public schools, and obey; to eat this, and abstain from eating that, and obey; to acknowledge the right of their fellows to join the A. O. H. and other secret societies, and at the same time are deprived of their American right to join other and better organizations—we trust such so-called "Catholics" will candidly confess that they are Italian and not American subjects.—Boston Citizen.

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HEART DISEASE, like many other ailments when they have taken hold of the system, don't get better of its own accord, but constantly grows worse. There are thousands who know they have a defective heart, but will not admit the fact. They don't want their friends to worry, and don't know what to take for it, as they have been told time and again that heart disease was incurable. Such was the case of Mr. Silas Farley of Dyessville, Ohio who writes June 19, 1894, as follows: "I had heart disease for 23 years, my heart hurting me almost continually. The first 15 years I doctored all the time, trying several physicians and remedies, until my last doctor told me it was only a question of time as I could not be cured. I gradually grew worse, very weak, and completely discouraged, until I lived, propped half up in bed, because I couldn't lie down nor sit up. Thinking my time had come I told my family by what I wanted done when I was gone. But on the first day of March on the recommendation of Mrs. Fannie Jones, of Anderson, Ind., I commenced taking Dr. Miles' New Cure for the Heart and wonderful to tell, in ten days I was working at light work and on March 19 commenced framing a barn, which is heavy work, and I haven't lost a day since. I am 56 years old, 6 ft. 4 1/2 inches and weigh 320 lbs. I believe I am fully cured, and I am now only anxious that everyone shall know of your wonderful remedies."



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