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PRESIDENT TAFT HOLDS RECEPTION

Society and Other Matters of Interest in "City Beautiful"

THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

A Visit to the Historic Mount Vernon, the Charming Home of Our First President, George Washington.

The social whirl is still on at the nation's capitol, and is likely to continue while the houses of congress are in session; indications now point to the latter part of June, or even so late as the first of July for adjournment.

Two days of the week society is on parade on the Potomac drive-way. President and Mrs. Taft were there Wednesday afternoon; both were in excellent spirits and the center of attraction. Mrs. Alice R. Longworth and Miss Ethel Roosevelt, who is her guest for a few days, late in the afternoon came spinning along in an electric runabout. They at once became the cynosure of all eyes. On these afternoons the Marine band gives concerts in the park along the drive-way. Autos and vehicles of every description are seen. Horsemen on spirited, prancing steeds and the gay and lovely hats and gowns of the ladies, present a kaleidoscopic scene not soon to be forgotten.

Dinners, teas and receptions are the usual thing, but Mrs. Taft is planning for a number of garden parties for the near future. The Episcopal diocesan convention is in session this week at Epiphany church. Wednesday Mrs. Wildner entertained at a 1 o'clock luncheon in honor of your reporter. It was a dainty four-course affair. Roses and fluer-de-lis were used as decorations. The other guests were, Mrs. Millmore, the widow of a sculptor, and Miss Webster. The conversation of the ladies was very entertaining, and I came away with new and somewhat advanced ideas.

In the evening I was a guest at another small affair at Mrs. Millmore's, where I saw some of her sculptor husband's work—a bust of Wendell Phillips done in Italian marble, which is considered especially fine. Her decorations were pale pink carnations. It was here I had the pleasure of meeting the talented husband of the historian, painter, illustrator, and now engaged in scientific research for the government, I think for the elimination of disease; when success shall have crowned his efforts, the millennium will have arrived.

Thursday directly after an early luncheon we took the electric cars for historic Mt. Vernon. We passed the new esplanade, crossed the mile-long bridge over the Potomac and were in Virginia, with Maryland on the opposite bank of the river, and away off in the distance, on the hillside, the Lee mansion, and near it the Arlington National cemetery, where thousands of soldiers and heroes lie buried beneath the shade of a forest of beautiful trees, awaiting the call of the last trumpet.

In Alexandria we visited the quaint old-fashioned church, where General Washington attended services. From there out we were entertained by the Magaphone man, who told us that away off to the right was the Episcopal Theological Seminary, where Phillip Brooks and other noted divines received their

training, that the red cedar-root fence we were passing was made forty years ago; that the bridge to the right over an arm of the Potomac was used by Washington in his journeys to and from Alexandria; that General Sherman's army crossed it on their march to and from the sea; that the continuous performance stunt, done by the boy (passing postal picture cards, picture books, guide books, maps, etc.) was worthy of every passenger's consideration; that the original Mt. Vernon estate included 8000 acres; that the booklet entitled, "What to see in Washington," was free.

All along the way were innumerable cedar trees that looked like black, slim marble shafts of all heights, marking the burial place of some pre-historic race. They also formed avenues and were used as hedges.

In the flower garden at Mt. Vernon the box wood hedge planted by Washington himself so many years ago, was receiving its annual clipping, and we were allowed to help ourselves. The air was heavily laden with its peculiar, pleasant odor. The hedge measures four feet across the top. Colonades connect the mansion with smaller buildings on each side—the one is the old kitchen which is now a curio gallery, for sale. The mansion stands on an eminence over looking the Potomac and is full of valuable, nay priceless, treasures.

There is such a variety of large, beautiful trees. There was a magnolia tree covered with its wax-like bloom; trees with red bloom; with pink bloom and dog wood with its white bloom, snowballs, bridal wreath, and the tomb some distance away, of the Washington's and their forty relatives is hung with ivy and garlanded with wisteria's purple bloom.

After we had visited all the points of interest on the estate we returned to the front portico to rest and enjoy the magnificent view. We were scarcely seated before we were earnestly requested to join the group for a picture, and nothing loath, we helped to form the last row of the large group of men and women. Presently the photographer insisted on the last row coming to the front, and of course we did as we were told, never dreaming of a rude awakening.

After the pictures were taken and the crowd had started for the boat I asked one of the photographers where I could get a picture. He said I could see the proof that evening at the hotel; I said I am not at the hotel, and he answered it would be in the Reading, Perma, Sunday edition of the Eagle, or you can have the large pictures for fifty cents and the picture post cards, two for five cents. Mrs. Nagle said she had a friend to whom she could send for a paper. As they hurried away the one we had spoken to looked back at us and there was the funniest look on his face that we understood late that evening. We watched the steamer leave the landing and steam into mid-stream, then returned to the portico to enjoy the view of the river, which looked like a broad band of purest silver, with sail boats floating on its shining surface. We carried until the last stroke of the last bell, telling us the moment for our departure had arrived, died away.

That evening there were a number of callers and we told of our afternoon experiences and to our mortification we learned that we were prominent in a group of

MR. ROOSEVELT DOESN'T WANT NEWSPAPER MEN TO FOLLOW HIM TO AFRICA



Special Correspondent Roosevelt—Ha! I Have a Tip That Mr. Roosevelt is About to Slay an Elephant. It'll Make a Hot Story.

COUNTY BASE BALL LEAGUE

Favorable Replies Received by Secretary House.

LOCAL PROSPECTS GOOD.

A Number of New Men May be Developed for the City Base Ball Team and Several Old Men will Play.

The prospects for a Custer County base ball league seem to be good. Secretary Ed House of the Commercial Club has been corresponding with some of the "fans" in the towns in the county and has received favorable answers from Sargent, Ansley, Merna, Oconto and Comstock. These towns have indicated their desire to send a representative to the meeting for the organization of the league.

The committee appointed to secure funds for the local team has met with unusual success and the prospect for getting started off well is good.

Several of the men who played on the Broken Bow team last year will be here again this summer. Fay Thoppe, Lew Swope and Aubrey Martin are among the last years men who will be in line for the team this year. Thorpe plays short stop and third base. Swope can give a good account of himself as a first or second baseman or fielder and has done some very good work in the box as a twirler. Martin was unable to play last year on account of his not being able to leave his work, but will probably be able to play this year.

Anderson and Forney, who bought out the W. P. Rogers tin shop, are new men who are considered as likely material. Anderson played on a semi professional team in Lincoln, Kansas, and Forney played in Clarinda, Iowa. Henry Beal is now at tending Grand Island college and it is possible that the local manager may be able to make some arrangements whereby Henry

hosiery employees from Reading, Perma—sent to Washington to protest against a reduction of the tariff on their particular line of goods. Think of it, imagine it! In the front row of all those photos. We joined in the laugh on us until the tears rolled down our cheeks, while I recalled with what disgust I had only a few days before read this head line in the paper, "Women protest against reduction of the tariff on hosiery."

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will be able to play with the team this summer. Aside from these there are three or four other local men who might be developed into suitable material for the team.

ANNUAL MAY PARTY THIS WEEK.

The Most Successful Party Ever Given in the City at the Opera House Wednesday Evening.

Nearly one hundred couples were in the grand March at the annual May party given by the Mazuma N. I. T. Wednesday evening at the opera house. The party was the most successful ever held. The reception committee consisting of Mrs. J. G. Leonard and the Misses Jones, Richardson and Reed, received the guests under a canopy at the entrance to the hall. Taylor's orchestra furnished the music for the evening. The grand march was led by Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Leonard. The club officers, the members, the honorary members and the guests followed in the line in the order mentioned. There were twenty-two numbers on the program for the evening.

The decorations were the most artistic and elaborate ever seen in a hall in this city. The dressing rooms to the east of the entrance of the hall were elaborately decorated with bunting in the club colors, blue and gold. Rugs were spread and cozy corners arranged to give the dressing room a very pretty and homelike appearance. The hall was decorated with a drop ceiling of strips of crepe paper in blue and gold interwoven in a lattice work, the ends of the paper being fastened to the side walls and falling to the wainscoting height. Japanese lanterns were suspended from chandeliers. Potted plants were placed in front of the orchestra. A very prettily arranged punch booth was at the west end of the hall. This was decorated with Japanese lanterns and plum and apple blossoms.

The following is a list of the costumes as nearly as they could be obtained:

- Mrs. E Taylor—White polka dot swiss, carried carnations.
- Mrs. C. L. Maddox—White silk chiffon trimmed in val lace and insertion, carried carnations and roses.
- Mrs. F. W. Hayes—Champaigne messoline satin with trimmings of gold braiding, carried red roses.
- Mrs. McNeal—Black silk, carried carnations.

Ellen or Richardson—Light blue satin Princess, trimmed in Duchess lace.

Mrs. Gillings—Cream and blue French batiste, carried pink carnations.

Miss Helen Spelts—Light blue satin, carried pink roses.

Esther Beal—Tan wool batiste, carried pink roses and pink and white carnations.

Ola Coolidge—Wysteria satin Messaline Pinafore Princess, carried pink roses.

Dae Cutler—Green silk with lace insertion trimmings.

Mrs. Booth—Imported lace gown, diamonds, carried American Beauty roses.

Mrs. Ernest Thompson—Pearl gray silk, carried carnations.

Beatrice O'Bryan—Mais colored satin with embroidered net trimmings, carried red carnations.

Mrs. J. E. Iszard—Black and white silk, diamonds.

Mrs. H. C. James—Black Marquessette over gray silk, with lace trimmings.

Mrs. L. C. Cross—Copenhagen blue silk mull, trimmed in white lace, carried pink carnations.

Nellie O'Bryan—Princess Empire of light blue Messaline satin with trimmings of pearls and net embroidered with blue and gold, carried pink and white carnations.

Irma C. James—Pink satin dress, trimmed with Irish point lace and flowers.

Mrs. O'Bryan—Black silk, carried red roses.

Mrs. Leonard—Blue Messoline foulard with heavy band trimmings of hand embroidered net. Carried American Beauty roses.

Mary Dumbell—Pink batiste trimmed in val lace and insertion. Carried corals and roses.

Gene Campbell—White batiste, carried carnations.

Dorothy Maulick—White embroidered gown over blue, carried American Beauty roses.

Jane Cooper—White embroidered gown over pink, carried carnations.

Edna Russom—White batiste trimmed with lace and insertion, carried American Beauty roses and carnations.

Leona Finlen—Green silk, satin stripe trimmed in net, carried roses.

Ruth Jones—White batiste elaborately trimmed in val lace and insertion over pink, carried roses.

Mrs. Hermon—White Messoline princess trimmed in pearl trimmings and net with silk tassels, carried roses.

Mrs. Jenkins—Wisteria colored silk. Carried carnations.

A BROKEN BOW "BOOSTER" CLUB.

Young Men Discuss the Organization of a Club to Aid in "Boosting" the Interests of the City.

Some of the young men in the city got together Tuesday evening to discuss the organization of a young men's booster club for Broken Bow. The young men present seemed to feel that the young fellows were not taking the active interest in boosting for the city that they should and that an organization should be effected to get them to work in co-operation with the Commercial Club. Those present felt that the young men are vitally interested in the progress of the city and that they should get together and work together to boost the interests of the city. Committees were appointed to consider the question of organization and to arrange for a boosters banquet for the young men.

BROKEN BOW WON HIGH SCHOOL MEET.

Defeated Mason City in Athletics by 165 to 100.

COUNTY ASSOCIATION MEET.

Broken Bow Won Both Places in the Declamatory Contest. Merna Took First Place and Mason City Second in the Oratorical Contest.

The Custer County high school athletic association meet was held at the fair grounds last Saturday afternoon. Broken Bow high school won the field meet over Mason City, scoring 165 points to 440 for Mason City.

The events resulted as follows: Jumping:—John Cadwell, of Broken Bow, first; Morris Green, of Mason City, second.

Short distance race—Morris Green, of Mason City, first; Hollis King, of Broken Bow, second.

Long distance race—Carl Amsherry, of Mason City, first; John Cadwell, of Broken Bow, second.

The pole vault was won by Scott Salisbury of Broken Bow who went over the bar at 8 feet 4 inches. C. H. Whitehead, of Mason City, won the shot put by a throw of 39 feet 8 inches. This throw breaks the Custer county record.

The senior base ball game in the morning resulted in a score of 13 to 10 in favor of Mason City. The Broken Bow juniors defeated the Merna juniors to the tune of 3 to 1.

The oratorical and declamatory contests were held in the evening at the Methodist church.

Professor Verner, of Grand Island College, Miss Miller, of York College, and Prof. R. I. Elliott, of Chadron, judged the two contests. Miss Clara Dodds, of Broken Bow, took first place in the declamatory contest and Miss Olive Osborn of this city won second. In the oratorical contests Miss Mable Lucas, of Merna, took first and Miss Morris Green second.

WILL CELEBRATE FOURTH OF JULY.

The 4th of July celebration committee, consisting of A. E. Anderson and Joe Molyneux, announces that it has been pledged the money necessary to make a banner celebration. It has been about eight years since Broken Bow celebrated and the business men have been very liberal in their subscription for this one because they wanted to make it one that would make up for lost time. The committee has called a meeting of the contributors to be held at the court house next Tuesday evening for the election of the committees to take charge of the work in preparation for the celebration.

EARLY ACCEPTS CITY FRANCHISE.

The Council is in receipt of a letter from J. W. Early, of Columbus, to whom the electric lighting franchise was granted, asking for some changes in the draft of the franchise sent to him for his acceptance. It is probable that there will be arranged satisfactorily and the final arrangements made in the next few days. The franchise gives him sixty days in which to commence the construction of the plant and he has eight months in which to complete it.



"Dee—lighted!"