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Editorial Correspondence.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 24, 1881.—We have just passed two anniversary celebrations; one on Tuesday, in honor of the birth of George Washington, and one yesterday, in honor of the institution of the Knights of Pythias in America. Both were very prominent occasions and attracted thousands to the lines of procession. The greatest observance of the 22d occurred at Alexandria. Later in the day we inquired of our companion: "Why did n't we go to Alexandria to-day, Captain?" The response was, "You've never been there." "No." "Well, I have,"—and that was the reason assigned why we did not go together on the 22d. In continuation of the remark it was related that there is an old gentleman living in Washington whose age is disputed. He persists that he is 40 only, while it is positively a fact that he is 60, but he lived 20 years in Alexandria and will not allow that to be enumerated, believing it to have been worse than lost. The Knights of Pythias made a most magnificent display—Astor lodge No. 6, of Astoria, was represented in one of the carriages assigned to the sojourning brotherhood, and as the procession was a long one, and the day so cold that the music froze in the horns of the musicians of the various division bands and rolled out in lumps of notes upon the pavements, readers of THE ASTORIAN may realize somewhat "our" feelings when we alighted from that carriage at our door that evening. Positively, by way of parenthesis, I have not been so cold for twenty years, and am not warm enough to-day to make myself interesting. Congress did not adjourn at all on the 22d; at least the house remained in session up to the hour for meeting on the 23d (eleven A. M.) and then merely called off from one day to the next and went on with the business. Senator Matt Carpenter died to-day. Representative Fernando Wood died since the beginning of the month, of all of which, however, you are fully advised by telegraph; but as such documents as are herein enclosed do not reach you by telegraph, and seldom by mail, please publish for the benefit of the people. Do not understand us, however, as endorsing these views by such publication. We should regret very much to have any person believe for an instant that any item whatever inimical to the improvement of the Cascade canal, or the bar at the mouth of the river, would be given to the world through our columns in furtherance to such opposition. THE ASTORIAN is the staunchest of the staunch friends of those measures and the men who have inaugurated them, and the enemy of all who may oppose either.

Harbor of Refuge. An Eastern Opinion.

The New York Maritime Register, commenting on the subject of a harbor of refuge on the Pacific coast, says it is sadly needed, and adds: "The national government would gladly establish one there and it is not probable that congress will refuse the necessary appropriation. It is to be hoped the people on the Pacific slope will appreciate the prospects of success in this matter and not raise obstacles that will delay it. Unfortunately a diversity of opinions exist as to choice of locality. This trouble will always exist on such a long stretch of coast. Advocates of the different places may allow them partnership to carry them so far that the principal object will be defeated. The burden of expert testing will eventually secure success for its side and the harbor will be the sooner established if this testimony is well supported at the outset."

A Presidential Entertainment.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE. WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—In another letter we have called attention to an advent which occurred at the White House last night, the last reception of the President and Mrs. Hayes. The idea originated with Mrs. Hayes of making these special matters in honor of the representatives of foreign powers, and this was the third of this class of receptions. It was the most brilliant of all that has ever yet occurred in the national capital. As it may not be uninteresting to readers of THE ASTORIAN to know how such advents are conducted here we will endeavor to give some of the most prominent features of this one. Punctually at 8 o'clock carriages began arriving, and by 8:30 the whole of the carriage drive was blocked up, and a long line of carriages extended from Fifteenth street to Vermont avenue. The stream of elegantly dressed ladies and gentlemen in evening dress or full uniform, extended from the dressing-rooms upstairs, along the upper corridor to the lower corridor, to the door of the East room. It was impossible at 8:15 o'clock to go from the dressing rooms to the East room in less than half an hour. On entering that apartment there was the opportunity for the finest display. The ladies spread out their trains, the gentlemen settled their shirt collars, and the gauntlet of criticism was run with these who had paid their respects to Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, all who formed a crowd at the end of the room. The apartment was never more resplendent with light, foliage and the perfume of flowers. Garlands of smilax crossed the base of the three superb chandeliers, through which the soft light shone as through a veil of greenery. The mantles were banks of rose lilies, carnations and hyacinths set in variegated foliage and ferns. Between the mantles was arranged a miniature forest of palms and pine trees, which formed a back ground for the receiving party. The other mantles and mirror stands were laden with a profusion of delicate plants. The corners of the parlor were rounded out with the strangely colored and distorted leaves of the weird looking crotons, mingled with the more familiar fern. The long interior corridor was draped with the National colors, and potted plants were grouped in charming contrast down its long vista to the conservatory. Nor were the decorations confined to the East parlor. The Blue room was lighted with waxen candles and was a perfect bower of blossoms. So was the Red room. All the doors were open to the State dining-room, but a barrier of silken ribbons was placed to stop the way, the intention being to make the corridor the only entrance. Some free and independent citizens, however, looking upon the ribbons as an infringement of their rights walked under them, and began inspecting things generally. The conservatory was also brilliantly lighted, and when viewed from the outside presented a magnificent sight. Every chandelier in the mansion was also lit. A daylight view of the White House gives no idea of how finely it lights up on grand occasions. The State and private dining-rooms, in which supper was spread, were, after all, the grand attractions of the evening. It was no wonder. The decorations, both of the tables and rooms, were magnificent. The table in the state dining-room was wonderfully beautiful. The mirror, introduced during the Grant regime lay the entire length. The most remarkable among the floral ornaments was a magnificent vase of jacquemot buds topped by a parasol of lilies of the valley. Large bouquets were placed wherever there was space, and served to heighten the effect of the edible ornaments. The table was finished at each end with simulated fountains four feet high, the water of spun sugar, which

glistened with all the freshness of the genuine article. Gondolas four feet high, drawn by savons almost life size, and dolphins of delicate confectionery rested upon the glossy surface. The bounteous profusion of cut flowers, the crystal and china, the marvelous structure in ices, creams, croquettes, comfits, and confectionery mingled with fruits, both natural and in concaves of sugar, made a scene of bewildering beauty. The table in the private dining-room had the Hiawatha boat, laden with flowers as a centre piece. Invitations had been issued for fifteen hundred people, but, guided by past experience supper was ordered for three thousand. A careful estimate showed that fully that number were present. The diplomatic corps was very largely represented. They entered by a carpeted and lighted, temporary, stair-case, which had been constructed on the south front, which communicated through a window with the Red parlor. Most every country was represented, the secretaries and attaches of the legation being generally present. Mrs. Hayes' toilet was a reception dress of silver-colored and white satin. It was cut square in the neck and finished with bands of crystal passementerie. The upper part of the elbow sleeves were of crystal embroidered crepe lisse, and garnitures of the same beautiful material were mingled with the draperies. Neither flowers nor jewels were worn. The costumes of the guests were unusually handsome, and as large a crowd of well-dressed people was, perhaps, never before seen in Washington.

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