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MASONIC MEMORIAL TO NATION'S FATHER

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S OLD LODGEROOM SCENE OF IMPRESSIVE GATHERING

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Feb. 22.—The movement to erect a permanent Masonic memorial to George Washington took its first definite form today when General J. M. Dickinson, Secretary of War, and the grand masters of many Masonic grand lodges met here with other distinguished men of the fraternity to form a National Masonic Memorial Association. Perhaps no Masonic celebration ever held anywhere in America has been more elaborate.

In this quaint old town of ivy-covered walls and rambling gardens, upon a street laid out by the young surveyor, near the spot where in 1754 Braddock's young colonel quartered his troops before the fateful march to the Ohio; near the historic old lodge where he was a master and in the midst of a field rich in the events of his life and memory, it will be the purpose of this association to erect a temple to George Washington, a Mason. Set apart in the structure will be a hall of fame in which space will be allotted to all the grand jurisdictions in the country to place tablets to the memories of their distinguished sons.

The memorial would stand on Washington street. Close by is the old Christ Church where, in his mature years, Washington served as a vestryman. On a field not far off he held his last military review. Across a shaded green in the stately old courthouse he cast his last vote, and there his will is filed.

Alexandria, by undisputed consent, is the natural site for the memorial. Washington moved to Mount Vernon when he was 16 with his half-brother Lawrence, and until the chill, raw day of his death it was his home and Alexandria was his home town. He became a member of its council, represented it in the house of Burgesses, endowed its schools, established its fire department and was master of its lodge.

The men who will form the association met today in the same Alexandria, Washington lodge room, where Washington occupied the master's chair. While no fixed plan could be announced prior to the assembly of all the grand masters, it is in short the purpose of the lodge to raise \$1,000,000 to build and endow the memorial. The institution will be unique among the memorials of the world and will permit every grand jurisdiction to honor every Mason it esteems to be deserving with a leaf in its hall of fame, a photograph and a biography.

The gathering of such men of prominence in the old lodge was impressive. Alexandria Washington Lodge, No. 23, made Washington its worshipful grand master in 1788. At his request, in 1791 it laid the cornerstone of the District of Columbia, and two years later assisted in lay-

ing the cornerstone of the National Capitol. In 1799 it performed the Masonic ceremonies at his funeral.

In its halls, crowded with precious mementos, his memorial was organized today. There hangs the old charter granted by Edmund Randolph, grand master of Masons in Virginia in 1788. Close by, its pendulum cord out and its hands pointing to 20 minutes after 10 in the evening—the hour and minute of his death—stands the old bedchamber clock. No money could buy this silent old talebearer. Nearby in a case is the little trowel he used at laying the Capitol cornerstone. In another are his wedding gloves, his pocket compasses, farm spurs, a piece of his tent used at Yorktown, his old-fashioned medicine scales and an eloquent token of his reverence for his mother—a little knife she gave to him as a reward for his obedience, and which he treasured for 56 years.

The Williams picture, painted from life in 1793, hangs on another wall. It cannot escape the eye, for it is much unlike the accepted likenesses of Washington. It shows the man in his extreme old age, and is the only original life picture extant in Masonic regalia. His Masonic apron, embroidered in gold, with French and American flags entwined, presented to the lodge in 1812 by his nephew, Lawrence Lewis, hangs nearby. The only original painting of Lord Fairfax, Washington's early patron and friend, is also there.

The master's chair, occupied by General Washington in presiding over the lodge, stands in a glass case, from which it is removed only on extraordinary occasions. It is 122 years old, and was in constant use for 117 years. Scores of other things of his day, the old chairs and benches of the lodge still in use, the front door key of the Bastille, presented in 1825 by Lafayette, which have come from relatives and friends, are valued beyond estimate.

There had been a sentiment against choosing a new site for the memorial, but for a great many reasons the one proposed on Washington street is better fitted to the purposes of a National undertaking, and the necessities have outweighed the patriotic sentiment and have won a graceful consent to the new site.

Today's first meeting, held in the lodgeroom, adjourned at noon and all went to Mount Vernon by a special train. The party of distinguished men walked along the bluff that overlooks the majestic river and laid a wreath upon the tomb. They then returned to the lodge at Alexandria for the conferring of degrees.

Tonight, at the annual banquet of the old lodge, Secretary of War Dickinson, James D. Richardson, sovereign grand commander, Scottish Rite Masons; Representatives Charles C. Carling and Champ Clark, and the Reverend John Wesley Hill, D. D., of New York, will speak.

Spring is pretty near here.

MRS. LABADIE GIVES READING IN MARSH HALL

CHARMS AUDIENCE WITH "THE SERVANT IN THE HOUSE"

Last Wednesday evening in the college chapel, Mrs. Labadie of Philadelphia delighted the small audience which was present with her reading of Charles Kennedy's "The Servant in the House". Mrs. Labadie is probably the best dramatic reader who has ever been heard here and her graceful stage appearance and beautiful voice made the entertainment one to be remembered. She has a remarkable voice of deep clear quality and her interpretation of the seven different characters in the play was skillful and gave an individuality to each character.

One of the strongest passages was the dialogue between Mary and her degraded father who was continually cursing the order of things which had put his brother in luxurious circumstances and left him poor. Other interesting scenes were those between the Vicar and his wife and the parts in which the kindly Bishop of Benares, disguised as the servant in the house, appeared.

Mrs. Labadie is making a tour of the world and all who hear her are delighted with her readings. "The Servant in the House" is an interesting treat in itself and Mrs. Labadie's interpretation added to the interest. Those who did not attend certainly missed a treat.

CHEAPER PAVING IN PROSPECT

The Warren company has announced a new schedule of prices for putting down bitulithic pavement in Portland and Willamette valley cities and it looks like a reduction is in order in southern Oregon. In Salem, for instance, the company announces the "Standard," which has been used on the business streets of that city, has been reduced \$2.06 a square yard. This is a reduction of 16 cents under the old price, bringing this grade of pavement closer to the idea of the small pocketbook.

The "Special A" pavement has not as yet been tried in Salem, but will be this spring on Twelfth street. This class of paving is now quoted at \$1.90. The "Special A" is considerably lighter than the "Standard" and is used on residence streets and in districts where traffic is not heavy. The construction company puts out a still lighter pavement which is only desirable on outlying streets where the traffic is very light. This grade is the "Special B" and is now quoted at \$1.75.

CARD OF THANKS

To the kind friends and neighbors who tendered us assistance and sympathy during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother and to the Christian church for their beautiful floral wreath we wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

MR. J. M. RUGGLES,
MR. A. M. RUGGLES,
MR. AND MRS. I. W. THOMAS,

Local and Personal

A. M. Porter, a well known business man of Gaston, was a visitor in this city yesterday.

The case of Avery and Dooley will be heard in the Circuit court on appeal, Saturday the 26th.

Holbrook Lodge No. 30 A. F. and A. M., special meeting this Saturday evening. Work in the F. C. degree. Visiting brethren, welcome. Edwin Allen, W. M., A. Ben Kori, Secretary.

The E. W. Haines power plant which was damaged by a landslide some ten or twelve days ago, has undergone repairs, and is now in condition to be operated to the delight of a good many people whom the lack of power has greatly inconvenienced.

Guy W. Talbot, general manager of the Oregon Electric, has returned to Portland from New York, where he conferred with the eastern directors of the road. Since his return he has definitely announced that the proposed extension from Forest Grove to North Yamhill would not be built this year. The surveys and estimates of this line were reviewed by the directors and a decision was reached which will postpone the extension at least another year.

Chas. Jamison and family, recently from Seattle, have decided to make Forest Grove their home for the coming year. They have rented the Sherwood residence on S. Second Avenue and Fifth St. Mr. Jamison is a plumber by trade but for several years has been in the employ of the city of Seattle in the light and water department. Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood will spend the coming year in California where Mr. Sherwood hopes to regain his failing health.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I, the undersigned, have been duly authorized to collect and receipt for all accounts due E. C. Klanke, and for all accounts for job work done at the office of the Forest Grove Press on and before February 15, 1910, and for all advertising in the Forest Grove Press, before February 1st, 1910. All parties are hereby warned against paying money to any other parties on these accounts. Chas. E. Dixon, Forest Grove, Oregon.

DEATH AT CENTERVILLE

Louise Seidler, born in Washington county on March 3rd, 1887, died at Centerville on Feb. 19, at 8 p. m. Deceased was interred at Cornelius on Tuesday and funeral services were conducted at Lutheran church.

H. Seidler, the father of deceased, is a native of Germany and the mother whose maiden name was Holz is a native of Wisconsin. This sorrowing family has experienced three deaths within past two years.

WATTS LITERARY SOCIETY

The meeting of the Literary Society, Friday evening, will be made an occasion for a general good time instead of the usual program, as that will be the last meeting of the Society for several weeks. X.

ANOTHER INSTRUCTOR WEDS

PROF. ORR'S MARRIAGE TO MISS M'COY SOLEMNIZED FEB. 8TH

The ceremony uniting Prof. F. W. Orr and Miss Luella McCoy in marriage was held at the home of the bride's parents in Irvington, Portland, Tuesday evening, Feb. 8th. It was a quiet home wedding and only the relatives and intimate friends were present. The house was beautifully decorated with Oregon grape and daffodils. Prin. H. L. Bates performed the ceremony and just before it one of the bride's friends sang "I Love You Truly".

The bride and groom went for a wedding trip by way of Seattle and Spokane to Godfrey, Wash., where they visited with Prof. Orr's parents. They returned by way of Walla Walla last week and are now at home in their cottage here.

Prof. Orr has been in charge of the Public Speaking Department here at Pacific for several years and has brought debating and oratory in this school up to a high standard. His bride is a charming young woman and in her several short visits to Pacific she has made many friends and will be heartily welcomed to the social life of the school.

SKATING PARTY

Perhaps the most enjoyable skating party of the year that given a week ago Friday evening. The rink was gorgeously decorated with strings of hearts and evergreen boughs. Upon entering the room the couples were handed programs which were later filled with the names of those with whom they wished to skate. Skates were soon secured and the couples were flying on the smooth floor to the strains of the orchestra. The tumbles that occurred during the evening only added to the amusement.

Later in the evening the skaters were led away in two groups to the banquet hall where delicious oyster soup was served. At a late hour the party broke up and all went away, declaring they had had a splendid time. Those present were: Misses Gaylor, E. Chalmers, R. Thomas, Fletcher, H. Chalmers, A. Thomas, E. Allworth, N. Hope, Belknap, Wheelton, Koerner, Johnson, McCorkle, B. Hope, Bleucher, Ireland, H. Allworth, Rasmussen, Wiest, Avery, Peterson; Messrs. S. Bryant, R. Bryant, Ciapp, Hope, Greer, Price, C. Rogers, H. Rogers, Austin, Burlingham, J. Taylor, Ward, Weathered, Koch, Mayfield, R. Mills, A. Mills, A. S. Markee, H. E. Ferrin, Holman Ferrin.

NESBITH (?) COUNTY

The opposition to the creation of Nesbith county from Lane and Douglass is growing very warm. Delegations of determined men from both counties recently met in convention at Roseburg and adopted resolutions against the formation of the new county and declared that they would fight to the last ditch. "Rain or shine, Lane or Douglass will never change a line", is the anti-division slogan.