

TROEDSONS VISIT NATION'S CAPITOL

Eastern Sights Impress Morrow County Folk, in Pennsylvania For the Last Year.

EDITOR'S NOTE—The following communication, received this week from Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Troedson, who have been visiting at Guys Mills, Pa., since harvest time last fall, is self-explanatory to their many friends, whom we believe will appreciate reading their version of the points of interest to which they have lately trekked. When at home they farm in the Morgan district.)

With the exception of a few trips outside, we have spent all our time in Pennsylvania, and find it to be a very pretty state. The trees are beautiful; there are lots of maples and the wooded sections are sure pretty. There is lots of timber. The latter part of April we went down to Harrisburg to visit a brother. Harrisburg, the capital of Pennsylvania, is on the Susquehanna river. It is a pretty city of about 100,000 population. The capitol building is one of the finest in the United States. It was dedicated October 4, 1906, by President Roosevelt. As you enter the building there is a bronze plate on the floor marking the spot where he stood. The building covers two acres of ground and has 475 rooms. The dome is designed from St. Peter's cathedral at Rome. The senate and house of representatives have gorgeous rooms. These are finished in several different kinds of marble, and lots of gold. The house of representatives room contains beautiful chandeliers, each weighing four tons.

There are other interesting buildings in connection with the capitol, such as the museum, library, etc.

Washington, D. C., is about 117 miles from Harrisburg. We spent two days and three nights there. We stopped at the Washington Tourist camp. This is situated on the Potomac river. There are 96 cabins there. While there we met a family from Silverton, Ore. The first day in Washington we hired a guide and put in the time until about 9:30 that night. We were fortunate in getting a good guide and we certainly enjoyed the day. The capitol has a beautiful dome, and is very pretty at night, but the rooms are not as nice as the ones in the capitol at Harrisburg. This is an old building, about 100 years old. There are guides in the building taking people through, and one spent about an hour with us. He explained the paintings and sculpture work and it was very interesting. We went through the Statuary Hall, and each state is supposed to be represented by a statue of some noted person; but to our surprise and regret we found that Oregon didn't have any. A few days before we were there a statue had been unveiled in honor of the World war soldier. This was placed by the state of Arizona.

We were shown through the President's room and allowed to sit in his chair if we so chose. We also visited the house of representatives and the senate. Both were in session, so we spent some time in each place. In the senate we saw Oregon's two senators, McNary and Steiwer. The vice president presides in the senate. We drove to the White House and saw the President leave for the capitol. He was taken in a car and three guards on motorcycles accompanied him all the way. We went through some of the White House; were in the large East Room we hear so much about. In one room were the dinner sets of the different presidents. Each president gets a dinner set when he comes to the White House and when he leaves he leaves the dinner set also. The corridors in this building are very pretty. One of them contains paintings of all the president's wives from Washington to Coolidge.

The Washington monument is the highest work of masonry in the world. It is an obelisk 555 feet high and 55 feet square at the base. The walls are 15 feet in thickness. There is an elevator inside which takes people to the top. It takes one and a half minutes to go up. From the top you can get a wonderful view of the city and surrounding country. The Lincoln memorial is of exquisite beauty. The Union is expressed in the colonnade surrounding the hall. There are 36 columns, one for each state in existence at the time of Lincoln's death. The colonnade is 188 feet long, 118 feet wide. The columns are 44 feet high and 7 feet wide at the base, the largest of their kind in the world. Passing through the double row of columns at the entrance we found the statue of Lincoln seated in an arm chair. This is very life-like. At night this is a grand sight. His Gettysburg speech is inscribed on one of the walls. The Bureau of Printing and Engraving is very interesting, as this is where you see plenty of money—if you can't get to it. Our guide told us before we went through the building it was customary for the people who went through to give their guide half of what they got. They were making paper money. They work day and night and make \$18,000,000 a day. They were also making postage stamps here, and the little books which we buy them in. They make 90,000,000 stamps a day, supplying 56,000 postoffices. The Smithsonian Institute and new National Museum were so interesting one could hardly leave them. As you enter the Smithsonian Institute the first thing that catches the eye is "The Spirit of St. Louis," Lindbergh's airplane which made the successful trip across the Atlantic ocean in May, 1927.

We crossed the Potomac river on the Arlington Memorial bridge and came to the Arlington National cemetery. We spent part of the afternoon there and think we en-

joyed it as much as any of our trip. The graves are an impressive sight. The headstones stretch away in lines endless to the vision. The stones are set in rows, uniform in distance one from the other, and in any way you look they are in perfect lines. The monument of the Unknown Dead marks the grave of 2,111 nameless soldiers. Their names and homes were unknown. We visited the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. While there, we saw several soldiers surrounding the grave. They blew the bugle and fired their guns. The grave is guarded all the time. In this cemetery we saw the graves of Wm. J. Bryan and ex-President Taft. He is the only president ever buried there. No one can be buried there unless he has been in some military service.

On the summit of Arlington ridge overlooking the Potomac is being erected the George Washington National Masonic memorial. It will be completed in 1932, two hundred years from the time of his death. There is going to be a big celebration in Washington at this time.

Mt. Vernon is on the Virginia shore of the Potomac river, 16 miles south of Washington. Here we find the home of George Washington. This is kept up by the women of the different states, and the house is very much the same as it was when occupied by the Washingtons. The house was built in 1743. The furniture is the same as was used at that time, and the bed in one of the bedrooms is the one upon which George Washington died. The grounds around the building are beautiful. The flower gardens are supposed to have been set out more than a century and a half ago. George Washington and wife are both buried in the grove of trees back of the house, where it was their desire to be buried, and that it should never be a public burial place. The tomb is a plain structure of brick with an arched gateway in front.

In Washington we saw Ford theater, where President Lincoln was shot. (This is not used as a theater any more.) We also saw the house where he died; the house where President Wilson died, and the house where President Taft died.

The Union station is built of white granite and is 760 feet long. The main waiting room is 200 feet long, and the passenger concourse is 760 feet long, the largest room in the world under one roof. An army of 50,000 men could stand on its floor. The avenues in the city are named for the different states.

Pennsylvania avenue is the central avenue, connecting the capitol, treasury, White House and state department.

From Washington we went to Gettysburg, the old battlefield of the Civil war. The town of Gettysburg is a pretty town, much larger than at the time of the war. It lies in a valley, and the firing was done over the city. Jennie Wade was the only civilian killed during this battle. She was in her home making bread when a bullet came through the door and killed her instantly. Her house is a museum now. It contains the bread trough she was making her bread in, and many relics of the battle, such as guns, ammunition, human bones taken from the battlefield, flags, etc. The bullet-hole can be seen in the door. The Gettysburg battlefield covers over 25,000 acres, and has about 10,000 monuments. The statues of General Meade and General Lee face each other, but are in different parts of the battleground. There are seven observation towers and we climbed the one on Big Round Top. It was quite a climb as we couldn't drive to it. One could see the entire battlefield from this tower. We spent Memorial Day here, and saw President Hoover and heard his address. There were about 50,000 people. He gave the address in the soldiers' cemetery, near the spot where Lincoln gave his Gettysburg speech. This cemetery is laid out in a semicircle. There are about 70,000 soldiers buried there. The Gettysburg battlefield is an interesting place to visit and we spent quite a bit of time there. There are good roads all through it. Confederate avenue is the main avenue, and the others are named for the different generals.

We have had a wonderful trip through the East and will always remember it. We expect to leave here for the West some time in July.

Means of providing green summer pasture to carry the dairy herd through the hot, dry summer months is discussed in a new bulletin, "Irrigated Pastures for Dairy cattle," by L. R. Jones and P. M. Brandt, just off the press at Oregon State college, and ready for distribution free upon request.

Succulent feeds, such as green pasture crops, silage, roots and kale, in addition to their actual feeding value, serve as tonics to the digestive systems of the animals consuming them, says the Oregon Experiment station.

State Grange Officers Elected at Convention

George A. Palmiter, who has been master of the state grange for several years, was re-elected at Redmond last week, but immediately resigned, as he is to become manager of the Farmers' Automobile Inter-Insurance exchange in Portland. Rev. C. C. Hulet of Myrtle Point was elected to succeed Mr. Palmiter.

Other officers were chosen as follows: M. C. Glover, Boring, overseer; Marie F. McCall, Rt. 1, Salem, lecturer; Clarence Davies, Eagle Point, steward; J. D. Chitwood, Boring, chaplain; Warren Young, Clatskanie, assistant steward; E. K. Denney, Beaverton, treasurer; Ber-

tha J. Beck, Albany, secretary; L. F. Bailey, Baker, gate-keeper; Mary E. Jones, Umatilla county, Ceres; Margaret Kingsley, Elmira, Pomona; Mrs. Arthur Brown, McKinley, Flora; Mrs. J. G. Kelly, Portland, lady assistant steward. Ray W. Gill, Portland, Walter M. Pierce, La Grande and C. H. Bailey, Roseburg, constitute the executive committee.

The advantages and disadvantages of electric brooders for chicks and young turkeys, together with methods of installation, costs, etc., are discussed in Oregon Experiment Station bulletin No. 262, "Electric Brooders," by F. E. Price, A. G. Lunn and F. E. Fox. This bulletin is now ready for distribution and will be mailed free upon request, or can be obtained from county agents.

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