Thirty-Six Years in the WHITE HOUSE

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UNDER PRESIDENT McKINLEY.

On the 3d of March the President-elect received an invitation from President Cleveland to dine with him, which he accepted. Owing to Mrs. McKinley's fatigue, due to much traveling, she did not attend the dinner. On March 4 the President-elect came to the White House and with President Cleveland rode in the same carriage to the Capitol, where he was inaugurated, and then returned to the White House. After the return a grand luncheon was served and then the President reviewed the great procession. From that time and up until late in the night the social calling was immense. The next day was the same way. I was so busy that I could hardly manage all the people, showing them over the house, the private parlors and the bed chambers above.

After the return from the inauguration I met Mrs. McKinley, whom I had not seen for 20 years, in the Blue Parlor. She seemed very glad to see me and shook hands with me heartily.

For about 10 days there was a continuous reception by the President of delegations, military companies, Governors of States with their staffs and their ladies, whom I showed over the White House. More particularly I remember the Governor of Ohio. Sandwiched in between these delegations and military companies were prominent men of all nations. The White House at this time was the scene of many brilliant affairs.

From about the middle of March Mrs. McKinley would take daily drives, and always had to be assisted in going out or coming in. If the President was not with her, one of the ushers assisted her, bringing her down in the elevator. Often it would fall to my lot to assist her to her carriage.

Everything went on nicely and smoothly until just before Christmas of that year, when the President's mother was taken very ill. The family went to Canton. The President and his wife watched by the bedside of his mother until she passed away. Of course, this produced sadness in the White House, and all receptions and dinner parties were abandoned. For a long time afterward there was great grief and sorrow at the White House.

Following this sad bereavement, and after the first shock had passed away, the season that followed was a very gay one, with dinner parties and levees up until the last public reception that was to have been given. Preparations were made and the House was being put in order to have the last public reception of that season, when on the morning of the 15th of February we received the terrible news of the blowing up of the "Maine" in the harbor of Havana, which cast a gloom over our entire Nation, and particularly the White House. The President immediately gave orders to discontinue the decorating, and that there should be no levee that night. Two months later war was declared against Spain. The order was given to raise many thousand troops, and from that time on for some months the tramp of regiments was heard and great numbers of soldiers were seen passing through the city of Washington. There was great activity at the White House in the Executive Department, seeing military men and those applying for positions in the Army and Navy. These were very stirring times. About this time Mr. Roosevelt came to the White House. He had just been appointed a Colonel in the Rough Riders, and was accompanied by Col. John Jacob Astor, to whom he introduced me. I got both their autographs on that day, little thinking then that Mr. Roosevelt would be the next President of the United States.

The following season, while the war was going on, and things had settled down to a military routine, the receptions were again taken up, and there were dinner parties, social gatherings and public receptions, and during that period, I think, there were two dances given in the state dining-room, something that I had never seen given in that room before. Late that season the President took a trip to Lake Champlain with Mrs. McKinley, and it seemed to be very beneficial to both of them. They were gone about a month.

At the beginning of the next season a New Year's reception was held. After that the President was taken sick with the grip, and consequently all the receptions and dinner parties were over for that season. During this season the Postal Congress of the World met in Washington, and the President gave them a reception, which was well attended, notable people of all nations having gathered in the city. Just in the midst of it Mr. Preston, one of the representatives from the Hawaiian Islands to the Postal Congress, fell in the Green Parlor, dangerously ill. Gen. Wood, who was then a Surgeon in the Army, was called. Mr. Preston revived enough to be taken to his hotel, where he died 10 days afterwards.

About this time some of the troops began to return. One of the first battalions that arrived was a battalion of marines, about 500 or 600 strong. The President stated that when they returned to Washington he would be happy to have them pass in review at the White House. I recall that it was a very rainy afternoon when they arrived and there was a great multitude of people to see them as they passed in review through the portico, where the President and his Cabinet reviewed them, and they shared together the heartiest congratulations and cheers of the people.

Then came the campaign for McKinley's re-election. There was a great deal of excitement among the politicians, each parties being sanguine that its candidate would be elected. But President McKinley was re-elected by an overwhelming majority.

During Mr. McKinley's first Administration John Addison Porter, his private secretary, passed away. Also the Vice-President, Garrett A. Hobart. Of course, the death of our Vice-President brought sadness to the Administration, for he was a man very much beloved.

The day of his second inauguration was dismal. Nevertheless, there was a great multitude of people in the city to view the procession, which was a most remarkable one. After the procession a grand luncheon was given. There were present Mr. and Mrs. Abner McKinley, Miss Helen Gould, Mrs. Sartoris, Mrs. Fred Grant, and quite a number of the notable people of our Nation. The procession lasted until almost dark, but the President stayed faithfully in the reviewing stand until all had passed. After the procession he received people until about 9 o'clock, when with the guests of the house, he and Mrs. McKinley attended the Inaugural Ball, which was a grand affair given in the Pension Office. The following day a great many people called. Military companies, Governors of States, clubs and bands of music were admitted into the East Room as they marched up in lines, the music enlivening everything about the White House. The President and Mrs. McKinley seemed to be perfectly happy and pleased to see the great multitudes that were calling on them. The President always took great delight in shaking hands with the people. He told one of the officials at the White House that he took more delight in shaking hands with the people than he did at one of the state dinners. It seemed to be a great gratification to him to meet the masses of the people.

Mrs. McKinley was remarkably fond of little children. Sometimes on going out to take her drive and little children being near, she would throw them a kiss if they were not near enough to the carriage for her to kiss them. The President was very kind and gentle to her at all times. Often I would go in with cards after she had recovered from spells of sickness after dinner. They would be sitting in the grand corridor near the entrance to the dining-room. She would have her knitting, which she was very fond of, and the President would be reading his paper or looking over some documents that required his attention. He seemed to do everything in his power to please her. They were a very happy couple.

MAJ. WM. M'KINLEY IN WAR TIME.

On Saturday evenings during his Administration there would often be gatherings of a few friends in the Blue Parlor after dinner, and hymn books would be brought out and then all would join in singing hymns, accompanied by the piano. Frequently when the President returned from church on the Sabbath he would hum the tune of a hymn as I was taking him up in the elevator. On one occasion there was a lady guest at the White House who accompanied the President to church. When they returned, on seeing me, he said to her, "This man has been here about 35 years." There were two busts near the Red Parlor, and he asked whose busts they were. I answered, "Mr. President, one of them is John Bright, the English statesman, and the other is John Jay, Chief Justice of the United States." The President was very fond of music and singing, as was also Mrs. McKinley.

The season of 1901 the social functions were discontinued at the White House on account of the illness of Mrs. McKinley, who was so feeble that we used to have a rolling chair for her, in which we took her up and down stairs bodily. Finally she rallied enough and improved so nicely that they made a trip to Canton and then followed the trip to California. The San Francisco trip was looked forward to with a great deal of pleasure. All arrangements for the trip went on harmoniously and nicely. Trains were fitted up and those connected with the Pennsylvania Railroad took the greatest care in endeavoring to make everything as happy as they possibly could for Mr. and Mrs. McKinley. Mr. Stone, who is now an usher at the White House, but formerly a conductor of the Pullman Palace Car Company, accompanied them on this trip. Before they arrived at San Francisco, Mrs. McKinley began to show signs of failing health. By the time San Francisco was reached, she was desperately ill, and the very best medical skill was obtained for her. But she recovered, and was enabled to take the homeward trip, which was a perfect miracle, considering the fact that her life seemed to just hang on a thread while there. They returned to the White House, where she was still under the care of physicians. Finally she was able to take her carriage drives again.

On the 5th of July they started for Canton to spend probably most of the Summer there. They then went to Buffalo to visit the Exposition which was being held there.

On the 6th of September, about 25 minutes past 4 in the afternoon, Jerry Smith, one of the servants at the White House, came to the foot of the stairs and called up to me, "The President is shot!" He had been cleaning in the telegraph room and had heard the awful news. Scarcely believing my ears, I called out, "What, Jerry?" He said again, "The President has been shot!" I did not think it could be so, supposing it was some wild rumor that had gotten out. I asked Mr. Gilbert, one of the specially appointed policemen on duty at the White House, to try and find out if the news were true, but they were so busy in the telegraph room that we could not hear anything. Mr. Gilbert, as well as myself, doubted whether the report was true. About 20 minutes after this a newspaper man came hurrying to the White House with the news. Then there was a deep gloom over all the house. Men were passing to and fro, asking questions continually. We continued to receive word from Buffalo of the President's condition, and were very much encouraged from the favorable tone of most of them. On the 12th of September we were particularly glad, as on that morning he partook of a cup of coffee, a piece of toast and a soft-boiled egg, and we all thought that in about two weeks he would be able to return to the White House. On that night there was a turn for the worse. His physicians were called in and worked hard over him, but with the sad result that we all know so well. On Friday he grew worse. I remained at the White House that night until 10 o'clock. The news continued to come and gloom and sadness fell over the whole city and over the Nation. Saturday morning, the 14th of September, at 25 minutes after 2 o'clock, he passed away. And there was sorrow and weeping all over our land. My little home was among the very first to be draped in mourning.

The remains laid in state Sunday and part of Monday at Buffalo, and Tuesday night were brought to Washington. Mrs. McKinley, with Dr. Rixey and Mr. Abner McKinley, came to the White House probably half an hour before the remains arrived. It was a very sad sight. Previous to his remains being brought in the undertaker came and was making arrangements for the casket to be laid under the center chandelier in the East Room. He was just arranging so as to have his head lay to the south and his feet to the north. Seeing this, I told him that President Lincoln laid with the head to the north and his feet to the south. The undertaker immediately changed the position so that he laid as Mr. Lincoln did. After the remains had been brought in and the two soldiers and two marines had taken their position at the head and foot of the casket, Mrs. McKinley came in on the arm of Dr. Rixey to take a long look at her dear husband. It was very sad. In the morning she took her final farewell before the remains were removed to the Capitol.

President McKinley was a remarkable man; he was genial, a natural magnet. He drew the masses of the people to him. Always had a kind word, greeting with the extension of his hand every one that called on him, and endeavored to make all feel happy and at home.

As the funeral train passed through the towns on its way to Washington and Canton, great crowds met and sang in concert his favorite hymn, "Lead, Kindly Light," and the hymn containing his last words, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

After the funeral at Canton, President Roosevelt returned to Washington and took up his residence at his sister's, Mrs. Cowles, on N Street. In a few days he came to the White House to reside, and shortly after his family arrived from Oyster Bay.

Then the people began to recover from the sad events that had occurred and to call on President Roosevelt. He has been a very busy man ever since he entered upon his duties. I would term him a great President and his wife a great lady, perfectly plain, matter-of-fact people. Both he and she always have a kind salutation for those who are connected with the White House, from the very humblest to those holding high position. There has hardly been a day since he has settled down at the White House but that he has had some friends to luncheon with him, and he has given quite a number of private dinners. He seems to be very popular. I am satisfied that he is going to make us a splendid President.

In conclusion, I must say that I hope I shall never live to see again what I have seen during the past 37 years in the White House, as I have been on duty there when the three great tragedies of our country were enacted. There is no other man in the Nation today who can say this. There is no living soul connected with the White House outside of myself who was there on the first day I entered on duty, the 3d of November, 1864, when the great rebellion was raging and when there was weeping and mourning all over our land for those who had fallen.

(The End.)

Reunion of the 128th Ohio.

The 27th Annual Reunion of the 128th Ohio Association was held at Sandusky, O., Aug. 20. There were 40 members and a few ladies present. Over 50 letters and telegrams were received from comrades who could not be present. The following officers for the ensuing year were elected: Pres., Capt. T. C. Strong, Sandusky, O.; 1st V. P., T. M. Sherwood, Elyria, O.; 2d V. P., Jacob Wagner, Cleveland, O.; 3d V. P., J. C. Walton, Bedford, O.; Sec. and Treas., Capt. L. W. Bailey, Cleveland, O.; Chaplain, R. W. Wales, Toledo, O.; Surg., Dr. D. H. Young, Wakeman, O.; Q.-M., Capt. J. J. McClellan, Chicago, Ill. The next meeting will be at Sandusky, O., the third Wednesday in August, 1903.

The 3d Me.

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MUSTERED OUT.

DUGAN.—At the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Sandusky, O., Colvin Dugan, Co. H, 1st Ohio Cav., aged 55. He enlisted at the age of 18; was wounded, and returned to Camp Denison, O., where he received his discharge. Since the war, until he entered the Soldiers' Home, he had resided at New Market. The funeral services were conducted under the auspices of John M. Barrere Post, G.A.R.

FERGUSON.—At Harrisburg, Pa., Myron S. Ferguson, Co. A, 2d Vt. He was Adjutant of Post 116.

GREEN.—At Pittsville, Mass., Aug. 15, Serg't Ebenezer Green, Co. I, 45th Mass., aged 81. He had been totally blind for many years. He was a member of Gen. H. Mainlien Post, 133.

HICKS.—At Carthage, Ill., Aug. 27, William H. Hicks, Co. B, 22d Ohio, aged 65. Comrade Hicks was a member of Post 455, Department of Illinois.

LOCKWOOD.—At Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 29, Wm. Lockwood, 34 Wis. Cav., aged 86. He leaves a widow and four sons.

LUTZ.—At Crossroads Burrough, Pa., Aug. 17, William Lutz, 87th Pa., aged 70.

McNAMARA.—At National Soldiers' Home, Hampshire, Va., July 4, Capt. M. C. McNamara, Co. E, 17th Mass., aged 70. He is survived by one son and three daughters.

MEEKS.—At Monterey, Cal., Aug. 24, Ruben Meeks, Co. G, 15th Iowa.

PHIFER.—At Exit, Va., Capt. Townsend Phifer, aged 62. Capt. Phifer served in the navy.

PHINNEY.—At Pawtucket, R. I., Aug. 16, William H. Phinney, Battery E, 1st R. I. L. A., aged 79. He is survived by a widow and two sons.

PIERCE.—At Methuen, Mass., Dr. James Pierce, aged 53. Dr. Pierce was born in Waterboro, Me., and at the age of 15 enlisted in the navy with a brother, and served for three months as Surgeon's Steward on the U. S. S. Marion. After the war he studied medicine, and graduated from the University Medical College of New York in 1871. He practiced medicine four years at Waterboro, and then removed to Methuen, Mass., where he had since resided. He was a member of Col. W. R. Green Post, 100.

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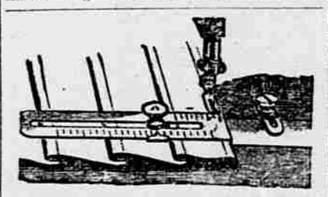

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WANTED.—The addresses of comrades of Melvin Bailey, Battery B, 1st Mich. L. A., who knew him while in Macon Prison (Georgia) 53 days in 1863. Mrs. Allie Bailey, 1526 Harrison St., San Francisco, Cal.

WANTED—Walter Everett Bell, or any one who knows him, write Mrs. Imogene Kahn, 1412 Rosenberg Avenue, Galveston, Texas.

WANTED—Postoffice addresses of the following soldiers: Chas. Brown, 11th U. S. C. Inf.; Joseph Dunn, 12th N. Y. Vol. Inf.; Wm. Gardner, 102d Pa. Vol. Inf.; Geo. Wilson, Private; Capt. Harper, 43d Ind. Inf.; Wm. H. Williams, Co. K, 1st Eng., N. Y. Vols.; James Wallace, 19th Mass. Vol. Inf. Address Chas. W. Gardner, Evart, Mich.

WANTED—Information of the whereabouts of the letters, private papers and other effects of Aaron Godard, who was killed by Indians while working as a carpenter on the Butterfield Stage Route between Omaha, Neb., and Denver, Colo.; said effects supposed to be in Denver, Colo. Address J. S. Godard, Longton, Elk Co., Kan.

WANTED—By J. S. Godard, Longton, Kan., the present address (if living) of Ezra Miles Godard; last heard from in 1872; was a member of Co. F, 5th U. S. Regulars at Leavenworth, Kan. Any information in regard to same thankfully received.

WANTED—Information, dead or alive, of Charles J. Hagadorn, late Co. H, 16th N. Y. H. A. Supposed to be in the State of California. By E. J. Wentz, Little Falls, N. Y.

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