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The Centennial Anniversary of the Death of Washington.

WHEELING'S FOUR BLUE LODGES

Hold Interesting Exercises at Hebrew Temple—The Father of His Country Eulogized in Addresses by Rabbi Levi and Rev. Messrs. Graham, Speers and Clark—His Various Attributes Eloquently Praised.

One hundred years ago yesterday occurred the death of George Washington, and throughout the country the centennial anniversary was observed by the Masonic fraternity, of which the first President was a worshipful brother.

The synagogue was tastefully decorated with flags and palms, and a portrait of Washington occupied a conspicuous position. A very interesting program was carried out. There were four speakers, Rev. C. B. Graham, of North Street Methodist Episcopal church; Rev. Joseph Speers, of the Second Presbyterian church; Rev. C. E. Clarke, of Thomson Methodist Episcopal church, and Rabbi Harry Levi, of the synagogue.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Mr. Clarke. "Washington as the Man" was the theme assigned to Rev. C. B. Graham, the first speaker. The speaker said Washington was not only the base, but also the spine of character in Masonry; manhood was the base of his actions, as it is of Masonry. True manhood, the very foundation of all elements of greatness, was exemplified in Washington.

Continuing, Rev. Mr. Graham sketched Washington's school days in Virginia, and his youthful manly charms. He was affectionate and tender to the mother whom he loved above all on earth. "He could conquer men, he could conquer states, he could conquer a nation," said Mr. Graham, "but he couldn't conquer a young widow, to whom he gave his heart. This was only in line with his manliness, however."

"Washington as a Soldier" was discussed by Rev. Joseph Speers, in an eloquent manner. There were other great generals in other lands, but they left behind names that bore little significance, while Washington won name and fame, and it was as much for being a man as being a soldier. Rev. Mr. Speers detailed Washington's gradual rise in the army to a generalship; he was "the grandest soldier of the grandest army the world has ever seen," said the speaker, after references to the rigors and privations suffered by the Continental army from Bunker Hill to Yorktown, which he graphically pictured.

"Washington as the Statesman" was Rabbi Levi's topic. We are becoming more familiar with Washington by study, said Rabbi Levi, and the statement of Prof. McMaster is not true now that Washington is an unknown man. With Carlyle we are beginning to turn away from military hero worship. As a victor in peace, as president and statesman, we would crown his memory with garlands of glory. The greatness was in his statesmanship. He was a statesman and not a politician. Statesmanship to him meant more than pay or power. His public career is not forgotten. Love of country was dominant in his statesmanship, whose composites were summed up by Rabbi Levi in an incisive, succinct and eloquent analysis.

"Washington as the Mason" was Rev. Mr. Clarke's assignment. Washington was admitted to the craft when he was twenty-one years of age, said Rev. Mr. Clarke, and Masonry was introduced into this country about the time of his birth. He was a man, for to be a Mason was to be a man. He was a splendid soldier, and to be a Mason was to be such. Masonry which inculcated the principles, might lay

claim to have assisted in inspiring Washington to be a man, a soldier and a statesman. As a young surveyor in the wilderness, on the field of carnage or in the arena of civil wars, he exemplified the phases of character taught by Masonry. Washington was a Mason of whom Masons might be proud, and Rev. Mr. Clarke believed his life furnished inspiration to members of the fraternity.

ARTIFICIAL ENTHUSIASM

Of the Kind Brewed in Certain Retail Emporiums, Figures at a Conference of Ohio County Democrats.

A certain section of the local Democracy is taking time by the forelock, and is assembling at weekly intervals in order to oil up the machinery for the ride up Modder or Salt rivers in the melancholy November of 1900. The privates and the "non-coms" of this particular division, believing in the efficacy of a slate, have been holding more or less enthusiastic meetings for some weeks now, and it reports are true, last night's was sublime, with enthusiasm on the part of one envoy extraordinary. He had it with him, and he was bound to let it loose. It was not the kind of oil they pour on troubled waters. It was the kind they handle in "five and ten-cent stores for gentlemen only." Suffice it to say, the liberal positions caused the imbiber to become so obstreperous that the meeting adjourned in some confusion.

FEDERAL STEEL MAY BUY

The C. L. & W. Railway, is a Rumor From New York.

New York reports are again trying to dispose of the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling railroad. The latest reports are that Blair & Company have purchased a controlling interest in the road for the Federal Steel Company, to open up a coke territory, and also to give that company an ore carrier, says the Cleveland Leader. The report is interesting, and the speculation is as timely as any other, so say the officials of the road, but they do not accord with the fact altogether. Blair & Company have always owned a large amount of the stock of the road. Whether it amounts to a controlling interest or not is an open question.

There have been a good many rumors concerning this road, starting at the time of the first talk of a combination of the coal roads of Ohio. It has lately been learned that there is a definite policy marked out for the property. It has within the last eight months fallen into the hands of eight men in New York, one of whom is represented by Blair & Company. It is the intention of these new owners to take the property and develop it. They feel that it is a paying road, and will in the long run develop into a money maker. With this idea in view they have practically reorganized it, the first act of which was when they placed W. R. Woodford in charge of it as president.

Involving the Right to Strike.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 14.—An important decision was rendered by Vice Chancellor Reed to-day in the case of the Cumberland Glass Manufacturing Company, of Bridgeton, against the Glass Blowers' Association of the United States and Canada, Dennis A. Hayes, president, and others. The suit grew out of the glass blowers' strike at Bridgeton, last March, and which has since been amicably settled. The Cumberland Glass Manufacturing Company sought to enjoin the defendants from the part they were taking in the strike. The vice chancellor, in his opinion, holds that a combination to strike or to induce others to strike is made lawful under a New Jersey statute, provided the means used be those of persuasion, and not of coercion.

House Committees to be Announced.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Speaker Henderson has made such progress with the house committees that he was able to state definitely for the first time today that the list would be announced before the holiday recess, probably on or about the day before the recess begins.

TEN DAYS

More of the Big Bargain Giving at Sheff Bros.—Discount Sale Continues.

The 20 per cent discount sale at Sheff Bros., which has offered such splendid opportunities for Christmas purchasers to get jewelry bargains, is to be continued until Christmas. Yesterday Sheff Bros. arrived at this decision after carefully considering the situation. The firm decided that at this late day it would be impossible to restore the original prices on this large stock, and that fairness to their late as well as their early customers demanded that the same big bargains should be given the next ten days.

Sheff Bros.' 20 per cent discount sale has been without a doubt the holiday hit of the season. It has been so because it meant genuine bargains, chances to buy goods of the best value at 20 per cent off of an already low price, and so the public has been quick to appreciate it. The continuance of the discount on all purchases this week will be a heavy loss to the firm, but it will be dollars and bargains for the public. Sheff Bros.' guarantee is back of all goods sold by them, and that is an absolute assurance of value. They buy for cash, take advantage of all discounts and are therefore able to sell as cheap as many other firms can buy. Attend the discount sale this week.

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Society.

A brilliant and elaborate society function occurred yesterday afternoon and evening at Maples Croft, the country home of Mr. and Mrs. George K. McMechen, at Pleasant Valley, and Society was largely represented, notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather. The occasion was the reception, introducing to Wheeling society Mrs. Birney Kennard McMechen, nee Miss Bailey, of Allegheny, whose coming adds a flower, exquisite and beautiful and accomplished, to Wheeling society.

The handsome McMechen home was elaborately and tastefully decorated with palms and cut flowers. The rooms were darkened throughout the afternoon, and the illumination was through pink shades, the color scheme chosen for the decorations. The effect upon entering the reception hall was delightfully pleasing and agreeably surprising.

In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Birney Kennard McMechen and the Misses Lydia and Janie Good. Mrs. W. B. McMechen presided at the table, which was attractively decorated in pink. The concluding reception will be given next Thursday afternoon and evening, December 21, when the decorations and effects will be harmonious with the holiday season, especially carrying out the old English and colonial Christmas customs, including the ever-popular holly and mistletoe. At this reception a number of Mr. and Mrs. McMechen's friends from out of town will be present.

The marriage of Charles F. Freese and Miss Ella Greer Foster was solemnized yesterday at noon at the parsonage of the First Presbyterian church, by the Rev. D. A. Cunningham, in the presence of immediate relatives. They left for the east, and will be at home to their friends at 2403 Chapline street, after the 28th. They have the well wishes of a large number of friends.

Last evening at the bride's home in Wellsburg, occurred the wedding of Miss Stella George, daughter of Mr. Samuel George, the banker and manufacturer, to Mr. Louis Zimmerman, a Steubenville business man. The event was notable in Pan Handle society.

Last evening, at the Boyd residence, on North Fourth street, in Martin's Ferry, occurred one of the leading social events of the season in the over-the-river town. The occasion was the reception tendered their friends, about 125 in number, by Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Boyd, Miss Boyd and Miss Mary R. Boyd. The house was tastefully decorated with plants and flowers. The hours of the reception were from 5 to 10 o'clock, including four periods. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd and the Misses Boyd did the receiving, while Misses Anna and Mamie Boyd, Ellen and Mary Mitchell, Olive Smith, Ethel Darrah and Madge Heaton presided over the tables, from which refreshments were served. The inclemency of the weather prevented several from attending, but did not detract from the pleasure of the affair.

Advance in Stoves and Ranges.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—An advance of a full twenty-five per cent in the price of stoves and ranges has been decided on by the Association of Stove Manufacturers, now in session here. The advance will take effect January 1. It is claimed the advance was made necessary by the increase in the prices of iron and steel.

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SLOT MACHINE RAID.

Proprietors of Eighty to Appear in Court To-day.

The police last night made a raid on the slot machines, visiting eighty places in which they were operated, and the proprietors will appear in this morning's police court. This move was rather unexpected and it will come as a surprise to many. The last raid on the machines was made in June. What connection it bears to the controversy between the ministers and the mayor and chief of police is uncertain.

To Encourage Insurgents.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—A joint resolution was introduced in the house of representatives to-day by Representatives Williams, of Mississippi, which is the result of consultation among a number of Democratic leaders in the house and is understood to be expressive of their general position on the Philippines. The resolution declares the intention and purpose to recognize the independence of the Filipinos and to withdraw our land and sea forces provided the independent government agrees to refund the \$20,000,000 paid by the United States to Spain to give us suitable naval and coaling stations and grant in perpetuity free access to their ports. Another section pledges our friendly assistance and also pledges against foreign interference or aggression for ten years, during which time the foreign affairs of the island are to be under American control.

Not Authorized to Act.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—The Spanish minister here to-day authorized the statement that Carlos Rivero, who has represented himself at Memphis as the agent of the Spanish government for the appointment of consuls through the south and west, has no authority to act either from the legation at Washington or from Madrid direct. The Duc d'Acros says arrangements for the appointments of consuls when made will be through the legation here, but no consul will be appointed for Memphis.

As to Sale of Galapagos Islands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Responding to a resolution of inquiry, the President to-day sent to the senate a statement by the secretary of state concerning the possible sale of the Galapagos Islands. The secretary says in his statement that the department of state has "no recent information as to a proposed sale of the Galapagos Islands by the republic of Ecuador to Great Britain or any other European power."

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From Elkins to the Forks of Greenbrier River.

Special Dispatch to the Intelligencer. CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 14.—The Coal and Iron Railway Company, with capital stock of \$100,000, was incorporated here to-day by Senator S. B. Elkins and ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, of Elkins, Col. Thomas B. Davis, of Keyser, ex-Congressman R. C. Kerens, of St. Louis, and C. M. Hendley, of Washington. The company will complete a railroad now under construction from Elkins, in Randolph county, to the Forks of Greenbrier river, effecting a junction with the Greenbrier River railroad. This will afford the first through connection from the southern to the northeastern part of the state. The principal office is to be at Elkins. The charter was issued to Senator Elkins.

Celebrated at Philadelphia.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 14.—The one hundredth anniversary of the death of General George Washington was observed here to-day with impressive ceremonies. The feature of the occasion was the memorial exercises in Independence Hall. Addresses were delivered by Congressman J. P. Dolliver, of Iowa; Joseph W. Huston, of this city, and by Mrs. Edward H. Ogden, vice regent of the Philadelphia Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, who was chairman of the meeting.

Betsy Ross Flag House.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—At the annual meeting of the American Flag House and Betsy Ross Memorial Association, held at the Flag House, No. 233 Arch street, the treasurer, George Clinton Baichler, of New York, announced that \$11,321 had been raised in twelve months toward the fund for the purchase and preservation of the house in which Betsy Ross made the first American flag. At present 500,000 names appear upon the roll of honor in the Flag House.

Globe National Bank to be Helped.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—At a meeting of the Boston Clearing House Association representing the national banks of this city, to-day, it was voted to issue \$3,500,000 in special clearing house certificates, to enable the Globe National Bank to tide over the difficulties in its finances which have existed for some time. It is announced at the clearing house that the bank will thereby be able to continue without further trouble.

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