

NEW SOCIETY LEADERS

WIVES AND DAUGHTERS OF DEMOCRATS IN LIMELIGHT.

Many Women of the Official Households, and Their Kinsfolk, as a Rule, Hail From the Conservative Element.

With the passing of the Taft administration and the consequent unsettling of a social background built up during the years of Republican supremacy a change has come over the face of Washington life. Whether Washington society will continue to be as brilliant as it has been heretofore remains to be seen. That the women of the incoming official households as a rule will be of the type more given to the consideration of serious affairs is practically assured.

The president and Mrs. Wilson and the vice president and Mrs. Marshall and their kinsfolk hail from the conservative old Presbyterian element.

Neither the presidential nor the vice presidential family has heretofore in its several ramifications "gone in" strongly for society, per se, and it is not regarded as likely that the advent in high political position at Washington will materially modify the habits of a lifetime or the heritage of generations.

Mrs. Wilson and her daughters, moreover, are women who have assiduously cultivated their talents. Each in her own right is a woman of attainment. Mrs. Wilson and her second daughter, Miss Eleanor, being accomplished artists in oil, Miss Margaret Wilson a student of vocal music, and Miss Jessie Woodrow Wilson a student of sociological problems and an active worker in behalf of social betterment projects.

The Wilsons have a large circle of relatives who are to spend much of the next four years at the capital. By virtue of their affiliation with the White House family these will be factors in the new regime.

Among the women of political households who are bound to come forward in the next regime are Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, her daughter, Mrs. Richard Hargreaves, and her young daughter-in-law, Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, Jr., have been living at Washington throughout the winter, and Mrs. Hargreaves has passed the winter with her parents, accompanying them on their various trips.

Mrs. Albert Sidney Burleson and Mrs. Joseph Daniels, whose husbands have entered the cabinet, are also likely to be dominant factors in the new order.

Mrs. Burleson has gained much local note for her ability to write entertainingly of Washington life in its official phases.

COSSACK USES A DAGGER

Footman of the Russian Ambassador Becomes Center of Interest of Washington Crowd.

Using a dagger to repair the harness, the Cossack footman of the Russian Ambassador to Washington, interested a curious city crowd, the other day. The driver had just started to turn round a street when the harness snapped. One of his horses fell, but got to his feet again in a moment, and then the team made a dash down the hill. The Cossack jumped from his seat and grabbed the horses. A lady occupant was assisted from the carriage, and stood on the curb while the Cossack, with the deftness of an expert harness maker, used the dagger to repair the broken harness. The ambassador's Cossack attendant always has created a furore whenever his carriage has been seen. The footman is a giant personage, wearing a skirted coat and a sort of fez hat. He always carries a dagger and a big gun hung over his hip.

Borrowed Book Makes Trouble.

A borrowed book not returned forms the basis of a libel action which will shortly come before the Bavarian courts at Bamberg. A professor lent the Socialist poet, Heinrich Heine's, poems to a friend, but, as the book had not been returned at the end of eight weeks, despite frequent warnings, the professor sent him a postcard on which was pasted the following cutting from a newspaper: "The German buys no books. He borrows them and never gives them back." The borrower felt himself libeled, and, though he has not yet returned the volume, instituted proceedings. It appears that the borrower lent the volume to a lady, who in turn lent it to some one else.

Peculiar Burial Whims.

One is always hearing of the cobbler whose dying wish is that his tools shall be buried with him; of the old navy pensioner who desires to be put to rest in the uniform in which he once strutted about so proudly; of the shoeblack (and this happened in London quite recently) who said he should not "rest content" were the emblems of the trade he followed not buried with him.

GINGER SNAPS.

Intense application is the thief of time.

A man of vision is one who sees invisible things.

Some men are effective and some are merely noisy.

Nature sets a good example by observing her own laws.

Self-made men are not nearly so plentiful as self-unmade men.

In business ventures the outcome depends on the income.

There is always a fine crop of lemons in the garden of love.

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty, and few have the price.

There is always room at the top, but who cares to live in an attic?

Most of us are poor from choice, the choice having been forced upon us.

Few people are far enough along to take post-graduate courses in honesty.

There would be less trouble in the world if closed incidents would stay closed.

The people who are able to take the rest cure are the ones who do not need it.

By their fruits ye shall know them, but you must look below the top layer.

Duty and inclination are pleasant companions when they travel in the same direction.

SOME POSTSCRIPTS.

The New York police will try motion pictures for the identification of criminals, the idea being to record their peculiarities of walk and carriage.

The experience of German railroads has been that the maintenance cost of electric locomotives has been less than that of cars fitted with individual motors.

A North Carolina inventor's knife for paring horses' hoofs is mounted at right angles to the end of a handle and provided with a guide to insure an even cut.

One employe or passenger is injured for every 12,053 miles covered by trolley cars in the United States and one for every 178,866 miles covered by automobiles.

A Russian artist has invented a method for painting several theatrical scenes on the same canvas, the pictures changing as the light thrown on them changes.

IRRELEVANCIES

A sincere sin is superior to an assumed virtue.

"The smut song must go," says an Inter-Ocean editorial. So it does.

Anecdotia is the malady you experience on hearing the same story for the eleventh time.

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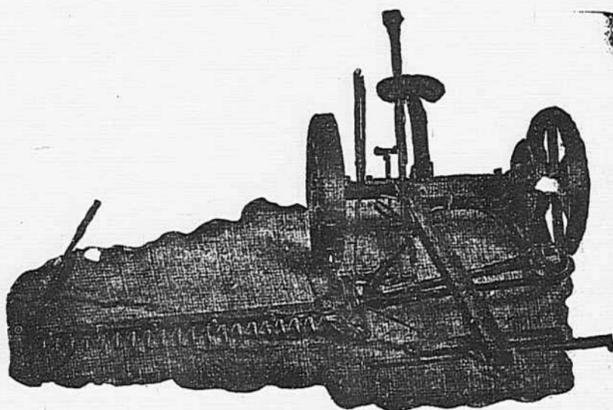
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RARE MEDALS IN MUSEUM

Division of History in National Repository at Washington Has a Notable Collection.

Among the exhibits in the division of history in the National Museum are several interesting collections of medals. These medals include a series awarded by the United States government, comprising naval medal of honor, the certificate of merit badges of the navy and marine corps, the Dewey congressional medal, the West Indies naval campaign medal, the campaign badges of the army and navy and the decorations given to the members of the army, navy and marine corps for proficiency in the practice of small arms. These medals, twenty-four in number, make a unique display and are conspicuous on account of their bright colored ribbons.

In addition to the governmental medals are several collections of personal medals of distinguished men, chief of which is the Maury collection. These medals were awarded to Commander Matthew Fontaine Maury, whose studies and scientific investigation of the currents and meteorology of the ocean did much to increase the safety of navigation and promote the interests of commerce. Commander Maury's researches were recognized by several foreign nations and there are in the collection six gold medals, as follows:

A special gold medal presented by William III, king of the Netherlands, in 1856; a special gold medal conferred by the free city of Bremen, in 1855; the Humboldt gold medal from the king of Prussia, in 1865; the Austrian gold medal of science, given by Francis Joseph I. of Austria, in 1868; a special gold medal from Napoleon III. of France, in 1859; and the gold medal of honor of the universal exposition, Paris, 1855. In addition, there are thirteen silver medals given to Commander Maury by Pius IX., in 1860, commemorating notable events in the history of the Roman Catholic church in his time.

Another unusual medal in this collection of historical relics is that presented to Joseph Francis by congress, in 1888, for his services to humanity in inventing and perfecting appliances for the saving of life at sea. His invention, the Francis life car, was first used in 1850, twelve years after its invention, when 200 lives were saved from the wreck of the Ayrshire off the New Jersey coast. The Francis medal is unusually large and heavy, being nearly three and one-half inches in diameter and about one-half inch thick.

FROM OAK HILL CEMETERY

Rare Views May Be Had of Potential Beauty as Well as Actual Ugliness.

One of the rare views of the lower and undeveloped Rock Creek valley is that which may be had from a point in Oak Hill cemetery, that point being the tip of the high spur near the broken shaft above the grave of Maj. Gen. Jesse Lee Reno, who was killed at the battle of South Mountain. Around you is a close array of tombs, among them being the grave of the twin sons of Baron Boilleau, the Godoy and Cartwright monuments and the Willard and Matthew tombs. The oaks rise high above you and it is easy to believe that their bare branches, whipped and swayed by the winter wind, are singing sadly. There is a good deal of green turf even at this season, and on many of the graves are wreaths and crosses of holly and laurel, telling of recent visits even at old tombs.

Southeast, east and north one looks down the terraced slopes, which are thickly studded with white and gray monuments under which sleep so many of those that once were dwellers here. Among the brown, bare oaks an occasional cedar or holly tree gives a touch of kindly green to the otherwise dreary outlook.

Lower Rock Creek in its actual ugliness and its potential beauty lies far below. You see red and yellow clay banks, where the earth excavated from many cellars and foundations has been dumped. Gray ash heaps are also in the picture. Some old buildings, especially the ruin of Lyons' mill, are prominent. The new city is stretching out from the east toward the edge of the valley and in places has grown to the very edge. New houses, mostly gray and yellow, some of them with red tops, are reaching toward the valley along the line of Massachusetts avenue. The whole scene shows the scars of many city dumps.

When this part of Rock Creek valley shall have been parked the vista from the vantage point in the solemn tomb city of Oak Hill will be one of the most impressive in the world.

Strawberry Production.

In 1909, the last federal census year, according to figures recently compiled, the crop made the enormous total of 256,000,000 quarts, worth close to \$20,000,000. This affords a fair idea of the magnitude of this money crop. By states Maryland was the leader in strawberry acreage, followed in the order named by Tennessee, Missouri, New Jersey, Michigan, Arkansas, Delaware, Virginia and New York, others scattered. Massachusetts was credited with a little over 2,000 acres.

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