

FROM WASHINGTON D. C.

An interesting Letter from a Former Worthington Man Now in Washington D. C.

It would probably be very hard to find more beautiful city, a more interesting city, a more wonderful city, than Washington the capital of our nation.

The west has its vastness and its open grandeur with its history to come but Washington seems to have all of these and the parks are so numerous and wooded, and so many of her avenues and streets terminate into country hills that it gives one country and city life combined.

The historical side of Washington next to that of being the central seat of power, is the greatest point of interest. Every nook and corner fairly teems with interest. This spot and that spot, too numerous to mention are connected with prominence that makes one stand and think, and quite probably ask questions of his nearest neighbor.

When one comes to the spot where Garfield was shot it gives him a feeling such as would naturally accompany the incident. To see the old houses of patriots of George Washington, of Lincoln's place of assassination and the house across the street where he died, Daniel Webster's law office, Calhoun's old home makes one wonder why western people do not come to this city instead of taking in the World's Fair that are a yearly occurrence.

Before my letter becomes lengthy I might state that I found an old time Worthington boy, Wm. Thurber, busily engaged in the patent department, doing well and keeping his evenings occupied with law, a point which we ourselves are trying to learn more about while here.

Miss Laeta Ramage seems happy and emphasized with Washington and its ways. Her work is teaching in the private school which is a tuition department where diplomats send their children. I believe Miss Ramage stated that one of the Roosevelt children had been to her school.

As Congress is not in session and the President is on his trip, and Miss Alice is in New York and Sec. Hay is in Italy and Vice President Fairbanks is in Indiana, there are fewer noteworthy people to see at this time than later. I had the pleasure of meeting Justice Brewer, an uncle of Mrs. E. L. Porter, formerly of Worthington. He is a grand looking old gentleman and received me very cordially indeed for a stranger.

Sunday a week ago, I visited the church where McKinley attended and the present place of worship of the Vice President. Easter Sunday the services listened to were varied—early morning mass at the Catholic church, the Presbyterian in Capitol Hill at regular hour, Christian Endeavor at the Darkey church, and in the evening, a grand chorus of 50 voices at the First Congregational. Comment on these place of worship and conditions therewith would alone make two letters, so I will pass them by. No church that I have visited have layed aside the old hymn books for the new, the old hymnals in church service and the Gospel Hymns at other times. The C. E. darkey meeting was of great interest and the earnestness in testimony, altho peculiar in form would be well for westerners to take note from. It

was the most enthusiastic Christian meeting I was ever in, there being four and five standing, being desirous to testify after a full Easter day from morning until night.

This afternoon I got leeway a short time and mingled with the hundreds of children rolling egg on the east lawn of the White House. Very pleasant sight. I hope to make several trips to the country—points of interest—but wish to wait until Mrs. Ludlow arrives as she is entitled to half the good time.

Altho I have gone continually in leisure hours for ten days there are still hundreds of places to visit each growing more interesting.

Am surprised to find the standing of Congressman McCleary has in the city. Is well and most favorably known both for his tariff views and his hard work on committees being chairman of the library committee which gives him an office in the Capitol, and as a member of the appropriation committee. Am told that Mr. McCleary stands next in line as chairman of the latter committee which, in power, is the third position in the United States.

Adam Bede from Minnesota is highly spoken of and has many friends. Our Senators Clapp and Nelson are fixtures and are solid on all matters of power. In fact Minnesota is better known thru her representative force than any state in the west. She has sent men that are known to act. But I must close as each new subject brought up brings forth a column that might be penned.

Very truly, J. Burr Ludlow.

NEW OKOBOJI STATION.

The Rock Island System has established a summer station at the head of West Okoboji and will transfer passengers via this station to all points on West Okoboji. The Okoboji Steamboat company has put in a dock at this point, and its steamers will meet all trains during the summer season. All round trip tickets to Spirit Lake will be honored to and from this station and passengers for Manhattan Beach, the Inn and Arnold Park will save time and money by using the Rock Island system to Okoboji station. A beautiful booklet describing Spirit Lake and Okoboji will be sent free upon application to John G. Farmer, Division Passenger Agent, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

May Sunday evening services at Macabee Hall. Four illustrated lectures by Rev. Chas. McIntosh.

May 7th—"Ben-Hur" Part I.

May 14th—"Ben-Hur" Part II.

These two lectures in 100' views will center about Antioch, and Jerusalem, introducing Bernice and Esther, Messala and Iris, the true and the false, the lover and the haters of the Nazarene.

May 21st—"The Supreme Face." An exhaustive study of the face of Christ in the world's art.

May 28th—"Throw Out the Life Line." Illustrated song service with fifty thrilling sea views.

Each service will commence at 8 o'clock. Children will be welcome but they must be accompanied by parents. The congregation will sing from the screen. A silver collection will be expected each evening to help meet the extra expense.

HOWDY, KING-PERKINS COMPANY.

King Perkins company, on its fifth annual and popular tour, will be at the opera house on Friday, May 12th, with an elaborate newly constructed version of "Old Farmer Hopkins." The attraction is of the highest class. To a company strong in acting there has been added singers and dancers of renown, thus making an organization unusually complete. We will all be there.

PASTURE.

Will take a few cattle, free from disease. Pasture three miles from town, shaded, watered by spring.

NOTICE.

Call or address C. B. Andrews, Rushmore Minn., local agent for Avery Threshing Machine Co, for Nobles county.

APRIL WEATHER.

The storm period central on the 6th, begins at the new moon on the 4th.

The storm period, 4th to 9th, will be ushered in as early as the 4th with decided and rapid change to warmer in all parts westward. The barometer will show marked atmospheric depressions in the same regions, and as these conditions increase and move eastward over the country, a series of decided rain, hail, wind and thunder storms will begin, repeating themselves in many localities for several successive days leading up to the 9th. No sane, unbiased person will consider it sensational to say that danger will probably attend some of these storms, and those who calmly and wisely weigh these probabilities will suffer the least anxiety and most surely escape bodily harm and material loss. Along with the rising barometer and clearing weather, at the cessation of this storm period, frost may be looked for in many central to northern sections, say from about the 9th to the 12th. A maximum of earthquake and seismic disturbance will almost certainly be felt in many parts of the globe within and near the limits of this period.

Centering on the 12th and 14th, reactionary storm conditions will reappear and make their regular progressive transition from west to east across the country. These disturbances will culminate in many thunder and rain storms on and touching the 14th, following which, the barometer will rise, winds will shift to the west and north, with change to much cooler weather.

The next storm period will culminate on the 17th and 19th in falling barometer, much higher temperature and another cycle of daily rain, thunder and wind storms.

This period lies at the center of the May perturbations, growing out of the localized solar power, especially in regions most commonly visited by violent, tornadic storms. Earthquake shivers probable at this period.

If this were a season of maximum rainfall in the United States, storm of the period 16th to 20th, would continue in daily cycle into the reactionary period, central on the 22nd, and 24th. As it is, light disturbances may continue thru the interval and break out into renewed energy on and touching the 22nd, and 24th. This reactionary period is problematical, depending on the nature and intensity of the storms during the regular period immediately preceding it. If barometric conditions remain below normal with high temperature and much humidity—conditions which any one may discern—the chances are many for severe and violent storms, on these days. (Change to anti storm conditions—cooler weather, bracing air and rising barometer—should appear from the 24th to 27th.)

The closing storm period for May is central on the 29th. The moon is on the celestial equator on the 28th and in apogee on the 29th.

These combined facts point to general and possibly severe disturbance, progressively over the country from west to east, during the last five days of May. The most notable storms of the period will touch the 29th. Highly electrical storms at this season almost invariably result from the passage of the moon over the celestial equator, and atmospheric unrests and squalls are especially common when the Moon's apogee and passage over the celestial equator are coincident.

CELEBRATION.

Worthington should celebrate the fourth this year as no celebration has been had here for about five years. Last year a carnival was held, and many of our citizens are opposed to another one but would assist in making the fourth a gala day.

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COUNCIL MEETING.

The council met last Friday evening with all members present.

The various coal bids were opened and action deferred until sample cars of coal could be tested.

\$574.36 was allowed for bills. The petition on stock yards was referred to the board of health.

Plumbers licenses were granted to G. H. Luehr, P. Heint and Moses Hardware Co., after satisfactory bonds were furnished.

Motion was carried that village cease replacing dim lamps with good ones. The committee on light and water was ordered to investigate the rates paid by the Worthington Milling Co. A cement walk was ordered in across the whole of block 36 on 4th avenue which is opposite the school house. The side track contract with the Rock Island was accepted as amended by the village attorney. The license for bowling alleys was placed at \$20 for first alley and \$15 for each additional alley. The president was requested to appoint a committee of two to appraise the village property. The clerk was ordered to secure bids for street and alley crossings and where the contractors had the contract on either side they are to do the work at the price of the lowest bid.

MARRIED.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Martin on Straight street Sunday, April 30, Mr. Roscoe O. B. Eshleman and Miss Emily Asman.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. G. A. Cahoon. Mr. and Mrs. Eshleman will reside about six miles north of Worthington.

METHODIST CHURCH.

There will be special services at the Methodist church next Sunday morning. The Knights of Pythias will attend in a body and the Pastor, Rev. G. A. Cahoon will preach the annual sermon before the order on the subject "Winning Spurs and Wearing Them." In the evening the subject will be "The Gospel in Art."

LIBRARY NOTES.

Patron and visitors at the library are enjoying the fine case of game birds loaned by Will Oliver.

The St. Nicholas award solid gold and silver buttons, each month, as prizes for the best drawings in pen and ink, best poem not over twenty four lines each, best prize composition, and the best amateur photographs. The librarian of the state public library commission will send some of these buttons to be given to children who will send in some of their work. Any young person under eighteen may enter the contest. For particulars inquire at the library.

A SMALL CYCLONE.

Round Lake was struck by a cyclone about 7 p. m. Tuesday evening. Several barns and sheds were demolished and Mrs. Myers was quite badly injured and her house was torn apart. Her nose and three ribs were broken as well as sustaining some internal injuries.

The blacksmith shop was totally demolished but no one else was injured. Machinery chickens, barns and sheds were scattered ruthlessly by the violence of the wind.

INTERNATIONAL EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION, DENVER, COLORADO.

July 5-9, 1905. The C. St. P. M. and O. Ry., will sell tickets June 30 to July 4, 1905 inclusive to Denver Colorado Springs or Pueblo, Col., and return for \$19.85. Tickets good for continuous passage only and return passage from destination not earlier than July 5th nor later than July 14th but tickets may be deposited with joint agent at destination and a fee of 50 cents paid and return limit extended to August 8, 1905.

LEWIS AND CLARK EXPOSITION AT PORTLAND, OREGON.

For this very important exposition, the Rock Island System has arranged low round trip ticket to Portland and California points from all stations. For full information, call on the nearest ticket agent or write to J. G. Farmer, Division Passenger Agent Cedar Rapids Ia. 31-9

Concert for the Benefit of the PUBLIC LIBRARY

OF WORTHINGTON

Local talent to be assisted by Mrs. A. L. Wells and F. R. Geyerman of Brewster.

Full program will appear in this paper next week.

To be held at the

Presbyterian Church

Friday May 19, '05

At 8 o'Clock. Tickets 25c.

PENNY VAUDEVILLE.

Many Thousands of Dollars Invested in Amusement Enterprise—The Profits Great.

New York.—Penny vaudeville is the latest in cheap amusements in this and other of the larger cities of the United States. It is nothing more than a development of the old penny-in-the-slot idea, with up-to-date inventions and contrivances.

The business began in a modest way in Buffalo about 12 years ago. Two young men opened a small place, filled it with phonographs and charged five cents for the reproduction of a song. Later they introduced the microscope, or moving pictures.

The enterprise prospered. With the invention of other automatic contrivances the business was increased and finally found its way to New York.

To-day the originators of the idea are at the head of a stock company capitalized at \$500,000, with branches in all the principal cities. Not long ago the idea was taken up in Europe, where it has been just as successful.

About five years ago the price to enjoy the attractions was cut to one cent. An idea of the magnitude and profit of the business, even at this price, may be had from the fact that it costs from \$25,000 to \$150,000 to fit up a complete penny vaudeville hall. The machines cost from \$50 to \$1,500 each. Europe contributes considerable in the way of the novelties used in these shows.

The phonographs and moving pictures are the most popular attractions, but the athletic machines, such as strength testers, punching bags, muscle developers, etc., are all well patronized.

The average daily attendance at these halls may be anything between 5,000 and 25,000, according to the location.

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STORY OF BONANZA DAYS.

Chance Remark of Jim Flood Brings Ruin to His Eavesdropping Gardener.

San Francisco.—In the old days of excitement, when mining stocks were on the jump and men became millionaires over one day's dabbling, an incident occurred at the country residence of James C. Flood, in Menlo, when a fairly well-to-do farmer found himself without a home in the short period of one week. The man's name was Hank, and being a first-class gardener, he readily found employment about the residences of the wealthy owners of mansions. In this way he was employed at the Flood residence. Hank was loitering about the garden one Saturday evening as the proprietor, in company with a visitor, was looking over the stock.

Mr. Flood had just stepped out of the hog corral, casually remarked to his friend that he would be willing to bet that "Con would go up to 300 before Christmas." Hank constructed "Con" to mean Consolidated Virginia, and, taking the tip, which he thought would make him a millionaire, he disposed of his holding of 250 acres of fine land, his stock and, in brief, everything he had on earth, except his wife and four bright little Hanks. The proceeds he invested in Consolidated Virginia stock, which was then selling at \$75 a share.

Christmas came, but instead of "Con" going to \$300 it fell to \$25. The man was a pauper. In lamenting his loss he incidentally mentioned to a friend of Flood's how he lost all, Flood, who was generous to a fault, sent for Hank and had him repeat his story. When he learned of his chance remark about "Con going up to 300 before Christmas" he fairly shook with laughter and explained what it meant. It was in reference to the gift of the young sow, made a present to him by "Cop" O'Connor, who, in the fun of the thing, had called the pig "Con." The bet alluded to the sow's increase in weight to 300 pounds before Christmas and not to Consolidated Virginia.

BALD HEAD SAVES HIS LIFE.

Reflection from Headlight on Drunken Man's Shining Pail Gives Engineer Signal.

Northport, Wash.—The vigilance of a locomotive engineer, Charles F. Hooper, saved the life of a man the other evening. As his train swept round the curve onto the long bridge crossing the Columbia river, the headlight of the engine fell upon something glittering between the guard rails across the bridge. Hooper reversed his engine in time to stop within ten feet of the prostrate body of a bald-headed drunken man. Shaking the fellow, the engineer and train crew sought his name, but could get no intelligible answer. When he saw the engine and was informed of his narrow escape from death, the man was partially sobered.

It was the reflection of the engine's headlight from the man's bald head that gave the signal. Had his hat been on his head, or had he laid down with his feet toward the approaching engine, his death would have been certain, as the night was intensely dark and the prostrate man's body mingled with the other shadows on the bridge. The train crew put the fellow on the pilot and brought him to Northport, where he disappeared without giving his name.