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Driven Out by Rudeness. "Why did the soprano leave?" "She said the preacher interrupted her conversation with the tenor."

WASHINGTON PAPERS. The Recent Valuable Discovery of the Lewis Family—Memorial of the Father of His Country Found in an Old Trunk.

(Philadelphia Times.) Washington attracts so much attention now that the announcement of the discovery of the last effects of General Washington and his family, which are shortly to be sold in this city, has occasioned the greatest interest.

The sale is made by the order of H. L. D. Lewis, the administrator of Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, as part of the estate of Major Lawrence Lewis, the favorite nephew of Washington, who married Nellie Custis, Washington's adopted daughter, and who was the son of Colonel Fielding Lewis, who married Washington's sister Betty.

The estate of Lorenzo Lewis, of Berryville, Clark county, Virginia, deceased husband of Lorenzo Lewis, is also to be sold. Of paramount importance in this collection, and worthy of first mention, are all of Washington's private papers, deeds, leases, and drafts of his properties, a list of his negroes, and the draft of his will, all in his own handwriting.

There are also a large folio volume, the original ledger accounts of the Mt. Vernon distillery and fishery, in the year 1799, kept by his secretary, Tobias Seal, two volumes in the handwriting of Washington testifying to the correctness of the accounts in this volume, several autograph letters of Washington's, and all the rare documents and correspondence of the executors of Washington's estate, George Steptoe Washington and Lawrence Lewis, and later, upon the death of Lewis, Bushrod Washington.

The greater portion of this most valuable collection was unaccounted for more than three weeks ago in a dusty old trunk in the store-room of "Andy," the county clerk of the Lewis, in Virginia. The contents of this trunk had been entirely lost sight of by Mr. Lewis, and the discovery of these valuable Washington papers was a great surprise to him.

PRIVATE MEMORANDUM BOOK. General Washington's private memorandum book from September 29, 1791, to September, 1797, which was found in this old trunk, is a valuable relic which should repose eventually in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. It is composed of sixty closely-written pages in the handwriting of General George Washington and contains much matter of the greatest interest.

Washington having enumerated all the various items for which he expended money. The following are a few extracts: November 15. Lent Madame de Segur, a French lady in distress, fifty dollars. May 7. By cash to Mrs. Washington, to pay sundry accounts, \$40. June 7. Received on account of my compensation from the treasury, the whole of what is, and will be due up to the last of this mo., amounting to \$45.26. July 10, 1796. By cash sent Harriet Washington to buy her wedding clothes, 100 dollars. Oct. 20. By 90 out of the 100 dollars left with Mr. Thos. Peter for the sufferers by fire, returned, he having disposed of only ten of them. Nov. 3. Gave Geo. W. Fayette, for the purpose of getting himself such small articles of clothing as he might want and not choose to ask for, 100 dollars. Feb. 27, 1797. Gave Mrs. Washington, for her own purposes, 150 dollars. June 6. Paid a locksmith for setting my clocks agoing, 3c. July 17. Paid for a lock and roll of pomatum, 25. 6d. August 29. Sent Dr. Smith, president of the Princeton college, on account of G. Washington Custis' board, schooling and expenses, \$150, and \$40 more to be given to Mr. Custis to bear his expenses home at vacation.

WASHINGTON'S NEGROES. The list of the negroes belonging to George Washington in his own right and by marriage, also those hired from Mrs. French, is an eight-page folio document of unique rarity. It is written by Washington, and gives the names of all the slaves employed on his various farms, their age, their occupation, and their relationship to each other, and how and by what manner he came into possession of each. His recapitulation shows that he owned 117 negroes. Another small memorandum book kept from September 1, 1797, to December 3, 1799, in the handwriting of Washington is even more interesting than the one quoted from above. Under date of July 4, 1797, he writes: "By expenses for the celebration of the anniversary of independence in Alexandria, \$140." On September 10th of the same year the following memorandum occurs: "Sent as a donation for the distressed inhabitants in Philadelphia to Mr. Jones and the managers, \$300." This was the period of the yellow fever epidemic. December 3d: "Charged Mr. Laurence with cash, \$100, and with a check on the Bank of Alexandria, \$400. Credit the bank thereof, \$400." This is the last item Washington made in this book, and is noteworthy, as it probably was almost the last time he used a pen, being written but a few days before his death.

AUTOGRAPH LETTERS. There are two valuable autograph letters in the Lewis collection. One written at Mt. Vernon September 20, 1799, to Major Lawrence Lewis informs him that by his will Washington has bequeathed to him and his wife the Dogal Run farm, upon which Lewis was very anxious to settle. Among some of the other autograph letters in the collection is one from S. W. Fairfax, dated Belvoir, November 16, 1765, in reference to lands. Washington has made a memorandum on the back of this letter. Upon another letter from Fairfax Washington has marked, "Letters from Honorable S. W. Fairfax." A letter to His Excellency, Lieutenant General Washington, from Alexander Addison, dated Pittsburgh, November 8, 1789, is of interest, as is also a deed of Tobias Lear's to George Washington, of shares in the Potomac company, dated April 10, 1796, signed by Tobias Lear, Robert T. Hore, George Gilpin, William Hartshorne, and P. Wagner. Another letter is from Colonel Clement Biddle to Washington, dated Philadelphia, January 12, 1802. A curious relic is the original contract entered into by Lawrence Lewis with William Yeaton for \$600 for building the Mt. Vernon, dated 26th day of June, 1835, with an original sketch of the gateway. There is also a lot of Virginia paper currency, seventy-nine pieces in all, of various denominations, owned by Washington, accompanied by a wrapper in which the money was enclosed. Upon this Washington has written: "Given in by Gill Simon, 19th June, 1784." "George Washington." There are a number of lottery tickets in the collection: Six were issued by the Delaware Lottery for land belonging to the Earl of Sterling, in the provinces of New York and New Jersey together with a printed scheme of the lottery. The tickets are signed by the Earl of Sterling. On the bottom of the scheme of lottery, Washington has written, "5,298 to 5,303 inclusive, kept by G. Washington." There are also a package of lottery tickets belonging to Washington issued by the United States Lottery, authorized by a resolution of Congress passed at Philadelphia, November 18, 1796.

Bristol Contributions. Danvers, Texas, Dec. 6. The city council of this city, Va., and Tennessee, met in special session Friday day afternoon to consider the application to vote one hundred and sixty thousand dollars to the Danville and East Tennessee railroad. The decision was overwhelmingly in favor of the subscription and the resolution will be ordered about January 10th, 1891.

Business is Business. The Lady I want a little arsenic. The Apothecary—Yes, miss; complexion or sentiment?

A FAMOUS DOG DEAD. Some Facts about Gladstone, the Great Setter—Affectionate Tribute of His Devoted Master. With the death of the English setter Gladstone, which occurred in Memphis, Tenn., some days ago, there passed away the greatest dog that ever pointed a bird or hunted a field, and his brilliant fame will probably never be equalled. Dr. N. Howe, the editor of the American Field, an acknowledged authority on sporting dogs, says that Gladstone was the best field dog of a field-dog; that he was like no other dog, and that it was impossible to create one like him. Gladstone lived to the good old age of fourteen years and some months. He was black, white and tan, and in appearance was strikingly attractive. Gladstone was owned by P. H. Bresson, a prominent citizen of Memphis, Tenn., who bought him in Canada, when a pup. He was not only the greatest field-trial dog that ever lived, but was of such superb form that he has many bench-show winners to his credit. He was also the sire of a long list of field-trial and bench-show winners, and it is estimated that his fees and prizes amounted to \$3,000. The following touching tribute to the grand old dog is taken from a letter announcing his death, and it will awaken emotions in the heart of the true sportsman: "As the sun was sinking in a cloudless sky old Gladstone walked into the front yard and lay down, as was his custom, basking in the evening sun. In an hour a man went to bring him in the house for the night, and found him dead. So peacefully did his life ebb away, without a struggle, no one supposed him dead. His appetite was good to the last. There was no showing from old age nor a sign of anything but his usual in dogs of his age. His hearing failed about a year ago, and catarracts recently formed over each eye, causing almost blindness; otherwise he looked the perfect dog he was even in death. The day he died the air was crisp, the leaves were browned by recent frosts, the cover just killed, inviting one to take the field after Bob White. Many days like this has the writer followed this noble dog, and seen him hunt field after field, and make point after point with the grace and ease but he possessed. In comparing the style of others his was left outstanding as a class unto itself. His casts when in quest of game were like the eagle's swoop, so rapidly did his eyes dilate with enthusiasm in the field, showing his intensity of purpose, his wonderful endurance never equaled. It was a fitting day to end the life of such a grand dog. Only a short time ago an agent of one of the principal museums in New York offered me quite a sum for old Gladstone. I told him I feared Gladstone had not many months to live, but he should die a natural death in the hands of one he had served so long and faithfully. I was fortunate in getting a gentleman who has been a taxidermist to prepare him for sending away to the best taxidermist I know of for mounting. I have preserved the last quail, woodcock, snipe and prairie chicken he pointed and had been mounted. He will be when mounted the central figure of the group. Ah, what pleasures they will recall."

WHEN. (By D. T. Mallard.) When you are particularly successful in your own line do not consider that as a consequence you are fitted to succeed in all lines. Remember that great king once made a conspicuous failure as a cook. When you are at your desk or behind your counter it is for the time your home, therefore be hospitable. A business wheel once often paves the way to a business transaction. When you wish to engage the services of a person for a responsible position, remember that it is an economical measure to secure a capable one, even if the first cost is considerably more. When your goods consist mostly of staples, price and measure are most important; if of luxuries, style and exclusiveness. When you are able to effect a saving in your expense account, you have practically gained the same result as if you had effected a sale in amount many times in excess of the retrenchment. When you would make a commercial success, show a natural anxiety to sell. A business transaction, like a painting, needs feeling to make it effective. When you would compel another to adopt your ideas, first seek to ascertain their method of reasoning. When you have learnt by intuition the time to speak and the time to be silent, you have laid the foundation for a successful salesman. When you are told that "honesty is the best policy" believe it, but avoid practicing honesty simply because it is policy. Real integrity needs no incentive. When you are told that the demand regulates the supply, remember also that the novelty of the supply often creates a new demand. When the "balance sheet" of a business shows a fair or even living profit, "let well enough alone" is a prudent course. When the year's result shows a net loss, the cause of which is not readily apparent, examine closely the relations of expenses to receipts, and of sales to net profits. When you wish to secure the full advantage of a cash discount, stipulate first for long time. When you think of an invention which you intend to patent, avoid showing it until you have secured your patent. Many valuable inventions have been lost to their designers by a lack of prudence in this regard. When a commercial traveler is particularly friendly, respond with friendship, but do not allow his smile to affect your business judgment. When you find goods in stock which are unsalable, either from style or location, dispose of them promptly regardless of cost. When you ask a person for his candid advice do not preface your inquiry with an expression which conveys your own opinion. When you would satisfy a customer with your goods allow him first to become satisfied with his own opinion of them. Keep yourself in the background as a resourceful friend. When you remember that bankers and creditors are both friends to their own interests you will neither build on their offers nor complain when they decline to assist. When you are inclined to argue with a customer, stifle the feeling. Business is not adapted to rules of debate. When you own the exclusive sale for a desirable article put the price low and advertise it broadly. When you write a business letter aim to be concise, exact and brief. When you make statements in an advertisement which you do not intend to fully comply with, you may make a temporary customer, but eventually it will injure your business. When you take advantage of cash discounts, you are indirectly paying your debts. When a dealer is on the crest of the wave of fashion he will lead his competitors.

The Henry A. Wise Farm Sold. (Continued.) Dec. 9.—The Holliston Company closed their deal for the old Henry A. Wise farm to day. There are 722 acres in the tract, and the sum paid was \$200,000. The company is composed of New York, Stamford, Bedford City, and Norfolk capitalists, and they propose to make the place the Lowell of the South.

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Some Ghastly Figures. (N. Y. Workman.) Is it surprising that the joy over the democratic free-trade victory was more intense in England than in the United States? Hardly, when we glance at the frightful facts presented in General Booth's remarkable book just published, namely, "The Darkest England," on the destitution which exists at present in that happy country of free-trade and degraded labor. There are 37,500,000 of people in Great Britain exclusive of Ireland, and the following table shows these on the verge of starvation: United Kingdom—Houseless, loafers, casual aid, some criminals, 165,500; casual earnings or chronic want, 1,550,000; total, houseless and starving, 1,715,500. In work-houses, asylums, etc., 190,000. Total; 1,905,500. Of those returned as houseless and starving, General Booth says \$70,000 were in receipt of outdoor aid. Add to this the number of indoor paupers and lunatics, and we have an army of nearly 2,000,000. To these must be added at the very least another million, representing those dependent upon the criminal, lunatic and other classes not enumerated here, and the more or less helpless of the class immediately above the houseless and starving. "This," he says, "brings my total to three millions, or to put it roughly, one-tenth of the population. According to Lord Eglon and Samuel Smith, both good English authorities, between two and three millions of the population of the United Kingdom are always pauperized and degraded." Mr. Chamberlain says there is a population equal to that of the metropolis in this condition. Three million men, women and children, a vast, despairing multitude, forced into destitution and despair by the lack of work and lowness of wages when work is possible. The repeal of the McKinley bill, which the democratic party now proposes, means that American labor must compete with a population thus pauperized and debased by a system that declares that the best and cheapest machine is man.

BY virtue of a deed of trust from B. T. Harding to E. M. Hardin, trustee, dated July 29th, 1890, I will, at the front door of the Appalachian Bank, Big Stone Gap, Virginia, an undivided half interest in the lot hereinafter specified, as shall seem most advisable on Monday, December 16th, 1890, sell to the highest bidder for cash, as to so much as may be necessary to defray the expenses of executing this trust and to discharge the obligation recited in said deed of trust, the balance, if any, to be made payable at such time and in such manner as the assignee of B. T. Harding, shall prescribe and direct, or in case of failure to give such directions at such time as the time seem to me best, the following choice lots: Block 11, lots 5, 6, 7, 14, 15, all of said lots being in Improvement Company's plat No. 1. E. M. HARDIN, Trustee. ADDISON & HARDIN, Attorneys. 16-41

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