

# INTERESTING POINTS AROUND OUR CAPITOL

### Our Readers Left Mr Hoover Outside the Bureau of Printing where our Stamps, Records Etc are Produced.

BY THOS. J. HOOVER.

CONCLUDED FROM LAST WEEK.

Across a park from the "Bureau" stands the tall imposing shaft known as the "Washington Monument," erected to the memory of the man who was "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen." How fitting that it should be of shining white, typical of the purity of the man! As a recent book expresses it—"It stands there like a gauge, to measure the character of the greatest man that ever lived." The monument is five hundred and fifty-five (555) feet high, and five hundred (500) feet may be ascended by means of an electric elevator, or climbing the nine hundred (900) steps. Forty states and sixteen cities are represented by memorial stones on the different landings. Many curious stones are to be found, also, such as from Napoleon's Tomb at St Helena, the ruins of Carthage, the Parthenon in Greece, etc. It is difficult to imagine a more pleasing view, than that from the top of the mountain on a clear day. Washington lies all about our feet, with the historic Potomac stretching its winding course to the bay. The Virginia Hills along the sky line, the beautiful white Capitol, and Congressional Library, showing a bed of green foliage, in the distance—all is a scene of beauty.

The Capitol is reached by a pleasant car ride from the center of the city, and is very imposing with the great white dome surmounted by a heroic-sized figure of a woman, representing "Allegory Liberty." It is divided into three sections known as the House Wing, the Supreme Court Chamber and Statuary Hall in the center, and the Senate Wing on the opposite end. The interior is full of interest in the way of paintings, beautiful marble hanging staircases, statuary, and the actual Chambers of Congress. A climb may be made to the top of the dome but it is a very tiresome one, still many avail themselves of the opportunity. Across the Capitol grounds one reaches the magnificent new Congressional Library, a building so beautiful that I am actually at a loss for words to describe it. This building is surmounted by a gold dome, visible for miles, with the torch of Knowledge resting on its center. The interior is of the finest marble and mosaic work, and the entrance hall, or vestibule, is imposingly grand. Scattered through the upper galleries are many collections of old prints, books, manuscripts, etc., all so interesting that the time fairly runs away. The public reading room is on the main floor under the great dome; the reading rooms for the House and Senate members in the right wing, and private. There is a reading room for the blind, also, and many an hour has been relieved of its loneliness, for those who can get here and who are compelled to make their fingers act as eyes for them.

The Navy Yard, the great market House, with its curb-stone market attached, the trip down to Mt Vernon, the home of Washington, Arlington, the resting place of the Nation's soldier dead, are one and all interesting places to visit.

But my time was growing short now, and one morning I said "good-bye" and was soon flying southward, arriving, in due time, at home.

After all, "there is no place like home" and I was glad to get back to old scenes and friends once more. But I can never regret my trip. I shall always have the memory of it with me, for, of course, there were hundreds of little incidents that enhanced it that I couldn't mention in these sketchy letters. Travel broadens a man. He can learn more in one days journey than books would bring to him in six months. Every section of the country has its peculiar manners and customs, its local pride and prejudices, and one can only learn them by travel and actual contact with our fellow men. The sectional feelings are easier to understand when we go to other places and feel the environment. Therefore, the man who is able to see his own country should do so, and, if he can afford it, let him go to other countries. He will come home a better citizen, and with a keen sense of appreciation for all his benefits.

"The End."

His Choice of Weapons.

Shortly after the civil war Senator Vance was lecturing in Boston. "Fellow citizens," he began, "you

are my fellow citizens. We all belong to this great country. We of the South wanted to leave you but you would not let us go, and now we are with you to stay. I believe you belong to me."

A voice in the rear of the hall cried: "Aren't you the man who said one Southerner could whip ten Yankees with a cornstalk?" Instantly Vance replied: "Yes, my friend. I am the man. I said that one Southerner could whip ten Yankees with a cornstalk. I believed it then and I believe it now. The trouble is the Yankees did not want to be whipped that way.—Ex

### BEST DAIRY STATE.

U S Department of Agriculture Will Develop the Industry in North Carolina.

But few North Carolinians are aware of the fact that the division of animal industry, of the United States Department of Agriculture, has singled out North Carolina as being one of the best adapted and most promising States in the Union for dairying—so much so that the department has already made provision for the expenditure of sums of money in its development. All the plans have not yet been announced, but will be at an early date. This means much to the State. That the choice of the department is a wise one no one will doubt. At no point in the country will there be found a more salubrious climate, more fertile soil, purer water, and more luxuriant vegetation, all of which are essential to the proper development of this great industry. —Charlotte Observer.

### Fifty Years of Farm Progress.

The farm gardens, "market gardens" and "truck gardens" of to-day are the producers of a multitude of "miscellaneous vegetables" almost unknown fifty years ago. In the census of 1890 the large increase in garden products was recognized, and a systematic count of their bulk and value was made. It is possible, therefore, to make a ten-year comparison of the increase of such products, and this records the remarkable increases of from 100 per cent. 40 per cent. in the five several divisions of the country. The North Atlantic States had a well-developed industry in "garden products" before 1890, which accounts for the relatively low increase. However, 190 per cent. in ten years, while the population increased only a trifle over 20 per cent. is amazing.

Could our great-granddaddies, who thought tomatoes poisonous, and our great-grandmothers, who grew them as ornamental plants in window pots under the attractive name of "love apples," come back and realize that over 30,000,000 bushels of the pretty poisonous vegetables are eaten as a common and healthful food, they would surely realize that time works wonderful changes. Another interesting statement is that the lettuce crop of the South has so increased that in the spring of this year North Carolina sent twenty carloads of that vegetable North in a single day.

Thirty-five years ago celery was a rarity, even on hotel tables, and was used by few families, even of wealth. To-day it is a common edible, occupying thousands of acres in Michigan, Ohio and New York. One firm has celery farms in Michigan, Florida and California, and because of the variety of seasons it is engaged in shipping celery by the carload the whole year round. Twenty-two million bunches of radishes and 12,000,000 bunches of asparagus are the figures of the crops of these vegetables.—Harper's Weekly.

### Education and Salaries.

Those who think that education does not pay should read the following from an article by Superintendent Adams, of Fayette College:

"The average educated man gets a salary of \$1,000 per year. He works forty years, making a total of \$40,000 in a life time. The average day laborer gets \$1.50 per day, 300 days in the year or \$450 in a year. In forty years he earns \$18,000. The difference, or \$22,000, equals value of an education. To acquire this earning capacity requires 12 years at school of 180 days each, or 2,160 days. Divide \$22,000, the value of an education, by 2,160, the number of days required in getting it, we find that each day at school is worth a little more than \$10 to a pupil."

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Some one would buy the hide  
Another gave his son a dime  
To skip each evening meal,  
And when the boy had gone to bed  
The dime would slyly steal.  
And once I knew a man who dined  
Each day down town in state,  
And then at eve go home and kick  
On what his family ate.  
Another stopped the clock at night  
To save wear on the wheels,  
And one would walk upon tiptoes  
To save wear on the heels.  
The world is full of men so mean  
That they would rather see  
A lot of children shuddering tears  
Than see them laugh with glee.  
Some men but cumber up the earth  
And fill life full of woe;  
But think they are engaged in good  
When they are acting so.

But of course there is a Santa Claus!  
We've seen him lots of times,  
The jolly fellow comes each year  
And down the chimney climbs.  
We've seen his reindeer prance and run;  
We've heard his sleighbells chime.  
No Santa Claus! Just wait and see—  
He'll be here Christmas time.

### What's in February McClure's.

True stories of important movements and of good healthy combat are the dominant traits the peep behind the curtains afforded by the sessions of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and of the legislative insurance investigation, and by the upheavals of last Fall's political campaign, there are disclosures in this number concerning railroad abuses, life insurance juggling, and political trickery which will take hold of every citizen. There is the case of Everett Colby, "The Gentleman from Essex" told by Lincoln Steffens, which is full of the sturdy efforts of honesty and youth. It shows how a young man, with aggressiveness and a conscience can beat the machine to a standstill and win for himself more than the machine dared give him because he was honest. Ray Stannard Baker, continuing his series "The Railroads on Trial," tells the astonishing story of how Arthur, through his private car line, monopolized the fruit transportation business of America, practically told the railroads that they might as well burn their own refrigerator-cars, and turning to the shipper reaped a golden harvest by darning and open methods. Then he writes of the revolt of honest shippers against Armour. An editorial under the title "Manufacturing Public Opinion," lets in a little light on the shadows of the publicity making methods which have guided the rotten structures of the life insurance companies, and of the get-rich-quick-and-get-rich-at-any-cost corporations.

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