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**A Backwoodsman's Impression
Of The United States
Congress**

By Rev. T. H. King.

Two or three different times during my recent stay in Washington, I dropped in to see what was going on in the Senate and the House of Representatives. I suppose most loyal American citizens have great reverence and respect for these august, lawmaking bodies. Many of us read the Congressional Record with considerable interest. It is the highest ambition of many aspiring politicians to become members of the United States Senate. The surroundings, it seems to me, are about all that could be desired to make it the greatest forum on earth for the discussion of great questions of State.

But what does the occasional visitor see, as he drops in to hear a great statesman speak and see a little of congressional proceedings? One morning I heard Senator Hitchcock deliver an exhorting speech on the Peace Resolution. The spectators were interested to see the fur fly. What he did for Senators Lodge and Knox was a plenty. I thought he handled himself and his subject splendidly. It was a masterful effort. It was illuminating, interesting and entertaining. I wished I had all day to listen to such oratory. But he was speaking mostly to empty chairs. One distinguished looking senator, sitting just in front of the speaker was reading the morning paper. A few others were sitting around, reading and talking and amusing themselves as best they could, while the orator rounded out his splendid periods.

Now and then the question was raised as to whether a quorum was present. The presiding officers would have the roll called and a great stream of senators would pour from the cloak rooms. After the roll call, most of them would disappear. Neither Mr. Lodge nor Knox heard the exhorting speech by Mr. Hitchcock. It is a great game they are playing up there. To the casual observer, they seem to be fiddling while the world burns.



Take it from me
I'm not much at rhyme
But one thing I know
Chautauqua's Joy Time.

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**Cecil Carter Writes About the
Census of Mount Airy.**

To the Editor:
Since the report of the last census of Mount Airy was announced, there has been considerable comment made by some of the citizens regarding the accuracy of the report. For this reason I feel it my duty to make some statement in reference to the report as far as concerns my part in it.

Mr. C. F. Lowe, the Supervisor of the fifth district, appointed Mr. Geo. W. Sparger, Jr. and myself to take the census of Mt. Airy. But after being appointed Mr. Sparger, for business reasons, was unable to serve and had to decline the appointment. Then it was that Mr. Lowe appointed some one from out of town to fill the vacancy left by Mr. Sparger's resignation. But to this day Mr. Lowe has never notified me who he was, where he was from or anything about the man. Nor did the man come to me to find out where I had been or what streets I had enumerated on or anything in the world about the census. Therefore this statement will only refer to half of Mount Airy.

In taking the census I came to quite a number of homes at which none of the inhabitants were at the time I called. In the majority of cases of this kind I obtained the information from their neighbor or friends who were intimately acquainted with the family all of which was in strict accord with the census regulations. I might say further that as I had helped take a census of Mount Airy only a few months previous and from my own personal knowledge of some of the families, having lived in Mount Airy over twenty years, I was enabled to make out the reports for some families without a personal visit to the homes.

When Mr. Sparger and myself took the census last fall we found 5000 inhabitants boarders and all.

No doubt you will wonder where these are at present. They are in Mt. Airy. Why were they not counted? Because they were temporary residents of Mt. Airy, working in the factories, mills and other places, but still claimed as their homes, Virginia, other townships and other towns and intended to go back there to live, and according to the regulations these were to be omitted because they were not bona fide residents and could not be counted.

In the part of the town assigned to me I enumerated 3,592 inhabitants.
R. C. Carter.

Clean Up Week

The Mt. Airy Civic League, working in conjunction with the town authorities, have decreed the coming week to be General Clean Up Week, beginning Saturday, May 22th. and continuing through until Saturday May 29th. All the people within the corporate limits of Mount Airy are requested to begin Saturday with gathering together all tin cans and other rubbish, and to place it convenient for the refuse wagons, which will carry your rubbish away. It is suggested that all refuse be tied together in bundles or put in old sacks for the more convenient handling of rubbish and to save time.

Miss Lovill Hostess.

Miss Elizabeth Lovill was hostess to the Young Ladies book club at 4 o'clock last Saturday afternoon. The home was tastefully decorated with snowballs, iris and roses. Rook was played at nine tables after which the hostess was assisted in serving a sweet salad course with iced tea, by Mesdames Winston Fulton, Graham Harrison, T. N. Brock and Misses Margaret Sydnor and Anna Reese.

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