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To all our customers and friends:

GREETINGS

The year which is just drawing to a close has been a most successful one with this bank, for which we have to thank our customers and friends who have made this possible.

We hope you have enjoyed a prosperous year, and that we have been of satisfactory service to you in bringing this about.

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KINGS MOUNTAIN MONUMENT.

Congressmen Webb and Finley at Work to Secure a Monument and Park at the Battleground—Mr. Finley has Good Opinion of Speaker Cannon.

As to whether the Federal government will make a park of King's Mountain battleground and erect a fitting monument to commemorate the great decisive battle that was fought there, depends more than anything else whether the appropriation committee can be induced to take up a matter like this at a time when the government expenditures are running so far short of receipts.

That, in a general way, is the opinion of Congressman Finley, as expressed to the reporter last Saturday. Discussing the matter further in reply to the reporter's questions, Mr. Finley said:

"I have no doubt of the fact that the government will some day recognize King's Mountain in a fitting manner; but just when I cannot say. I hope it will be done soon and I am doing all I can to bring it about.

"The bill introduced by Congressman Webb, is the same one I drew and introduced in the Fifty seventh congress. He introduced it at my request, and I also reintroduced the same bill. We are working together in the matter, and doing what we can to get the necessary appropriation."

Mr. Finley's attention was called to a statement that was recently made in the News and Courier to the effect that not more than half the members of Congress had ever heard of King's Mountain, and it aroused him not a little; but after a hearty laugh he made this observation.

"I think maybe the News and Courier is rather too rash on congress. I can't say just how much revolutionary history the average congressman knows; but I will tell you this: Mr. Cannon, the speaker, not only knows all about the battle of King's Mountain; but he is very favorable to the proposition to erect a monument there. He read revolutionary history when he was a boy and if you or anybody else thinks he is not as much interested in the traditions of this country, in the achievements of the colonial patriots in their struggles for liberty, as any of us, I am here to tell you that it is all a mistake. Mr. Cannon is a man—a mighty good man and the only objection I have to him is that he is a Republican. When it comes to party matters he is as hide-bound and uncompromising as I would be if I were in his place."

If the government can decide to erect a monument and create a park at King's Mountain, there will be no trouble about acquiring the title to the property. The King's Mountain monument association attended to that in 1880 and the King's Mountain chapter D. A. R. is now in a position to turn the property over as soon as the government indicates its willingness to do something.

Scented Mattresses.

In Paris it is the fashion to seek repose on scented mattresses, says the New York Press. Bags of different colored silks are made and filled with violet, heliotrope or lavender and sewed on the sides of the mattress. These bags, which impart to the bed a delicious fragrance, are tied with satin ribbons. Some of the scented mattresses are most elaborate affairs, and, though the dealers urge that they are sold for a mere song, it strikes most women that they must be those "songs" which are sung by high class opera birds for society's edification.

MISS ROOSEVELT'S FUTURE RESIDENCE.

Longworth Has Leased Home for His Bride in "Downtown" Section of Fashionable Washington.

St. Louis Republic.

The home over which the belle of the White House will preside after she becomes Mrs. Nicholas Longworth is located in the "downtown" section of fashionable Washington, less than half a dozen squares from the presidential mansion. It is a three-story and basement building of red brick, and at first glance it impresses one as of enormous proportions. A closer study of its dimensions will, however, dispel this illusion.

The house was built some years ago by Mrs. John Davis Jones, a wealthy widow, originally from Cincinnati, but now residing abroad, and was planned especially for lavish entertaining. With this purpose in view, there was something of a sacrifice of exterior architectural beauty for interior spaciousness and convenience. The mansion is most advantageously located, being situated directly across the street from the house that was for years the home of that famous beauty, Harriet Lane Johnston, and which has recently been purchased by financier T. F. Ryan, who has come into special prominence through his connection with the Equitable Insurance Company.

The house which Representative Longworth has leased for his bride, and where he and his mother now reside—busy with preparations for the comfort of the future mistress—is located at the corner of Eighteenth and I streets, in Washington, and the main entrance is in the middle of what would naturally be termed the side of the house. The mansion is arranged in accordance with the English basement plan. Entering through a very artistic vestibule and doorway with white wood-work, the visitor finds himself in a spacious hall, from which a broad stairway ascends to the main, or parlor, floor of the mansion.

The main hallway is finished in oak and the floor is covered with bearskins and other rugs, while the principal wall ornament is found in an effectually arranged collection of weapons representative of many lands and periods. On the left of the hall is a great oblong apartment, which constitutes Representative Longworth's library and study. In the center of the room is a huge flat-top mahogany desk, which is usually piled high with books and papers, for the Congressman from the Cincinnati district is a very busy man. A conspicuous decorative feature of the apartment is a large representation in colors of the Great Seal of the United States.

The main floor of the house is practically given over to three rooms, a drawing-room, dining-room and a dainty boudoir for the use of the mistress of the household. The drawing-room is unusually large and almost square. In the decorations and furnishings of the rooms, the rugs, upholstery, hangings, etc., red is a predominant color and contrasts well with the white woodwork. There is a wide open fireplace and a grand piano—the latter an adjunct which will be appreciated by the future mistress of the house, who is something of a musician.

The dining-room is a decidedly cosy apartment, and yet it is of ample size to permit the future Mrs. Nicholas Longworth to entertain a good-size dinner party. The furniture is the massive and heavily-carved black walnut, which is so effective in a dining-room, and the hangings and other furnishings have green and tan as the predominating tints. An immense tapestry, in which these colors are conspicuous, occupies a considerable portion of one wall. The silver plate with which Mr. Longworth has stocked his dining-room is worthy the taste and the pocketbook of a millionaire.

Between the drawing and dining rooms is a dainty little boudoir that is flooded with light, even on the dullest day, from three immense windows that occupy one entire side of this feminine "den." This nook, where the President's daughter will receive her women friends, is a "pink room," and is filled with the fragile French furniture which is the delight of the fair sex, and the gold tones of which are in perfect harmony with the delicate pink of the walls and hangings. A lady's writing table is a conspicuous object in the apartment.

HOW MILLS MAKE GARDEN SPOTS.

Cotton Mills in the South Surrounded by Cotton Fields, Grain Fields, Orchards, Dairies, Poultry Yards and Garden Farms.

St. Louis Republic.

The Southern Field for December contains a photographic illustration showing a model cotton mill village, with a field of opening cotton in the foreground. The scene, it says, is duplicated in scores of places in the South.

But the picture does not tell the whole story of the village. To be complete it should show the fields of grain from which the village workers are supplied with bread, the pastures and feed lots from which they get their beef, mutton and pork, the gardens and orchards in which their fruits and vegetables are gathered, the poultry yards which supply eggs and fowls, the dairies for their milk and butter.

Of course these things could not be gotten into one picture, but they must be near by, or the village workers could not go on converting raw cotton into yarns and cloths.

That they are there the Southern Field tells us in its statement that in the cotton manufacturing States of the Southeast the farmers often find it more profitable to supply the mill workers with food than to supply the mills with cotton. In these States general agriculture, gardening and fruit growing are increasing at a more rapid rate than ever before.

Their percentage of cereal production is growing faster than that of the country at large; their live stock interest is increasing relatively faster than that of any other section, and this growth is becoming more marked with the gradual disappearance of the Western live stock ranges. All this great and diversified agricultural progress, says the Field—and crop statistics prove it—is attained without in any way diminishing the production of cotton.

In this way the cotton mills of the South, which now consume more raw cotton than those of the North, provide most valuable home markets for the neighboring farms, not only for the cotton, but for the many side products which reward the farming industry with its best profits.

The prestige of cotton has heretofore obscured the other great resources of the South, but it is manifest that that section is already well advanced toward the ideal condition indicated by Lord Bacon in his saying that "Three things make a nation great and powerful—a fertile soil, busy workshops and easy conveyance of men and commodities from place to place." The fertile soil is drawn upon for all varieties of things that it will yield, and the means of conveyance, already ample, are all the time increased by the building of new roads.

Already the cotton mills of North Carolina consume 78 per cent of the raw cotton grown in the State, those of South Carolina 51 per cent and those of Georgia 24 per cent. Though Massachusetts ranks first in cotton mills and South Carolina second, the mills of the two Carolinas work up 171,000 bales of cotton more than those of Massachusetts. And within the last five years Southern mills have increased their consumption of cotton by 656,440 bales, while the consumption of Northern mills has fallen off 16,955 bales.

Most of the Southern cotton mills are in the three States of Georgia, North and South Carolina. The results they are bringing about there will be a stimulus to the Southwest which must in a few years make these mills as numerous in Arkansas, Texas, Louisiana and the Twin Territories as they are in the Southeast.

The Feeders of Criminal Dockets

Marshallville Home. It's mighty sorry parents that will let their children have their own way at home, but of all the fool parents in this world the ones who "take up" for their disobedient children when they are punished at school stand at the head of the list. They are the most faithful feeders of the criminal court dockets of any other class of people on this earth. If they do that way because they don't know any better they are to be pitied, but if they know better, then the responsibility rests more heavily upon them and they will be held to account in the day of judgment.

RISES TO SLOW MUSIC.

Andrew Carnegie Has Organist Help Him to Awake.

New York Times.

On mornings when Andrew Carnegie has been in this city in the past year he has had Walter C. Gale, organist of the Broadway Tabernacle, come to his Fifth avenue home at ninety-second street at 7 o'clock in the morning and play on the great organ that is built in the lower hallway of the steel master's mansion. Mr. Carnegie is usually awakened by the music.

It is understood that Mr. Gale is very well paid for getting up early enough in the morning to wake Andrew Carnegie.

The organ Mr. Carnegie has had built in his New York house is described as one of the best and biggest to be found in a private home. It is a huge affair with four keyboards, built near the staircase in the lower hallway.

Mrs. Carnegie and Mr. Gale arranged a musical surprise for Mr. Carnegie last Sunday afternoon. At 4 o'clock the thirty members of the Broadway Tabernacle choir assembled in the Carnegie home. Standing about the lower stairway, they sang a lot of old German and English and Scottish Christmas carols.

Mr. Carnegie was taking his afternoon nap. The singing brought him to the head of the stairs, his face fairly beaming. Miss Reba Cornett, a soprano, sang as a solo "Come Unto Me," from "The Messiah." Mr. Moore, a baritone, sang "Cantic Noel." One of Mr. Carnegie's great favorites is "Silent Night, Holy Night." The whole choir sang that. Another is a part of "Adeste Fidelis," which was also sung by the choir. He enjoyed a Bohemian carol. Other pieces sung by the choir were "Infant So Gentle," "Sleep Holy Babe," "Lo, How a Rose Ery Blooming," and "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear."

GREAT TRIP FOR AERONAUT.

Knabenshue Building Airship to Fly Across the Alleghenies.

Confident of success, Roy Knabenshue, the Toledo youth who first steered a dirigible balloon over New York city, is building an airship at Pittsburg for a flight from that city across the mountains to Philadelphia, says a Pittsburg special dispatch to the New York Press. Knabenshue expects to make his experiment early in next May and hopes to beat the best time of the fastest expresses between the two cities.

The airship, already taking shape, will be the largest ever constructed. It will have a compartment for mail bags and seats for six or eight passengers. It will be more than a hundred feet in length and will carry a motor of 200 horsepower. The motor will drive double propellers, and the inventor expects that his craft will be under perfect control in all kinds of summer weather.

Knabenshue says that should the Pittsburg-Philadelphia trip be made without mishap he will use Pittsburg as a base for flights to Atlantic City, Cleveland and Coney Island. His main object is to prove this theory that airships are of practical utility and that a few years will see them in use at least as mail carriers. He has sent invitations to all of the Pittsburg newspapers to nominate a representative to accompany him on his first great flight. A radical change in the model of the balloon itself will be seen, the huge silk bag to take the form of a fish. Knabenshue says that he will sail to Philadelphia on a bee line and that he expects to top the highest mountain in the eastern half of the country.

Automatic Way to Boil Eggs.

In a lecture at the Royal Institute in London Henry Cunningham showed a new way of boiling eggs, says a London cable dispatch to the Chicago Inter Ocean. The egg was suspended from the beam of a pair of scales and dipped into a saucepan of boiling water. The sand from an hourglass trickled into the scale which hung from the other end of the beam until the egg was cooked. Then the weight of the sand lifted the egg out of the saucepan and rang an electric bell.

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