

## COLLEGE OF HISTORY

THE FIRST BUILDING OF THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY GROUP.

Washington's suggestion that a National Institution of Learning be founded in the city of Washington is now being carried out.

The first building of the group at Washington is known as the American University—the College of History—has been finished and the keys have been delivered to the proper authorities. The corner stone was laid on October 21, 1896, with imposing Masonic ceremonies, supplementing the religious ceremonies conducted by Bishop Bowman of the Methodist Episcopal Church. One of the notable features at these foundation ceremonies was the presence of two black-robed clerics from the Roman Catholic University, whose interest in the university was accepted as a gratifying evidence of denominational courtesy. The grand master of Masons of the district used the mallet George Washington had used in laying the corner stone of the Capitol.

It is only five years since the General Conference approved the establishment of the American University and accepted the plan of the university. It has now, including the value of its real estate, buildings and in hand and pledged, endowments in bonds and securities and endowment pledged more than a million dollars for the prosecution of its work, and there is such widespread interest in the university, sectarian and non-sectarian, that it is not probable it will ever lack for funds.

The reason for the choice of Washington as the site for this institution was President Washington's expressed wish that there should be such a university at the seat of the government, where the American citizens could be trained in order to be saved from monarchical and other notions detrimental to the development of citizenship in a republic.

The plans of the trustees of the university include the erection of a series of colleges for history, languages and literature, philosophy, the social sciences, technology, sociology and economics, law, civics, medicine, scientific temperance, art, religion and other departments of study and investigation, all of which will require the bachelor's degree as the standard of admission. The property purchased by the university consists of ninety acres to the northwest of the city, some four miles in an air line from the Executive Mansion, lying on both sides of Massachusetts avenue, and, if the plans projected by the railway companies are carried out, it will be in close touch with the city by rapid transit lines. This land is part of a high plateau overlooking the city, and on clear day the famous Sugar Loaf and the Blue Ridge mountains are distinctly visible. The grounds were laid out by Frederick Law Olmstead, and sites for the twenty-six projected buildings have already been selected.

The College of History faces on Nebraska avenue. It cost \$168,000 to build, and is an imposing structure of white Vermont marble, 176 feet long and from seventy to ninety-five feet wide. Its lines are severely classic, its details Ionic. About the frieze are sculptured the names of the world's famous historians, and the tympanum of the pediment over the main entrance which is now bare, will one day be ornamented by a bas-relief symbolical of history. The interior of the building is symmetrically divided into study halls and lecture rooms, which are of ample size, well lighted and built with an idea to acoustics.

The College of Languages will be the next building erected on the university grounds.

"Goose-Cutting"—A New Game. Another game, that of "goose-cutting," has been added to the long list in vogue at social gatherings, says the New York Evening Post. The hostess provides a well-drawn outline of a goose, which is usually of red cloth, or, if made of paper, is colored red or black. This is merely for the purpose of distinction. Two pairs of scissors are provided and a number of sheets of plain brown paper. Each gentleman invites a lady to cut a goose with him, and in turn these couples are seated back to back in two chairs in the center of the room. When the model goose has been studied, the pair are blindfolded, and proceed to evolve with their scissors and sheet of paper copies of the fowl. Having finished, each paper is duly signed by its creator and laid aside. Great merriment is always aroused by the process of cutting, as the pair work in full view of the rest of the company. When finished, all the results are laid out on the parlor floor, names down, and two judges, who have not been present at the cutting pass upon the merits of the geese submitted, and prizes reward the workers according to their merits.

"Mr. Higginmore," said Miss Quickstep, firmly and distinctly, interrupting him, "you have called me a 'lump of sweetness' a great many times, but you have never said you would like to have me regularly with your morning coffee."

Whereupon Mr. Higginmore proposed. There was no way of escape.

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## CUBAN RANKS FILLING UP.

Volunteers from the Cities Are Stepping to the Banner of the Republic.

Havana.—The Cuban army is becoming larger every day, for new volunteers are joining it from all the principal cities and towns on the island. While General Blanco has been attempting to bribe important Cuban leaders who will not take his gold, and has been wasting his money on Miso Parra, the Cuervo, and others, who accept his coin and then desert the Spaniards, the real sentiment of the country in favor of independence is shown by the growing enthusiasm of the Cubans for the war.

The Lattimer Trial.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—The prosecution's case in the trial of the Lattimer deputies is now practically ended, and the lawyers for the defense will shortly begin a vigorous presentation of testimony to justify the acts of their clients. They will contend that even admitting that the sheriff in shooting at the strikers committed an error of judgment, it was not a criminal act, and that he was simply doing his duty.

Needs No Attention.

New Haven, Conn.—The Board of Councilmen, by a vote of 90 to 4, indefinitely postponed a resolution to constitute the Mayor, the president of the Aldermen and the president of the Councilmen a committee to act in refusing "the false and malicious reports of the Y. W. C. T. U. which have been sent out with injury to the fame of our fair city."

General Strike Not Probable.

Boston, Mass.—From advices received here it seems to be the general opinion in mill circles that the recommendation of the textile unions that a general strike shall be undertaken by the operatives in all New England cotton mills where a reduction of wages has occurred will not be accepted.

Projectiles for the Navy.

Reading, Pa.—The Carpenter Steel Company, of this city, is working on double time, with a full force of 260 men, and there is a report that it has received an order from the Navy Department for 37,000 steel projectiles, ranging in weight from 480 to 1,080 pounds each.

Thompsonville Prisoners Carried.

Springfield, Mass.—A part of the plant of the Hartford Carpet Company, at Thompsonville, has been closed for an indefinite period. More than two hundred hands are affected. A portion of the Westfield Plate Company's factory at Thompsonville has also been closed.

A Grab for Raines Law Receipts.

Albany, N. Y.—Mr. Griggs, of Kings, has dropped into the billbox in the Assembly a bill to amend the Raines law, so that 65 per cent of the net revenue will go to the county where it is collected and only 35 per cent to the State.

Fatally Struck with a Pail.

Englewood, N. J.—At the result of a stab wound received from a pail, Willie Hanley, eight years old, lies dead at the home of his parents in this city. The boy who did the stabbings is Charles Kenny, nine years old.

Spalding's Sentence Affirmed.

Springfield, Ill.—The Supreme Court has sustained the sentence of Charles W. Spalding to the penitentiary. He was convicted of embezzling bonds of the University of Illinois.

## THE MARKETS.

Produce.

Prices of wheat and corn have undergone but little change. The oat market is stronger and prices have advanced.

Wheat, 103½@104½; Corn, 84@85½; Oats, 29½@31½.

CHEESE AND MILK.

The average daily receipts of the week were as follows: Fluid milk, 21,789 cans; condensed milk, 184 cans; cream, 437 cans.

The average price paid for the surplus on the platform has been 2½¢ per quart net to shipper.

BUTTER.

Creamery—West, extras..... @ 20  
Firsts..... @ 18  
Thirds to seconds..... @ 17  
State—Thirds to firsts..... @ 18  
State Dairy tubs, extras..... @ 17  
Factory, Fresh, firsts..... 12½ @ 18½

EGGS.

State and Penn.—Fresh..... @ 15½  
Jersey—Fancy..... 16½ @ 17  
Western—Choice..... @ 15½

VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, #1 bl..... 2.00 @ 2.25  
Onions, white, #1 bl..... 2.50 @ 3.00  
Red, #1 bl..... 2.00 @ 2.50  
Turnips, Russia, #1 bl..... 60 @ 85

LIVE POULTRY.

Fowls, #1 lb..... 9 @ 9½  
Chickens, #1 lb..... 8 @ 8½  
Turkeys, #1 lb..... 10 @ 11  
Ducks, #1 pair..... 45 @ 65  
Geese, #1 pair..... 1.00 @ 1.50  
Pigeons, #1 pair..... 20 @ 25

DRESSED POULTRY.

Turkeys, #1 lb..... 12½ @ 13  
Broilers, #1 lb..... 10 @ 11  
Western, dry picked..... 8½ @ 9  
Fowls, State & Penn., #1 lb..... 8½ @ 9  
Geese, Eastern, #1 lb..... 7½ @ 8  
Squab, #1 doz..... 1.75 @ 3.00

A Novel Flower.

A novel flower has been found at the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. It has a faculty of changing its color during the day. In the morning it is white, when the sun is at its zenith it is red, and at night it is blue. The red, white and blue flower grows on a tree about the size of a guava tree, and only at noon does it give out any perfume.

An Odd Coincidence.

Out of the fifty European royal couples it is an odd coincidence that the birthdays of both husband and wife should be the same in two instances. This is true of the Queen of Portugal and her husband, and of the Grand Duke and Duchess of Hesse.

## THE JURY PLAYED POKER.

It Is Said the Fate of Robert Mills Was Determined by the Game.

St. Louis, Mo.—A startling statement of the manner in which the jury in the Robert Mills case is said to have reached its verdict of guilty is being circulated by the press. It is said that the jury, for the purpose of settling the penalty of ten years' imprisonment, played a game of cards. It is asserted that two obstinate jurors who stood out for acquittal were finally persuaded to submit their opinions to the rest of the jury by a game of cards. The two favoring acquittal lost, and a verdict of guilty was rendered.

To Tax Department Notice.

Buffalo, N. Y.—This resolution has been passed by the Board of Councilmen unanimously:

"Resolved—That the Corporation Council be and is hereby directed to prepare and submit to this Board at as early a date as possible, an ordinance providing for the licensing of stores commonly known as 'department stores,' said stores to pay a license for every branch of business carried on by them, excepting their own legitimate business."

Resolution was passed by the Aldermen.

Another River Murder Mystery.

New York.—William Goldensperger, charged with taking off was vividly recalled by the finding of a portion of the body of a man, consisting chiefly of the trunk, floating in the East River. The body was terribly mutilated and there is scarcely a clew by which the identity of the man can be established. The police theory is that he was hacked to pieces in much the same manner as Goldensperger was assassinated by Martin Thoma and his accomplices, Augusta Nash.

Monte Cristo, Jr., in the Country.

Monticello, N. Y.—A young New Yorker named Andy Wilson is just now setting this rural town by the ears because of his enormous and reckless expenditure of money. He was a Monte Cristo, not from an island of gold, but from Manhattan Island, where a few months ago his mother died, leaving him a fortune in money and real estate.

Camden Terror's Career Ended.

Trenton, N. J.—Francis Lingo, the Camden County terror, who, after twice escaping the gallows for similar crimes, was recently sentenced to State prison for twenty years because he attempted to lure a woman to his home to kill her, has agreed to plead guilty to an indictment found against him by the millionaire Grand Jury.

Striking Ironmen Violent.

Saugerties, N. Y.—Ironmen employed in the vicinity have struck, and violence is used to compel men who are believed with their wages to join the strikers' ranks. The men want \$3 per day. They were receiving \$1.75.

New Jersey Postoffice Robbed.

South Orange, N. J.—The postoffice in South Orange was broken into by a burglar and the mail robbed. The thief got away with \$1,008.14 in stamps and \$127.08 in cash.

## DOINGS IN CONGRESS.

Secretary Bliss has returned to the Senate with his unqualified disapproval of the bill to settle on segregated lands of about twenty-one miles in area the Metlakatla Indians, now occupying Annette Island, in Alaska, and opening the remainder to settlement.

The House unseated Plowman, the Democratic representative from the Fourth Alabama District, and gave the place to Aldrich, who was the candidate of the Republicans and Populists. This gives a majority of 50 to the Republicans in the House.

Attorney General Griggs, in reply to an inquiry, has informed the representatives of the Kansas Pacific Reorganization Committee that under no circumstances will the Government accept less than the full amount of the principal of the debt.

As a result of the failure of Chief Hazen, of the secret service, to make progress in finding the person or persons who executed the counterfeit \$100 silver certificate, Secretary Gage is considering the advisability of appointing his successor.

With the idea of bringing peace to Cuba a committee presented a petition to President McKinley, signed by a great number of business men, asking for prompt and efficient measures to end the war.

The extensive milling industry of the Northwest is organizing to secure favorable action on the "pure flour" bill introduced by Representative Pearce, of Missouri.

In the Senate Mr. Butler presented an amendment to the Constitution enabling Congress to lay and collect an income tax.

## SPORTING NOTES.

It is reported at Ithaca that it is the desire of the Wisconsin University crew to be represented in the regatta of Eastern college crews, which it is expected will be held either at Saratoga or Poughkeepsie the coming spring.

Amos says: "I refuse to take anything in the shape of a gift. The public owes me nothing. I am not old and am no pauper. I can earn my own living. Besides that, I am by no means out of baseball."

Shortstop McKean, who had determined not to play another season with the Cleveland team, has been induced to sign, and Cleveland's long hunt for a shortstop is over.

The National Athletic Club, of San Francisco, has matched Joe Choynski and Tom Sharkey to box twenty rounds at Woodward's Pavilion on March 11.

The selection of Tim Hume to manage the St. Louis team will doubtless be welcome news to admirers of the national game throughout the country.

Eddie Bald, the cyclist, has backing for \$10,000 to race any man in the world at mile. He has re-engaged Pat McDonald as trainer.

College rowing men think there is still a chance of a boat race between Yale and Cornell.

One more plunger is needed in Washington to put the Senators in good shape.

## WASHINGTON NOTES.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY PLANNING TO TAKE A FAR-WEATHER TRIP.

That a Tour in Which That President Will Take the Omaha Exposition, the Rock Island Co. A. R. Round-trip and the Yellowstone Park—Success of the Social Season.

(Special Correspondence.)

Washington.—The belief is almost universal that Congress will adjourn as soon as the appropriation bills are disposed of and in view of the fact that he will in a short time have the body "off his hands," President McKinley is making preparations for several tours which, it is hoped, will afford him much needed relaxation. He has informally accepted an invitation to go to Gettysburg on Memorial day, May 30. Mr. McKinley will also go with him, and it is probable that he will be accompanied by members of the cabinet. The President, also, has made up his mind to take an extensive Western trip next summer if the condition of public business will permit. The tour which he has in mind includes a visit to the Omaha Exposition, to the Rock Island G. A. R. encampment, to Yellowstone Park, through the Northwestern States and down the Pacific coast and then back East again. If this plan is carried out he will reach St. Louis about the time of the fall festivities.

Dr. Mary Walker was among the guests at the White House reception the other night. She was attired in a neat-fitting Prince Albert suit and wore a G. A. R. button. In the course of the evening Dr. Walker was introduced to the Chinese Minister, Mr. Wu. Now, Mr. Wu, like Li Hung Chang, is fond of asking questions when anything strikes him as peculiar. "Why do you wear pants?" Minister Wu pointedly inquired of Dr. Walker. "Why do you wear a gown or dress?" asked Dr. Walker, without at first answering the Minister's question. "Because it is the custom of my country," Mr. Wu quickly responded. "Well, I wear trousers because this is a free country, and people are not handicapped by customs," was Dr. Walker's answer. Then the two fell to discussing other things.

Speaker Reed's power in the house as exemplified in the vote on the Teller resolution, is inspiring to those who come under his influence. That vote is now called the "death trap" on the Republican side of the chamber. It is estimated that at least 40 Republicans will have to fight all the harder for their seats in Congress on account of their vote on this resolution. Speaker Reed seems to sympathize the members on his side of the house. He told them in line up the Chinese question, though several of them had threatened to bolt. In spite of the silver sentiment on the Republican side only two voted against Teller's resolution. Whole delegations were whipped into line by Reed, and he had only five hours to do it in.

Washington is to have a distinct "season" this spring. Senator and Mrs. Wetmore, Mrs. Teller and Mr. Roosevelt have been exerting their energies to this effect. They have planned several entertainments at Washington residences for which many invitations have been sent to New York. New Yorkers are growing to appreciate the Capital City and the society here. Washington is a garden spot in spring—the Parks of America—and if one has the right sort of introductions he may witness some of the most remarkable social spectacles in America. Among the many New Yorkers who will visit Washington this spring are Mr. and Mrs. Calvin S. Brice and family, Mrs. Horton and her daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Claws and Mike Claws.

Like a fabled Roman banquet in magnificence was the Cabinet dinner given by Secretary Bliss at the Arlington. Never before in the history of the long line of splendid entertainments has there been anything to compare with it. The decorations alone represented a small fortune. The dinner bill amounted to \$4,000 or \$5,000. The dinner itself ran into the thousands, as there were fifty guests in the great circle. The cost of the dinner was about \$150 a cover. The table was forty feet across, a complete circle, the center of which was a wilderness of ferns of every variety.

Attorney General Griggs has buckled down to business in the Department of Justice. He is taking hold of matters with the ease of an old hand. Mr. Griggs objects to the little "general" so often bestowed upon the Attorney General and Postmaster General by many of the callers upon those of them. Mr. Griggs thinks that only a man entitled to a title should have it. He is willing to be called "governor," "Mr.," or anything else but "general."

One hears a variety of pronunciation of the word "Cuba" in conversation. Some of the statesmen pronounce it "Coo-by," others "Coo-sh" and still more "Koo-by," while a large number of the urgent