

TO REMOVE STATUE

WASHINGTON MEMORIAL IS RAPIDLY DECAYING.

Congressional Session Will Doubtless Provide for Taking It to Place Where Nation's Relics Are Stowed.

Washington.—The famous Green marble statue of George Washington, which the father of his country is depicted in extreme classic style, and which stands on the esplanade east of the capitol, is yielding so rapidly to the ravages of the weather that congress at the coming session will be asked to authorize its removal.

Ever since the statue was brought from Italy 65 years ago, on board a merchantman and placed in the capitol, it has been the butt of wits in the house and senate and has been criticised by connoisseurs.

There was a time when vandals and relic hunters used to harass the statue, but for some time it has been overlooked by them and left to the solicited care of the workmen.

SAD DOG TROTS 164 MILES

Spot Returns Alone to Chicago from Holland, Mich., Taking Six Days for Trip.

Chicago.—It took Spot, a West side bulldog, just six days to come on foot from Holland, Mich., to Chicago, 164 miles.

Spot arrived in Chicago footsore and thin, but pleased. He walked in at the residence of his master, A. F. Heberg, forty-eighth avenue and Indiana street, still able to wag his tail and put his muddy feet all over the astonished members of the household.

Mr. Heberg went to Holland some weeks ago for duck shooting. He took the dog along, but when he returned he left Spot behind. Country life did not suit Spot. It made him sad. One night, while tied to a tree, he slipped his collar and disappeared.

Spot kept no record of his trip, and therefore Mr. Heberg can only surmise. The conclusion is that he walked all the way from Holland. To do this he must have made nearly 30 miles a day.

Perhaps the most delighted member of the Heberg family is Hazel, the five-year-old daughter. She has given Spot two pounds of candy.

DRIVE TURKEYS TO MARKET

Two Men Pay a Novel Bet Herding 670 Birds for Ten Miles in Vermont.

Rotland, Vt.—One of the queerest wagers ever made in the state was fulfilled when Adelbert Williams, Zeke Sumner and Charles Wilson drove 670 live turkeys from Richford to Enosburg Falls, a distance of ten miles.

The birds were the Franklin county, supplement to the Thanksgiving market. The men drove them as they would a herd of cattle, one going ahead with a measure of grain and the others following behind. They managed to keep the turkeys well together as well as they could so many steers. Never before was such a sight witnessed in Vermont.

The turkeys usually are killed on the different farms and carried to market, but a party of men devised this novel wager, the expense of an old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner to be the penalty.

Roosevelt Ranch Is Bold. The "Maltese Cross" ranch, owned and occupied by President Roosevelt during his residence in western North Dakota, has been purchased by O. J. Delandreaux, of Fargo, for \$15,000.

ERECTED TO A VISION

Statue on a Wild Welsh Mountain Unveiled with Festive Ceremony.

A statue to the vision has been unveiled at Llanthony abbey. It is 23 years ago since the apparition was seen, and August 30 has been set apart by Father Ignatius as a festival dedication to "Our Lady of Llanthony."

The abbey, situated in the shadows of the beetling crags of the Rocky mountains of Monmouthshire, seems by nature set apart for a monastery, says the London Chronicle. The mountains are wild and windswept, far away from the haunts of men.

The vision was seen again on September 4, and again on September 14, on the latter occasion by Father Ignatius himself. While a group was standing near the abbey, looking towards the meadow where the apparition had appeared, "I suggested," says Father Ignatius, "that we should sing three 'Hail Marys,' in honor of the persons of the Blessed Trinity.

"To this distant land people come with double names that sound formidable until it is discovered that the double-barreled ones discharge very small shot at home. The service people call the civilians dollar-snatchers, and the latter think of the former as dollar-lackers.

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On the Munsell ranch, near Skiddy, is said to be the largest tree in Kansas. It is a giant sycamore that towers toward the sky over 125 feet. The tree is 21 feet 10 inches in circumference, and rises a distance of 42 feet before the first branch is reached.

LIFE IN CAY HONG-KONG.

Where Those Who Can Afford It Do Not Lack for Entertainment.

"In the winter Hongkong is gay," says E. J. Hardy, in "John Chinaman at Home," published by the Scribners. "Those in the swim may dine or dance out every evening. In the summer people are in the swim in a more literal sense, for that is the time for bathing parties, a form of amusement so healthy and rational that one wonders how society took to it.

"Sometimes people dine on the launches, and being in no hurry to burn and dissolve in Hongkong, they stay out pretty late in the moonlight. The governor, the two admirals, the general and the chief justice lead society, and the bishop blesses their doings as far as he conscientiously can.

"The civilians in Hongkong, all that we shall say is that some are nicer than others. The number ones, twos and even threes of the great commercial firms are sometimes great social successes. There are distinctions, however, that are not easy to understand.

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OF THE PUBLIC.

Surprising to Note When Curiosity Beats the People and When It Does Not.

"It is wonderful," said a commercial traveler, "how small a thing will attract the attention and interest of pedestrians on a crowded street, and on the other hand, how often an unusual happening will pass by unnoticed."

Among the group who heard the commercial man's story was one of the largest advertising men in the country. "Some years ago," he said, "I went from Chicago to the south on a business trip. I visited all the leading southern cities, but was not successful, and returned to Chicago a disappointed and disgusted man."

"My little experiment cost me considerably over \$200, but I think the money was well spent. I have since retired from the sport of attempting to attract popular attention by fool methods, and the field is open to the next man."

There is no much lacking in New York which could contribute to the nervousness of residents and strangers.

There are fast running railroads on the streets, above the streets and below the streets.

The average height of the big buildings has increased enormously since 1897.

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COMING TO AMERICA.

TIDE OF IMMIGRATION FROM EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

London Newspaper's View of the Reception of Newcomers to the States and Canada.

The human Niagara flowing from 23 lands into the United States is a more volume to be considered, the most remarkable phenomenon of the sort known to history, says the London Mail.

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REFUSES TO GO IN TRAIN E.

Strange Psychological Puzzle Found for Automobiles in Person of a Prisoner.

London.—A strange psychological puzzle has been provided for the authorities of Carlthart prison by Schreiner, the German butler, who is awaiting his trial on the charge of murdering his late employer, Mr. Pryse, and his wife and mother at Tynmawr, Cardiganshire.

"The question that has been exercising the minds of the prison authorities is this: 'Is Schreiner a madman or a superb malingering?'" The usual tests have been applied by the officials, but the man refuses to take the slightest notice of the outside world.

RAILS AT AMERICAN ARMY.

Conservative German Organ Declares Yankee Soldiers are 'Rotten'—Few Men for Navy.

Berlin.—The leading conservative newspaper, Neue Preussische Krouzeitung, prints what it calls an expose of the claim of the United States to be a great naval or military power.

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CEMETERY TOO LONELY.

Sexton Resigned Because He Could Not Bear Nerve-Trying Isolation There.

Bowling Green, Ky.—Because he had no one to keep him company, Harry Summerville, of Louisville, who recently was elected superintendent of Fairview cemetery here, suddenly gave up his position.

"Having had the honor conferred on me of being elected to the position of superintendent of your beautiful cemetery, which I very much appreciated, but not being married, with no one to keep house for me (not having been able to get anyone), also cemetery too far for me to go to my meals, I hereby tender my resignation to your honorable body."

AGED WOMAN GROWS CROPS

Asks No Help and Does the Entire Work Unaided—Husband Killed in War.

Cotton Plant, Miss.—Ninety pounds is the weight and 84 years the age of Mrs. Lizzie McKnight, who has just celebrated her last birthday.

Mrs. McKnight's husband was killed in the civil war. She can tell a great many interesting things that happened to her during that period.

Mrs. McKnight is remarkably well preserved in every way. She can see to read without glasses, just as well as she ever could.

Smokes 17,888 Feet of Tobacco. Daniel Kelleher, who is supposed to have been 105 years old, was buried in Wilmington, Del. The deceased was born in Ireland, but had lived here most of his life.

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