

sence of the turmoil and confusion to be experienced in Gotham.

Washington is not a commercial city in any sense of the word. In it are no large manufactories such as are to be found in Chicago, Philadelphia, New York, &c. Here the air is not loaded with smoke and soot from the stacks of public works. In a word Washington is the capital city of America. In it are centered all the machinery of the government. Its finest buildings are government buildings. First and foremost there is the Capitol—one of the grandest structures in this or any other country—standing majestically on Capitol Hill. There are the different department buildings located in various parts of the town, every one of which is a mammoth edifice, and bears the marks of having been built regardless of cost. Then there is the White House, the official residence of the Chief Magistrate of the nation, where all the ministerial business of the Government is transacted. Again there are the residences of the Foreign Ambassadors—the representatives of almost every civilized nation. Most of the latter are situated on Connecticut avenue, which, by the way, is one of the finest avenues in Washington. It is located in the northwest portion of the city, and although it has only been built up within the last four or five years, yet to-day it is looked upon as the fashionable avenue of the city. Indeed as Fifth avenue, New York, is to New York, so is Connecticut avenue, Washington, to Washington, it is the *bon ton* avenue of the city, and as such it has become the fashionable promenade of the Sunday afternoon. At that time on this avenue, when the weather is fine, the feminine portion of this fast city embraces the opportunity of airing their gorgeous toilets. Hundreds and thousands turn out for no other purpose. What a sight it is to watch this stream of human beings! In it can be seen every conceivable style of dress. So far as the ladies are concerned, it seems to be a race as to which of them shall dress the loudest in pattern, the most ridiculous in shape, and the costliest in price. Sunflowers can be seen in such profusion that poor Oscar, if he were here, might have reason to feel ashamed of the plant of which he is the apostle. But no matter. Backward and forward flows this living, human stream. Surely this must be Vanity Fair. See these jewel-bedecked, powdered and painted, tight-laced daughters of Eve! Have they been to church? Yes, a great many of them; but in the throng there are hundreds of beautiful young women, gaudily dressed, and apparently happy, who have not been to a place of worship for years. They are now known as *fallen women*: their avocation, a life of shame. The church has no charm for them. They feel that they are down, never more to be lifted up. Outcasts of society. And the cause of their fall, in eight cases out of ten, is traceable to the love of dress! Mercy! Just think of it. In thousands of instances fine dress has been obtained at the price of the loss of virtue!

But in this living stream is also a fair representation of the masculine portion of the community. They, too, for the most part are very well dressed, that is, fashionably dressed. As in the case of the females, all ages are represented. There is the young man, the middle aged man, and the old man. The latter is only sparsely represented. The male portion are principally young men, government clerks, perhaps—who are trying to look their best in the midst of this busy throng. What the characters of these young men are I know not; but judging from the company in which I see some of them, I should say they are inclined to be fast. Their dress, their gestures, their conversation indicate it. It is of such men that virtuous young women should beware. They are known here as "Mashers;" they will ruin a girl whenever they get a chance; the girl may ultimately go to hell, but the "mashers," the fiends in human forms, are allowed, by society, to walk with their heads upright, as if their dastardly motives were of the most commonplace nature. But there is a day of reckoning, and on that day the poor fallen women, who were deceived by those who should have been their protectors, will find mercy at the hands of a just God.

But I have said enough about Connecticut Avenue, for the present at least. As I before remarked,

it is an avenue upon which some very fine residences have recently been erected, and it is the fashionable promenade of the Sunday afternoon. There are, of course, other streets and avenues in Washington, where equally elegant buildings can be seen; but taking Washington as a whole, with its beautiful parks in various parts of the town, in which fountains are playing all the day long, with its Capitol, Department buildings, and Navy Yard, all of which are open to the public; with its Smithsonian Institute, Corcoran Art Gallery, and other kindred museums; with its lovely suburbs and cemeteries; with all these, I say Washington is a place of considerable attraction, and I am somewhat surprised, as I said in the beginning of this article, that so many people come east and return west without paying it a visit. On the other hand there are those who visit Washington under a sort of compulsion. These are they who have claims against the government, and they visit the city with a view to getting said claims put forward; but in nineteen cases out of twenty if they remained in the city until the claims were settled they would not have much to take home. Some have waited a life time and then their claims were unsettled. But the greatest government the sun ever shown upon has a curious way of doing business.

Washington, now that the weather has become fine, is looking very pretty. All the shade trees in the streets are covered with leaves, giving a freshness to everything that is very delightful. A vast number of strangers are in the city from all parts, the principal hotels being taxed occasionally to find room for the demands made upon them. Of course as soon as Congress adjourns, some of the hotels will have to close up for the season, the principal exception being The Ebbitt, which is the house mostly frequented by the naval and military dignitaries. As to when Congress shall adjourn, nobody that I have met with can form the slightest idea. I ventured to make the inquiry of a republican member the other day, and when he replied, "Oh, about the 1st of August," I felt too paralyzed to say, "Is that so?" I am told, however, that there is nothing like the hot weather for hurrying up the adjournment of Congress. Up to the present time, with the exception of one or two days, the heat has not been oppressive enough to stir up the wisecracks of the Capitol, but if all I am told be true, the hot weather will be here soon, and then there will be something done, I hope.

President Arthur continues to appoint postmasters, consuls, United States marshals, surveyors of customs, etc., but he has not yet appointed the Utah commissioners. It is the prevalent impression here—and I believe it is the correct one—that he is waiting for Congress to pass the bill increasing the salary of said commissioners from \$3,000 to \$5,000. President Arthur, to all appearance, takes things very easy. Notwithstanding his multifarious official duties, he can find time to take a day's pleasure every now and then. The other day he was on board James Gordon Bennett's new yacht, and it was James' intention to show off that yacht to perfection, but unfortunately the blessed thing was run on to one of the Potomac mud banks, and off again it would not come, so the party had to be content without a sail; but I have no doubt the time was pleasantly spent in feasting. Yesterday, President Arthur, with several of the cabinet ministers, spent the day at the National Jockey Club races, at Ivy City, near Washington. The President is said to be fond of a good horse, and I confess to having a weakness that way myself.

CONFERENCE IN TENNESSEE.

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Editor Deseret News:

In consequence of the number of Elders in this State, and of the inconvenience of the President of the Conference visiting their various fields of labor, it was deemed best by President Morgan to divide the State into the East and West Tennessee Conference, appointing a President over each.

The western division having been organized, nine of the Elders, including President Morgan, arrived here for the purpose of organizing

and holding a conference pursuant to appointment on the 13th and 14th inst.

The inauspicious weather prevented the attendance of some, but Saturday, 10 a. m., quite a number of attentive listeners were present, besides the following Elders:

President John Morgan, and Elders Roberts, McCombs, Comer, Andrews, Joseph, Hunter, Adams and Snow.

After singing and prayer, Elder B. H. Roberts explained the object of the Conference; of the mutual benefit to the Elders and Saints; and briefly reviewed the first principles of the Gospel as taught to the people during the past eighteen months, since the first Elders arrived in this district.

Elder Andrus next followed with some remarks on faith, repentance, baptism and laying on of hands.

Pres. Morgan spoke very forcibly on the necessity of prayer. Singing and benediction.

2 p. m.

After singing and prayer Elder Jas. Adams spoke at some length on the apostasy from the truth, quoting many passages both from the Old and New Testaments.

Pres. Morgan spoke of the inconsistency of modern Christianity, made many interesting remarks, and concluded by exhorting the Saints to live their religion.

Adjourned till Sunday morning.

Sunday 10.30 a. m.

Prayer and singing. The people were first addressed by Elder McCombs, who said it was each man's privilege to know for himself whether the doctrine be of God or man, spoke also on faith.

Elder Roberts then presented the general authorities of the Church who were unanimously sustained; also the following officers received the unanimous approval of the people: John Morgan as President of the Southern States mission; Elder A. H. Snow as President of the East Tennessee Conference and clerk of this Conference. Elder Chas. Andrews was released from this conference, to travel in the Alabama Conference, Elder George Cowen was released to travel in the West Tennessee Conference.

Elder Hunter spoke a few minutes on the blessings of the Gospel in this life.

Elder Joseph followed with some good remarks on the subject of baptism, and bore a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

2 p. m.

The house was crowded to overflowing.

Elder John Morgan occupied the time, taking for his text Isaiah 8, 20.

Elder B. H. Roberts reviewed his teachings to the people since his advent in their midst, and, as he was about to leave them for Utah, again bore his testimony to the truth.

The congregation sang, "We thank thee O God, for a prophet," and after benediction by Bro. McCombs, Conference adjourned *sine die*.

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Action brought in the Probate Court of Washington County, Territory of Utah, and the complaint filed in the Office of the Clerk of said Court.

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YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO appear in an action brought against you by the above named Plaintiff in the Court of Washington County, Territory of Utah, and to answer the complaint filed therein, within ten days (exclusive of the day of service) after the service of you of this summons, if served within this County; or if served out of this County, but in this Judicial District within twenty days, otherwise within forty days, or upon due proof judgment will be taken against you according to the prayer of said complaint.

The said action is brought to obtain a decree of this Court, dissolving the bonds of matrimony heretofore and now existing between the said Plaintiff and the said Defendant, upon the grounds set forth in the complaint on file in this action.

And you are hereby notified that if you fail to appear, and answer the said complaint as above required, the said Plaintiff will apply for the relief demanded.

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