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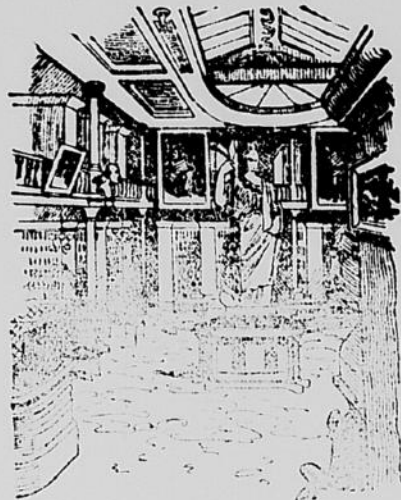
A MODEL STATE LIBRARY.

THE STATE LIBRARY IN THE CAPITOL AT HARRISBURG, PA.



The Capitol building at Harrisburg, Pa., is on the summit of a hill in the very heart of that pretty little city, and though the elevation is inconsiderable, it is sufficient to give an excellent view of the surrounding country from the windows of the capitol. The winding Susquehanna, the distant range of the Blue mountains, and the rich farms in the adjacent valley land are all plainly visible on a clear day. Then the well planned grounds, which are handsomely terraced with flower plots and shaded walks, serve in conjunction with the splendid prospect to make this spot the most desirable for the site of the state capitol. The buildings are of the most substantial, unpretentious style of architecture, with great white columns supporting the roofs of the porticoes over the main entrances.

In the northern wing of the principal building is placed the state library. It occupies a position from which it has twice been removed through fear of destruction, once when in its infancy, during the dark days of the revolution, and again when Lee's army threatened to cross the mountain wall, and devastate the pretty little capitol city and its environment of fair farm land, it was hastily packed in cars and conveyed to Philadelphia for safety.



INTERIOR OF LIBRARY.

Around the four sides of the library a gallery contains many cases of rare books, is supported from the main floor by ornamental pillars. Along the front of this gallery are a number of remarkable fine portraits of the famous soldiers and statesmen who have figured in the history of the state or country. Especially deserving of mention is a life size canvas of Gen. Winfield Scott Hancock. The entire interior is painted a soft white color, and is well lighted by skylights and windows, and from these windows, while one reads at the cozy little tables, a view of the distant hills and valleys may be obtained.

Several years ago, while rummaging through the loft of the capitol, a number of old parchment deeds were found by the workmen engaged in repairing the dome. They were covered with dust and cobwebs, but after a little cleaning proved to be the original parchment deeds whereby the lands bordering on the Susquehanna river were ceded to the white settlers by the chiefs of the various Indian tribes of this state. Prominent among the articles received in exchange for their lands by the Indians were rum, beads, looking glasses and red paint, and from the last named article it may be supposed that even at that early date in our country's history the practice of "painting the town red" was known.

Upon the parchment deeds are attached the signatures of the various chiefs, which are generally in the shape of animals or signs. These are on exhibition in glass cases.

Mr. Cook, who was previously connected with the Old City Deposit in this state, has but recently been appointed state librarian.

The law library, which is in a special part of the room, is the finest and most complete in the country. Veterinary surgeons and horse breeders from all parts of the state are constantly here consulting one of the largest collections of books on the horse that can be found on this or the other side of the Atlantic. The works of Audubon are complete, and form a library in themselves.

A fine set of "Americana" is the special pride of the librarians, and a book has just been purchased of the Vatican library, at Rome, which cost much money and is very rare and old. This book is to be consigned to the "Americana" collection, with which subject it deals. In a case in one corner of the room an excellent collection of old newspapers and pamphlets are kept. Some of them are yellow and rotten with age.

A splendid bronze bust of Washington and an excellent cast of the goddess Minerva have been placed in the library. There is on exhibition here a stone eagle brought from the ruins of the Alexandrian Troas, in Egypt.

Altogether, there is not a better fitted library connected with a state capitol in the country. The scene is a busy one when, during the sessions of the legislature, the members rush in here to consult the authorities upon some important subject which has been brought up in the house. The books are only loaned to members of the various official bodies connected with the state government.

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