

Personal Recollection and
Reminiscences in and around the
Senate Chamber —
1830-31-

Mr. Times, which he was Assistant
doorkeeper, acted as Postmaster and
Superintendent of the Folding Room had
Charge of all the Mails and Documents
for the year of the Senate — There
was only one Horse and Wagon
employ to carry out the Mails and
documents for the Senate, the name of
the man who done that work was
Robert Jewedy and his title was — one
the messengers to the Senate 30 3A17

There was only one Reporter -
he employ an assistant. the name
of the Report was Wm Suttin;

there was two desk mad to fitter
in between the marble pillars -
on each Side of the Vice President
Chair. Several Year, after Mr Suttin
increased his force of Reporters, and
employd a youth quite a boy his name
was D. F. Murphy. in after Year he
employd two of his Brouther -
Mr D. F. Murphy is now consider one
of the best short-hand. reporters in the
United States. The Senate increase

to be quite a large body, and
it was found necessary to have two
more desks made for the reporters
and one was put on the North side
and one on the South side of the Senate
it is a fact, not known that these
desks were amended back of Mr. Clay
and Mr. Benton, - Mr. Clay sat on
the back row of seats, on the South
side, and Mr. Benton on the North
Mr. Clay occupied the 3^d seat, on his
side, and Mr. Benton the 4th from
the corner, so that the reports sent
was amended back of them - in 1830-31
there was no gas, - and at the night

Session the Senate Chamber
was lit up with oil and Candles
on the walls were large lamps -
put, and on each Senate desk
was Candle - put in large Candle Sticks
and the Pages had to keep a pair
of Snuffers in our hands - to Snuff
the Candles. When the Senate sat all
night. the Candles. had to be renewed
several times, - in those days they
brought Ricker's Wood, - and we had
to go out side of the Main entrance
to get the Wood and lay it in and put
it on the fire - (in those days they
had no furnaces) back of the

Vice President - State then
was 4. fireplaces. on each side
of the main door of the Senate
then was two Stoves (I burnt my hands
often) during the session we had
to keep the full of wood - and
water on the Senate resides -
those six fires heated the Senate
Ius here I must say that the air
in the Senate was much purer
than it is now. on the day of
ventilation with all of your
justified arrangements - when ever
it became too warm all the

had to do was to raise the windows
back of the Vice President-Chair, and
we got the pure fresh air - -
the Sargant, at Arms, room found the
Senate also the folding room and in the
folding room was the postoffice - Match Man
Convenient. then they now are, but they
their Match smaller - let me explain
the Sargant at Arms room was only 8, feet square
the Postoffice and folding room was all in
one - let me give a description of the postoffice
the was a little coloured mad of rods -
about nine feet long and four feet wide
where all the Mail was resorted for the
Senate - that was could the Postoffice

of the Senate of the United States
the folding room was about 20 feet
long and 15. wide - It was all of the
folding for the Senate was done in
those days we all had to take a hand
in ~~the~~ folding - Many a night have
I staid till eleven and twelve o'clock
~~of~~ speeches for Senate, Clay
Benton, Calhoun, and Webster -
and other Senators - remember we had
in those days no Paest we had to use
the papers I have went home often and touch
my mouth that my tongue was
blistered with young read papers

She would say I which seem-
they, ealce, could be found in the
place. May will poison you. I
have folded, as many as Six thousand
befor. I went home at night -
the pay of the Pages was then one
dollar and fifty Cents, per day and
the messengers two dollars and fifty
Cents. per day. We thought it was
purty good pay, - what a wonderful
Chane. - now we have - gass. and the
Billey is heated by hot air and steam
and the water is brought to the Capitol
from the Potomac River and defunds
all over the billy