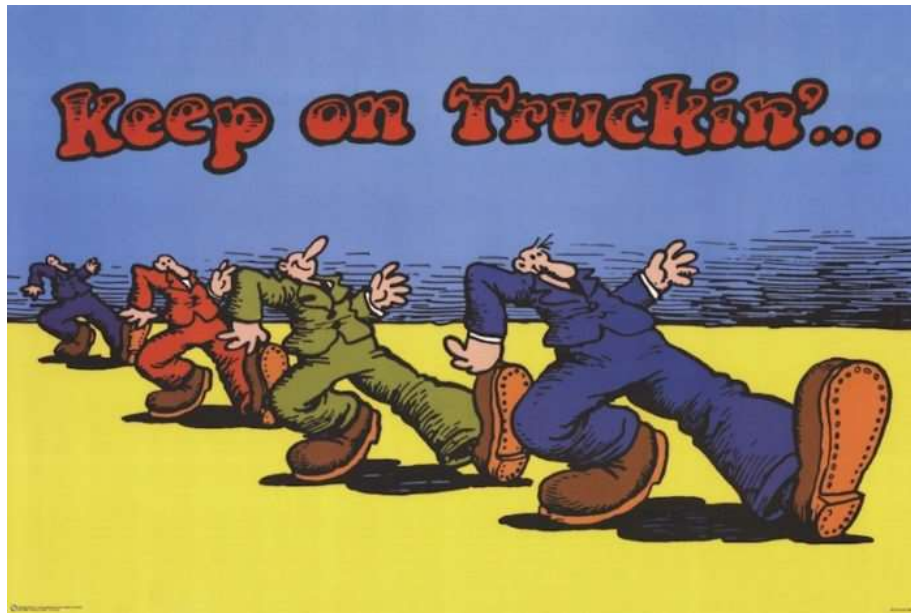


**FMW Renovation Update**

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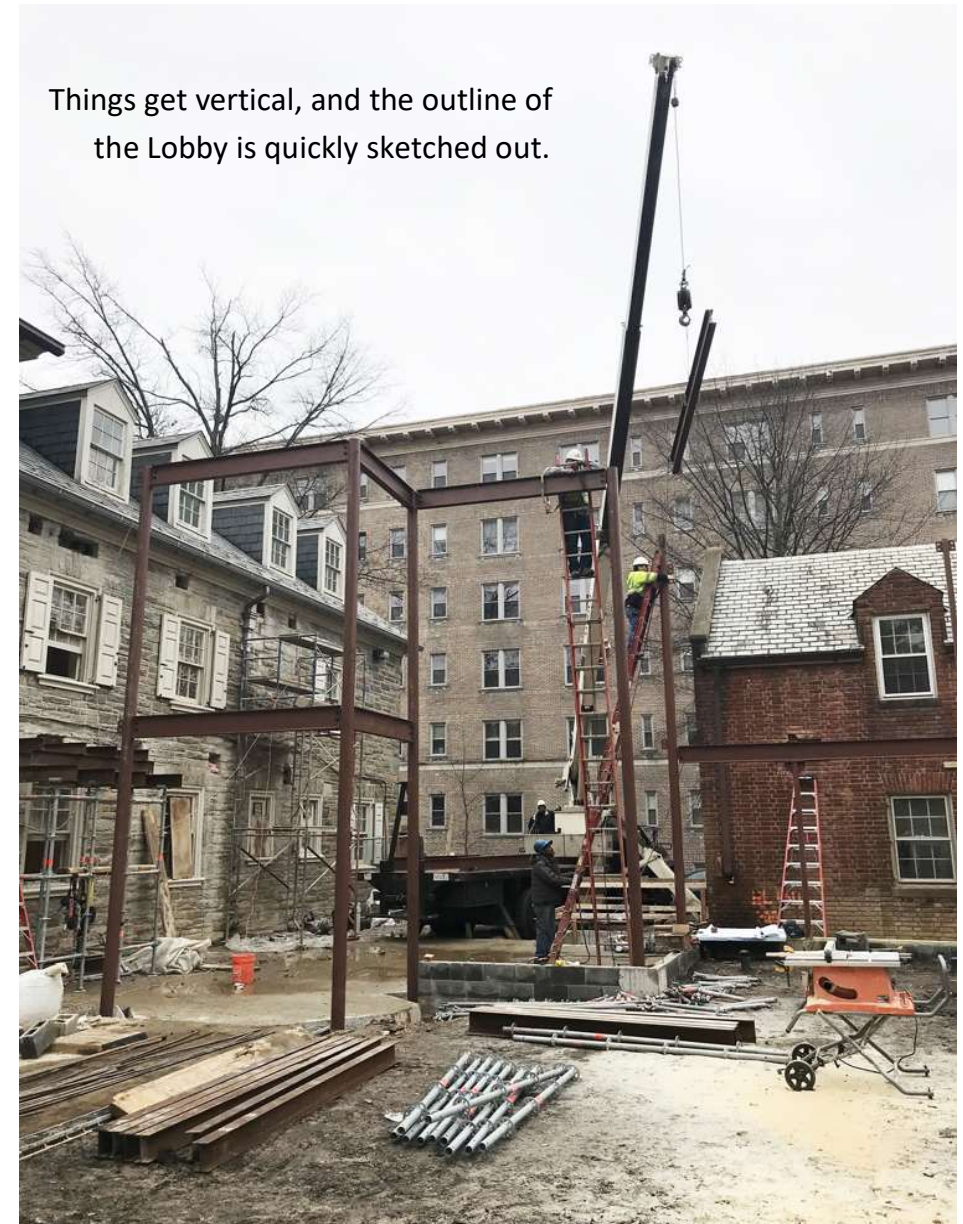


— R. Crumb

**Wednesday** 🌤️

Another short week, and perhaps a wet one, but much is scheduled indoors and out.

This morning, the ironworkers show up with truck in good order, and immediately set to work.



Things get vertical, and the outline of the Lobby is quickly sketched out.

With 33 workers on site, the project shifts into a new gear.



Things are accomplished on many fronts.

While the ironworkers' set steel on the left, the carpenters, center, begin framing the wall of the Carriage House lower corridor.

On the right, concrete workers prepare forms to pour the bottom landing and steps of the garden stairs.

On the far left, a scaffolding crew is erecting a structure to support the Meeting wall while openings are cut into it.



Inside, carpenters are busy installing crown moulding to contain the indirect lighting for the Assembly Room ceiling.



Demolition workers take out the office door and the surrounding wall, adding the north part of the former Main Office to the hall space.



Out front, the utilities guys are using two backhoes to dig down 11 feet to work on the old sewer line.



An electrician moves a power line that feeds the Carriage House heat pump, to get the line out of the way of the Lobby steel work. He also helps with demolition in the hallways.

Masons prepare holes in the upper Meeting House wall to receive the beams that will support the front part of the Lobby roof.

Representatives of the the contractor, the architects, the bank, and the Meeting gather in the Terrace room for the biweekly progress meeting.

At the end of the day, the site looks quite different.



The stair landing is ready to pour.



Thursday 🌞

Another busy day, with 34 renovation workers on site.

Construction workers outnumber destruction workers, so there's hope.

The concrete crew returns and pours the stair landing.



In front of the Meeting House, the utilities crew installs the cleanout in the sewer line, fills in the 11-foot hole, and takes off early.

The iron workers continue to set beams.



They are blocked by the scaffolding workers, who have installed needle beams (far right in this picture) right where they want to put the next girder.

On the other end of those needle beams, the demolition workers have removed the Parlor door and the surrounding wall, liberating some 89-year-old concrete blocks.



In the back, behind the ladder and door, you can see that the scaffolding crew has erected a structure that supports the needle beams.



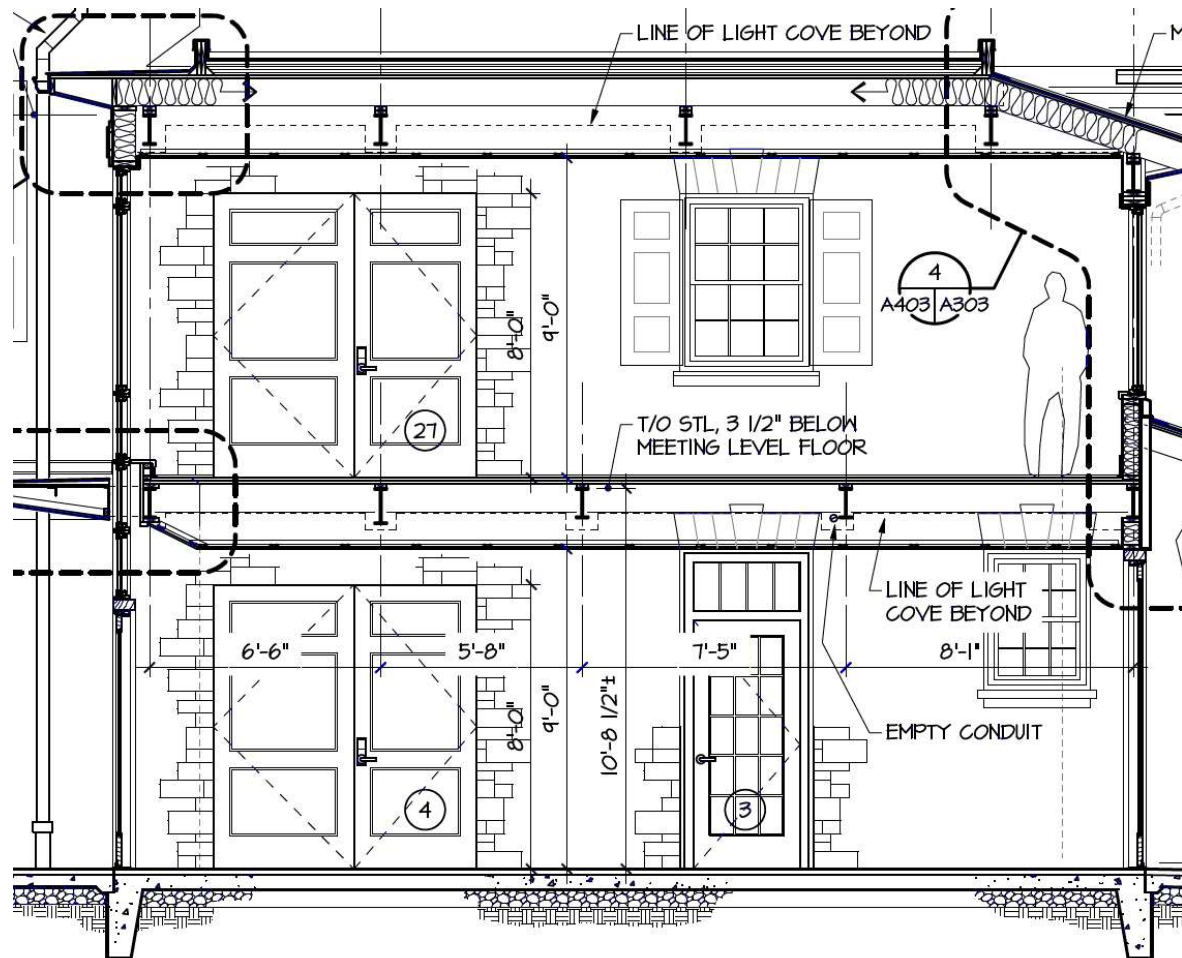
On the other side of the wall, a similar structure supports the other end of the beams.



All of this is just temporary.

The masons are going to make some very large holes in this wall, one above the other, 8-feet wide.

Large enough to contain the double doors leading into the new upper and lower corridors.



To replace the supporting function of the wall, the masons will install lintels above each door to carry the load across the new opening.

But something has to hold the wall up while they install the lintels. That something is the needle beams poked through the wall just above each opening.

Next week, the lintels will be delivered and installed. Then the needle beams can be removed and the iron workers can get on with their girder.

The carpenters continue to frame the lower corridor wall, leaving room for two windows and a pair of doors.



Inside, a couple of plumbers tighten up a water line connection in the Assembly Room and carpenters continue to extend the crown moulding.



Friday 🌤️

Their work done, the site utilities crew has wandered off, but will reappear in the East Garden next week.

The waterproofing crew returns and slathers hot tar on the Storage Room roof.



The concrete crew strip off the forms, revealing the new stair landing.



The demolition workers complete their work in the new upper and lower hallways, and put up plastic screens to protect us from the dust as the outer walls come down.



The carpenters add more framing to the lower corridor.



and continue to improve the crown moulding, which is shaping up nicely.



An electrician reworks fire alarm circuits, removes wiring for wall demolition, and installs electrical boxes for Assembly Room lights.

### Looking Ahead

In the Assembly Room, lighting will be added above the new crown moulding. A first coat of paint will dramatically improve the scene.

Framing, flooring, and even roofing will continue along the new corridors.

The masons will return and construct an elevator tower.

The East Garden work will really, finally begin.

The lintels will be delivered and inserted into the Meeting House walls.

All this has been foretold.