

# Gossip from the National Capital

Some Good Stories Told of Men of Prominence in the Legislative Halls at Washington. (Special Letter.)

**W**HEN Representative Foster of Chicago was delivering an impassioned speech recently in advocacy of a resolution of sympathy for the Boers, he called attention to the fact that Chairman Hitt of the foreign relations committee was not in his seat.

"I wish the distinguished chairman of the committee was present that he might hear what I have to say," declared Mr. Foster, impressively. At the same time he began what he expected to be a futile search of the galleries for the missing chairman.

"If he were here I would say to him that—"

Mr. Foster stopped short. He had discovered Mr. Hitt sitting in the front row of the reserved gallery with a party of ladies. The chairman of foreign relations had heard Mr. Foster's words, and as their eyes met Mr. Hitt smiled at the Chicago man. Foster dropped his eyes and took a drink of water. Then he continued his speech, but he never took the house into his confidence as to what he intended to say to Mr. Hitt had the latter not been in hearing distance.

A characteristic story is told of Senator Beveridge's first experience with the magazine editors, after he came to the senate. He had been approached and asked to do an article on some stock subject. He withheld his answer, telling the representative that he was busy and would think it over. Then the senator began to inquire around among his colleagues to find out how much it was supposed to be worth for a senator to write a thousand-word article. One senator said \$25; another said if the article was a very good one it should be worth \$100; still another said an article by a man very well known, and who had a name worth something might command \$300. Beveridge said nothing, but waited for the magazine man to come round. When he came:

"I've been thinking that over," said he, "and I find I will not be able to fuss with it for less than \$1,000."

"Done," said the magazine man, without turning a hair. "I have just ten minutes to catch my train," and in a moment he was into his cab and off for New York.

A dozen United States senators are condemned to occupy rooms in what is known as "the terrace," a subterranean part of the capitol only reached after a long descent down the elevator shaft and a lengthy walk through dark and ill-ventilated passages. It is bad enough to be located there without having to suffer the scorn of more happily situated senators.

For instance, when Senator Scott, of West Virginia, was emerging from his dungeon-like location yesterday, Senator Clark, of Wyoming, hailed him.

"Hello, senator," he said; "how are the cliff-dwellers?"

And what Senator Scott replied ought not to be printed.

One of the noted accessions to the diplomatic world of Washington is Senora Walker-Martinez, wife of the Chilean minister, Joaquin Walker-Martinez. The latter is one of the ablest and brainiest men in Chile, and has served his country as a statesman, soldier and diplomat.

Senora Walker-Martinez is a brunette of the tall, stately type. She is slender and rounded, and although the mother of a daughter who will make her debut next season she possesses the grace and sprightliness of a girl. Since her arrival in Washington she has



Senora Walker-Martinez, made many friends and gained many admirers, both in and out of the diplomatic corps, and she promises to become a prime society favorite.

"This session I make no speeches," said Representative Cushman of Tacoma in his odd way while discussing the question with a treasury official who asked him why he had remained silent. "I am engaged this session in what is called legislative larceny." I am out for appropriations for Puget Sound. I have made up my mind that the fog horn I may secure for my district will give my constituents more comfort than the sound of my voice in the hour of the house. The shipping, some of a new public building or the

glitter of a lighthouse will be remembered longer out my way than the fine type which comes after the 'Mr. Cushman spoke as follows' in the Record. The perihelion oration and the evanescent exordium are not in it along side of government appropriations if a representative desires to stand well with his constituents."

Senator Pettus solemnly arose as if to address the senate. His tall and venerable form towered above his colleagues. The senate became silent, waiting for the words of wisdom which should fall from his lips.

With every eye upon him, Mr. Pettus reached around into the tall pocket of his long frock coat and drew forth a plug of tobacco. Then he took a chew and sat down without saying a word.

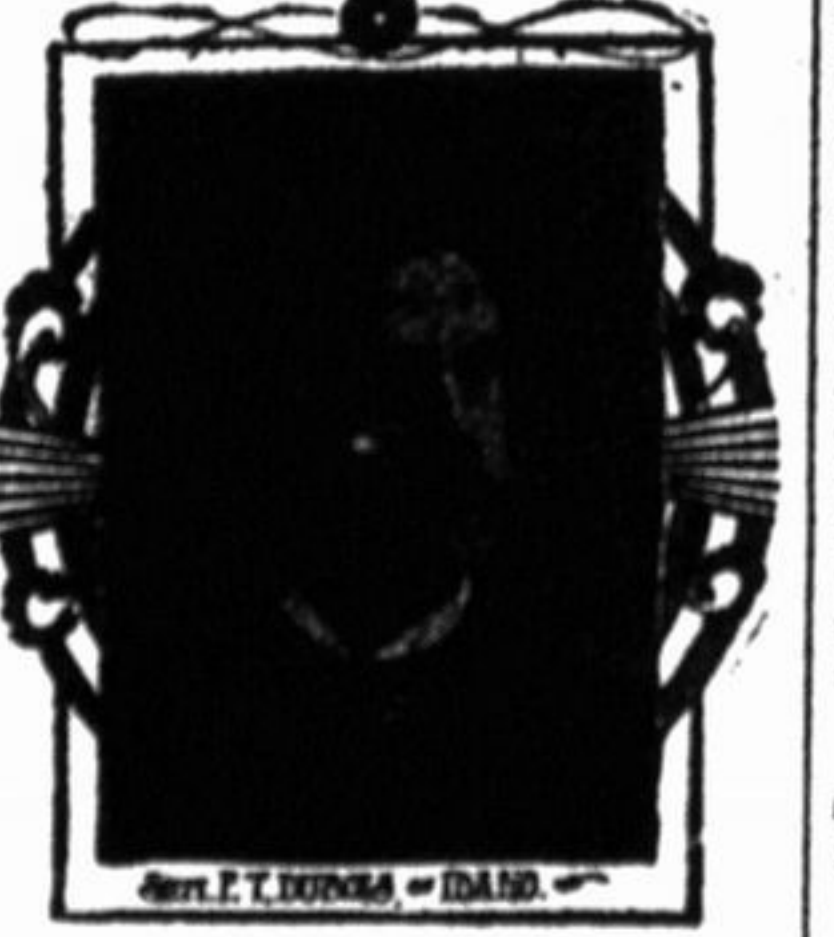
Everybody smiled.

Senator Burrows of Michigan was detained late one afternoon recently at his committee room. As he had a dinner engagement for the same evening at 7 o'clock, he concluded he would not go home, but would send for his evening clothes and dress in his committee room. So he telephoned home for his dress suit case and hat box.

Promptly at 6:30 his servant appeared at the committee room bearing the desired articles. Senator Burrows thanked him, and the man departed. A few minutes later the senator, finally closing his desk, started to prepare for dinner.

Sequel: Both the dress suit case and hat box were empty. His order had been literally obeyed.

One of the most prominent and popular of the Western senators is Fred T. Dubois of Idaho, now serving his first term in the senate. He was born in Crawford county, Illinois, and served as state auditor before the Civil war. In 1896 he left Illinois and went to Idaho, where he has held important of-



ices and done much valuable service for the state. In politics Senator Dubois is a silver Republican, being one of those who withdrew from the convention in 1894, after the adoption of the gold standard platform. His home is in Blackfoot, Idaho.

Speaking of seeds, Representative Lacey, of Iowa, had a funny experience. He sent a packet of seeds to a rural constituent, the franked envelope, as usual, bearing the words, "\$300 penalty for private use."

The recipient of the seeds was in great distress of mind.

"I cannot put the seeds to public use," he wrote, despairingly, "and I cannot afford to pay \$300 for using them myself."

An omnivorous reader down in Kentucky wrote to Senator Deboe for a copy of every public document issued since the government was established.

"I'm sorry," answered Deboe, "but all the freight cars hereabouts are busy."

President Roosevelt's wearing apparel has caused the social lights of Washington many heartburns. They object to his short coat and slouch hat and his habit of wearing his riding clothes when he is not on horseback. A local firm of tailors has driven these critics of the president into the very depths of humiliation by advertising on all the billboards of Washington "suits just like President Roosevelt wears for \$14.99."

She Hated Vinegar.

Alloe, who was five years old, was often asked to run errands for her mother. She went very willingly if she could pronounce the name of the article wanted, but she dreaded the laughter which greeted her attempts to pronounce certain words. "Vinegar" was one of the hardest for her. She never would go for it if she could help it; but one morning her mother found it absolutely necessary to send her.

On entering the store she handed the jug to the clerk and said: "Smell the jug and give me a quart."

She Knew All About It.

In a Philadelphia kindergarten school a teacher was telling the little children all she knew about a clock.

"Now, this," she said, "is the pendulum—this thing that swings back and forth. Did any of you ever hear the word pendulum before?" A child put up her hand. "Yes, teacher," she said. "Pendulum, Franklin. I've heard it often."

## A WISCONSIN PAPER ON WESTERN CANADA.

Epitaphs, Southwestern, One of the Favored Districts.

The following clipped from the correspondence columns of the Eau Claire (Wisconsin) Leader is but one of many letters of a similar character that might be published concerning Western Canada, the land of No. 1 hard wheat and the best cattle on the continent. It is a simple matter to reach the lands spoken of, the Canadian Government having agencies established at St. Paul and Duluth, Minnesota; Grafton, North Dakota; Watertown, South Dakota; Omaha, Nebraska; Kansas City, Missouri; Des Moines, Iowa; Wausau and Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Chicago, Illinois; Indianapolis, Indiana; Sault Ste. Marie and Detroit, Michigan; Toledo and Columbus, Ohio, and by writing to or calling upon any of these agents at these points full information can be secured. This is a great opportunity to secure a home free of cost or if you desire to purchase lands they can be bought now at prices much lower than will exist in a few months. But read what the correspondent referred to has to say of one particular district.

"To the Editor of the Leader—The rush of the land seekers will be to the prairie provinces of the Dominion of Canada. The allurements of a soil that yields 40 bushels of wheat to the acre are too great to be resisted and an immense migration from this country may be confidently predicted. People here laughed at first at the idea of any one leaving the United States for Canada, but the Dominion authorities knew they had a good thing and they stuck to it. Their officials evidently knew the value of printers' ink. They spared no expense in letting the people of this country know that these lands were there and that they were exactly as represented. They did more. They sent out specimens of the crops raised and samples of the grain. We have had them here at four consecutive street fairs, presided over by one of their ablest immigration officers. This gentleman spared no pains. He explained the value of the lands and the richness of the soil from morning to night to all comers.

"All this told in the long run. Several went up from here to spy out the land and like Caleb, the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua, the son of Nun, brought back a good report, and now some ten families will leave here in a few weeks for Saskatchewan to settle upon farms there, and others are preparing to follow. Of course many will appear shocked at the idea of any one leaving the stars and stripes for the Union Jack, but patriotism is but a nomenclature after all, and our experience has been that in nine hundred and ninety-nine cases out of a thousand a man is the most patriotic where he can make the most money and do the most harm to those whom he hates."

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Health will come with all its blessings to those who know the way, and it is mainly a question of right-living, with all the term implies, but the efforts which strengthen the system, the games which refresh and the foods which nourish are important, each in a way, while it is also advantageous to have knowledge of the best methods of promoting freedom from unsanitary conditions. To assist nature, when nature needs assistance, it is all important that the medicinal agents used should be of the best quality and of known value, and the one remedy which acts most beneficially and pleasantly, as a laxative, is—Syrup of Figs—manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co.

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