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**CONGRESSMEN
GROWING MODEST**

Few Glowing Accounts Appear
In Autobiographies.

INITIATING NEW MEMBERS.

Those Serving Their First Terms Are Fast Getting Their Bearings and Learning How the Nation's Laws Are Made—Meeting the "Big Men" of the Capital is Important For Them.

While the veteran members of congress are busy getting their bills in shape for presentation and running the house and senate, the new members are getting their bearings, learning how business is transacted and meeting the "big men" of Washington. There are many things for the new men to learn, and they know that the best thing to do is to make friends with the men who have the "pull" and who can be of untold benefit to them in their work.

There are a great many new members of this congress who first told of themselves in their autobiographies. The book, however, is less interesting this year, as it seems that the people have elected a very modest set of lawmakers.

Senator Henry Algerson du Pont of Delaware again uses the most space in the directory. It requires fifty-six closely printed lines to review the war record of the Delaware sojourner.

Congressmen Charles Lindbergh of Minnesota and Thaddeus Caraway of Arkansas compete for brevity. Each uses less than one line. Mr. Lindbergh describing himself merely as "Republican of Little Falls," and Mr. Caraway "Democrat of Jonesboro."

Senator James D. Phelan of California qualifies as a member of many clubs and asserts also that he belongs to the Society of California Pioneers and is president of the Hall Association of the Native Sons of the Golden West.

With national defense as an issue in this congress, Congressman P. Davis Oakey of Connecticut is one of many members to record that he served with the national guard.

Congressman William Baker Oliver, a new Democrat from Alabama, admits that as prosecuting attorney he "attained the highest percentage of convictions in the state."

Charles Hiram Randall, Prohibitionist, of Los Angeles, Cal., calls attention to the fact that a member of the Randall family wrote "Maryland, My Maryland."

Congressman Frank Park of Georgia uses but one more word than Messrs. Lindbergh and Caraway. He names his state as well as town.

Robert M. McCracken, a new member from Iowa, says he went west from Indiana when a lad, "to grow up with the country."

Uncle Joe Elected Twenty Times. Uncle Joe Cannon's biography is a simple recital of his election to twenty congresses and the fact that he is a lawyer.

Harry E. Hull, Republican, of Iowa says he had only ten days to make his campaign to succeed the late Mr. Pepper and that he "made a run that was accepted by the whole country as proof of how the farmers would vote and of the weakness of the Progressive cause."

David H. Kincheloe of Madisonville, Ky., proudly says he is married and "has one girl, now seven and one-half months old."

Whitwell Pugh Martin labels himself a "progressive protectionist" from Louisiana and adds that he is the first non-Democratic member to be elected from that state in twenty-five years.

A note of tragedy is contained in the brief autobiography of Congressman Thomas D. Schall of Minnesota, who says he lost his eyesight because of an electric shock in 1907, but has continued in the practice of law. The Sixty-fourth congress has two blind members—Senator Gore of Oklahoma and Mr. Schall.

Edward H. Wason of New Hampshire is one of the many farmers listed in the directory. "He asserts that he takes a pride in farming and "has a large herd of registered Guernsey cattle and a modern, up to date farm."

Frederick W. Rowe, a new member from Brooklyn, lists many civic organizations with which he is affiliated and further explains that he is "superintendent of St. Paul's Sunday school."

It appears that Congressman Temple of Pennsylvania, re-elected, is the only minister among the house members. William Barclay Charles of Amsterdam, N. Y., records that he is a member of the Second Presbyterian church of that city.

WATER STRAIGHT \$1 BARREL.

Fifteen Cents a Bucket Price in New Alaska Town.

As a result of cold weather water is selling at \$1 a barrel at Anchorage, a new town established by the government as construction headquarters for the Alaskan railroad. If purchased by the bucket the price is 15 cents or two buckets for a quarter.

Pending the completion of the water system, which the government engineers hope to have working soon, all water for domestic purposes is taken from holes chopped in the ice.

Some Queer Ones

Spring fashions—black and gray for lack of dyes—will be fine for blonds and widows.

Colored porter, instead of relative, kissed by excited white woman, who fainted when she saw her mistake in Joliet (Ill.) railroad station.

After living on apples a week, "an locked in box car from Herrington, Kan., to Kansas City was in such good condition he was sent to jail.

California man willed friend \$5,000 on condition he throw four diamond rings into Pacific ocean off Oakland, decedent furnishing the rings.

Seven foot snake that escaped from show and lived six years in Chicago garage ceiling on rats was lured out by crooning of professional charmer.

Boy of six who smokes, one of eight who chews tobacco and girl of nine who dips snuff have been discovered by the United States public health service.

New suit of clothes every week for three months has been bought for fourteen-year-old Harry Connelly of Moultrie, Ga., because he grows so fast. He is six feet five inches, weighs 200, and he's still "going up."

**CENTENNIAL TO SPREAD
THE HABIT OF SAVING.**

Anniversary of Founding of First Savings Bank to Be Observed.

Next year is the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of the first savings bank in the United States, and a movement has been inaugurated to observe the centennial by a nation wide campaign for the promotion of thrift among all classes. Preparations have been begun for undertaking the campaign on Jan. 1, and the plan is receiving the support of prominent bankers and public men.

In sixty-two cities of the country, each with a population of more than 25,000, the campaign will be conducted through the local chapters of the American Institute of Banking; in the smaller cities and towns, through banks which are members of the American Bankers' association; in the states, through the secretaries of the State Bankers' association. The industrial workers will be reached through the National Civic federation and the immigrants through the national Americanization committee.

Inasmuch as immigrants, as a rule, are accustomed to government savings banks in their own countries and deposit their money here in the United States postal savings institutions, the government officials in the postoffice banks will assist in fostering in the foreign element a feeling of confidence in savings banks. The bureau of commercial economics at Washington will supply lectures and motion picture films to be used for thrift meetings.

WASHINGTON MOST WASTEFUL.

Leads All American Cities in Throwing Away Good Food.

The federal government conducts many kinds of investigations, but Washington was hardly prepared to learn that United States agents had been digging into the garbage dumps of the country.

As a result of this latest inquiry the department of agriculture announces that Washington is the most wasteful city in the United States. Careful examinations of the contents of garbage cans were made with a view to determine what percentage of food products daily thrown away might have been put to wholesome use had housewives of the various cities conducted their establishments more economically.

A complete report on the federal government's investigation will be published soon.

**\$1,285,857,808 BIGGEST
SUM EVER ASKED FROM
CONGRESS IN PEACE TIMES**

Estimates for the most elaborate program of expenditures ever asked of an American congress in times of peace are being considered, proposing a total outlay of \$1,285,857,808, or \$170,833,614 more than was appropriated last year. The increase is almost wholly due to the administration plans for military preparedness. By establishments the amounts asked are:

Legislative	\$1,513,872
Executive	88,872,582
Judicial	1,300,000
Agriculture	24,150,000
Foreign intercourse	4,425,000
Military	32,224,250
Naval	21,238,074
Indian affairs	10,178,000
Pensions	200,000,000
Patrons canal	27,282,400
Public works	106,044,000
Postal service	21,200,000
Miscellaneous	90,230,000
Permanent appropriations	138,074,672

The postal service estimate is deductible from the total because its receipts are turned back to the treasury. That leaves \$900,402,029 as the actual total of appropriations congress is asked to make, or \$107,833,401 more than last year.

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FAME OF CAPE COD.

It is Many Sided and Fairly Eclipses
Pearl Case Ann.

Cape Cod, aside from its shape, has a name to conjure with. What more appropriate? Cod is the palladium of our liberties. We have made unto ourselves a graven image thereof and have hung the same in our statehouse as a memorial forever. Our senior senator and the various congressmen from down Essex way never let the sacred fish go out of their thoughts.

Indeed, Cape Ann is just as anxious over the cod as the other cape is and probably wishes it had a similar chance at the name. The name of Cape Ann doesn't mean anything now, whatever it meant to the flattering colonists who first wished the then monarch's name on it.

Cape Ann doesn't look like a human foot. In fact, it doesn't look like much of anything but Cape Ann. But Cape Cod, with its sands, its bars, its long tongues and spits, is distinctive. People try to swim to it. A certain kind of aristocracy is named for it. Its people get into books and then sue the publishers. The pilgrim fathers landed on it—and then had the supreme good sense to get back to the boats and hunt up Plymouth, where there was at least a rock to set historic feet upon, so that future generations, might chip off bits of the same.—Lowell Courier-Citizen.

SQUINTING AT THE STARS.

It Helps the Astronomer in Calculating
Their Distances.

While lecturing recently to an audience of children at the Royal Institution, London, Professor H. H. Turner explained how astronomers measure the distances of the sun, moon and stars.

The importance of a squint was explained with the aid of a match and a cigar. Putting the cigar in his mouth and lighting the match, he told them it was by squinting that he judged the distance at which to hold it.

Then, taking another cigar, which was about twelve inches in length, he explained how in that case it was not necessary to squint so much, as the point of distance to be measured by the eyes was further away.

This was done to illustrate the fact that, just as the brain calculates the distances of things seen by means of the angle of the squint, so astronomers tell the distance of the stars by reckoning the amount of "squint" involved when looking at them.

Two telescopes are placed apart at an exactly measured distance. The astronomer then looks through the two telescopes at the same time and, having got them to the angle at which he can see the particular star, just reckons up the amount of "squint" and reels it off in millions of miles.—Boston Herald.

A Problem.
Lecturer—Now, my dear friends, the first duty of a teacher is to inoculate his pupils with the love of learning. Timid Teacher—But, sir, suppose it wouldn't take?—Baltimore American.

The Head of the Family.
In Germany the father is the head of the family, in France the mother. In England the eldest son, in America the daughter.—Don C. Seitz.

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