



PRESIDENT TAFT'S OFFICIAL FAMILY

SKETCHES OF THE NINE EMINENT MEN FORMING HIS CABINET.

P. C. KNOX HEADS THE GROUP

Pennsylvanian to Secretary of State—Franklin MacVeagh, Chicago Merchant, Holds the Treasury Portfolio—Jacob M. Dickinson, Tennessee Democrat, to Manage the Army—Affairs of the Agricultural Department Left in James Wilson's Hands.

Philander Chase Knox of Pennsylvania, secretary of state in the cabinet of President Taft, was born at Brownsville, Pa., in 1853. He was graduated from Mount Union college, Ohio, in 1872, and three years later was admitted to the bar. During the years 1876 and 1877 he served as assistant United States district attorney for the western district of Pennsylvania. In the latter year he formed a law partnership with James H. Reed which still exists and which has represented many large corporations, including the Carnegie Company. Mr. Knox entered President McKinley's cabinet as attorney general in April, 1901, serving until 1904, when he was elected United States senator from Pennsylvania. The latter position he resigned to become the head of President Taft's cabinet.

MacVeagh for the Treasury. Franklin MacVeagh, secretary of the treasury, was born on a farm in Chester county, Pennsylvania, graduated from Yale in 1862 and from Columbia Law school in 1864. He be-

Good Company. Religion cannot illuminate philosophical discussions. Philosophical discussions can confirm religious truths. And therefore seek the company of truly religious people and of real philosophers, the living as well as the dead.—Tolstoy.

A Matrimonial Oversight. It never seems to occur to persons who are getting married that they ought to take each other for good as well as for better or worse.—Philadelphia Record.

Child's Pathetic Suicide. At Bolliver, Pa., recently, Mary Estella, eight years old, committed suicide. She grieved over the death of her mother. "Papa, I am going to shoot," she said, and before he had time to realize the meaning of the words the girl fired a bullet into her temple.

To Kill an Evil Odor. Dried orange peel allowed to smolder on a piece of red-hot iron or on an old shovel, will kill any bad odor in a room and leave a fragrant one behind.

gan the practice of law in New York city but ill-health forced him to abandon it and in 1865 he went to Chicago and engaged in the wholesale grocery business. In this and other commercial pursuits he has amassed a large fortune. Before entering the cabinet he disposed of his holdings in the big grocery firm and resigned as director of the Commercial National bank of Chicago. Mr. MacVeagh has always been interested in movements for the public welfare, locally and nationally. He has been president of the Chicago Citizens' association, the Chicago Bureau of Charities and the Municipal Art League, vice-president of the American Civic association, and chairman of the immigration department of the National Civic Federation. Mr. MacVeagh formerly was a Democrat and in 1894 he was nominated for United States senator by the Democrats of Illinois, but was defeated in the legislature. He supported Grover Cleveland, but afterward changed his party allegiance because of the attitude of the Democratic party on the money question.

Dickinson Is War Secretary. Jacob M. Dickinson of Tennessee and Chicago, the new secretary of war, was born in 1851 at Columbus, Miss. He graduated from the University of Nashville in 1872 and afterward studied law at Columbia college, at the University of Leipzig and in Paris. He served several times by special commission on the supreme bench of Tennessee and was assistant attorney general of the United States in 1895-97.

Wilson Retains His Place. Only one member of the Roosevelt cabinet retains his portfolio under Mr. Taft. That is James Wilson of Iowa, secretary of agriculture. So excellent had been his work in that position that there was no serious talk of making a change. Born in Scotland in 1835, Mr. Wilson came to the United States in 1852 and three years later settled in Iowa. In 1861 he engaged in farming in Tama county. He was a member of the Iowa assembly for three sessions and speaker of the house for one session, and also was a

Hint for the Talkative. There is much to be said for silence. If the majority of people could be made to exercise themselves regularly in restraint of the tongue the general business of this planet would be considerably expedited.—Pall Mall Gazette.

As We Sow, We Reap. Man is the artificer of his own happiness. Let him beware how he complains of the disposition of circumstances, for it is his own disposition he blames.—Henry D. Thoreau.

To One Kind of Woman. Here's to the woman who has a smile for every joy, a tear for every sorrow, a consolation for every grief, an excuse for every fault, a prayer for every misfortune, and encouragement for every hope.—What-to-Eat.

Peanut Oil Well Liked. In Europe a first-class peanut oil is the most highly esteemed of vegetable oils after olive oil. It is also used in the manufacture of butter substitutes. The low-grade oils are used for soap.

member of the Iowa state railway commission. In 1873 he was elected to congress, serving two terms, and was sent to the national legislature again for one term in 1883. He was regent of the State university of Iowa in 1870-74, and in 1890 was made director of the agricultural experiment station and professor of agriculture at the Iowa Agricultural college, Ames, Ia. In 1897 he became secretary of agriculture.

Postmaster General Hitchcock. The first cabinet officer selected by Mr. Taft after his election was Frank H. Hitchcock of Massachusetts, who gave up his place as first assistant postmaster general to manage successfully the Taft presidential campaign. He has been given the office of postmaster general in the new cabinet. Mr. Hitchcock was born at Amherst, O., in 1867, and graduated from Harvard in 1891 and from Columbia Law school in 1894. Since 1891 he has been a government official.

Nagel Has Commerce Portfolio. Missouri has been rewarded for its switch to the Republican column by the appointment of Charles Nagel as secretary of commerce and labor. Mr. Nagel is a leading lawyer of St. Louis and the west. He was born in Texas in 1849, moved to St. Louis when a child and graduated from the St. Louis Law school in 1873. He has been senior member of the law firm of Nagel & Kirby, professor in the St. Louis Law school and a trustee of Washington university. In 1881-83 he was a member of the Missouri house of representatives, and in 1893-97 was president of the St. Louis city council. He is a member of the Republican national committee and for years has been an intimate friend of Mr. Taft. He was one of Mr. Roosevelt's most enthusiastic supporters. As an attorney Mr. Nagel was identified with several important cases dealing with the numerous complications in the affairs of the Five Civilized Tribes in the then Indian territory.

Navy Under Meyer's Charge. President Taft's secretary of the navy, George Von L. Meyer of Massachusetts, has had wide experience as a business man, legislator, diplomat and cabinet officer. He was born in Boston in 1858 and graduated from Harvard in 1879. He then entered business and has been prominently connected with a number of financial and mercantile concerns. His career as a public official began in 1889, when he was elected to the Boston common council. He then served on the board of aldermen, and in 1892-96 he was a member of the Massachusetts legislature, the last two years being speaker of the house. In 1900 Mr. Meyer was sent to Italy as American ambassador, and in 1905 was transferred to Russia. In January, 1907, President Roosevelt called him home to enter his cabinet as postmaster general. This portfolio he has relinquished for that of the navy.

Ballinger Secretary of Interior. After about one year's service as commissioner of the general land office, Richard A. Ballinger of Seattle, Wash., has entered the cabinet as secretary of the interior. He is a native of Iowa, having been born in Boonesboro in 1858. After attending the University of Kansas and Washington college at Topeka, he went to Williams college, graduating in 1884 and afterward studying law and removing to Washington. He was United States court commissioner in 1890-92 and later was judge of the supreme court in Jefferson county, Wash.

Attorney General Wickersham. George W. Wickersham, who becomes President Taft's attorney general, has had the reputation of being one of the ablest lawyers in New York city. Born in Pittsburg in 1858, he studied civil engineering in Lehigh university and in 1880 graduated from the law school of the University of Pennsylvania. For two years he practiced law in Philadelphia. In 1884 he became associated with the law firm of Strong & Cadwalladare, to which Henry W. Taft, brother of the president, belongs.

How the Snow Comes Down. In a western home, Lynne, four years old, was kneeling on the carpet before a low window, intently watching the falling snow as it was rapidly covering the prairie. He turned and said reverently: "Aunt Lizzie, God sends it down, and he spreads it so smooth."—Dellneator.

Daily Thought. To refuse to yield to others when reason or a special cause require it is a mark of pride and stiffness.—Thomas a Kempis.

Blackbird with Two Heads. At Linwood, near Paisley, Scotland, a blackbird, which is the unique professor of two almost distinctly formed heads, has been seen. It has two bills, and has been seen to pick and make use of both, but whether it can pass food through both cannot yet be definitely stated.

World's Largest Incubator. The largest incubator in the world is at Batary, near Sydney, Australia. It accommodates 11,400 ducks' eggs or 14,080 hens' eggs.

ONCE WU MET HIS MATCH

Chinese Diplomat Outwitted by American Railroad King.

The wily Wu Ting Fang, the minister from China, whose frank and penetrating questionings have made him the joy of newspaper men and the bane of the diplomat, for once met his match in a brief encounter with E. H. Harriman, the railroad magnate. Mr. Wu opened on Mr. Harriman with this naive inquiry:

"How did you get control of all these railroads? What did you do?"

Mr. Harriman smiled and replied: "I can answer you best by a story about a prominent capitalist whom I once met. He was summoned to court as a witness and was being questioned as to his personal affairs.

"What is your salary?" asked the court.

"Nothing," was the unexpected answer.

"Well, what is your income from all sources, then?" continued the court.

"Nothing," maintained the witness.

"What, do you mean to say you have no income whatever?"

"Yes."

"How much do you spend in a year?"

"About \$60,000 or so."

"If you have no income, yet spend \$60,000 a year, how do you do it?" was the sharp rejoinder.

"Ah," was the response, "that is my secret."—System.

His First Visit. The wide check of his suit and his monocle proclaimed his nationality from afar. His first American acquaintance, met on the steamer, had supplied him with an immense amount of strange and wonderful information about the United States.

"And since you are an Englishman," it was explained, "every store will at once charge you from five to ten times what they would ask an American."

"Eh! What?" said the Britisher, aghast, and then with a look of great cunning: "But, my word! I shan't tell them, don't you know!"

\$100 Reward, \$100.

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists, Etc. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Frocks and Personality. The Englishwoman does not diffuse enough personality into her clothes. If she is tall and gaunt she chooses severe tailor-made costumes and looks like a clothes press. If she is small she tilts on her enormous curled coiffure, a monster hat and sews a gigantic Elizabethan frill into the neck of her blouse.—London Bystander.

A Question of Value. "Politeness costs nothing," said the proverbialist.

"Which may explain," answered Miss Cayenne, "why some people of ostentatious wealth have so little of it."

Couldn't Explain.
"What is a 'tempest in a teapot,' pa?"
"My child, you will have to ask your mother; I never attend afternoon teas."