

Democratic Watchman

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How Congressmen Started in Life.

Many of Them Say They Earned Their First Dollar by Driving Oxen. Others Picked Cotton.

To be a Congressman is a high ambition for an American boy, and one which many an American boy cherishes. It is seldom gratified. Of the many Congressmen who have talked about their early ambitions...

The new Congress has more than the usual number of new members, and among them the full proportion of self-made men. That is one of the significant things about Congress. Glance through the biographies in the Congressional directory and you will appreciate how much more representative is the highest legislative body in the land...

The case of Kittredge Haskins, of Vermont, is typical. "I was born and reared upon one of the hill farms of Windham county," said Mr. Haskins, when asked how he earned his first dollar. "My father had a farm, and I was employed by him as a hand on the farm."

E. S. Candler, Jr., is a new member of the Mississippi delegation. Mr. Candler is a lawyer, like Mr. Haskins, and, like the Vermont member, he began his life behind a yoke of oxen.

HAULED WOOD TO TOWN.

"I made my first dollar hauling cord wood to a country town and selling it," said Mr. Candler, "My father had a yoke of oxen, with which I continued the business of wood hauling for some little time and so accumulated the first sum of money I ever had which I earned by my own efforts."

Charles F. Scott, of the Kansas delegation, is an editor. He is not new in Washington, for he spent three months of 1899 in the press gallery at Washington for the Topeka Capital. Mr. Scott made his first dollar clerking in a grocery store at fifty cents a day.

J. Ross Mickey, of Illinois, is a lawyer. "I never had a dollar given me," said Mr. Mickey. "I was raised on a farm, and I earned my first dollar dropping corn on an old fashioned corn planter."

John W. Cassingham, of Ohio, a business man, had a start very like that of Mr. Mickey. His first dollar was earned as a hand on a farm at the age of 16.

"I remember well how I earned my first dollar," said W. W. Skiles, another Ohio Congressman, who is serving his first term. "I earned it assisting in driving sheep for a neighboring farmer for several days."

Elias Demmer is a wealthy lumber merchant of Williamsport, Pa. The first dollar Mr. Demmer earned was as clerk in a general county store.

Joseph B. Perkins is another Congressman, though a lawyer by profession. "The first money I earned," he said, "was for copying papers in the law office where I was a student."

T. L. Glenn, of Idaho, is another of the many lawyers in the new Congress. "I am not sure just how I earned my first dollar," he said, "but my memory is correct it was driving a yoke of oxen for a man named Manion, who was building a levee on the Mississippi river at Cairo, Ill., in 1856."

JOY JOHNSON'S EARLY TROUBLES. "My first money was made by ordinary manual labor," said Joseph T. Johnson, of South Carolina. Mr. Johnson is too modest a man to tell all that represents of hardship and struggle, but Dr. Smith, his family physician, has told the story of his early struggles.

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THE DEPICTED NIBBLER. A nibbler is a man who enters a grocery store, runs his finger into the sugar barrel and laps up a few ounces, eats a handful of nuts then goes to the cheese case and cuts off a slice for a taste, then as a matter of fact must have a few crackers; and perhaps before he has made up his mind to purchase a quarter of a pound of tea has eaten the profits of two dollars' worth of groceries. To wind it all up, after getting trusted for tea, on which the merchant realizes a profit of five cents, he leaves the store munching a couple of apples. This is no picture of imagination but a reality, except that some times the nibbler does not purchase the tea.

COST HIM \$400. To Learn That a Palmist Was "Working" Him Frank Osgood, a Leaning county farmer, is wiser by \$400 worth of experience than he was last week, when he paid a palmist \$200 to tell him where to dig on his farm for copper. After working all night and finding no copper he came to town and again fell a victim to the blarney of the woman, who secured another \$200 and promised that on Monday she would herself show him where to dig. She failed to appear and Osgood, after waiting until yesterday, came to town and reported the matter to the police.

BANK PRESIDENT GOES TO JAIL. A six year penitentiary term and a fine of \$10 was the sentence Friday given J. M. McKnight, former president of the defunct German National bank, of Louisville, Ky., from which he embezzled a large sum. He has been tried four times.

Beecher's Teacher.

How He Instilled Confidence into His Pupils.

Henry Ward Beecher used to tell this story of the way in which his teacher of mathematics taught him to depend upon himself, says the Boston Herald:

"I was taken to the blackboard and went, uncertain, full of whimping. 'The lesson must be learned,' said my teacher, in a very quiet tone, but with terrible intensity. All explanations and excuses he trod under foot with utter scornfulness. 'I don't want any reason why you haven't it,' he would say."

"I did study it two hours." "That is nothing to me. I want the lesson. You may not study it at all, or you may study it 10 hours; suit just yourself. I want the lesson."

"It was rough for a green boy, but it seasoned me. In less than a month I had the most intense sense of intellectual independence and courage to defend my recitations."

"One day his cold, calm voice fell upon me in the midst of a demonstration. 'No,' I hesitated and then went back to the beginning, and, on reaching the same point again 'No!' uttered in tone of conviction, barred my progress."

"The next?" And I sat down in red confusion. "He, too, was stopped with 'No!' but went right on, finished, and as he sat down was re-entertained with 'Very well.'" "Why," whistled I, "I recited it just as he did, and you said 'No!'"

"Why didn't you say 'Yes!' and stick to it? It is not enough to know your lesson. You must know that you know it. You have learned nothing till you are sure. If all the world says 'No!' your business is to say 'Yes!' and prove it."

McKinley Funeral Bills.

Citizens of Canton Raised Just Enough to Liquidate All Debts.

An itemized account of the receipts and expenditures at Canton in connection with President McKinley's funeral, the bills for which have caused much discussion and criticism, has been given out by Chairman John C. Dueber, of that place. The disbursements exactly covered the sum raised, which was \$6,723.12. The largest bill paid was that of a Cleveland firm for catering at the Harter residence, where the President and members of the Cabinet were entertained. It was for \$1,250. It was the cause of disquieting rumors to the effect that Mrs. Harter had charged this large sum simply for the use of her home and the employment of the extra servants.

The second bill in point of size was for decorating arches, etc. \$950. Another bill which seriously disturbed the equanimity of the committee when it was presented was that for decorating telephone poles on the principal streets and along the line of march. For this \$826.70 was charged. The statement says that over 5,000 yards of bunting, 837 hours of labor at 40 cents an hour, and 16 pounds of tacks were used. The Trustees of the first Methodist Church, where the funeral services were held, charged \$350 for the decorations. The Elks Club presented a bill for entertaining the visiting members of the press. The items are 418 meals at 50 cents and 200 cigars at 30 cents, a total of \$219.50.

Mike's Wit Saved His Job.

One of our local mine superintendents observing an Irishman who was employed in digging a ditch, noticed he was making a greater effort to put in the time than he was to complete the job. After watching him for some time and becoming exasperated at his dilatory tactics, the superintendent said:

"Mike, you are the laziest man I ever saw pretending to work. I guess the company can get along without you."

"Yez don't mane to say I'm discharged, do yez?" asked Mike.

"That is exactly what I mean. Put on your coat and go and get your money."

"Well," said Mike, as he picked up his coat and stood before the superintendent, "I am actually bounced, am I?"

"Yes, sir."

"And will yez hire another man in me place?"

"Certainly."

"Well, if yez don't mind, yez may consider me an applicant for the job."

This unexpected display of wit on the part of the Irishman so amused the superintendent that he told the Irishman to go to work again and try and do better.

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HE FEARED HE HAD LOST. When Wu Ting Fang, the famous Chinese Minister to Washington, irritable and somewhat forgetful from a severe cold, missed one day from the front of his cap the immense diamond he always wears there, he was dreadfully frightened. A friend pointed out that the statesman had inadvertently dozed his turban wrong side before, and that the diamond was safe in the rear. Had Wu Ting Fang been wearing a Benson's Porous Plaster on his chest and back to cure his cold, he never would have doubted its cure. It would have felt it doing its work, warming and making flexible to torpid muscles, extracting the pain and soreness, promoting the free circulation of the blood, stimulating the skin and the lungs to proper action, and so dissolving and banishing the maldy. Thus we perceive, believe I friends, that

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Reckless Drug Taking.

A physician who knew what he intended to say and was not accustomed to speak rashly once expressed his conviction that the average life of mankind would be prolonged until the sum of human misery lessened if every drug in existence could be destroyed and none ever again made.

He was a practicing physician, prescribing drugs daily in his treatment of disease and believing in their efficacy. What he meant was that more harm was done by the common practice of flying to the medicine chest of the apothecary's shop for every little ailment and by the enslaving opium, chloral and other "habits" so induced than could be counteracted by the good effected in the legitimate use of remedies by properly educated physicians. And truly he had much to justify him in this gloomy view.

An American physician who has endeavored to investigate the use of narcotics in his state has published some startling figures as to the consumption of opium. If his results can be relied upon, there is in this country an appalling number of slaves to the opium habit, most of whom doubtless began by the taking of an occasional dose on their own responsibility to relieve pain or induce sleep.

But all the harm of self drugging is not in the formation of those "habits." Many who have never taken a dose of narcotic medicine knowingly nevertheless seldom fail to pass without swallowing something which they think or have been told is good for kidney disease or gout or rheumatism or dyspepsia or biliousness or some other ailment which they think or have been told they are suffering from. They may or may not have guessed the cause of their bad feelings, but the chances are ten to one that the drugs they take so recklessly will do no good if they do not do actual harm.

Drugs are poisons which cannot but work evil upon the system if taken in a haphazard fashion by those ignorant of their action on the delicate machinery of the living body. Laxatives and liver remedies, nervines and tonics, quinine and iron, all are useful, life saving, at the proper time and in the proper dose, but taken in the quantities that they are in season and out of season for some reason or no reason they are pernicious destroyers of health—Youth's Companion.

His Ignorance. "I am always putting my foot in it," said Mr. Cumroo sadly. "What's the trouble?" "I am always displaying the fact that I have no taste or refinement. Mrs. C. asked me which of two gowns I preferred, and I immediately betrayed my ignorance. I admired the one which cost at least seventy-five dollars less than the other."—Washington Star.

Lumber in Williamsport. The amount of Susquehanna lumber in the first hands in Williamsport on January 1st, 1902, was as follows: Pine, 7,505,275; hemlock, 51,355,530; lath, 14,598,200; pickets, 1,477,493. This is, compared with the various amounts for 1892, ten years ago, a decrease as follows: Pine, 39,080,129; hemlock, 70,260,992; lath, 31,396,700; pickets, 4,425,603.

Experiment. They caught the little one pouncing the baby in the stomach. "What are you doing?" demanded her mother. "Jes' wanted to see if it worked the same that my erwin' doll does," was the reply, as she gave the baby a jab that made it howl. "There ye' alkike, ain't they?"—Chicago Evening Post.

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THE AMERICAN MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, of New York, has purchased the collection of butterflies of the widow of Dr. Herman Strecker, of Reading, Pa., for \$25,000. The Strecker collection is said to be the largest in America and the second largest in the world. Dr. Strecker died two months ago.

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Grover Cleveland Drives Out.

Ex-President Cleveland has sufficiently recovered from his illness to enjoy short drives in the country. Saturday he and Mrs. Cleveland drove through the streets and a short distance out of town. Mr. Cleveland looked well. If he continues to gain in strength he will go on a Southern hunting trip with friends next week.

Medical.

HEARKEN YE. TO THE VOICE OF BELLEVILLE PEOPLE

If you will but listen to your friends and neighbors, they will tell you how the pains and aches of a bad back, the annoyances of urinary troubles, the nervousness, the restlessness that come from kidney illness can be relieved and cured. Read what one Belleville citizen says:

Mrs. J. Cowher, of Bishop street, says: "I was very bad with my back and head. I suffered pain in both and was very restless nights besides being so tired all the time that I could hardly keep myself afloat. I was very lame across my kidneys and bending over or being on my feet much was extremely painful. Reading about Doan's Kidney Pills and seeing them so highly recommended for these troubles I procured them from E. Potts Green's drug store. They gave me positive relief, caused me to sleep well, stopped the pains, removed the lameness and invigorated me generally. Read what one Belleville citizen says:"

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Table showing train schedules for Tyrone and Clearfield branches, listing stations like Tyrone, Clearfield, and Lewisburg.

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BELLEVILLE CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Schedule to take effect Monday, Apr. 3rd, 1899.

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