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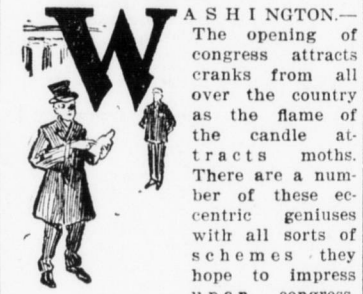
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ECCENTRIC CHARACTERS IN HALLS OF CONGRESS.

DR. MARY WALKER A FIGURE

Old-Timers That Are Gone—A Man with Gift for Remembering Names and Faces—Elmer Burkett of Iowa.



WASHINGTON.—The opening of congress attracts cranks from all over the country as the flame of the candle attracts moths. There are a number of these eccentric geniuses with all sorts of schemes they hope to impress upon congress,

who throng the halls about the capitol, but they are all of a mild type, as the police watch carefully that no one of a dangerous character gets inside the big building. There is one human prodigy who has been about the capitol for several congresses who is known to the guides and employes as "the Elixir of Life Man." He is a venerable specimen, and carries about with him bottles of a queer-looking, reddish mixture which he claims, if properly used, will prolong life. He also asserts that this same preparation will "cause bursts of oratory and return of youth and will produce a winning personality."

This old fellow became so persistent in annoying senators last congress that he was put out of the capitol. He is back again this year. Some of the eccentric characters met with in the corridors are women. One of these is a national character, and has been looking after a bill in her own interest for several years. This is Dr. Mary Walker, who has achieved national notoriety by her persistency in dressing in male garments. She was a nurse during the civil war and now in her old age she wants Uncle Sam to grant her a pension for what she did. She looks like a little wheezed old man in a rusty black suit with long skirted coat, a standing collar and four-in-hand tie and a somewhat ancient silk hat on her head.

The "Little Statue Man."

SOME of the political cranks have crossed the "Great Divide" since congress last met. Among these was an interesting old-timer who was known as "the little statue man." For years he was a conspicuous figure on the opening day of congress. He hailed from New Jersey and had been a regular visitor at the capitol since soon after the civil war, in which he served as a sailor.

The old guides about the capitol gave this queer character the sobriquet of "the little statue man" because of his habit of frequenting Statuary hall and talking loud and earnestly to the bronze and marble statues there. He was small in stature himself, but as full of energy as a live electric wire. His favorite statue was that of Robert Fulton, the inventor of the steamboat, who is represented as holding in his hand a model of his first steamboat, on which his gaze has been intently fixed. The "little statue man" would approach the stone Fulton reverently, hat in hand, and begin talking to the statue like this:

"Ah, good morning, Robert. Still busy perfecting your little steamer, I see. But, Robert, you had better hurry your scheme along, or I will beat you, for I am thinking about inventing a ship that will both fly through the air or skim over the waters."

This little Jerseyman was also very fond of the plaster statue of Gen. Washington, which stands in Statuary hall, and which he always familiarly addressed as "George." He believed that this statue still breathes the spirit of '76, or, as the little man expressed it: "George Washington, in plaster, has been reincarnated with the patriotism of the late George Washington in the flesh and stands in this hall as a living inspiration to the American people."

Another peculiar character who is missing was a tall strapping individual known as "the Irish Mexican." His real name was Murphy, but he had given it a Mexican twist by contorting it into "Murphreerero." He could talk Spanish fluently, but with an Irish accent. He had an imaginary claim against Uncle Sam.

Senator Perkins, of California.

ENATOR PERKINS, of California, is one of the richest men in the upper house of congress. He started at the foot of the ladder, however, and when only 13 shipped on board a sailing vessel for New Orleans, and followed that calling for a number of years. He shipped "before the mast" on a sailing vessel bound for

San Francisco in 1855. On arriving there he engaged in merchandizing, and is now a multi-millionaire. He is a good politician and has a knack of remembering names. This faculty is a source of envy to some of his colleagues. The other day he met at the door of the white house a man whom he had not seen for 12 years.

"How do you do, Stone," the senator said. "You are looking better than you did the last time I saw you."

"Well, how on earth do you remember me!" cried the man. "I don't believe that you ever met me more than two or three times in your life anyway."

"Oh, it's an easy thing to remember a name or a place," replied the senator, "that is, if only you have a system. I have one but I cannot just explain how it works. It is by association, of course, as all system of memory training must be. I began studying the matter a good many years ago, and I suppose I could now sit down and name a thousand men in California and give the town and street number where each lives."

The senator then related how he had puzzled a clairvoyant once by having the latter write down the names of a hundred men which the senator gave him, and then betting him \$10 after the list had been folded up and he had been turned around several times that he could reverse the names without making a single mistake. He won the bet, simply because he had given the names of men living on a street that he knew and by beginning at the other end of the street he could reverse them in order very readily.

Baby Member of the Senate.

HE baby member of the United States senate, or the "kid," as they call him in the house, is Senator Elmer J. Burkett, of Nebraska. He is but 37 years of age, and in his life exemplifies the great possibilities that lie before every American boy. He was a farmer lad, and at the age of ten years was following the plow. This was not so difficult an operation on the prairies as it might have been among the rocks and stumps of the New England hills, but it was a pretty strenuous life for a youngster of that age. At the age of 17 he was a student in an Iowa college, where he graduated at 20. He studied law and soon went to practice and by the time he reached the age of 30 he was a member of the house of representatives.

Mr. Burkett had an opponent in his race for the senate no less a distinguished character than William Jennings Bryan. The latter had the united support of the democrats, populists and free silver republicans. There was a red-hot fight for the election of members of the legislature, and Bryan took advantage of every mistake the republicans had made since they had regained control of Nebraska, and spoke in every district in the state. His fight was unavailing, however, and Mr. Burkett found at the end of the campaign of 1904 that he had a majority of the legislature with him.

Philander Chase Knox.

GOOD many eyes are turned nowadays on the junior senator from Pennsylvania, Philander Chase Knox, attorney general of the United States under William McKinley and Theodore Roosevelt. He is looked on as a doughty litigator.

the champion of the administration's policy on the railway rate question. He has already shown that he is on the alert by being in his seat and occasionally propounding a question during the preliminary skirmish on the rate question. It is expected that Mr. Knox will give a good account of himself at this session as his service as attorney general has won for him the respect and admiration of the big lawyers in the senate.

Ordinarily a new member in the senate does not take a leading part in the proceedings of that body during his first congress, but where a man has come from a coordinate branch of the government into this great legislative body this restriction is not observed. Mr. Knox will be accorded a willing and earnest hearing whenever he takes the floor to discuss a bill. The fact is that the lawyers of that body are anxious for him to jump right into the work of the senate and take part in the proceedings on the floor.

Mr. Knox is about the smallest man in stature, with the possible exception of Spooner, of Wisconsin, there is in the senate, but is of the most polished and distinguished appearance. His fine, intellectual countenance and refined features attract the attention of the stranger at once. He is a very careful dresser and always looks as neat as though he had just come out of the tailor's hands. Mr. Knox is a devotee of golf and a great lover of fine horses. He has the best team of roadsters in the country and his love for a good horse has established a bond of friendship between him and the democratic senator from Texas, Mr. Bailey, that is liable to draw them together on matters of legislation. Mr. Bailey is a great lawyer, but he has the deepest respect for the ability of Knox, with whom he became acquainted early in the latter's term as attorney general.

Where Words were Inadequate.

The house emptied itself before the last scene, the opera being somewhat drawn out. A dowager was pushing her way out with the total disregard of other people's feelings (and toes) that marks the British aristocracy, when a man, annoyed at the onslaught, observed out loud: "The last 'bus hasn't gone yet, ma'am. No need to hurry!" If locks could kill, a coroner's inquest would have followed.—Vanity Fair.

Proud of Him.

"My grandfather was a butcher," declared Miss Sly, in the midst of a discussion on ancestry. The other girls gasped. "It's so, though," she declared. "He slaughtered lambs on Wall street."—Detroit Free Press.

He Doesn't Curse Now.

Washington, Kans., Dec. 25 (Special).—Jesse E. Mitchell is a telephone lineman, and also a well-known resident here. Everybody acquainted with Mr. Mitchell knows that he was a man who held very positive views about Patent Medicine. Hear what he says now: "I used to curse all kinds of Patent Medicines, for they never did me any good, but Dodd's Kidney Pills have caused me to change my mind. For twelve years I suffered from Kidney Trouble. There was a hurting across my back that made it positive agony to stoop, and as I am in a stopping position nearly all day, you can imagine how I suffered. After a day's work that any man would think nothing of, I would be tired and worn out. In fact, I was always tired. I began using Dodd's Kidney Pills and after taking four boxes I feel like a new man. I am as fresh at night as when I begin work in the morning. I have no pain in my back now, and I am stronger than ever."

"De average argument," said Uncle Eben, "doesn't settle nuffin'. It's jes' a contest to see who kin look de maddest an' talk de loudest."—Washington Star.

A man doesn't amount to so much unless he is able to prove it to the public.

Gilt-Edged.

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