SEEDS

## IN THE PUBLIC EYE

### CABINET'S GRAND OLD MAN



Thus far all efforts to drag James Wilson of Iowa, secretary of agriculture, into the Taft-Ballinger-Pinchot fight have been unavailing. "The grand old man of the cabinet" says nothing and saws wood

In his long years as a cabinet officer, Secretary Wilson has seen many fights. He should, and does, know by this time how to conduct himself in such matters. If President Taft calls upon Mr. Wilson for information or an explanation, he will get it. No doubt the president already has it. But the old newspaper correspondents of Washington know it is useless to try to get Mr. Wilson to enter into any controversy. He can close his mouth tighter than any man in Washington when it is necessary.

Secretary Wilson not only has the distinction of having served longer as a cabinet officer than any other man, but he has seen a procession of cabinet officers as his associates unequalled by any other man.

In the days of Albert Gallatin, who now has second place as a long term cabinet officer, there were not as many cabinet places as at present, and in

those days it was not customary to make so many changes. While Mr. Wilson has been in office, there have been five secretaries of state, John Sherman, William R. Day, John Hay, Elihu Root and Philander C. Knox. There have been four secretaries of the treasury, Lyman J. Gage, Les-C. Knox. There have been four secretaries of the treasury, Lyman J. Gage, Leslie M. Shaw, George R. Cortelyou and Franklin MacVeagh. There have been five secretaries of war, Russell A. Alger, Elihu Root, William H. Taft, Luke E. Wright and Jacob M. Dickinson. There have been five attorneys general, John W. Griggs, Philander C. Knox, William H. Moody, Charles J. Bonaparte and George W. Wickersham. There have been seven postmasters general, James A. Gary, Charles Emory Smith, Henry C. Payne, Robert J. Wynne, George B. Cortelyou, George von L. Meyer and Frank H. Hitchcock. There have been six secretaries of the navy, John D. Long, William H. Moody, Charles J. Bonaparte, Victor H. Metcalf, Truman H. Newberry and George von L. Meyer. There have been four secretaries of the interior, Cornelius N. Bliss. Ethan Allen Hitchcock, James R. Garffeld and Richard A. Ballinger. There have been four secretaries of commerce and labor, George B. Cortelyou, Victor H. Metcalf, Oscar S. Straus and Charles Nagel.

#### NAVY'S SURGEON GENERAL



Dr Charles F. Stokes, who has been appointed surgeon general of the United States navy to succeed Dr. Presley M. Rixey, retired, is one of the youngest officers of the medical corps. Although only 47 years of age, he has had considerable experience in the practice of his profession. A graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons of New York city, his earliest service was in Bellevue hospital and the New York city hospital.

In February, 1880, he was appointed an assistant surgeon in the navy, and since them has served in many important stations in all parts of the world. From 1892 to 1895 he had charge of the United States Naval hospital at Yokohama,

During the Spanish-American war he equipped and organized the medical department of the ambulance ship Solace and was senior operating surgeon on that vessel during the West Indian campaign. During the Boxer troubles, in China, and during the Philippines insurrection, he was attached to the U. S. S. Buffalo and subsequently served on the Oregon, Wisconsin and other vessels in Pacific and Asiatic waters. From 1903 until 1906 he was on duty in this city as professor of surgery in the Naval medical school and as one of the attending physicians to President Roosevelt and his family. During the next two years he commanded the United States Naval hospital at San Juan, P. R. While engaged in that duty he was summoned to Washington by the navy department and placed in command of the United States hospital ship Relief, for service with the Atlantic fleet, in its memorable cruise around the world. His detail to that command was vigorously opposed by the line officers of the navy and resulted in the resignation of Rear Admiral W. S. Brownson as chief of the bureau of navigation

### SENATOR FLINT TO RETIRE



Those persons who have been wont to call the United States senate "the Millionaire's Club, had a rude shock the other day when one of the membors of the senate issued an announcement that he will not be a candidate for re-election because he hasn't sufficient money to keep up a po-litical machine and can't afford to make the race.

The members of the senate are not all millionaires. In fact it is probable that there are fewer men who count their wealth in seven figures in the senate than there are who do. It has become a sort of understanding, however, that a man must have a million to be elected a senator.

It was Senator Frank P. Flint of California, who said he was too poor to run for election again. He said it in these words:
"It is my desire to make public at this time

my determination not to be a candidate for re-election to the office of United States senator. I reached this decision some time ago. I have delayed making public announcement of my purpose, however, in deference to the earnest request of friends in California, but I feel now that it would be unfair to myself to delay this announcement any longer.

The considerations which have led to my determination may be stated very simply. Under the primary law in the state of California, it has become a requisite essential to success that a candidate for the United States senate should have a personal political organization in every state senatorial and as-

"I have not myself the means to maintain such an organization, nor would I be willing to enter on a contest for the United States senate wherein others contributed to keep up a state-wide organization in my behalf.'

### IS ELKINS AN INSURGENT?



Has Senator Stephen B. Elkins of West Virginia become an insurgent? Has he joined the Cumimns-LaFollette ranks? Has he decided to fight the powers that be in the upper branch of congress?

These are a few of the questions being asked since the West Virginian arose in the senate several days ago and declared himself "off the reservation," because the senate finance committee reported a resolution introduced by Senator Lodge Massachusetts, providing for an investigation of the high cost of living, as a substitute for one

of the high cost of hiving, as a substitute for one offered by Mr. Elkins.

Once during the tariff battle, Mr. Elkins showed that he is not entirely satisfied to be led by the nose by certain members from New England. He got what he wanted and it was sup-ed that he would be satisfied, but it seems that the West Virginia senator

Etill has an idea that it pays to be independent.

Why shouldn't Mr. Elkins be independent? It is said that he is worth more than \$50,000,000. The question naturally is repeated time and again. Why should a man with that much money allow another man to tell him what

he should do, or what he should not do? It may be said that Mr. Elkins has not joined the insurgents. It may also be said that the insurgents would like to have him with them. With Elkins, LaFollette, Cummins, Dolliver and Beveridge fighting together, there is little question concerning how long the standpatters would hold out. It would make a fighting squad that would be hard to beat, and Aldrich is smart enough

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