## WISCONSINS AT WASHINGTON.

The Badger Stave's Handsome and Intel-loctual Body of Representatives at the National Capital-Men Who Have Made Themselves Valuable Citizens.

[Special Washington Correspondence.] The people of Wisconsin have not only a good-looking set of representatives in Congress but they are a practical hard-headed group of men. To run over the list and think of their beginning makes this fact plain. Senator Sawyer when seventeen years old bought his time, leased a sawmill and began making his large fortune. Senator Spooner's father drove overland from Indiana to Wisconsin taking his future Senator with him when he was a small boy. Congressman La Follette, the only native of Wisconsin in the delegation was born in a log house in his district. Congressman Stephenson has been a lumberman all his life. Congressman Guenther is a druggist. Clark, of the Neenah-Menasha district, is a paper-maker. Henry Smith, the Milwaukee member, is a millwright, contractor and builder. Haugen, the Scandinavian Congressman, is a stenographer when at home. Tom Hudd, the only Democrat from the Badger State used to be a printer before he became a lawyer.

The Nestor of the Wisconsin group of Senators and members is Philetus Sawyer, who is the senior Senator and has served more years in Congress than any of his colleagues. He is a hearty, hale old gentleman of seventy-one. He would make a good Santa Claus without need of disguise. His snow-white hair forms a ohevaux de pisa about a large rotund head that many years ago "went bald" as the Senator says. His beard also, is white, and the general effect of a fine rosy complexion sur-rounded by driven white is quite patriarchal. Mr. Sawyer's home is in Oshkosh, where he has a pleasant capacious mansion with a whole block laid out in grounds. What the Senator's wealth is, nobody, not even himself, knows. He is commonly supposed to be worth over three millions. Last summer he bought a little matter of 250,000 acres of timber land in Wisconsin. He was born in Vermont and



sin. Mr. Caswell has had a long experience in public life, as District Attorney, Stato Legislator and Congressman. He has had a seat in the National Legislature for eleven years. Age is silvering his dark brown hair, but Mr. Caswell is strong and healthy and does two men's work every day of his life. He is a member of the judiciary committee

Richard Guenther, the itinerant member, is the lucky man of them all. He was born with a silver spoon in his mouth in Potsdam, Prussia, forty-three years ago, and has been successful over since. He lives in Oshkosh, represents General Bragg's second district. He studied pharmaceutics in the Royal Pharmacy at Potsdam, and was keeping a drug store in 1876, when he first went into politics and was elected State Treasurer. He was re-elected, and then



sent to Congress where he has served seven years. Mr. Geenther is a happy, brilliant speaker, an active committeman and a jolly liver. The motto on his coat of arms is: "UBI BENE, IBI PATRIA," which being translated with some degree of liber-ality, means; "wherever I can have a roaring good time, there's my fatherland."

Every body knows LaFollette-Bob La Follette, to be precisely polite, for it would hurt his feelings to call him Robert. He is the youngest Wisconsin member. He was born thirty-three years ago in the blooming town of Primrose, Dane County, Wis. His wife was born near by, and the log houses where each first saw the light are still standing. Mr. La Follette graduated at the University of Wisconsin in 1879, before that having won distinction as the successful orator in a contest to which the colleges of six Western States sent representatives. He was district-attorney two terms, and is on his second term in Congress. Mrs. La Follette is a well-read lawyer herself, and like her husband, takes a keen interest in politics. Representing a "dry" district. La Follettte is able to make a sharp fight on the River and Harbor bill every year and does it skillfully.

Henry Smith, of Milwaukee, is a sort of a man without a country in this Fiftleth Con-gress. He was elected by the Knights of Labor, or, as he calls them, the Labor party. Accordingly, Mr. Smith goes into neither Republican nor Democratic party caucus, but treads the cold and narrow path between the two that just at present seems to lead nowhere in particular. Henry Smith is an almighty good fellow. He is honest. He is industrious. He means to do right. Mr. Smith will soon be fifty years old, and will go over to Baltimore, his birth-place, to celebrate the fact. His parents went to Milwaukee in 1845, and he has lived there since. He has run the whole gamut of political offices-been alderman, city comptroller, State legislator and

He wears his curling hair and beard long. This gives him a sharp resemblance to the old Roman Jupiter Pluvius, God of Rivers, which is quite appropriate for a member of the River and Harbor Committee. No sketch of Mr. Stephenson would be com-plete without mention of the fact that he is vice-president of the Congressional Prohi-bition Association. J. A. TRUESDELL.

## HE GOT THE FISH.

One of Opie Read's Good Stories of a Negro's Cunning and a White Man's Cupidity. When the recent disastrous run was

made on the Hot Springs (Ark.) bank, an old fellow who had come to town with a sack of fish, stopped on the sidewalk, and in as-tonishment viewed the excited crowd.

"What's the matter with all these folks ?" he asked of a bystander.

"Why, the bank is about to break and they want to draw out as much of the money as possible !! "If that's the case I'm in with 'em; been

looking for somethin' of this sort for some time," and dropping his sack of fish he crowded into the bank, fought his way to the cashier's window and said: "Here, Cap'n, hand her out." "Hand what out?"

"Money. Give me my share." "What is the amount of your deposit!

Where's your check?" The old fellow did not understand and the ashier continued:

"How much money did you put in here?" "Didn't put none in. What do you take me fur? Thought it was a sorter free

"Stand aside, old man !"

"Hold on. If the government is busted, why don't you divide up ?" Say, gimme ten dollars an' I'll call it squar' He was thrust aside, and finding himself.

near the door, he thought of his fish and hurried to the place where he had left them. The sack was gone. "Whar's dem fish?" he exclaimed, turn-

ing to a cripple, who, with a ghastly ex-pression, leaned on his crutches. "I don't know."

"Yes, you do know. Bet you ran away with 'em.

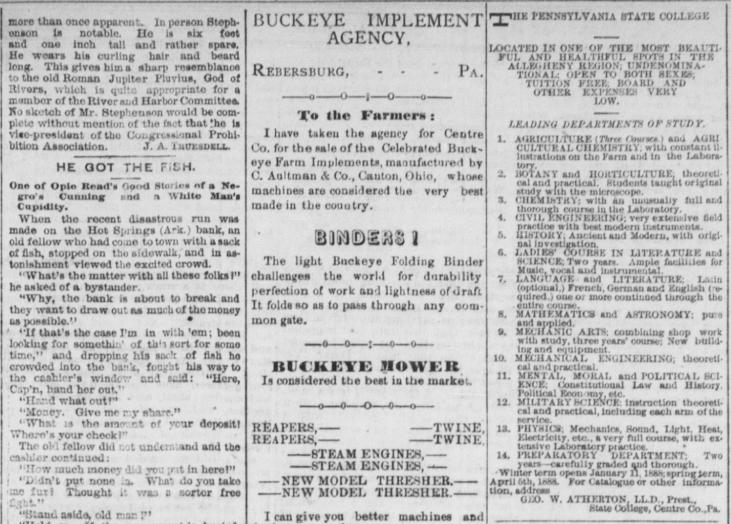
"I look like running away with any thing," sighed the poor fellow.

"Wall, it ain't your fault if you don't, an' if you wasn't a cripple I'd whale you. Any body seed a sack o' fish?" he cried. and, rushing into the street, he accused nearly everyone he met. The circuit court judge was upbraided, the county court clerk was called a thick and the leading minister of the town was rudery icrked to one side, and told that if he did not immediatesurrender the sack of fish the air would full of his tattered wardrobe.

In a tumble-down cabin, at the end of a qualld alley, sat an old negro, contemlating, with the steady eye of satisfaction, gleauning array of bass, pike, sun-fish and rgled oyed perch.

Lowd! Nelson, whar'd yor git all dem asked a woman who entered and put lown a bundle of clothes.

'De Sabier sent 'em, honoy, fur de Lawd hab dun had His eye on my appetite an' longin' fur fish fur some time. De Lawd made a white man go an' ketch 'em, chile, an' fetch 'em ter town. When de white man met me, he put down de fish an' scroughed into de bank airter money; an' I have eevery reason to beliebe dat when he come back de fish wuz gone. Dish heah transacahus wuz intended by de Lawd to sarve two pupposes: One puppose was to satisfy an old servant's appertite, an' de udder wux ter show er white man de vanity of leabin' what de



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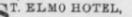
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1. HUDD. 2. CASWELL. 3. CLARK. 4. GUENTHER. 5. LA FOLLETTE. 6. THOMAS. 7. SMITH. 8. STEPHENSON. 9. HAUGEN. is a great friend of Senator Edmunds. In his daily life Senator Sawyer is a delightfully practical amiable man. He is best described as a motherly old man. He helps everybody who has the slightest claim on his sympathy. "I don't know how much I give away," he one day said to me, "but I can guess at it. I know my income and expenses; the rest I give away. Last year it was over \$25,000 outside of what I gave in

a fine large mansion on I street which he leases for his Senatorial term. He is now building a house to cost about \$100,000 for his daughter, Mrs. White, who presides over his household, Mrs. Sawyer being an invalid.

Senator Spooner is the orator in the Badger delegation. He is one of the most formidable debaters in the Senate and his periods carry not only crushing conviction but are brilliant in imagery and terse and compact in style. He is a hative of Indiana, born in 1843. The war came on just as he was passing out of his boyhood and he enlisted. He rose to be colonel and with more years and a favorable environment might have made a soldier of renown, for he has an essentially strategic mind and is a born fighter. Your first impression of him and the most natural one is that he is a man of reserved force, terribly in earnest. His education was secured in the university of Wisconsin and he is now a regent of that institution. To look at Senator Spoonor and realize that he has been a successful lawyer for twenty years is not easy. He has had many large fees and when he came to the Senate was receiving fifteen thousand dollars a year. Mrs. Spooner makes the Senator's home one of the most socially pleasant to be found at the Capital. The Senator's three boys are pursuing their studies in Washington.

The leader of the delegation in the House is Lucien Bonaparte Caswell. He has been In Wisconsin over fifty years, having gone there from Vermont when he was ten years old. He studied law with Matt Carpenter

my own family." Senator Sawyer occupies



there are 10,000 Norwegians in Mr. Haugen's district he is practically a life member. Isaac Stephenson's first name among his friends is lke. He comes of hardy Scotch stock and had the courage to be born on the bleak and sterile shores of Nova Scotla. That was as long ago as 1829, and . yet Mr. Stephenson is a young man. In fact he is getting younger every day. He has been farmer, humberman and banker, and is now

a millionaire. He is serving out his third term and is likely to be an inmate of the House as long as he will consent to be reelected. He is the Nerthwestern repre-sentative on the Committee on Rivers and