

# WASHINGTON GOSSIP

## Handling of White House Mail Is Gigantic Task



WASHINGTON.—Silent, smooth, efficient is the business force in the office of the nation's chief executive at the White House. The total business staff, including ushers, messengers and so on, numbers little more than 40. And the modest one-story office annex of the White House does not contain more than a fraction of the floor space occupied by many a large corporation.

Handling the White House mail is one of the heaviest responsibilities of the business force there. It is doubtful if there is any other place where the incoming mail varies so tremendously from day to day. In addition, there is a rule that every letter addressed to the president shall be acknowledged from the White House, even though it is referred to some government department.

There is also a rule also to the effect that every letter received must be answered within 24 hours unless exceptional circumstances make this impossible. This policy of promptness taxes the resources of the White House business establishment when, as sometimes happens, the daily receipts jump

## Mann Said He Knew What All the Bills Meant

AMES R. MANN of Illinois, Rep.

public leader in the house, bears the reputation of knowing more than any other man in the house about the legislation before that body. He has the well-established reputation for being ready and able to talk on any subject at any time.

In the midst of one of the long night sessions near the close of the last congress some one proposed that the "private calendar" should be taken up, and that minor bills pending should be passed under suspension of the rules.

"I object," shouted one member.

"No man in the house knows what these different bills are!"

Mr. Mann, who was standing, reached into his desk and pulled out two big bundles. Holding them up, he said:

"Here are all the bills on the private calendar and all the bills referred to those bills. I will tell you all and I know what each one means!"

Before the congress ended, Mr. Mann's colleagues in the house presented him with a costly watch, the presentation speech being made by "Uncle Joe" Cannon, and seconded by Speaker Clark.



"It gives me great pleasure," said "Uncle Joe" amid the laughter of the house, "to present you with a stop watch."

During one of the lively debates near the end of the session a controversy arose as to who was "entitled to the floor." Speaker Clark tried to straighten it out, and in the midst of the discussion Representative Moore of Pennsylvania interrupted:

"Is not the present parliamentary situation this, that the gentleman from Chicago (Mr. Mann) has been caught asleep at the switch?"

"The chair is not going to rule that the gentleman from Chicago ever got caught asleep at the switch," replied Speaker Clark.

## Horseless Age Near, Is the View of Experts



I EXPECT to live to see the day when the keeping of horses in Washington will be prohibited, and that the time is near when the keeping of pigs has been, and the keeping of cows greatly restricted." This is a statement made by C. G. Bell, one of the experts of the department of agriculture. Mr. Bell believes that Washington is a much cleaner city because of the introduction of automobiles, and that the tendencies of the day is to eliminate horses in cities and restrict them to the country.

According to figures published by the department of agriculture, horse breeding is about the worst paying business that any one can go into. Inquiries were sent to 10,000 correspond-

ents and the average for the cost of raising a colt to three years old was taken as \$100. The cost of raising the animal for feed, feed, veterinary bills and breaking the cost of raising a colt to three years old, even when making allowance for the farm work he does up to that age, is \$90.54. The selling price—average \$136.77. This is making no allowance for the mares that do not produce foals.

Men of the division of animal husbandry who are co-operating with the experts in raising horses in the cavalry, say that the only help that may be given to the cavalry is that the government free service and the price of \$150 paid by the army for three-year-olds helps out the average somewhat. Mr. Bell was discussing the matter said:

"While I think the government ought to do something to help the cavalry, I do not think it could be done under the circumstances. I certainly should not advise any one to go out and buy a lot of mares for the purpose of raising horses and selling them. There is a question that the automobile is hurting the horse business."

Port Huron—H. Samuel Burroughs, a veteran of 100 wars and living in Detroit, will deliver the memorial address to the veterans of Port Huron.

Pontiac—The board of supervisors appropriated \$1,000 for the Pontiac, May 9. The board of supervisors appropriated \$1,000 for the work of the county road commissioners appointed. The commissioners will be allowed \$45 a day for actual service and are authorized to engage all the help and assistance necessary in mapping out a place of county road improvement.

Albion.—The grand officers of the Order of Eastern Star met here. They were the guests of grand confraternities. Mrs. Ruth Bangham, at a luncheon at her home, the "Royal O. S. S. Lodge," informed the work that was put out. Officers from all parts of the state attended the meeting.

Iron Mountain—After forty-seven years of separation, John Death, veteran of the Civil War, arrived from St. Louis, Mo., to visit his sister, Mrs. John Colt of Iron Mountain.

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## She Thought "Ze House Zey Tek Things So Calm"

J. SPEIGHT, clerk to the house committee on judiciary, is not at all the serious young man that any one would take him to be. Not at all. In spite of the fact that Speight sits in a room, which probably is worth more money than all the halls the continental congresses ever dreamed of, and in spite of the fact that he is steeped in the lore of trust investigations, judicial secrets, possible constitutional amendments, impeachment trials and Alatama politics, Mr. Speight is always ready to fall.

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## WOLVERINE NEWS BREVITIES

Bay City.—A meeting of a large number of boosters for the Huron Shore good roads project in the Northeastern Michigan Development Association was held at the "Bea" with the purpose of getting the day when farmers and other interested land owners on the line of the road from Bay City to Mackinaw will join hands in improving the Huron Shore road, that great highway which is planned to connect Bay City and Mackinaw and which will follow the lines of Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron. The road will pass through the country of Bay, Arenac, Ogemaw, Iosco, Alpena, Alpena, Presque Isle and Cheboygan.

Menominee—Daggett, in Menominee county, was threatened when fire swept a business block. The Daggett hotel is reduced to ashes. The hotel is a landmark built in 1879, and was owned by Leisen & Hemes Brewing company, Menominee, and was leased by Herman Wurtzel, who was about to remove to Menominee to manage the National hotel. The loss of the building was about \$8,000 with \$2,000 of the furniture. A strong wind caused anxiety for the safety of the town. Fire fighters from neighboring towns assisted in subduing the conflagration.

Bay City—George Laplante and Harry Richardson, firemen, are suffering from injuries sustained in fires here. Fire Chief Crampont had a narrow escape in the fire when Richardson was hurt. The two were on the roof of the De Young's store in Brooks when the floor gave way. The chief landed safely, but his companion was buried in the debris. He escaped with only minor bruises and cuts. Laplante sustained a badly cut hand by falling glass. The losses total about \$5,000.

Flint—According to word received from Lansing an order was issued by Governor Ferry to pardon the Jackson prison Robert McComb, who was sent from this city in 1890 and given a life sentence for murdering John Irvin. The pardon is on condition that McComb report satisfactorily to the warden for the next five years. McComb shot Irvin as the latter was walking through the Grand Trunk yards on the evening of August 12, 1897, on his way home from work.

Grand Rapids—The coroner's jury in the inquest over Mrs. Josephine Balicki, who was shot and killed by her husband, Martin, returned a verdict holding Balicki responsible for the slaying. Pauline Malle and Ignat Kujawinski, eye witnesses, have been placed in the farm of John Martin, who is serving a 10-year sentence at the state prison.

Port Huron—Eight young women have just been graduated as professional nurses from the nurses training school in this city. They are: Miss Elliot, Point Edwards; Miss Brown, Sombra; Miss Zimmer, Columbus; Miss James, Winona; Miss Shafter, Sarnia; Miss Murphy, Elizabeth; Miss Wells, Wyandotte; Miss Stodd, Sarnia.

St. Joseph.—The first woman ever charged with illegally selling liquor in this county, Mrs. Louis Keyworth, was bound over to the circuit court. She is seventy years of age. According to the police who raided her home, Mrs. Keyworth conducted a regular saloon, and disposed liquors to callers.

Jackson—Ninety lodges of the I. O. F. of southern Michigan will hold their annual anniversary at the Oddfellows' home grounds in this city on August 6. It is expected the meeting will be attended by 3,000 members of the order and their families.

Coldwater—Henry Butcher, a Civil War veteran, is dead, aged seventy-five. He was one of the first white children born in Branch county and the first in Girardville. He served two years in the First Michigan Light Artillery.

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Dr. Albert W. Kahl, of Buffalo, N. Y., says: "I have used Castoria in my practice for the past 25 years. I regard it as an excellent medicine for children."

Dr. Gustave A. Elsengreuber, of St. Paul, Minn., says: "I have used your Castoria repeatedly in my practice with good results and can recommend it as an excellent, mild and harmless remedy for children."

Dr. E. J. Dennis, of St. Louis, Mo., says: "I have used and prescribed your Castoria in my sanitarium and outside practice for a number of years and find it to be an excellent remedy for children."

Dr. S. A. Buchanan, of Philadelphia, Pa., says: "I have used your Castoria in the case of my own baby and find it pleasant to take, and have obtained excellent results from its use."

Dr. J. E. Simpson, of Chicago, Ill., says: "I have used your Castoria in cases of colic in children and have found it the best medicine on the market."

Dr. R. E. Eskildson, of Omaha, Neb., says: "I find your Castoria to be a standard family remedy. It is the best thing for infants and children I have ever known and I recommend it."

Dr. L. R. Robinson, of Kansas City, Mo., says: "Your Castoria certainly merit. It is not age, its continual use by mothers through all their years, and the many attempts to imitate it in efficient recommendation?"

Dr. Edwin F. Pardee, of New York City, says: "For several years I have recommended your Castoria and shall always continue to do so, as it has invariably produced beneficial results."

Dr. N. B. Sizer, of Brooklyn, N. Y., says: "I object to what are called patent medicines, where maker alone knows what ingredients are put in them, but I know the formula of your Castoria and advise its use."

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