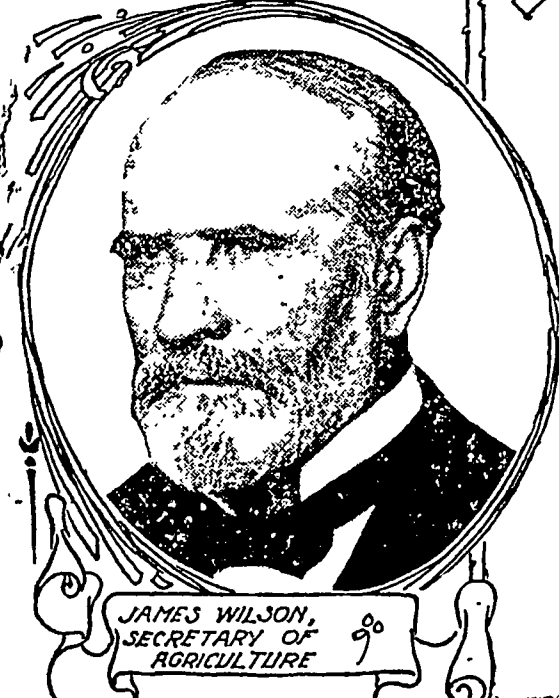


The Diversions of the Cabinet Officers

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R.C. KNOX, SECRETARY OF STATE, MAKING A DRIVE



JAMES WILSON, SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

THE members of President Taft's cabinet have a new room in which to meet, and it is so located that they have complete privacy not only on the days when the cabinet is in session, but when, as department chiefs,

they wish to talk with the president without being obliged to wait their turns with senators, representatives and the private citizens of the land, who under the new arrangement are given a waiting room of their own.

Mr. Taft's cabinet forms what might be called a legal family. Most of the members are lawyers of the first rank, and it is an open secret that they were selected because of their high ability. There are no longer books on literature and books on general history subjects in the office library of the White House. New book shelves have been put in and on them are hundreds of the brownish-red covered volumes which between the law book. It is said that cabinet meetings these days take on the semblance of a consultation of lawyers. As an example of this it may be said that one day the president in talking to some newspaper correspondents said that no matter what subject was broached in the cabinet room at that time the thoughts of everyone went from the suggested subject to the matter of the strengthening of the anti-trust laws.

What the president said at that time is practically true of most of the present sessions of the cabinet, for it is known that while Mr. Taft is anxious to carry out the Roosevelt policies, he was buttressed with the law so that no constitutional flaws can be found in them by means of which after the best intentions on the part of the legislators, the guilty might find a means of escape.

It must not be supposed for an instant that because most of Mr. Taft's cabinet members are lawyers, they have no avocations in life to turn them aside frequently from their vocations. Take the ranking member of the cabinet for instance, Philander Chase Knox. The secretary of state is a devotee of the outdoor life, and is no less active in open air pursuits than was President Roosevelt, though it is true that Mr. Knox does not care for the pursuit of game nor for the study of natural history.

The secretary of state, when he is not discussing matters with the president, or is not engaged straightening out international tangles, is ethically playing golf or driving a pair of fast, spirited horses. There are few more ardent lovers of "the noble horse" than Secretary Knox. He rides occasionally and he is not averse to taking a five-mile gallop if his mount is a jumper, and if the gate happens in his way. The secretary's chief delight is driving. On his Pennsylvania farm near Valley Forge, the scene of the awful winter which was passed by the continental army under George Washington, Mr. Knox has many horses of approved pedigree, and many dairy animals also of noted forbears.

Franklin MacVeagh, the secretary of the treasury, who is the second ranking officer in Mr. Taft's cabinet, is a merchant, although in early days he studied law. Mr. MacVeagh is not given particularly to the strenuous life as it is viewed generally. He is much of a walker and has a taste of nature which leads him afield on many a fine, but for games, and for shooting, the secretary cares little.

near Dublin, New Hampshire, the treasury has a country home and there on the rocky



GEORGE W. WICKERSHAM, ATTORNEY-GENERAL



CHARLES NAGEL, SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND LABOR

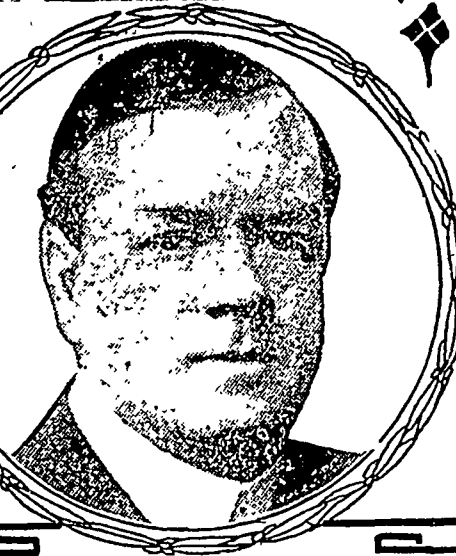
soil he brings his best efforts to bear to cultivate a garden. The secretary has read the story written by Mrs. Theodore Thomas, the widow of the great orchestra leader, a story which told how she made a successful garden on the rock-bound hills of the north. Mr. MacVeagh has profited by the reading and while his garden perhaps is not equal to that planned and cultivated by Mrs. Thomas, it contains many of the flowers of the kind that make pleasant what people are given to call old fashioned gardens.

Mr. Taft consults his treasury chief about economies in government. It was Mr. MacVeagh who was asked as soon as Mr. Taft took office, to provide ways and means to save money in the different departments. The merchant cabinet member had the advantage of a long business training, and it did not take him long to discover that it was possible to save many thousands of dollars by putting business methods in effect in the different bureaus of government. It was found for instance, that a good many bureaus of the departments were in the habit of purchasing their supplies independently. The result of this was that some of them were paying much more money for some articles than was being paid by others. Reform in purchase methods has come and it has come also in many other lines, the net result being that Uncle Sam's pocketbook is being saved a good many thousands of dollars yearly.

Jacob M. Dickinson, the secretary of war in Mr. Taft's cabinet, is a southern man and a Democrat. It may seem a little curious at first thought, but it is a fact that the army officers in the main, are glad that a southerner is the chief of the war department. Despite the attitude of some Democratic southern members of congress on army questions generally, the southerners feel kindly toward the officers and men of the service. There is something in the military life that appeals to them, and while the official southern Democrats generally are outspoken against what they call the danger of a great standing army, the military establishment as it is has their sympathy always, and their support frequently.

The secretary of war comes from that section of the country where everybody loves horses, and he is no exception to the rule. He is a golf player also, and this fact perhaps makes him appeal to Mr. Taft's sympathies just as much as does the fact that the secretary is a great lawyer. Secretary Dickinson is not serving in Washington in an official capacity for the first time. Years ago he was the assistant attorney general during the last 24 months of the Cleveland administration, and he was counsel for the government afterward in the matter of the settlement of the Alaskan boundary dispute.

When the president has a particularly knotty problem in legislation on hand and needs to study it from a legal standpoint, he goes over it himself first, just as a judge on the bench does with submitted evidence, forms his own opinion, and then calls in the "supreme court" of his cabinet which is composed of the great lawyers, Knox, Dickinson, Wickersham, Nagel and Ballinger. It is possible that Mr. Taft depends just as much upon the legal opinion of his secretary of war as he does upon that of his attorney general. At any rate the war secretary is accounted by Mr. Taft



FRANK H. HITCHCOCK, POSTMASTER-GENERAL

as one of the legal lights of the United States.

If an account were kept it seems likely that the visits paid to the White House by George W. Wickersham, the attorney general, would be found to outnumber those paid by any other cabinet official. Mr. Wickersham is in charge of the prosecution of the law breakers which the government is carrying forward, and the attorney general knows, as the country knows, that the legal opinion of the president is worth while. Mr. Wickersham, when he was first mentioned for a



FRANKLIN MACVEAGH, SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY

cabinet position was called by the press of the country the great unknown. Mr. Wickersham is no longer unknown. His position as the attorney for the United States in all its civil and criminal proceedings keeps him constantly in the light.

The attorney general looks like a student. Lawyers say of him that he has one of the keenest and most analytical minds known to the profession. Mr. Wickersham cares very little for the outdoor life and perhaps he is a man who by temperament would not have appeared in the least to a president like Theodore Roosevelt, but the attorney general has diversions which occupy his leisure hours, and they are diversions, of which, unquestionably the country will approve. He is interested in the welfare of at least a dozen charitable organizations and one of his beliefs is that "He gives twice who gives quickly." Mr. Wickersham is immensely interested in the welfare of the blind. He is a director of a great New York institution which cares for and educates children who have lost their sight.

Frank H. Hitchcock, who is Mr. Taft's postmaster general, is a bachelor, devoted to the outdoor life, a lover of birds and beasts and a student of nearly every branch of natural history. Not only is the postmaster general a student of nature, but he has done an immense amount of work along scientific lines.

Three years ago last summer the writer of this article went to Oyster Bay, the home of President Roosevelt. Mr. Hitchcock was there also, and several hours were spent in his company in the grounds outlying the former president's home. There is a deep wood just beyond the Roosevelt lawn and garden, and from the wood on that summer day there came constantly, songs of birds, many different species singing one after the other. Many of the notes that were heard were those of different members of the little warbler family, birds whose notes are so similar that it is impossible for any except the most sensitive ear to differentiate between them. Mr. Hitchcock identified one bird after another simply by hearing its song. Once on a time the postmaster general classified 10,000 birds for a museum of natural history with which he was connected. One of the ties between the present postmaster general and former President Roosevelt was their common love of nature.

Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger has few diversions except that of golf. Mr. Ballinger was born in Iowa 50 years ago, and nearly all his life has been spent in some part of the west.

When James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, was asked once what his diversion was he answered, "farming." This idea of diversion is one that is held largely by men who combine the love of nature with agricultural instinct.

One of Mr. Wilson's diversions is story telling. They say in Washington that if his homely sayings could be gathered and put into a book, the reader would get a fund of humor and wisdom combined.

When Charles Nagel, Mr. Taft's secretary of commerce and labor, is not engaged in the work of his department he is thinking over matters of education and art. Mr. Nagel is to some extent a devotee of the outdoor life, but he is prone to giving much of his time to the study of matters pertaining to the schools.

Taking Mr. Taft's cabinet all in all it is just about as human a body of men as can be gathered together. There is an impression prevalent that the members of this Washington official family are rather of what Walter Scott calls, "the dry-as-dust" material, but there has been a misunderstanding apparently concerning the nature of these advisers of the president. They know their law and they know their agriculture and their finance, but while they know how to study they also know how to play, but not one of them knows how to play one whit better than does their chief, who is about as jolly a man personally as the United States has yet produced.



BOY TORTURED BY ECZEMA

"When my boy was six years old, he suffered terribly with eczema. He could neither sit still nor lie quietly in bed, for the itching was dreadful. He would irritate spots by scratching with his nails and that only made them worse. A doctor treated him and we tried almost everything, but the eczema seemed to spread. It started in a small place on the lower extremities and spread for two years until it very nearly covered the back part of his leg to the knee.

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Her Mistake.
A lady overtook a little girl of her acquaintance on her way to school. "Do you like decimals, my dear?" she asked.
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