CAPITAL'S PETTY GRAFTS

PERQUISITES OF BIG OFFICIALS. Practices, Many of Which Are Time-Honored, That Smooth the Way, Though They Cost Money—Alaska a Fertile Field—Mr. Loeb and His Carriage—Sale of Cotton Statistics —Temptation Afforded by Naval Junkets—The Treasury's Clipping Bureau—The Franking Privileges.

By GEORGE ROBERT AGNEW.

Washington, Aug. 29.-Congressen and Senators are not the only officeholders in Washington who enloy a lot of perquisites at the exse of the people. Federal officeholders generally, of the higher grades, are in a position to get much for nothing. The way is open to petby grafting, and some of the officials find it early in their career. Some of the "perquisites," which are really small grafts, more or less questionable, have the respect that comes of It would be a difficult great age. task to root them out, if an extraordinary Congress should be so dispos-With the usual Congress, which is only too glad to have its share of the soft things of life, it is out of the question to suppose that it will put a stop to the soft snaps enjoyed by Federal officials.

What is nicer after a hard winter. than a trip to Europe, with all ex-penses paid? Many officeholders seem to think nothing is so pleasant. The hugologist-in-chief of the Agricultural Department, for instance, hears of a new, strange worm in Egypt, and in the pleasant springtime he arranges to take his wife and go on a hunt for the reptile. The hunt is tedious and tortuous, and leads up the Nile, across to Sicily and Greece, and back through the Riveria and France. The people pay the Sometimes the worm is captured and sometimes the trip bears no further fruit than an elaborate rewith photographs of along the nile, and a sprinkling of biological terms.

ALASKA A FERTILE FIELD.

The agricultural and geological mysteries of Alaska have a great charm to the scientific corps in Washington-in summer. No. ever heard of a scientist Washington in winter. But when Potomac turns to muddy vapor, and horses don their coquettish bonnets. and frolics with polar bears until it is safe to return to Washington Of course, I'ncle Sam pays the bill. would not be right to subject scien- ington. wammer. are capable of withstanding heats of July," to use Senator Hale's phrase.

Cabinet officers, if they are intunities ready-made gers" who were kept busy hocing the set him to work as press agent. efers to let somebody else cite side of things.

and carriages has been largely bur- tacked by the newspapers.

LOEB HAS HIS CARRIAGE

Of course, the President's sourcesages to the Capital, does not have to foot it up Pennsylvania avenue not what it took to be

High ametals in the departments do not say much about the flower. and fruit graft. They are modest retiring fellows, and they don't care for cheap notoriety. They would be envied, naturally, if they were known to enjoy free of cost the choicest. roses, chrysanthemums, orchids, etc. from the government gardens, as vell as rare plants, bulbs and import ed shrubs and trees. They do not care to discuss the backets of grapes; with the bloom still upon them which may be delivered doors from the government propagating gardens. The penetral peners, guavas, applies quitnes and various other fruits grown at the people's expense are all year piece but they would rather do without them, presumably, than to have the matter govsiped about. They do not sock the ency of their has formate fellowdizers who are formal to pay for what they cut. So there is not much said about these things in Washington. Even when a tlabeled deflerer boxes up several bandred deflars' worth of government plants and shrubs and sends them to his Westera home for transplanting, the matter attracts little attention | Possibly the public is bury discussing the case of the Congressman who was so mahis laundry home under his frank.

Western port had sent a billiard vinced the Congressmer, that by the absordity of the graft, but be- without him.

smuggled through the mails. No inmilling of other things, and it is Congressman or govern-

of the most remunerative lar chord. expense.

but it still flourishes like a green bay tree. Some scientific gentlemen who are paid good salaries, and who exploit to the fullest the prestige of being connected with the government. have been in the habit of writing up the results of their investigations and selling the product to magazines and newspapers. When the scientific gent can get an assignment for the summer to some pleasant, far-away place, with all expenses and salary paid, and is then able to take his employer's time in winter writing up the results of his summer's studies, which he sells at good figures on ac count of his official standing, it constitutes a very neat graft, indeed. MERELY SOLD COTTON STATIS-

TICS. It was the discovery of a graft on this order which raised such a rumpus in the Department of Agriculture a year ago. An expert who had access to the government crop reports made a little deal with a Wall street friend and sold this information for a lump sum and a flyer in the mar-No one knows how much monev he made before he was stopped. was dismissed from the government service and might have fared badly if Congress had not forgotten formallty of enacting a law to punish such rascality. As it was, he fared very well, being allowed to depart with the money he had made.

The railroads are very good to the higher government officials. It is extensive alterations having been unnecessary to mention the sumptuous free train always furnished to the President. That has been abolished. since the \$25,000 appropriation was made for the President's traveling expenses, and it would be les majeste call it a graft, anyhow. officials are pretty well treated. Treasury official, in particular, is on the road most of the time. times in a private car. He is reckoned a poor man, and so far as known, he has not turned in an ex-Define account his road fare and special cars. So it is his outing differs greatly from some presumed that the downtrodden corporations have been imposed upon nguin.

clever little piece of work exe cuted by another high treasury ficial was to go to Alaska or, official business and then, after reaching the one Territory at government expense leaving grant himself leave of absence for a couple of months while he looked the asphalt begins to squirm, and the lafter his mining claims and other investments. When he was ready to ome home he merely put an end to the scientist hies to the Muir glacier, his leave of absence, when he became, of course, a government official again and was ex-officio entitled It to free transportation back to Wash-This government official tists to the scorching Washington was greatly envied by his less clever Only department clerks associates when the trick was "the plained to them on the quiet. PRESS AGENT GAME BLOCKED

Congress and the newspapers last clined to graft at all, find the oppor- winter heartlessly exposed and killed Their unders what promised to be one of the pretlings take dellight in showing them thest little grafts in the government their "perquisites." A Cabinet officer service. This was the "press agetn" need not hire a coachman, a footman game. The isthmian canal commisor a chauffeur, unless he chooses. If sion originated it, and the idea was he is a little easy in such matters, he so fetching that it bade fair to spread will find such servants at his elbow, to every department of the governsmiling and ready, and drawing their ment. The canal commission, smartpay from the Treasury. Formerly it ing under the criticism of the press, was common to see met, carried on hired a gentleman at \$10,000 a year the rolls as "clerks" and "messen- gave him the title of "historian," and garden, currying the horses, driving was his duty to offset the press rethe wife and baby, waiting on the tar ports by reseate stories of work at ble, doing the marketing, and other- Panama; to meet newspaper men wise smoothing the thorny path of and give them the right "steer" as of course, no to what was going on in Panama and such horrible examples can be cited otherwise to see that the public got newadays or if they can, the writer from Panama only the bright, sweet of course the press lagent was required to defend the The pleasant graft of free horses commission when it was brutally at-

talled by Congress, which, finding. This novel plan of using the peo- it is thought there will be no advance Congressmen, indignantly was introduced by former railroad many that Sherman will advance at our down upon this luxury of men, who testified before the Con-once on Columbia, in force." put its foot down upon this luxury of men, who testified before the Conthe office-holding class Until recent- gress committee that press agents ly the assistant secretaries sported were indispensible in all big corporatheir own carriages or commandeers tion enterprises, and they did not see ed those of their superiors when they any difference in the case of the govwere out of town. They do no yel, ernment. They thought \$10,000 a once in a while, but as a rule the year was well expended if the press horse-and-carriage perquisite is consugent succeeded in convincing the public that the commission was alwave right and doing the right thing:

tary has a spanking little rig at his partnerly of the government were serter. beck and call and the President's about to adopt the brilliant "press assistant secretary, who carries mest agent blea when Congress squelched touck B the thing. The President hand too and nominated Mr. Elshop But the good sold carriage graft is the press agent in question, to be a member of the commission and its secretary at a higher salary than behad been receiving as press agent Congress, however, failed to confirm this nontination, and Mr. Bishop has subsequently been left off the com-He remains its secretary, but his usefulness as press agent is obsenred, if not editord.

The early discouragement of the "prove agent" graft by Congress was great disappointment; to several who saw in it an admothed of counters ting painfully frank cittleban. If each executive department had a good lively press agent, there would be a much more cheerful view of the situation Washington. Thus, of course, sould reassure the people throughout the country, and the national health would be correspondingly benefited The greatest factor of American nor vousne -- and dyspepsia is worry. The press agent plan would have prevented worry and substituted a halcon and reseate assurance (ifficial circles are not at all pleased with the officiousness of Fongress in this mat-

TREASURY'S CLIPPING BUREAU Perhaps the nearest approach to a press agent in the government service is the Treasury clerk who goes fortunate as to be abstrated sending through the newspapers and digests them for Secretary Shaw, who has from a physician, and a lengthy ad-BILLIARD TABLE IN MAILS no time to read the papers. This vertisement setting forth the merits territory without paying a visit to his negtonians laughed when it was discussed by the inquisitive ingtonians laughed when it was discussed by the inquisitive of "Southern Hepactic Pills."

She Merely Wanted Bill. table through the mails without pay- Treasury press clerk was a useful ining postage, under the government stitution, and that the Treasury would The laugh was caused, not be handicapped. If not disabled, saidly of the graft, but be without him. So an appropriation cause the officers had been so clam- was made for him last winter and he sy as to be found out. There is now a permanent attache. He

nothing abourd, of course, in sending goes through the papers-which are a billiard table through without de- paid for by the government, of course -and picks out whatever he thiks When the playful insinuation was the Secretary and his assistants would made last winter that cows were sent like to read. If a newspaper should through the mails under congression- say something nice about the Treasal franks, the Congressmen thought ury, for instance, this clerk would was time to call a halt, and actu- clip the article and send it to the Secally made an "investigation" of the retary by one of the force of messen-The cows could not be pro- gers placed at his disposal. Or if anand the committee triumph- other paper should declare that Secantly reported that the charge was retary Shaw's boom for the Prest-So it is officially estab- deacy was waxing big or that his baseless. So it is omerany estable dency was wanted that cows, at any rate, are not speeches were mighty fine, the article would be clipped and sent to the Secgation has been made regarding retary-"government free, of course -wherever he might be speaking. unreasonable to presume that ev- Thus the Secretary is kept in consing except cows can be sent stant touch with the public sentiment of the country, and is better able to make speeches that strike the popu-

of the scientific branches is Everybody knows, of course, how le of information gathered at naval vessels are used as "perquisthered at naval vessels are used as "perquis-President ites" of the officials who are fortu-

nate chief of the army and navy, has no trouble in securing an appropriate vessel for family outings, and occasions of ceremony, and there is no public protest against this use of government. ernment property.

NAVAL JUNKETS ARE TEMPTING. Sometime, however, there is a litof the Assistant Secretaries of the Navy finds that an inspection tour of the navy yards is necessary/to tone up his health, and takes a big naval vessel for his conveyance. These inspection trips are nothing more than costly junkets at the expense of the Treasury. The navy yards are so temptingly located, however, near fashionable summer resorts that the average Assistant Secretary has not the moral courage to resist the temp-

tation. One of the junkets that has met with universal approbation, costly as it is, is the trip of the Secretary of State around South America. expense of this trip will, be quite large, but the object aimed at is so important, and tSecretary Root is so obviously the only man who can accomplish it, that the use of government funds in this connection is uni-The versally approved. cruiser Charlestor, upon which the Secretary and his family are traveling, is one of the finest versels in the navy. It was specially arranged for the trip, made in the admiral's quarters, which are occupied by the Root family. one begrudges this junket as one of the perquisites of Secretary Root, After all, it is no small tax upon his strength to pass from arctic to tropic weather and back, braving the pamperos of the River Plata, running the gauntlet of Magellan, and risking the infection of disease at such unhealthy ports as Rio and Guayaquil. It is certain that Secretary Root did not arrange this junket for the pleasure it would afford. In this respect of those enjoyed by other officiaus at the people's expense.

AN INTERESTING RELIC.

Old Copy of The Catawba Journal, Published at Charlotte in 1865, Stirs Memories-Has Tribute to Gen. Johnston and Account of Capt. W. Ardrey's Marriage-A Dearth of Advertising.

The Observer has recently permitted, through the courtesy of a friend, to examine an old North Chrdina newspaper, in which was printed much that is interesting now because of the memories inspired. The paper is The Catawba Journal, dated Tuesday morning, February 1865, published at Charlotte. 14th. age, has this paragraph among its

'Our gallant and worthy man, Brig. Gen. Robert B. Johnston, is at present sojourning in our city upon a short furlough. The public is well aware of the noble services rendered by this efficient officer many of our bloodiest battlefields Leaving home at the commencement of our struggle as a captain, he by hard fighting and skill as a soldier, won the position he now fills so honorably to his native State."

Another interesting item, under the heading "From Below," which is cred-ited to "Chronicle and Sentinel, "Chronicle -what "Chronicle and Sentinel

is not stated-is as follows: "It is stated that a portion of Sher-an's army cut the Carolina Railman's army cut the road just below Williston yesterday, and proceeding down the road tearing it up as they proceeded. It is stated that both Blackwell and Barnwell Court House have been burned Blackwell is forty-seven miles Augusta by the railroad. Barnwell Court House is eight miles this side.

Another item, in the form of a lates the unusual death of a deserter from the army in a cave twenty miles west of Charlotte. According to the of the communication, a son of the deserter took him food and coal fuel and returning later found fumes from the coal fire t baint had lighted had suffocated the de-

The burning of the court house at Asheville on the morning of the 28th of January is related as a live item, as is the fact that Gen. John C. Breckcorridge had entered upon his duties as Secretary of War on the 7th instant. In another column the odium of Yankee rule in the city of Savannah is commented upon, and the action of the commander there, Gen. in compelling a Savannah belle, who declined to walk under the stars and stripes, to "promenade up and down under the hateful symbol for an hour, as a warning to similar offenders." Another live news item is this:

10th inst., near where his negroes usry will be spent in Chicago and in were cutting down a tree on new February and March he will dait illi-He saw a dog lying by the nois and lowa.

d thinking the animal in In a letter to Don, O. Shelton. ground. of the branches of the

F. Ardrey, company K, 30th N. C. troops, to Miss Mag M. Robinson, daughter of Wm. P. Robinson." This interesting relic, of 8 pages, prints just a little over a column of advertisements, and carries among them a few runaway slave announcethe card of Lincolnton Femonts male Seminary, "for the spring ses-sion of 1865," a small announcement

She Merely Wanted Bill.

Dundee Advertiser. A dear old lady who had never the pontoon in a dazed fashion, she was hustled into a boat by an entertaining boatman, and before she had recovered from her astonish hent found herself by the side of the Vic-

Looking up in awe at the imposing hulk, she spied a sallor's face beaming at her from a porthole. Immediately light dawned on her puzzled brain, and she yelled out: "Is this the navy?

Yes, mum," was the apologetic reply, "Then tell our Bill I wants 'lm," she commanded.
"Your Bill?" wonderingly queried

"Yes, my Bill-he's in the navy," was the lucid reply.

Smart Set.
Cholly—The dentist had a terrible time filling my tooth.
Barcasmus—Probably the cavity extended right up into your head.

RISH PARTY HAS WON VICTORY other of the Present Situation in igland Will be a Demand for a rilament for Scotland—Noted cthodist Preacher Coming to the stee—The King's Visit to Gerany—The Outlook in Russia Not comising—Camibals in Natal.

BY STUDDERT CAMPBELL

Aug. 29.-The quiescent f the Irish party in the House of ommons since the overwhelming defeat of the Unionist party and the assumption of power by the Liberals has been a remarkable and significant feature of the political situation. Remarkable because it is difficult to keep your Irish member still when there is any same afout and when there is any game afoot, and significant because there has been plenty of good hunting.

One thing is as certain as anything

can be in politics: the Irish party has won a victory for Ireland. But the battle was fought and won at the moment. when Sir Henry Campbell-Banner man was campaigning in 1905. It is quite an open secret now that John Redmond at that time received an absolute promise from the present premier. Just what that promise was absolute Redmond has never revealed, even to his intimates, but he has told enough to keep his followers quiet and make announce that within the next twelve months. 'modified form of home rule" will be in effect in Ireland. "modified form of This phrase, a "modified form of ome rule," has become somewhat

hackneyed, and is used quite quently by political prognosticators who don't know what they are talking about. The fact is that control of Ireland's domestic affairs will be pleaced in the hands of Irishmen elected by Irish votes. In a sense, this will be a parliament; in fact, it will of the Crusades, the royal banner of be a board, or commission. The tion of the Church will be eliminated and it is hoped that educational questions will be arranged between Protestants and Roman Catholics so as to effectually prevent that religious has his head chopped off and suffers clash that has so far prevented any-other inconveniences as a consequence thing that bore even the semblance of peace and good will among men in Ireland. I am, in fact, informed that the

agreement has already ben reached, and that the Roman promised to keep hands off, receiving in return certain conqessions. At any rate, the new day has dawned for Ireland, and a country that has been cursed by discontent and confused by the haze of misrepresentation will become the best part of the United Kingdom. Estates that have down through neglect and poverty will be restored, and the Irish people who have left their own land to seek their fortunes in the West will turn ancient sheet, sere and yellow with their faces once more to the little green island where the sun of prosperity is shining.

A SCOTCH PARLIAMENT. The outcome of all this will cer-

tainly be a demand for a parliament for Scotland. The bill has been prepared, and Mr. Perle, Liberal memper for the northern division of Aberdeen, takes it very seriously.

Mr. Perie, like many members the Liberal government, demands lo-

cal self-government for England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The bill provides for a single chamber, to deal The bill with purely Scatch legislation, Scotch question is likely to become very acute before the present Parliament is prorogued.

THE OUTLOOK IN RUSSIA.

The rumor that M. Stolypin proposes to hold the elections for the next Douma in November appears to have interested the London Stock Exchange, as no doubt it was meant Russia is nearer to bankruptcy than at any moment in the last few years and her recent escapes have been both parrow and numer- strange one. Murderers and robbers that the graft did not extend to Sen- ple's money to boodwink the people toward Augusta. It is supposed by ous-and doubtless the bureaucracy will attempt once more to juggle wit the promise of a Douma.

It does not follow, even if the elecommunication to the editor of the tions began in November and could paper, whose name by the way is be forced through that the new Doumentioned in the sheet, re- ma would meet before the appointed date in March. In the second place, though the government may bring the horse to the water, it cannot make him drink. By prosecuting all the ex-members who signed the Vy-borg manifesto. M. Stolypin has rendered them ineligible Will their partles consent to put forth other candidates? The peasants are determined to boycott any fresh election's (since in their view the old Douma legally exists. Finally, the chances are that in October the agrarian war and the postponed general strike will brenk out over all Russia, GYPSY SMITH AND THE STATES.

Gypsy Smith, the noted Methodist Geary, preacher, who is to spend five months in the United States under the auspices of the national congregational evangelistic committee, salis Europe on the 25th of September. He will spend all of October conducting a series of meetings in New York FATAL, ACCIDENT-Mr. A. C. city, and throughout November Miller, a very worthy citizen of this conduct evangelistic meetings at Tre-county, who resided five miles from mont Temple. Boston. December harlotte on the Statesville road, was will be spent in other New England instantly killed on Friday afternoon, cities. The first two weeks of Jan-

are, and thinking the animal in In a letter to Don, O. Shelton, danger, started to drive him out of secretary of the national evangelistic committee, Mr. Smith says; While doing so the tree fell on him, looking forward with great expectation and hope to accomplish what United the heading "Married," is should be the greatest work of my his announcement.

"On the 31st of January, 1865, in services which could not be accepted." Mecklenburg county, N. C. by the have been received from a large Rev. R. Z. Johnston, Capt. William number of lending cities in the United States and Canada.

KING'S VISIT TO GERMANY. When England's relations with Germany are again quite normal and satisfactory, as they shortly wid be, it will cease to be a matter of comment that King Edward should y. for the spring ses- visit the German Emperor. Indeed, a small announcement it might rather be considered strange If the King passed through German

plain so natural a proceeding, and least of all need we imagine a con ference of sovereigns to tender adleft her native village before decided vice to the Czar, As a matter of last summer to pay a flying visit to fact, the arrangements for this visit Portsmouth to see her son, a sailor, were made at least two months ago, The excursion train landed her at the without reference to the affairs of harbor station. Wandering down to any other state, and without any other intention except friendly meeting between uncle and nephew.

A little later, Mr. Haldane will go to Germany, and also probably be the guest of the Kaiser, who will no doubt enable him to see something of the organization of the German army. That also is as it should be, and the more there is of this friendly coming and going of distinguished people between the two countries the better it will be for both.

CANNIBALS IN NATAL It seems almost incredible. but there exists at present in the colony of Natal a sect of natives who are addicted to cannibalism. Thanks to the strictness of magisterial supervision, they rarely have an apportunity of gratifying their vile longing for human fact.

for human flesh.
The cannibals live in the valley of the Umkomass river, some distance from Richmond, the scene of the murder of Sub-inspector Hunt in the A recent trial of three "witch doc-tors" in Natal for the murder of some young native girls disclosed the existence of this terrible offense; but the evidence was unfortunately it. sufficient to convict them. Eating certain portions of the human body is recommended as a cure for several discusses.

MOORS. Mr. Harry Payne Whitney, the well-known New York millionstre, who some years ago acquired the grouse moors at Holwick, has arrived there for a fortnight's shouting. He was accompanied by a party of American sportsmen, includ-ing Mr. John Harrisman, sousin of Mr. E. H. Harriman, the railway "king." Mr. Whitney recently spent 100,000 pounds on his estate and resi-

DEFENSE OF BLOODHOUNDS. Some Stants Done by the Animal In Sir Walter Scott's Novels Made Basis of Plea for the Hound Against Onslaughts of His Critics.

fence at Holwick Castle.

To the Editor of The Observer?

One of your correspondents 'once sald that our State was known abroad as a place so far behind in the march of civilization that its inhabitants still observed the Sabbath and read Scott's novels. Your paper (much to the joy of its readers) has removed from own door the first part of this charge and now sends out seven issues every week. But what good is to be sub served by your not reading Scott's noveis? I take it for granted that you are not familiar with the writings of that author; for, if you had ever read the "Talisman," you would not under auspices of Misses Leah Jones continue to pain your readers by continued slurs upon bloodhounds. "gentle readers" who have perused that work will recall how, during one England was stolen from St. George's mount, and the hero of the (whose dutys it was to guard it, but who had left it to pay a little social call) was about to lose his lady-love other inconveniences as a consequence of his neglect. But this hero had confidence in hounds and left one to watch the banner. With the assistdetected the Marquis of Montserrat who had stolen the banner, and consequently the hero got back in good standing with King Richard, married Edith Plantagenet, and later on turned out to be the disguised heir to the kingdom of Scotland. New how could things be more delightful, and all with the help of a hound. But I wish especially to call your

the subpect of King Richard when the Marquis was pulled from horse by the dog and King Philip of France had declared that "the word of a Knight and a Prince should bear him out against the barking of a cur. To this it was that Richard replied 'Royal brother, recollect that Almighty, who gave the dog to be the companion of our pleasures and our toils, hath invested him with a nature noble and incapable of deceit, He forgets neither friend nor foe-re members, and with accuracy, both benefit and injury. He hath a share of man's intelligence, but no share of man's falsehood. You may bribe a It soldier to slay a man with his sword, will be defeated, but I am told the or a witness to take life by false accusation; but you cannot make a hound tear his benefactor-he is the friend of man, save when man justly incurs his enmity. Dress you Marquis in what peacock-robes you will-disguise his appearance-alter his complexion with drugs and washes-hide him among an hundred men-I will yet pawn my sceptre that the hound detects him, and expresses his resentment as you have this day beheld. This is no new incident, although a have been, ere now, convicted, and suffered death under and men have said that the finger of God was in it. In thine own royal brother, and upon such an occasion, the matter was tried solemn duel betwixt the man and the dog, as appellant and defendant in a victorious, the man was punished, and the crime was confessed. Credit me, royal brother, that hidden crimes have often been brought to light by the testimony even of inanimate substances, not to mention animals far inferior in instinctive sagacity to the dog who is the friend and companion of our race." Of course, Mr. Editor, bloodhounds

sometimes fall, and no one knew this better than the above quoted Walter Scott, In the "Lady of the Lake," when

"The deep-mouthed bloodhound's heavy bay Resounded up the rocy way,"

the game was never captured. Again, too, in the "Lay of the Last Minstrel," William of Deloraine was one who

By willy turns, by desperate bounds, d baffled Percy's best hounds." Had

In a note to the last mentioned oem it is said: "The Kings and poem it is said: "The Kings and heroes of Scotland, as well as the border-riders, were sometimes obliged to study how to evade the pursuit of bloodhounds. Barbour informs us that Robert Bruce was repeatedly tracked by sleuth-dogs. On one occasion he escaped by wading bowshot down a brook, and ascending into a tree by a branch which overhung the water; thus, leaving 'no trace on land of his foot-steps, he baffled the scent."

After this Scott gives us a quotation along the same line from an ancient poem called, "The Bruce," which runs as follows:

Rycht to the burn that passyt ware,

Tuture.

The members of the associations of Polk and Rutherford counties, which practically comprise all the teachers in attendance, have agreed to bear the expenses of a delegate from each county to the next meeting

future.

of the Teachers' Assembly, to get new methods and new inspiration the members from all parts of the While, discussing what has been done by Polk and Rutherford counties, it is a cource of gratification to me that Cleveland is also going for-ward in this respect by lease and bounds. Prof. B. T. Falls has proven

BY CORN CRACKER.

school at this place, Miss Moore, or Greensboro Normal School, addressed

the teachers recently on the associa-tion for betterment of schools.

tion for betterment of schools.

The report from many sections of the State was indeed gratifying, and things are taking shape in this section for a decided improvement in the

himself a man of executive ability and several new houses have been built, and about seven districts have voted the local tax. The movement for betterment of school houses was inaugurated two movement for betterment of years since by the efforts or at least him over because he was more than and Royster, while Prof. J. A.

thony was county superintendent. In the last year of his administration of this office two districts voted a spetax for educational purposes, and up-to-date houses were built. During the two years of the admin-istration of Supt. Falls the work has

been prosecuted with zeal and enthusiasm. Much of the recent progress along these lines is due the work of the ladies above named by Prof. Alexan-

der Graham and State Auditor B. F. On Saturday last Profs. Judd and ance of this animal was afterwards Wray, with Miss Royster, went on a pilgrimage to Greer's Creek, in Polk

county. They had "heap big talk" and created great enthusiasm for the cause

of popular education. The butlook, at present, is encouraging, for the masses are be- see him. I was mad, I just tell you, coming interested. The matter of im- but he talked so honorable I got to proving conditions in this as in every other laudable enterprise, depends or.

awaking the public conscience.

Legislation is a move in the right direction in any field of endeavor, but attention to the few remarks made on until public sentiment is groused, all laws on the statute books are as a dead letter. Efficient teachers know that the fields are white unto the harvest, but when an obscure public school teacher agitates a measure for improvement he is often accused of mercenary motives and is, truly, a prophet without honor in his own country. As an encouraging sign of the times, the educational railies emarating from this institute, and from the one held last year in Cleveland, were well attended and had vis-ible results. Farmers who have heard the subject of agriculture as presented in the masterly manner by Prof. Z. V. Judd have been heard to clare they caught practical and use-

The same applies to the skillful captivating manner in which Miss Royster presents language lessons, composition work, properly, ography and the betterment of school houses; as well as the primary work of Mrs. Rucker, and the teaching of history and arithmetic by Prof. Joe S. Wray.

Many of the unwashed and woollynecked came to scoff and remain to

pray. Mention has been made of the excellent lectures by Capt. W. T. R. Bell, Dr. W. L. Potent and Rev. C. Justice, and Dr. Gilbert Pearson, of Greensboro, is expected this week. town, a few weeks since, sustained a vacancy." he was told. "Cheer up." disastrous fire. challenge of murder. The dog was | being rebuilt finer than ever, and the No! Nothing to say!" houses of D. F. Morrow, Esq., Miller

and Rollins, Clerk of Court M. O. Dickerson are nearing completion. An enterprising photographer exposed two plates getting a group of teachers and faculty. This will, doubtless, be a thing of beauty and a

onlookers in Vlenna Taking a group of any crowd draws was a grotesque assembly. The un-

washed, the bearded of every hue and variety, as well as every stlye of attire were in evidence. Then it was a moving sight to see

the dogs and ancient crow-bait horses in every stage of decay. Mark Twain was asked if he had ever heard Col. Bob Ingersold lecture on "The Mistakes of Moses." Mark said he had never invested a

But the sleuth-hund made stinting thar. And waneryt lang tyme ta and fra, That he na certain gate couth ga. Till at the last that John of Lorn Persuvit the hund the sleuth had lorne."

As the reader wancryts ta and fra among the above beautiful lines, he may come across some passages the sense of which may seem a little scure. In which event he can gain enlightenment from a member of The Observer's staff who is a clansman of 'McNeill, wild Baara's ancient Thane.

M. DELANCEY HAYWOOD. Raleigh, Aug. 30, 1966.

CORN CRACKER'S COMMENT gersell. Your humble, servant was anxious to get a picture of that attractive array of beauty and talent, and borrowed thirty-five cents to be a stockholder in the enterprise.

But he would cheerfully give \$5.56 if he could borrow it for the group in the background and perspective.

One man looked like the portrait of Huck Finn's "pop," and the fier of dragoman with his such of many folds, his ancient horse pistoi and a gup, was certainly a spectator.

I am further willing to make affidavit that Twain's horse, "Baalbee," was also in the galaxy of freaks and curious. MORE ABOUT SUMMER SCHOOL he Teachers Hear an Address on the Hetterment of School Houses—Much Progress Along That Line in Cleve-land—The Educational Raffles Hav-ing Visible Effects—Rebuilding Rutherfordton's Burned District— A Grotesque Background Which Was Omitted From a Photograph. another feature of the summer

REJECTS A MILLIONAIRE.

He Has Automobiles and Yachts, But She Thinks Him Too Old—William Real De Kraft, Importer of Essen-tial Olls, Would His Typewriter Girl in Vain. ew York Special, 30th to Washington

Miss Lois Alice, the first typewriter girl to refuse marriage to a millionaire, rested to-day in her home at 206 West Eighty-eighth street, little the worse in nerves for her exciting ordeal. Her mother serveyed the future and calmly discussed the advisability of herself applying for the position scorned by her daughter.

William Real De Kraft sat in his office on the fifteenth floor of 17 Battery place and looked out over the smiling waters, but did not smile himself when reporters called with respectful sympathy and some little curiosity for additional details as to how Miss Lois, who is seventeen, threw three times her age.

Miss Lols is about four feet six inches tall and perhaps fifteen inches wide. She has big black eyes and black hair. Maybe she weighs more than 75 pounds.

Mrs. Alee is also petite, black-haired and black-eyed. She is the more ingenuous by far.

Mother and daughter agreed that Mr. De Kraft owns four automobiles and three or four yachts, and that als income is between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 a year. Lois absorbed this information while attending to correspondence. "But Lois wouldn't marry any man

just for his money, and neither would I." declared Mrs. Alee, "As soon as Lois came home and told me that Mr. De Kraft wanted to marry her I put on my things and went down to look at things as he did." "Mr. De Kraft asked me to marry

him most all Tuesday," said Miss Lois, "but it was late in the afternoon when he pressed me and got angry and said I was wilful when I refused him "I'll bet that boy who was cleaning the halls told the newspapers.

seemed to scrub and scrub just outside the door all the while Mr. Kraft was urging me; My! I'll bet that place is clean." "We come of a good Southern family," put in Mrs. Alee. "My daughter was born at Princess Anne, Va. My

husband is dead, and I substitute at ypewriting. "I'm going to see Mr. De Kraft, as my business is substituting as a typewriter, and, of course, Lois has had to leave there. I would be the last girl in the world to marry a man for his money, but I'm competent to take full charge of an office, vances, things could take course." and while I wouldn't make no ad-

Mr. De Kraft is clean shaven, tall courtly and well dressed. He is an importer of essential oils. He was at his office this morning, urbane and hospitable, until reminded that his fame rested upon his being the first millionaire to have his marriage proposal rejected by a typewriter. Then it was Mr. De Kraft turned an

smiling face. "Go 'way. Please go 'way," he be-"No! No! Nothing to say!" seeched. "Mrs. Alee's coming down for that 'way! Lemme alone!

An Impulsive Boy King.

McClure's Magazine. Sensational journalists have announced that the King of Spain was extremely eccentric, if not deficient joy forever, but I should prefer, for in intellect; but exactly the opposite real scenic display, a group of the is true. He is exceedingly clever, though too impatient of restrain to be much of a student. He bids fair, like a dog fight, and the background as his character develops with experience, to show his mother's diplomatic tact, mingled with an engaging impulsiveness all his own, which wins hearts as she never could. He is quick to make decisions, is really interested in the welfare of his people, and his selfishness is merely the selfishness of high-spirited youth, eager to do anything that is really worth doing. He is easily moved through his affect dollar to hear the gifted colonel, but tions, though it is all but impossible would cheerfully give ten dollars to to influence in him any other way hear Moses on the mistakes of In- except through his sense of justice. The King has a boyish feashlon of imposing his own will on every one around him. He does this so gaily, so smilingly (if not in one of his somber moods of pride) that even people who have decided to oppose him find themselves pleased that he should do as he likes.

Not a Bargain.

Philadelphia Press. "But surely, Miss Roxley when she accepted the count that he was worthless." but he proved to be twice as worthless as she thought him."

'How was that?" "She thought she was going to go him for a million, but he cost her two million."



MAP SHOWING HAMPTON ROADS AND VICINITY, AND THE SITE OF THE JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION.

its soft breezes and soothing quie that they named it Point Comfort. Then, after resting a day or two, they sailed up a broad placid river, which, in honor of their king, called the James. At a point about 40 miles from the mouth they chose a place on an island, or peninsula, and, going actors, became the mottle or two processing the control of the control o

The wearled voyagers crossed the wide mouth of the Chesspeake, and landed at a point which was so pleasing in its wealsth of fragrant flowers,

The former site of Jamestown is now a little island in the James river, approximately half way between Rishmond and Norfolk.

The land was formerly a little peninsula but the neck connecting it with the mainland has been so washed out that water now constantly flows, making an island.

Hampton Roads, a magnificent harbor. How is also remained by the location of the exposition is shown at A.

The grounds will be connected by trolley with Norfolk and Portsmouth. By boat there will be connection with Norfolk. Portsmouth, Berkeley, Old Point Comfort, Hampton, Newport News, Cape Charles and other points.

Excursion boats will also run to Jamestown Island.