

Men of the Moment In Congress and Elsewhere; Some of Those Who Have Become Interesting For the Hour



JOHN W. RIDDLE, the new ambassador to Russia, is a native of Philadelphia and was graduated from Harvard two years before President Roosevelt matriculated at that institution. Mr. Riddle had a decided taste for international law and diplomacy from the first, and after his graduation from Columbia Law school, in 1891, he studied these branches at the Ecole des Sciences Politiques in Paris for two years. He began his diplomatic career as secretary of the American legation to Turkey, a position he held for two years. Then for two years Mr. Riddle was secretary of the American embassy at St. Petersburg, a post for which he was specially fitted on account of his facility in the Russian language. After two more years as diplomatic agent and consul general in Egypt he was appointed to the Serbian mission. Mr. Riddle is a bachelor.



GEORGE K. FAVROT, representative elect to the Sixtieth congress from a Louisiana district, has recently become the victim of a notoriety which has put him in an exceedingly embarrassing position. At the age of thirty-eight he had succeeded in gaining an enviable position in the public affairs of his state and was elected to congress over a competitor who had represented the district for twenty years. This promising career was brought to a standstill by the madness of a single rash act, the killing on the streets of the state capital of a man whose presence he could not tolerate. Favrot and his friends maintain that the shooting was justifiable and will invoke the protection of that rather vague principle known as the "unwritten law." It is alleged that the victim of this peremptory code had slandered the wife of the slayer.



FRANK H. WASKEY, who has the distinction of being the first delegate sent by Alaska to the American congress, is an interesting personality on that account if for no other reason. Mr. Waskey went a long way to claim his legislative privileges, but he is the sole representative of over 70,000 good Americans, and they believe that they have done a wise thing in selecting him to look after their interests at Washington. The "north pole delegate," as he has been dubbed, is a native of Minnesota, born at Lake City in 1875. When Alaska was accorded a delegate by the act of May 8, 1906, Mr. Waskey's popularity among the miners led to his nomination on the so-called "Alaska ticket." He is a Democrat in politics, but party lines were not observed strictly in the voting, and his popularity won him the victory over all opponents.



JAMES C. NEEDHAM, member of congress from the Sixth California district, has added to his reputation as a man of parts by his recent attitude on the Japanese question. Mr. Needham has made a study of the matter at close range and is convinced that the president in his message was in error as to the facts. He has not concealed this opinion, but has made it public on all occasions, always, however, in a dignified and temperate manner, which has done him great credit and strengthened his influence at Washington. Mr. Needham was born in Nevada, his birthplace being an emigrant wagon in which his parents were crossing the plains on route to California. He was prepared for college at the San Jose high school and was graduated from the University of the Pacific in 1886. He is also an alumnus of the University of Michigan.



ROBERT G. COUSINS, congressman from the Fifth Iowa district, is forging rapidly to the front. He has been appointed head of the foreign relations committee, the post held formerly by the late Congressman Hitt. He is one of the most forceful speakers in the house. When Cousins first came to Washington his awkward ways attracted the observation of Speaker Reed, who appeared to be excessively annoyed at some of them. The new legislator had a peculiar fashion of scratching the back of his hand, and one day Reed asked him irritably in the presence of several members if he had the itch. The embarrassed young man reddened painfully, but managed to gasp, "Not the presidential itch." There was a roar of laughter, in which Reed was compelled to join. From that day the pair became almost inseparable companions and allies.



BOIES PENROSE, United States senator from Pennsylvania, has come into fresh prominence recently on account of his senatorial resolution calling on the president and secretary of war for information concerning the discharge of the colored troops of the Second battalion, Twenty-fifth infantry. Mr. Penrose's reputation as a mighty Nimrod is only second to that of Mr. Roosevelt. Like the president, he is devoted to the killing of big game. His favorite hunting ground is in British Columbia and the northwest territories. On one of his hunting expeditions into the domain of King Edward he made his camp at an elevation of 8,000 feet above sea level. There he remained for several weeks, making daily sallies into the fastnesses inhabited by big game. To his great delight the senator succeeded in killing several long horn mountain goats.



JONAH KUHIO KALANIANA'OLE, territorial delegate from Hawaii, is very much more of an American citizen than his name would seem to indicate. When he came to the Fifty-eighth congress there were those who prophesied that "Prince Cupid," as he is called for short, was not of the stuff of which legislators are constructed. The prince has proved himself to be no "Jonah" in the ordinary acceptance of the term. He has conducted himself in a manner befitting the royal blood that animates his system. He is a cousin to the last king of Hawaii and also to ex-Queen Liliuokalani. His wife is a princess in her own right, being the daughter of the chief of Maui. Prince Jonah and Attorney General Bonaparte are the only known examples of American citizens of royal descent who are now in the service of untitled Uncle Sam at Washington.

THE ADVANTAGES OF WINTER DAIRYING.

The higher price of land, the more intensive the method of farming should be. This truth should emphasize the advantages of winter dairying. Winter dairying brings cash, and plenty of it, at a season when ordinary farm operations are at a standstill and there is no other source of income from the farm. On most places the hired help has little to do in the winter and is usually discharged when the fall work is done. With dairying through the year, the help can be kept and be earning instead of spending; which is becoming an important factor in improving the character of farm help. Winter dairying makes a more even distribution of the work as the cows go dry in the busy season and the milking is light then instead of heavy, as would be the case with cows that all come fresh in the spring.

The cows pass through the winter in better condition when stalled. If they are not milked they might be neglected by lying out on cold nights and they do not usually get as generous feed as they should. Many careful experiments indicate that the cow which becomes fresh in the fall will during the milking period of 300 days, give from 25 to 40 per cent more milk than the cow that comes fresh in the spring. Another advantage is found in the fact that from November to April the average price of milk, cream and butter is usually much higher than from April to November.—Farmer, Spokane.

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