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Gossip About a Few Governors

Higgins and the Apples-Stokes' Restaurant Experience - The Picturesque Executive of Arkansas



RANK W. HIG-GINS, governor of New York state, who is in Europe taking a vacation, is a good story teller and often illustrates his points with anecdotes. A few days before his departure for Europe he was asked about the famous

to the Equitable Life by the Mercantile Trust company. No one has yet found out why the loan

was made or who got the money. "My impression is," said Governor Higgins, "that when the report of the state superintendent of banks is made public it will not show much."

"That is to say, a check to John Smith, for instance, would not be ilthe money was used?" was asked.

"Exactly. To illustrate, I recall that when I was a young man going to college the father of a friend of mine gave him a check book before his departure for school, saying, 'Now you make out checks for whatever you need, and I will honor them so long as you send me a monthly statement of what the money was expended for.' The checks tleman thick and fast.

"At the end of the month he inquired month the checks were more numerous detailed statement, and he sent for it. standing. He discovered, for one thing, that the ples in one day."

The governor of Rhode Island, George H. Utter, is a Republican in politics and in religious faith a Seventh Day Baptist. He is about

fifty years of age, is the son of a Seventh Day Baptist clergyman and is the editor and owner of a newspaper, the Westerly Sun. The fact that Governor Utter belongs to a religious body which observes the

seventh day of the week instead of the GOVERNOR UTTER. first as the Sabbath gives rise to some peculiar conditions. spotted oxen, reach-His paper is an evening daily and is ed the metropolis of said to be the only daily in New Eng- one of the hill counland which omits the Saturday edition | ties. He went inand appears on Sunday evening. The to the hotel and governor does no business of either a found a letter from GOVERNOR DAVIS. private or public character while the his wife written sun shines the last day of the week, from the executive mansion in Little but when the sun sets his Sabbath is Rock. He was still reading the letter over, and then he may appear if he when a party of his "red neck" conlikes at public functions. A great stituents came into the hotel office. many of the gala events of the state "Hello, Zach!" said the hearty govoccur on Saturdays, and often the ernor, grasping the outstretched hand chief executive is represented at them of the first man in the party. "How's by the lieutenant governor, Frederick the folks?" H. Jackson, who is a Congregationalist. If the celebrations are prolonged into the evening the governor himself may folks?" put in an appearance. The latter's religious scruples prevented his enjoying the spectacle of the inauguration of President Roosevelt. March 4 fell this year on Saturday. "Little Rhody"

Jersey recently made the discovery shirt sleeves, and as he grasped his that even the chief executive of a sov- friend's hand he said: ereign state doesn't cut much of a figure unless he has a well stocked pocketbook with him. The governor and a friend, Dr. Norton, visited a

was represented at the inauguration by

numerous officials, but the chief execu-

tive of the commonwealth was not

Trenton restaurant and their bill was about \$1. The man in charge was new and did not know

The governor went to the desk to settle and discovered that he had not a cent in his pocket. Dr. Norton hastily made an investigation of his pockets with a like result. The man behind the

OVERNOR STOKES

among them.

desk frowned ominously. "I am Governor Stokes," explained the governor, "and I will settle this

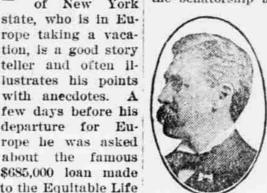
when I come in again.' "Well, I'm President Roosevelt, and you pay me now," replied the man

The governor and Dr. Norton attempted further explanations, but the man in charge didn't melt. On the contrary, he was rapidly losing his temper when one of the old walters who knew the governor came in and identi-

and everybody laughed.

cussion in the newspapers with Secknown for his advocacy of curbing the | the Republican ticket and elected.

trusts, abolishing railroad rebates, revising the tariff and negotiating reciprocity treaties and was a leading figure at the recent reciprocity conference in Chicago. Governor Cummins married Miss Ida L. Gallery of Michigan, a woman of much talent and tact. About ten years ago, when her husband and some half dozen others were candidates for one of Iowa's seats in the United States senate, she gave a "harmony dinner" to all the candidates. It was a unique affair, and, though Mr. Cummins did not win the senatorship as a result of it, the



GOVERNOR CUM-MINS.

ago and made a speech, in the course of which he "I am very fond

story goes that

pipes were laid at

that time which led

to his being nomi-

nated and elected

governor several

Governor Cum-

mins was traveling

in Texas not long

years afterward.

of Texas and have been ever since a little incident which occurred in my town. We were holding a revival there. The preacher was a magnetic man and could melt the hearts of his hearers into the very ecstasy of reliluminative as to the purpose for which glous fervor. One night a young man walked into the revival meeting and took a seat close to the pulpit and directly in front of the preacher. Finally in his exhortation the preacher said, 'Now, all who want to go to heaven right away please rise.' Everybody rose except this young man. The preacher repeated his words and looked straight at the young man, but he remained in his seat. 'Now, all soon began to come in to the old gen-tlemen thick and fast.

The checks
please rise who want to go to hell
right away,' said the preacher, looking the young man right in the eye. if the boy had forwarded his state- Still the stranger remained in his seat, ment of expenses and, on being in- and no one arose. 'Young man,' said formed that he had, paid no further the reverend gentleman, 'I don't unattention to the matter. But the next derstand you. I proposed that all who desired to go to heaven right away than for the first mouth and for rise, but you kept your seat. I then amounts considerably larger. Then the proposed that all who wished to go to old gentleman thought he had better hell right away rise, and yet you did give some attention to the young man's not move. You are beyond my under-

"'Not at all,' said the stranger. 'I young man had eaten ten barrels of ap- am from Texas, and we are very well pleased down there with our present condition and I have no desire to change at all."

Governor Jefferson Davis of Arkansas, who aspires to the seat in the United States senate now held by James H. Berry, is a picturesque figure in politics. He has a strong hold on the rural vote, and the following incident illustrates why he is so solid with the "red necks," as the backwoods citizens are called: Oxen

are often used for purposes of locomotion in certain parts of the state, and last year in the campaign Mr. Davis, driving a yoke of

"They're all right, Jeff," answered the delighted "red neck." "How's your

"Jes' got a lettah from my wife," answered the governor, holding up the dainty notepaper. "She's right pert, too, but plum nigh beat out. Been a-bilin' soap all day!"

Shortly after the governor's first renomination, when the statehouse was crowded with people extending their congratulations, a friend sent a card to the executive chamber. Presently Governor Edward C. Stokes of New the governor came out. He was in his

"Say, Jim, you don't need any card when you come to see me. If the other fellow had been elected you might have needed a card, but when you come to see me just walk right in and hang your hat on the peg and unpack

Governor Albert E. Mead of the state of Washington is sometimes likened to Abraham Lincoln, not because he resembles the emancipator in personal appearance, but because of his manner of speech and his witty way of saying things. Governor Mead was born in Kansas in 1861, but his parents removed to Illinois when he was a boy. He is a graduate of



tice of his profession in Leoti, Wichita county, Kan., in 1885. He moved to the state of Washington and settled in Blaine,

the Southern Illi-

nois university at

Carbondale and of

the Union College

of Law at Chicago.

He began the prac-

Then the new manager apologized was elected mayor in 1892 and in the fall of the same year was chosen to the state legislature. In 1898 he was Governor Albert B. Cummins of elected prosecuting attorney of Whatlowa, who has been having a little disto Bellingham, the county seat. He retary Shaw of the treasury depart- was re-elected prosecuting attorney in ment over the question of reciprocity, 1900, returned to the practice of law is sometimes called the father of the on the expiration of his term and in "Iowa idea" of tariff revision. He is 1904 was nominated for governor on

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