

NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL

Mrs. Meyer to Lead Cabinet Social Set

WASHINGTON.—Next to cabinet ministers the most interesting and influential phase of administration life in Washington concerns the cabinet wives.

The social leader of the cabinet undoubtedly will be Mrs. Meyer. She and Mrs. Knox have had much experience in official life and their homes in Washington are already established as gathering places of exclusive society.

The years that Mrs. Meyer spent abroad while her husband was ambassador at Rome and St. Petersburg gave her wide acquaintance in continental society, with the result that on going to Washington two years ago she welcomed in her home the diplomatic corps and many foreign visitors.

The Misses Julia and Allee Meyer are very attractive and charming young women, whose society is sought by many admiring men. There will be many social functions in the Meyer home during the Taft administration.

Mrs. Knox, by virtue of her husband's position, takes precedence at the head of the cabinet women. Her home in K street is one of the fine homes of Washington, having been built by the late George W. Childs and purchased several years ago by the present secretary of state.

Before her marriage Mrs. Knox was Miss Lillian Smith, daughter of A. D. Smith, president of one of Pittsburgh's steel companies.

The three Knox boys are named Reed, Hugh and Philander, Jr. They are active young men. The eldest,

Reed, is named after his father's former partner in Pittsburg.

Mrs. MacVeagh, though perhaps the oldest of the cabinet wives, will add interest to Washington society. She is a woman of culture and attractive presence, a lavish entertainer, deeply interested in economic subjects, and possesses an acquaintance that extends around the world.

She is the daughter of Henry S. Eames, a former banker of Chicago, and for many years she has taken a prominent part in the social affairs of that city.

Mrs. Dickinson, wife of the new secretary of war, is a southern woman, Nashville, Tenn., being her home, although for the last ten years she has passed most of her time in Chicago, where her husband's legal business required his presence. Her two eldest sons are settled in distant cities, but her youngest, now a student at Yale, will be seen later in Washington.

Mr. Ballinger, wife of the secretary of the interior, had a year's experience in Washington official life recently while her husband was commissioner of public lands, a subordinate position in the department which he now heads. She is a New England woman transplanted to the far northwest.

The Ballinger family consists of two sons. The elder, Edward, is following in the footsteps of his father at Williams college. The younger, Richard, a lively youngster, will probably be a companion for the energetic Charlie Taft.

The new secretary of commerce and labor, Charles Nagel of St. Louis has been twice married. The present Mrs. Nagel was Miss Anna Shipley of St. Louis, whom the secretary married in 1895. They have four children, all quite young—Mary, Edith, Charles and Anne. Mrs. Nagel is devoted to her children and her home.



Cost of Conducting the White House

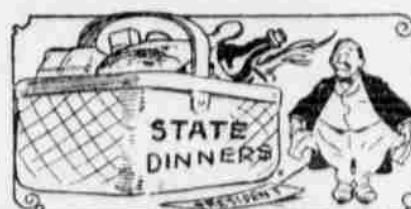
THE discussion in both the senate and house in the late congress over the question of raising the salary of the president, makes the question of the cost of running the executive establishment one of particular interest at the present time. Here is the White House budget for the current year:

President's salary	\$50,000
Clerk hire	68,000
Contingent fund	25,000
President's traveling expenses	25,000
Maintenance White House horses, vehicles, etc.	35,000
White House grounds	9,000
Fuel	4,000
Greenhouses	5,000
Repair of greenhouses	2,000
Printing, invitations, etc.	2,000
Lighting White House grounds	500
Total	\$234,400

In spite of these necessary figures, however, the salary proper has proved a scant subsistence with the scale of entertaining demanded by present standards.

The state dinners, of which there are three each year, cost more than \$2,000. The cabinet dinner, beginning the season, averages between \$400 and \$500. The diplomatic dinner, the most pretentious of all, averages about \$1,200. The dinner to the supreme court, for which, like the cabinet dinner, there are about forty persons invited, costs about the same amount.

At the diplomatic dinner the number is usually about ninety, and for



Helen Taft, New Belle of White House

HELEN HERRON TAFT has followed in her father's footsteps in choosing her most intimate friends in Washington from the "army set." What Gen. Bell and Gen. Clarence Edwards are to the new president, young ladies like Miss Ayleshire and Miss Webster are to his only daughter.

At the same time she has formed many close friendships at school, and these ties are bringing Miss Taft an ever-increasing number of invitations to devote her vacations to house parties, and will result in the presence of many youthful residents of many different cities when the time comes for Miss Taft to make her debut in the White House—something for which Mrs. Taft has as yet planned but tentatively.

The newly-chosen first lady of the land expects her only daughter to become a White House debutante, of course, but she has also expressed the

hope that this social inaugural can be deferred for a year or two, principally because the new president, who is vastly proud of his brilliant and studious daughter, will be disappointed if she does not fulfill the promise made at her entry, when, as mentioned, she won the prize for highest honors in the entrance examinations.

The new White House belle is, like her mother, a member of the Episcopal church. She was reared in this atmosphere of that denomination, at most her first schooling, save for that of German and English tutors, having been obtained at the Cathedral School for Girls.

She was confirmed by the late Bishop Satterlee in a class that also included Miss Ethel Roosevelt and the Misses Julia and Alice von Meyer, daughters of the present postmaster general. At Murray Bay, Miss Taft attended the Union church—representing fusing of all the denominations in the little Canadian church, and now she and her mother will become occupants of the presidential pew, vacated by Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Ethel in St. John's, the quaint, old-fashioned and exclusive "court church" which rears its red tower directly across the park from the White House.

AN APPEAL TO NEBRASKANS.

Child Saving Institute of Omaha Must Have Larger Building.

The Washington conference of charity workers, called by ex-President Roosevelt, endorsed the policy of placing dependent children into private homes for adoption.

This policy had long been pursued by the Child Saving Institute of Omaha.

Over 2,000 innocent, dependent children have been succored by the institute and more than half this number placed in permanent, comfortable homes, while the others were restored to parents and guardians.

Calls are constantly received for the admission of children not only from the people of Omaha, but from the surrounding towns and country districts. The number of applicants is increasing. The capacity of the institute is already overtaxed.

The helpless little ones knocking for admission must not be turned away!

A new building must be provided. A new site has been secured on Twenty-sixth street, between Leavenworth and St. Mary's avenue. The total cost of grounds, a new building and the furnishing will be \$75,000. Mr. George Joslyn has made a most generous proposition without a parallel in the history of Omaha to give \$25,000 of this on condition that the whole amount be raised before May 1.

Committees are at work collecting money for the building fund. A number of handsome subscriptions are being received.

Scores of children from many Nebraska and Iowa communities have been taken in and cared for in the Child Saving Institute. In one case seven children from a small Nebraska town were brought in by an agent of the institute upon request of interested parties. Only a few days ago three little girls from Lodge Pole, Neb., were admitted to the institute.

For years the facilities of the Child Saving Institute have been available to all comers. The institute is a refuge for the sick, helpless, deserted, dependent children who must have the systematic care and attention afforded only by an institution of this kind.

The officer in charge of the institute does not stop to inquire whether the claims of the stranded children in country districts are greater or less than those of children in the city. While it is true that the institute looks largely to the benevolent people of the city for its sustenance, it is equally true that philanthropic men and women in various places of Nebraska have contributed to the support of the institute.

The trustees have put the execution of the plans of the building fund campaign into the hands of Dr. A. W. Clark, superintendent, whose agents and assistants will call personally upon any person who may express a desire to make a donation to the building fund.

A condensed list of children brought from outlying communities is hereto appended:

Two little girls from Weeping Water, Neb., 3 and 5 years old; the father was a veteran of the civil war; physically incapable of providing for the children.

A child of 2 years from Hastings, Neb.; father and mother unworthy of the care of any child; brought to the institute and later placed in the home of an uncle.

Two small children from North Platte, Neb.; deserted by father; mother tried to support children and finally failed in the effort.

Two girls from Kenosaw, Neb.; the mother was dying and father deserted the child.

Baby boy from Geneva, Neb.; the dying mother left child in the hands of an old lady who found it impossible to care for the child longer.

Four children taken from the poor house at Blair, Neb.; mother dead; father incapable of caring for them.

Eight children from Sidney, Neb.; the father, a farmer, suffering from a wasting disease, moved into town; mother supported children by washing for two years; upon her death their eight children were brought to the institute and cared for.

Seven small children from Grafton, Neb.; mother died with consumption; sister, destitute.

Four children from Oxford; father died; mother incompetent; children very bright.

Four motherless children from a home of want and suffering at Blair, Neb.; placed by the father in the institute and later the children were placed in good homes.

Brother and sister from Grand Island; parents abandoned; neglected by father; brought to institute; placed in good homes.

Three bright children from Schuyler, Neb.; two boys and a girl; orphans; placed in good homes.

Three boys from Custer county, Nebraska; orphans; brought to the institute; now in comfortable homes and doing well.

Twenty to twenty-five homeless children have been brought from western Iowa to the institute during the past few years and provided with good homes.

The Child Saving Institute is located at Eighteenth and Ohio streets, Omaha; telephone, Webster 1991.

The headquarters of the building fund committee is in room A-30, parlor floor, Hotel Rome, Sixteenth and Howard streets; telephone, Douglas 2051.

Contributions and donations should be sent to these headquarters.

The benevolent men and women of Nebraska and Western Iowa are urged to aid in the effort to raise this building fund on or before May 1.

Make checks payable to the Child Saving Institute and write the building committee at an early date.

Kissed by Speaker Cannon.

Washington.—For her heroism in saving the lives of nine children during the burning of the General Slocum, near New York, in 1904, Miss Mary McCabe was presented by Speaker Cannon, on behalf of congress, with a silver life saving medal. Then she was 14 years old. But now, notwithstanding her more advanced age, at the conclusion of the ceremonies, Speaker Cannon, "the Iron Duke of American politics," took her blushing face between his hands and kissed her.

PREVENTING PAINT TROUBLES.

It's easy enough to recognize the symptoms of poor paint, after it has been on awhile—after its inherent tendency to crack and peel and scale and blister, etc., has developed into trouble. You know these paint "diseases" usually indicate adulteration or substitution in the paint materials. And you know the only remedy is re-painting.

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INADEQUATE.



Doctor Monk—Did those mustard plasters that I left seem to relieve the pains in your chest to any considerable degree?

Ostrich—Well, no; I can't say that they have; but (apologetically) I've eaten only five of them!

Pleading Out the Prayer.

Of curious prayers a writer says: "I have heard a layman utter this petition during the prayer: 'O Lord, be thou with us in our uprisings and our downfalls'—a variant of the text in the psalms. 'Thou knowest my downings and mine uprisings.' A minister occasionally introduced a Latin sentence into his prayer, and forthwith proceeded to translate it. Another minister in his early days experienced considerable difficulty with the long prayer before the sermon. In nonconformist churches this usually occupies a quarter of an hour, but long before this period had been reached he was wound up. On one occasion, while in this dilemma, he started his hearers with the words: 'And now, O Lord, I will relate unto thee a little anecdote!'"

Why She Shut Down.

"A charming gentleman, about four years old, used to pass my house every day on his way to kindergarten," said a lady, "and in course of time I made his acquaintance and gave a penny to him each morning when we parted."

"Eventually his mother requested me not to give any more money to him. The next morning I did not present the usual penny. He did not seem to notice the omission. The succeeding day, when the penny was not given to him he said nothing. But on the morning of the third day, when the penny was not forthcoming, he sidled up to me and whispered: 'What's the matter. Ain't your husband working?'"

Some Resemblance.

A little girl in a California public school complained to her teacher that a Mexican boy had struck her. The teacher took Joe, the only Mexican boy in the school, sharply to task for the offense, but the boy denied it. "Mary," said the teacher, "Joe says he didn't strike you."

"Oh, no," said Mary, "twan't Joe; twuz that other boy over there," and she pointed to the blackest of negro boys in the school.

"But, Mary, that boy isn't a Mexican," said the teacher.

"Well, anyhow," said Mary, "he's very much tanned."

LESS MEAT Advice of Family Physician.

Formerly people thought meat necessary for strength and muscular vigor.

The man who worked hard was supposed to require meat two or three times a day. Science has found out differently.

It is now a common thing for a family physician to order less meat, as in the following letter from a N. Y. man.

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