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There has been a great deal of romance circulated about the Lobbyists, and it is time that the truth was known. The real thing is very disappointing.

"Show me a lobbyist" was the request of a friend who was walking through the Capitol with the writer. This visitor was a reader of the newspapers, a man of intelligence, and a believer in most of the interesting stories he had read about the number, ingenuity, boldness, skill and usefulness of the body of Lobbyists that is supposed to be almost a necessary part of the legislative machinery.

I showed my visitor a lobbyist. He was one of the best known of the lobbyists about the Capitol. He was leaning back against the corridor wall, opposite the entrance of the house of representatives, with his hands thrust into the pockets of a pair of trousers that were so raveled about the heels that they might be said to wear whiskers without provoking the remonstrances of the most thorough de- tester of slang.

If this man had an overcoat it was hung up somewhere, but the dusty condition of his rather thin frock coat, which carried the polish on its back that ought to have been on his very disreputable looking shoes, justified the conclusion that he was not finding an overcoat necessary this winter. He was a spare man, with a gaunt face, crossed by a white mustache stained at the ends with tobacco juice. His shirt was not clean, and he showed a good deal of it, but he wore a white tie, which only added emphasis to his otherwise forbidding lack of neatness. When he moved away from his place against the wall to meet a member of congress who had come out of the chamber upon the call of one of the doorkeepers to see him, his gait was a slouching one, and he might have been mistaken for any other loafer about the hall if he had not been so much more re- pulsive than the others.

My friend was disappointed. He could not understand when I told him that this man was one of the best of the lot of lobbyists about the Capitol, that he had been a member of congress, that he was, therefore, entitled to the privilege of the floor, and that the house of representatives has never yet had the sense to make its rules so strong as to keep out this man and several others just like him who are well known to be nothing more than strikers and lobbyists who linger here to pick up odd jobs to help them hang on to a miserable existence. They do not, one ought to be thankful, thrive as they are popularly supposed to do. If the public knew what a mistake the professional lobbyist is they would be driven to sawing wood or working on the railroads, or into doing some other useful and laborious business.

Came from Cuba to Vote.

The last vote deposited in Rhode Island at the recent election was the vote of Eugene McAuliffe, of Providence. The gentleman was in Cuba when he received a cablegram telling him of the urgent necessity for every vote. Consulting the shipping register, he found that by taking a steamer which sailed that night he might with good weather reach Boston the day before election. Two hours later found him aboard the ship. Adverse weather delayed the vessel, and at the dawn of election day the steamer was still out in the Atlantic. Port was reached late in the afternoon, and McAuliffe was just in time to take train to Providence due just ten minutes before the time for closing the polls.

The train was four minutes late. Hurling himself into a hack he bribed the driver to get to the wardroom in six minutes or kill the horses. The clock was about to strike the hour as Mr. McAuliffe bounded into the booth. His cross marks were made with lightning rapidity, and he got in his ballot right on the last stroke. He will return to Cuba to complete the business he dropped to come back to vote. And yet there were some thousands of people in Providence who, I have no doubt, forgot to go to the polls or were "too busy" to give the time required for walking to the wardroom.—Cor. Boston Globe.

Canoeing in Scotland.

Lord and Lady Mount Stephen, who have spent very many years in Canada, have introduced canoeing in Scotland. They have taken the beautiful estate of Faskally, Perthshire, belonging to Mrs. Butler, which comprises a stretch of the picturesque river, Tummel, which runs through the Pass of Killiecrankie to Athole and all that district, and in order to explore more fully, Lord Mount Stephen has brought home a Canadian canoe and two real Canadian boatmen. They have already shot some of the dangerous rapids of the Scotch river, and been investigating the salmon pools among the boulders in otherwise unseemly spots. Lord Mount Stephen intends to use his canoe later on for salmon fishing. The novelty has created a great deal of interest in the neighborhood, extending to the dual party at Blair Athol castle.—London Echo.

Utah's First Pavements.

After a long fight in the Ogden city council over the relative merits of sandstone, brick and asphaltum for street paving purposes, it has been decided to use native sandstone from the quarries a few miles distant from Ogden, and that only home labor shall be employed by contract. The district to be paved includes a number of blocks in the business part of town, for which paving bonds are now being negotiated. It will be the first paving done by this city or in this territory.—Utah Cor. St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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Natural Gas in Utah.

A flow of natural gas has been struck at Salt Lake City at a depth of 600 feet, the pressure being 160 pounds to the square inch. Several companies are engaged in sinking wells in that locality, with favorable indications of finding the gas in considerable quantities.—New York Journal.

Pig Iron in March.

In the first week in March the iron furnaces in this country are said to have produced more pigs—193,900 tons—than in any previous week in history. One curious circumstance is that there were fewer furnaces in blast than in the preceding month.—New York Times.

The largest shipment of apples ever made from the United States left Portland recently in the steamship Labrador, which carried more than 13,000 barrels of fine fruit to England.

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