

# Mr. Taft's Family.

The Wife of the Republican Candidate For President and Her Tastes—Her Youngest Son's Pranks.

**B**ETWEEN Secretary William H. Taft and his wife there has always existed a close confidence that has made her the partaker of his responsibilities and honors in an exceptional degree. When they were in the Philippines she was a great help to him, for by her tact and her social accomplishments she aided him in making the governor general's palace a very popular place among all classes in the islands. She is of a retiring disposition and does not seek publicity in any way, but nevertheless is a woman of much capacity and varied intellectual attainments, who knows how to hold her own in any company in which she is thrown, and her travel in foreign lands and associations with high and low in so many climes have made her quite cosmopolitan. She was at her husband's side during the most exciting period of the proceedings at Chicago and looked over his shoulder as the bulletins came in announcing the various events ending in his nomination. When that news finally came husband and wife clasped hands in a silent, but eloquent greeting.

Mrs. Taft was Miss Helen Herron, daughter of John W. Herron, law part-



MRS. WILLIAM H. TAFT.

ner of Rutherford B. Hayes, and her acquaintance with the White House dates from the time of a visit she made there during President Hayes' administration. She married the present candidate for president twenty-one years ago, and their family consists of Robert, who is nineteen and is now making a fine record at Yale; Helen, who is at Bryn Mawr and who recently won a scholarship there, and Charles, Charlie Taft, the eleven-year-old son of the distinguished pair, is the liveliest and most irrepressible member of the family. He went with his father and mother on their trip around the world last year and was up to all kinds of pranks, on one occasion in the Rockies playing a joke on the secretary by signaling the train to start before the present candidate for president got on board and thereby causing his father a hasty half mile walk to get to the place where the train had stopped and from which it could not back up on account of the grade.

Charlie is democratic in his tastes and has a horror of seeing his picture in the paper. Neighbors of Mr. Taft a day or two after the nomination were startled by hearing a noise coming from the Taft home that sounded as though some one were putting in coal. They knew that Mrs. Taft had been packing and were surprised. An intimate friend investigated and came away laughing. The rugs had been taken up, leaving a shining and broad expanse of hardwood floor. It was too tempting for Charlie, and he donned his roller skates. He cut a few fancy figures in



CHARLIE TAFT IN A FILIPINO COSTUME.

the hall on the second floor, but found the space cramped and decided to descend to the reception hall.

On the top step his right foot descended, while his left showed a disposition to return. There was a moment of indecision, and then the crash followed. Charlie and his mother reached the bottom step about the same time. Mrs. Taft found him seated in the wreckage of three balustrades and a Japanese vase, mournfully rubbing a bump on his head.

"Gee, but I came down quick!" he said, grinning.

## How Could She Do It?

The homely forms of speech used by the country people with whom little Edith and her mother boarded last summer were frequently very puzzling to the child.

One evening the farmer's wife, in talking for a few minutes with Edith's mother, remarked that, as she was very tired that night, she would "go to roost with the chickens."

When Edith's bedtime arrived a little later the youngster was nowhere to be found. After considerable search she was discovered sitting on a large stone near the chicken house, quietly watching the fowl as they came in one by one.

"Edith," called her mother, "what are you doing there? I've been looking for you everywhere; it's time to go to bed."

"I know, mother," was the reply, "but they're nearly all in now, so she'll be here soon, I guess."

"Who are in and who will be there? What on earth are you talking about, child?" asked the mystified mother.

"Why," explained Edith, rather impatiently, "you know Mrs. — said she was going to roost with the chickens tonight, and I'm waiting to see how she does it."

## Eating Test For Cooks.

In a certain employment agency ten cooks out of a job waited one afternoon last week for a situation to turn up. Presently a well-gowned woman who was short of servants applied at the desk for the desired help. The manager referred her to the ten cooks. The woman interviewed each of them in turn with unsatisfactory results.

"Not one of them," she explained to the manager of the agency, "likes to eat the things that we like."

"But what difference does that make?" asked the manager. "They are no doubt good girls for all that."

"Yet they wouldn't suit me," the woman replied decisively. "My family have very pronounced tastes in cookery, and my experience has taught me that only a cook who likes the same dishes that we like can prepare them satisfactorily. That is a matter of simple common sense. It stands to reason that any dish a cook likes will turn out better than one she doesn't like; consequently I will do the work myself till I find a girl whose tastes agree with ours."—Philadelphia Ledger.

## Nature and the Barnacle.

In the barnacle we have a unique and wonderful case of a creature that can afford as age comes on to dispense with the eyesight that was so useful in youth. For the young and old barnacle are as different one from the other as fishes from seaweed. In the heyday of life the barnacle swims about the sea, seeking its food with the aid of its eyes and generally leading a roaming existence. Later in life, however, it grows tired of this aimless wandering and settles down to worry ships' captains by attaching itself to the keel of their craft and defying the much advertised powers of various preventive paints. Once, then, the barnacle has become a fixture, whether on ships or sharks, its eyesight is of no more use. It cannot seek its food, and it cannot shun its foes, for it never more will move. Therefore its eyes become superfluous and, according to nature's invariable rule in such cases, disappear.

## Lived to Fight Another Day.

Frederick the Great simply lost his head at Molwitz, his first battle. Had he not been a king it is safe to say that he would have been shot at the next sunrise. In the heat of the carnage he got an idea that the army under his command was being overwhelmed, so he put the spurs to his horse and dashed headlong among his soldiers. He rode many miles before he stopped in his wild flight. Late at night he was discovered hiding in an old mill, awaiting, as he thought, capture by the enemy. Then he discovered that the army he deserted had won the battle. As Frederick was a prince, everybody tried to forget the incident just as quickly as possible, and after that, when the king went to war, he was just as brave as any other soldier.

## On the Verge of Prostration.

"What else have you got?" asked Cholty, looking languidly over the bill of fare for something to tempt his jaded appetite.

"Well," replied the waitress, "we have hot biscuits too."

"That'll do," said Cholty, resting his intellect by tossing the bill of fare aside. "Bring me a hot biscuit stew."—Chicago Tribune.

## Rebuttal Testimony.

The Guest—Isn't your little boy rather nervous, Mrs. Bimm? Mrs. Bimm—No; I think not. Little Boy—Yes, I am, ma; when people who come here stay too long it makes me wriggle around and kick my chair.

## Daddy Expressed.

In Grand-Dad's "Notes From a Diary" it is told that when Lindbergh, the great aviation pioneer, was presented to the king of Portugal his majesty said: "Ah, I am so glad to see you! I always like beans!"

## Compromise.

Customer in bookstore—Let me have a copy of "Autony and Cleopatra." Clerk—Yes, sir; \$1, please. Customer—Dear me, I've only got 50 cents. Just give me Autony.—Harper's Weekly.

## A Pocket Symphony.

"My piano is very much like my trousers pockets. When my wife goes into them she often finds nothing but keys, and then there is music."—New York Globe.

# James S. Sherman

The "Sunny Jim" of Congress and His Rise to His Present Eminence as a Candidate For Vice President.

**T**HE Republican nominee for vice president, James Schoolcraft Sherman, like the nominee for president, Secretary Taft, is noted for his good humor. In the house of representatives, where for twenty years he has sat almost continuously as a member from the Twenty-seventh New York district, he is so popular that he has won the nickname of "Sunny Jim." Though it has often fallen to his lot to attack members on the Democratic side for their political views, no congressman among the Republicans is more popular among the Democrats than Sherman unless it be Uncle Joe Cannon himself. He is one of the "big five," as Representative Champ Clark in a celebrated speech once characterized them, the other members of the quintet being Cannon, Payne, Dabzell and Tawney. In this speech Mr. Clark pronounced slowly the names of those just mentioned and, pausing, concluded, "The last one is Jim Sherman" and he is the slickest of the bunch.

Mr. Sherman has recently been ill, but when he is in his usual health he looks almost youthful, yet he has a son who is a college professor, and he is proud of being a grandpa. He was born at Utica Oct. 24, 1855, and graduated from college the same year that Judge Taft did, 1878. Mr. Sherman from Hamilton and the head of the ticket from Yale. Three years after leaving college he married Miss Carrie Babcock, daughter of a prominent lawyer of Oneida county. He was then a rising young lawyer himself, and it was only three years after that, in 1884, that he was elected mayor of his native city, being the youngest executive Utica had ever had. It was the Fifty-fifth congress to which he was first elected, and in the intervening score of years he has skipped only one, the Fifty-second. He is ranked as one of the veterans now, only Cannon, Bingham, Payne, Dabzell and Hepburn exceeding him in length of service. He won prominence in the house early in his career there and has been at the head of some of the most important committees. President McKinley offered to make him one of the board of



JAMES S. SHERMAN AND HIS UTICA HOME, general appraisers at the port of New York, a post that would have yielded him a much larger income than his salary as congressman, but at the request of his constituents, preferred at a large mass meeting in Utica, he decided to decline the offer and remain in the house.

Mr. Sherman is not as rich a man as Vice President Fairbanks, who is rated a millionaire, but he has a comfortable fortune, estimated at about \$200,000. He has kept up his law practice, and he is president of the Utica Trust and Deposit company and of the New Hartford Canning company. His Utica home is a substantial and tasteful looking residence on Genesee street. He has three sons now grown to manhood, the eldest, Sherill, aged twenty-six, being in the banking business, the next brother, Richard Updyke, twenty-four, professor of mathematics at his father's alma mater, Hamilton, and the youngest, Thomas Moore, twenty-two, secretary and treasurer of the Synth Despard company. Mrs. Sherman does not go much into society owing to uncertain health, but is popular in her set at Washington and not long since aided in the establishment of the Congressional club, which is composed of the wives of senators and representatives.

Representative Sherman was chairman of the Republican congressional committee in the campaign of 1906 and in this way came to receive from President Roosevelt the now famous letter in which the latter described E. H. Harriman as a less desirable citizen than Debs, Moyer and Haywood. Some years ago Mr. Sherman was much talked of for speaker of the house of representatives. In 1901 he figured conspicuously in the Panama canal fight and in the investigation of hazing at West Point and Annapolis. He introduced a resolution on the subject and visited the institutions in order to give the subject of alleged abuses in the customs of the students the closest examination.

Mr. Sherman comes of a Democratic family, and a brother of the congressman was once elected mayor of Utica on the Democratic ticket.

## County Commissioners' Proceedings.

McCook, Nebraska, July 6, 1908. The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment. Present F. S. Lofton, S. Premer and C. B. Gray, commissioners, and M. G. Elbert, deputy county clerk. The minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion approved. The following claims were audited and allowed and the clerk was instructed to draw warrants on the road funds of the respective commissioner districts: P. Roush, road work, dist. No. 2, \$4 50; Henry Conrad, same, 11 50; F. M. Williams, same, 3 75; W. T. Clark, same, 8 80. The claim of E. F. Conser for \$180.00 for road work was ordered paid out of the road district fund of district No. 7. The board continued checking the accounts of Chas. Skalla, county clerk, and continued the same throughout the day. On motion board adjourned to meet July 9, 1908. F. S. LOFTON, Chairman. Attest: CHAS. SKALLA, Clerk.

McCook, Neb., July 7, 1908. The county board of equalization met pursuant to adjournment. Present F. S. Lofton, S. Premer and C. B. Gray, commissioners, T. A. Endsley, assessor and M. G. Elbert, deputy clerk, attorney. The minutes of the last meeting were read and on motion approved.

In the matter of the assessment of the west half of the ne qr of section 3, Red Willow county, of Joseph Bayer, presented to the board by Joseph Bayer, a motion was made by Endsley, seconded by Premer, that the valuation of said land be reduced from \$1,100 to \$1,200. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of the ten-acre tract of W. W. Wilson, in the se qr of section 12, 3, 28, in Indianola city, Mr. Wilson having been notified and being present, a motion was made by Premer, seconded by Gray, that the assessment of said land should stand as returned by the assessor. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of the H-acre tract in the se qr of section 12-3-28, in Indianola city, of H. Lohm, a motion was made by Endsley, seconded by Premer, that the valuation of said land be reduced from \$50 per acre to \$10 per acre. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of the sw qr of the sw qr of section 17, the se qr of the se qr, section 18, part of lot 8, section 18, 8 acres, part of lot 9, section 18, three acres, ne qr of ne qr, section 19, part of ne qr of ne qr, section 19, 9 acres, ne qr of ne qr, section 20, and a hf of ne qr, section 20, all in Indianola precinct, of J. V. Harrison, said land lying south of the Republican river in Indianola precinct, presented to the board by J. V. Harrison, a motion was made by Endsley, seconded by Premer, that the valuation of said land should stand as returned by the assessor. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of the ne hf of the se qr of section 7-3-27, in Indianola city, and the west hf of the sw qr of section 8-3-27, in Indianola precinct, of H. C. Whitmore, Mr. Whitmore having been notified, a motion was made by Premer, seconded by Endsley, that the assessment of said land be raised from \$30 and \$25 per acre to \$30 per acre, without adding the 30 per cent raise on the west half of the sw qr of section 8-3-27. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of the 2-acre tract of Ed Jeffries, being part of the ne qr of the se qr of section 29-3-29, in McCook city, Mr. Jeffries having been notified, a motion was made by Endsley, seconded by Premer, that the valuation of said land be raised from \$50 to \$100. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of the north hf of the ne qr and the sw qr of the ne qr of section 18-3-27, in Indianola city, owned by Marion Powell, Mr. Powell having been notified, a motion was made by Premer, seconded by Endsley, that the valuation of said land be raised to \$50 per acre. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of lot 7, section 29-3-30, of Chas. W. Kneeland, presented to the board by C. W. Kelley, a motion was made by Gray, seconded by Endsley, that the valuation of said land be reduced \$180. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of lot 8, section 29-3-30 of C. H. Meeker, a motion was made by Gray, seconded by Endsley, that the valuation of said land be raised \$180.00. Motion carried unanimously.

In the matter of the assessment of lot 7, block 14, original town of McCook, of Minnie A. Everist, presented to the board by J. R. McCarl, a motion was made by Gray, seconded by Premer, that the valuation of said land be reduced from \$3,300 to \$3,000 on improvements thereon. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion the board of equalization adjourned to meet July 29, 1908, to make the new levy, on the 1908 assessment. F. S. LOFTON, Chairman. Attest: CHAS. SKALLA, County Clerk. By M. G. ELBERT, Deputy Clerk.

McCook, Nebraska, July 8, 1908. The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present F. S. Lofton, S. Premer and C. B. Gray, commissioners, and M. G. Elbert, deputy county clerk.

The following claim was audited and allowed and the clerk was instructed to draw warrant on the road fund of commissioner district No. 2, as follows: W. A. Dolan, freight advanced on road scrapers, \$3.75.

The board continued the examination of the accounts of Chas. Skalla, county clerk and after a careful examination find the following to be a correct statement of all fees received by him from January 9, 1908, to June 30, 1908, inclusive:

January 9th to 31st, inclusive.....	\$ 134 60
February.....	211 55
March.....	254 55
April.....	239 15
May.....	183 30
June.....	154 20
Total fees received for recording.....	\$1,253 75
Due for compiling real estate list \$100.00	
Salary for first half of 1908.....	150.00 300 00
Total amount of fees, Jan. 9 to June 30, inclusive.....	\$1,553 75

After having made a careful examination of the accounts of J. C. Moore, county judge, the board finds that he has received from January 9, to June 30, 1908, inclusive, the sum of \$541.50 in fees.

On motion board adjourned to meet July 9, 1908. F. S. LOFTON, Chairman. Attest: CHAS. SKALLA, County Clerk. By M. G. ELBERT, Deputy Clerk.

McCook, Nebraska, July 9, 1908. The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present F. S. Lofton, S. Premer and C. B. Gray, commissioners, and M. G. Elbert, deputy county clerk.

The board continued the examination of the accounts of C. Naden, county treasurer, and continued the same throughout the day. On motion board adjourned to meet July 10, 1908. F. S. LOFTON, Chairman. Attest: CHARLES SKALLA, Clerk. By M. G. ELBERT, Deputy Clerk.

McCook, Nebraska, July 10, 1908. The board of county commissioners met pursuant to adjournment, present F. S. Lofton, C. B. Gray and S. Premer, commissioners, and M. G. Elbert, deputy county clerk.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of Nebraska, Red Willow county, ss. In the matter of the estate of Jacob Crocker, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims and demands against Jacob Crocker, late of said county, deceased, that six months from the 11th day of July, 1908, is six months for the filing of claims against said estate. All such persons are required to present their claims with vouchers to the county judge of said county on or before the 11th day of January, 1909, or the same shall be forever barred. All claims so filed will be examined and adjusted by the county judge of said county at his office therein on the 6th day of January, 1909, at one o'clock p. m. It is ordered that the above notice be published in the McCook Tribune, a weekly newspaper published in said county, for four weeks, given under my hand, and seal of the county court this 1st day of July, 1908. J. C. MOORE, County Judge. (SEAL) 7-3-18.

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale, issued from the district court of Red Willow county, Nebraska, under a decree in an action wherein August Northing is plaintiff, and the unknown heirs of George H. Wade et al. are defendants, in case directed and delivered, I shall offer at public sale and sell to the highest bidder for cash, at the east door of the court house, in McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska, on the 27th day of July, 1908, at the hour of one o'clock p. m., the following described real estate, to-wit: Two parcels of land, one in township two north of range twenty-nine, west of the sixth P. M., in Red Willow county, Nebraska, his office therein on the 6th day of January, 1909, at one o'clock p. m. It is ordered that the above notice be published in the McCook Tribune, a weekly newspaper published in said county, for four weeks, given under my hand, and seal of the county court this 1st day of July, 1908. H. I. FERGUSON, Sheriff. 6-26-08.

## REFEREE'S SALE.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed by the clerk of the district court of Red Willow county, in the State of Nebraska, on a judgment rendered in said court in the cause wherein Louis J. Shook was plaintiff, and Sadie E. Detroit et al. were defendants, on the twelfth day of June, 1908, for the partition and sale of the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot seven in block twenty-seven of the original town of McCook, Red Willow county, Nebraska. I will offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, on the fourth day of July, 1908, at the east front door of the court house in said county, at two o'clock in the afternoon, the above described real estate. Dated this thirtieth day of June, 1908. P. E. REEDER, Referee. 7-3-08.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the county court of Red Willow county, Nebraska. In the matter of the estate of James H. Short, deceased. Notice is hereby given, that the creditors of the said deceased will meet the administrator of said estate, before me, county judge of Red Willow county, Nebraska, at the county court room in said county, on the 15th day of January, 1909, at one o'clock p. m., each day, for the purpose of presenting their claims for examination, adjustment and allowance. Six months are allowed for creditors to present their claims and one year for the administrator to settle said estate, from the 15th day of July, 1908. This notice will be published in the McCook Tribune for four weeks successively previous to the 15th day of January, 1909. Witness my hand and seal of said court, this 11th day of July A. D. 1908. J. C. MOORE, County Judge. (SEAL)

## RESOLUTION.

A resolution transferring the sum of \$1,000 from the road fund to the fire fund. Be it resolved by the Mayor and Council of the City of McCook: Sec. 1. That there be and hereby is transferred from the road fund to the general fund the sum of one thousand dollars. Sec. 2. That there be and hereby is transferred from the general fund to the fire fund the sum of five hundred dollars. Sec. 3. This resolution shall take effect and be in force from and after its adoption, approval and publication. Adopted and approved this 13th day of July, A. D. 1908. J. H. STEPHENS, Mayor. Attest: H. W. CONOVER, City Clerk. (SEAL)

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