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REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS' LIVES TOLD.

Government Has Just Issued Directory of Its Law Makers.

Washington, May 18.—(Special)—A neat little study in biographies has just been issued by the government printing office. It is a hefty, red-bound volume of 475 pages, called officially, "The Congressional Directory."

A goodly part of the book is devoted to the biographies of the congressmen and senators. They are all autobiographies; or at least prepared by friends of the subject. They range from seventeen words, contributed by Representative Redfield, of New York, as his life history, to 534 words, embracing the events which marked the career of Charles Manley Stedman, of North Carolina.

The senatorial biographies are less interesting to the seeker after knowledge of the lower house—and particularly the new members. There are a good many who don't hesitate to heap encomiums on themselves. Among these is Adam Brown Littlepage, of W. Virginia, who remarks:

"He (that is, himself) bears the reputation of being a very grateful man, never forgetting a kindness, and if faithful in his friendships and thoroughly reliable. He stands for the under man in life. Works hard, late and early as a congressman and is reflecting credit upon the country by his manly, conservative and wise course in Washington as a representative of the people. He is a patriotic man, of ability and fine qualities of mind and heart."

Rep. Ezekeel Candler, of Mississippi, who is a veteran member, says naively that his family has been prominently identified with the history of the state from the days of the revolution up to and including the present.

Rep. James Alexander Daughtery, of Missouri, sets down the fact that he is regarded as one of the strong men in the Missouri delegation.

Rep. J. J. Kindred declares in his sketch that he "has in no sense been a politician."

Rep. Chas. E. Patton, of Pennsylvania, declares that "his agricultural experiments have been of great benefit to his community."

A careful count of the biographies of the members of the house reveals the fact that out of the 398 representatives delegates and commissioners, 246 are lawyers. Twenty-six members neglect to state the nature of their business, so this is not a complete census.

Next to lawyers, in point of number, come the farmers. There are 28 of them. Many of them are only agriculturists on the side, however. The banker's list totals 22. Then come the newspaper men. There are 15 of these besides one "journalist." Rep. Sherwood, democratic, Ohio; and two "publishers." Utter, republican, Rhode Island, and Underhill, democratic of New York.

Ten members of the house are "manufacturers." Eight are lumbermen. Five were teachers, in school or college, up to the time of their being chosen representatives. There are several score others who formerly taught

school, and later studied law.

Reps. Foster, democratic, Illinois; Watson, democratic, New York; Kindred, democratic, New York; Faslon, democratic, North Carolina; and Rep. Barchfield, republican, Pennsylvania; are physicians. Rep. Difeuderfer, democratic, Pennsylvania; is a practicing dentist. At least four members were court stenographers: Palmer, democrat, Illinois; Byrnes, democrat, South Carolina; Kendall, republican, Iowa; and Alkin, Democrat, South Carolina. Three say they were commercial telegraphers: McDermott, democrat, Illinois; Smith, democrat, New York; and Cary, republican, Wisconsin. Representative Lee, democrat, Pennsylvania, simply says he is a "business man."

Five congressmen were at one time "knights of the road," and "drummed" in various sections. Three are real estate operators; three own coal colerles; one is a petroleum operator; three are authors—Edward W. Townsend, democrat, New Jersey, of "Chimney Fadden" fame; Stephen B. Ayres, democrat, N. Y., and Henry George Jr., democrat, N. Y.

In the miscellaneous class are Calder, republican, New York, builder; Furnes, democrat, New York, woolen manufacturer; Hartman republican, Pennsylvania, iron manufacturer; Lafean, republican, Pennsylvania, candy manufacturer, known as the "Chocolate King"; Howell, republican, Utah, merchant; Lindsay, democrat, New York, hotel business; Maher, democrat, New York, hat maker; Lewis, democrat, Maryland; Daugerty, democrat, Missouri, and Cameron, republican, Arizona; are miners; Copley democrat, Illinois, is in the gas and electric lighting business; Gallagher, democrat, Illinois, is a hat dealer; Buchanan, democrat, Illinois, is a structural iron worker; Kennedy, republican, Iowa, is a nurseryman.

There are six members of the House who wore the confederate gray during the civil war—Rucker, democrat, Colorado; Estopinal, democrat, Louisiana; Talbot, democratic, Maryland; Stedman, democratic, North Carolina; Gordon, democratic, Tennessee; and Lamb, democratic, Virginia. Five others served on the union side—Thistlewood, republican, Ohio; Bradley, republican, New York; Sherwood, democratic, Ohio; Bingham, republican, Pennsylvania; and Hill, republican, Conn. Bradley was awarded a medal for gallantry, and Sherwood and Bingham both advanced for conspicuous bravery.

Thirteen members served in the Spanish-American war, either in Cuba the Philippines, or in the camps in the United States. They were: Tillson, republican, Connecticut; Howard, democratic, Georgia; Stone, democratic, Illinois; Ames, republican, Massachusetts; Murray, democrat, Massachusetts; Weeks, republican, Massachusetts; Loud, republican, Michigan; Anderson, republican, Michigan; Harrison, democratic, New York; Howland, republican, Ohio; Crago, republican, Pennsylvania; and Aiken, democratic, South Carolina.

Seven members of the house record the fact that they were born abroad: Sabath, democratic, Illinois, in Bohemia; Kahn, California, in Baden, Germany; Campbell, republican, Kansas, in Nova Scotia; Bartholdt, democrat, Missouri; in Germany; Donohue, democratic, Pennsylvania, in Ireland; Wilson, democratic, Pennsylvania, in Scotland; and Berger, the Wisconsin socialist, in Austria-Hungary.

Two members of the house served in the United States navy, having been graduated from the Annapolis academy. Richmond Pearson Hobson, Alabama, democratic; who was the hero

of the Merrimac, is one of these; Representative Weeks, republican, Massachusetts, the other.

The biographies reveal many little oddities. Representative Fowler, democratic, Illinois; for instance, declares that although he "enjoys a large personal injury practice" of the law, he "has never taken the side of a corporation." Representative John W. Langley, republican, Kentucky, tells that he has a father-in-law in the house, Representative Gudger, democratic, North Carolina. Representative Joseph E. Randsoll, democratic, Louisiana, who is president of the National Rivers and Harbors congress, devotes nearly 100 words of his biography to a little boost for the organization. Representative George Konig, democratic, Maryland, displays humor in his sketch by remarking, of himself, "he is married and lives with his wife."

There are several entrants for the place of prize jolner. Representative Wilder, republican, Massachusetts, claims membership in the Masons (two lodges), Knight Templars, the Shriners, and honorary membership in a G. A. R. post. Representative Chandler, democratic, Mississippi, says he is a Baptist, a Mason, an Odd Fellow, Woodman, Beta Theta Pi, a Knight of Honor, Elk and Knight of Pythias.

Representatives Wedemeyer, republican, Michigan, and Austin, republican, Tennessee, both served in the United States consular service—the one at Georgetown, British Guiana, and the other at Glasgow, Scotland. Representative George White, democratic, Ohio, was a Klondiker in the days of the gold rush. Carl C. Anderson, democratic, Ohio, records the fact that he began his career as a newsboy and a bootblack.

Representative J. J. Kindred, democratic, New York, a physician, says he is an "expert on mental diseases." Congressman Wm. G. Brown, democratic, Virginia, tells an interesting story in his biography of a boyhood friendship with the late Senator Jonathan P. Dolliver, of Iowa. They were

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