

THE BOY GOVERNOR.

THE DAILY HABITS OF THE BAY STATE EXECUTIVE.

He Does the Solitary Horseman Act Every Morning—Active in Society, Intelligent in Business—An All Around Athlete—His Pleasant Home in Cambridge.

[Special Correspondence.] Boston, June 7.—Shortly after 10 o'clock every pleasant morning of the week, excepting Sunday, the sharp clatter of a horse's hoofs may be heard on the old West Boston bridge.

A solitary horseman, with cleanly shaven, strongly lined yet extremely youthful looking face and closely cut hair, with which the breezes find little material to frolic, is seen Boston bound.

He is booted and spurred and wears a tall hat and a snugly fitting Prince Albert coat. He is the chief magistrate of the Old Bay State, the "boy governor" of Massa-



WILLIAM E. RUSSELL. [From the latest photograph.]

chusetts, and this is the way he makes his journey from his cozy Brattle street home, close to the classic shades of Harvard university, to the big house with the gilded dome and the suspended codfish on the top of Beacon hill.

When William Eustis Russell was an "undergrad" at Harvard he was generally dubbed "a picturesque chap." Certainly as mayor of his native city, Cambridge, for three successive terms, and as governor of the state of Massachusetts for two terms, and all before he was past his thirty-seventh year, Hon. William Eustis Russell—riding daily to the state house and entering the executive department with spurs on his heels, and with state officials of every degree eager to pay him deference—can be called a picturesque man and a remarkable character in the history of this state.

The governor is generally prompt in arriving at the state house. Half past 10 o'clock usually finds him deeply engaged in a wroth with a mass of correspondence. He sees no one, excepting a few particular friends until he has read his letters and dictated answers to his private secretary. This usually occupies about two hours of every morning. After this it is quite easy for any one to approach the governor, for he is democratic in his treatment of all callers. There is a welcoming ring in his voice to all who salute him. The stranger is at once made to feel perfectly at ease. He has always been fond of meeting people; he has been the gentlemanly, hearty, charming manner and captivating voice he was one of the best liked men in his class at college; these qualities have simply become stronger with the years and make him a very popular man.

Hon. William Eustis Russell is a good man to watch among the public men of the republic. One need not be particularly friendly to him to make such an assertion; his record of a comparatively few years is sufficient warrant for the statement, and his political enemies readily bestow words of praise upon him and freely acknowledge his capacity for great development. He bids fair to become one of the most picturesque personalities of the country by and by, and may be heard from in the coming national Democratic convention at Chicago. He has been frequently mentioned for second place on the ticket.

Governor Russell is a great lover of athletic sports of all kinds. While at college he was low oar of the Varsity crew, a clever man with the gloves and prominent in football and other leading sports of the college men. He can and he frequently seen closely watching the baseball contests on the League grounds at the south end.

He was always a most ardent Democrat and a ready debater on political subjects. Indeed, in his class of '77 there was but one man who could even approach him in political argument. This was Emmons Blaine, who was to the Republicans of his class what Russell was to the Democrats. Young Blaine and Russell became the best of friends, which friendship lasts to the present day.

Sundays he always spends at home. He attends Dr. McKenney's Congregational church in Cambridge. His home is at 174 Brattle street, Cambridge, in the most aristocratic part of an aristocratic city. He has a beautiful wife, with brown hair and large, liquid eyes, which unmistakably bear evidence of her nobility of soul. Her maiden name was Margaret Manning Swan. The couple have two children, William E. Russell, Jr., and Richard Manning Russell, who is about a year old.



GOVERNOR RUSSELL'S HOME.

The governor has really very little home life. Social events to which he has accepted invitations take up a great many of his evenings. Yet for every invitation he accepts he is obliged to decline nine. It is the exception for him to spend an evening quietly at home. Still he would not care to have his contentions of affairs greatly altered, for he entertains the view that nightly attendance at all kinds of social gatherings very completely keeps the executive in intimate touch with the people whose interests he is appointed to guard.

Every two or three weeks he takes a day off and "goes a fishing." He simply hides on these occasions and nobody can find him, because he doesn't want to be found.

HUGH P. McNALLY.

AN AMERICAN OPERA.

Walter Damrosch Writing the Score for a Libretto of "The Scarlet Letter." [Special Correspondence.] New York, June 7.—It is announced that two American composers have dared to attempt operatic composition, and that one of these operas is finished and the other is well under way. It certainly requires far more courage than the writer who undertakes to compose fiction needs to attempt to write a grand opera, as has been

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