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### LETTER FROM MR. CANNON.

A Few Pertinent Questions Propounded to Candidates.

Editor News:—In looking up the numerous declarations that have been placed before the people of our country by those who are asking for nomination for political office, I fail to find wherein any of the various aspirants have declared themselves as representing any special class interest, or appealing to any one special class. They all seem to strive to make their declaration broad enough so that it will appeal to all classes, or to voters of all classes; and by so doing, of course, they must necessarily fail to represent materially any important or lasting interest of any class—i. e. if they should chance to be true, or undertake to be true to their declarations. However, I do not doubt that some of them really represent a material interest of one important class in society. Yet such class (capitalist class) is in minority, so far as numbers are concerned, and therefore it would not be wise for the person representing the minority (capitalist) class to declare himself truly for such class interest. And, further, I do not doubt that such parties, if elected to office, would truly, to the best of their ability, represent such capitalist class interest.

The question might arise as to whether a man can represent the interests of different classes. It is true that a man might pretend to represent the interests of different classes. But how could he really represent different class interests when such interests are opposed to each other, or to one another, as the interests of all classes are at the present time? With two opposing armies in the field, how can I place myself as championing the cause of both sides? I could not. I might place myself as standing for the real interests of the fighters in the conflict by standing for peace. Yet, then you would find that I would be representing one of two classes—one class being in favor of war because it profited thereby and didn't have to do the fighting, and the other class either being opposed to war or ignorant of its material class interest because of having been taught superstition and false patriotism whereby it was duped into fighting the battles of the other class.

I undertake to say that there are class interests; that society is fast being formed into two distinct classes—i. e. the capitalist, or owning and exploiting classes, and the producing or exploited class. The interests of these classes are necessarily opposed to each other; because one is living from the product of the other and thereby necessitates more labor to be performed by the other, the producing class.

Incidentally, because of these two classes and the present status of the business system and society much unnecessary labor is being performed, such as gambling in commodities of all kinds—produce, etc. i. e. gambling in the way of trading and gaining "other five talents" without giving any additional value to the commodity. Recently there was a controversy arose between the interests of the fruit raisers of this vicinity and the local merchants. Some of the fruit men seemed very anxious of relieving themselves from paying the profits of the merchants, and of course, the merchant wanted to make his profits—for that is the thing on which he lives and from which he gets the comforts of life, and really hasn't a right to live? I presume even the fruit man would admit that he had the right to live and enjoy the comforts of life, and that from the profits of his business. But there are those who do question the right of the merchant or anyone else to live on profits—profits from the labor of the producer. As to the unnecessary labor: we have but one postoffice in Roseburg, yet we have a dozen grocery stores. Wherein does the work of the postoffice differ from that of the grocery business? We use the one for gathering up and distributing mail and the other for gathering up and distributing groceries. How would you like to have a dozen people grabbing and vying with each other to get to handle your mail? Yet many of you are content in having your groceries so promiscuously handled. And why promiscuously handled? Because you have a dozen unnecessary grocery stores. People performing unnecessary labor. It is not economy to waste labor in that way and the man who stands for the class interest of the producing class is opposed to such a system. The man that is in favor of the capitalist class favors such a system—and also a man that favors such a system favors retaining a capitalist class.

The people should demand to know which class these several candidates are representing.  
Your very truly,  
E. L. CANNON.

### INMAN ON POSTAL RATES.

To the editor and the many readers, greeting—

The following is a copy to John J. Gardener, N. J., N. D. Sperry, Conn., Wm. H. Stafford, Wis., C. F. Huff, Pa., J. S. Farrell, N. Y., S. C. Smith, Cal., F. G. Lowden, Ill., Cyrus Durey, N. Y., T. B. Hamer, Idaho, E. H. Dodd, Mich., Victor Murdock, Kans., Cameron, Ariz., J. A. Moon, Tenn., D. E. Finley, S. C., J. T. Lloyd, Mo., J. H. Small, N. C., T. M. Bell, Ga., and W. E. Cox, Ind., committee and J. W. Weeks, Mass., chairman, on postoffice and post roads, Washington, D. C., Sirs:

Concerning your work drafting a bill embodying Taft's recommendations that the rates of postage of newspapers and periodicals be increased from three to four times.

It is unnecessary for me to want your time explaining to your honorable body the probable motive back of said increase. The specious plea that it is being done for the purpose

of wiping out the postoffice deficit is simply absurd.

It is known by the majority, and has become a matter to interested thinkers, that the railroads are paid many times what would be a fair remuneration for the work, and is about two thirds more than would be, and will be under socialism. This is the cause of the deficit. What is the president's reason for raising postage to a prohibitory point unless it is a purpose to kill off some publications of general circulation which are opposing, and have been opposed to his, and some former administrative errors, and the errors of the old parties?

It has again become the duty of every periodical of wide circulation, also of any publication, and congressional voting constituents, to forward to your honorable committee landing such a vigorous protest that said recommendations will be snowed under as completely as was the Penrose bill that intended to muzzle the radical press.

"Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty!" And several millions of us voters are onto administrative tricks.

There are already enough of robbers of the government which means the people, mostly the plain people, without monopoly made and monopoly owned presidents catering to the railroad robbery. But then, when it is taken into consideration that railroads, trusts and other monopoly have made a man president, what is the poor occupant of the White House to do but their bidding?

I am not an owner of, or connected in any way with any periodical more than a subscriber, but do not like that burdens be imposed on virtuous, and innocent, while guilty monopoly is allowed to sap the life's blood from things which go for public good. Count me one among several million voters who will not submit to administrative outrage without making a vigorous kick.

It may be proper to add, that I claim a right to have my proportional say in administrative, and congressional affairs, because, in part, I am old and experienced and ripe, and what I have to say, is vigorously and fearlessly. Besides, I have done more for the good of our country than the president or his predecessors and perhaps than any present member of congress. For had it not been for such as I, the British flag would be floating over the Capital at Washington. We shot to death with Union guns America's greatest curse—slavery, the owners of which, whose greatest interest was their staple commodity, king cotton. And, England, because in part of interest in cotton fabrics, during the years of our bloody warfare, anxiously watched for a plausible excuse to declare for the Southern Confederacy.

This is all at this time.  
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