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WASHINGTON LETTER.

Cannon May be Deposed—Fakirs Must Go—Labor's Opportunity.

WASHINGTON, July 2.—An organized effort is said to have been discovered to defeat "Uncle Joe" Cannon for Speaker of the Sixty-first Congress, if the Republicans carry the House. He has been tagged as an undesirable reactionary and must be eliminated, so the report goes.

Iowa is expected to lead the revolt against the Illinois congressman. In the first place, Iowa has wanted the speakership honors for years as a tribute to her old veteran, Col. "Pete" Hepburn. In the second place, the state is not in sympathy with some of Cannon's policies.

The action of Republicans in Guthrie county, Iowa adopting resolutions, calling upon Rep. Walter I. Smith, one of the most influential men in the House, and one who is generally regarded as needing no instructions, to vote against Joseph G. Cannon for speaker, is said to be the first step in the campaign. Other Iowa organizations will follow suit, and it is predicted that many of the congressmen from that state will have the organizations, upon which they depend for election, demanding the defeat of Cannon and the selection of Hepburn to succeed him.

Should Iowa lead off in this matter, most of the northwestern states will follow, it is calculated. Wisconsin is said to be up in arms against the drastic rules of the Speaker that have squeezed the La Follette disciples so hard that they have been able to do nothing more effective than to make a futile protest. Not one solitary crumb of reform have they been able to bring forth to the hungry reformers in the Badger state, and they say it is all because "Uncle Joe" will not allow them to do anything to ease the nation. Some of them have spoken their minds on the floor of the House, while others contented themselves with breaking over party lines when the Speaker cracked the whip to carry out some of his plans.

Minnesota, Michigan, Nebraska, California and Kansas are counted on to vote for a change in affairs in the House, while scattering [illegible] all grumbled by the way things have been run in the House during the last three congresses are pleased with those who will vote against the Illinois member.

It is said that organized labor will wage on the fight against Cannon. The Speaker's opposition to the passage of legislation demanded by the American Federation of Labor and his fight at Chicago against the anti-injunction plank in the Republican platform has whetted the hatred of organized labor for him. If some of the Republican representatives booked for the disapproval of the American Federation of Labor are willing to pledge themselves to vote against Cannon, they may effect a compromise with the Federation.

Col. Hepburn is not the only man in the House who would like to succeed Cannon. There is Rep. Burton of Ohio, regarded as the most [illegible] orator, deepest thinker and [illegible]. Rep. Boutell of Illinois is also said to be a candidate.

Should the Democrats [illegible] of the House it is generally [illegible] that Rep. Champ Clark of Missouri will be chosen Speaker. In the last few years Clark has grown immensely in the House, and besides being level-headed, is a first-class orator.

Through the Department of Commerce and Labor and the postoffice department, Secretary Straus and Postmaster General Meyer have inaugurated a plan of service which will relieve farmers and others in this country from further embarrassment in the matter of procuring adequate help. The details are being promulgated through the Division of Information, Bureau of Immigration and Naturalization, Department of Commerce and Labor and Assistant Postmaster General DeGraw, through the Rural delivery service.

The plan is original in this country and contemplates a general distribution of admitted aliens and other persons seeking employment. In that view, there are being forwarded to postmasters throughout the United States, packages of cards, with return attachments, for distribution to farmers and others who are likely to need the services of farm and common laborers, or mechanics, and who may obtain the character of help required by mailing the return information card, properly filled out without payment of postage.

For this valuable service no charge is to be made, or fee accepted, either from employer or employe, and the officers entrusted with the work will exercise every possible precaution in selecting men and directing them to destination.

In cases where labor is not needed at this particular time, the applications may be retained by prospective employers for future use.

The work of selecting suitable persons to serve in the several fields of labor covered will be given special attention by experts designated by the Department of Commerce and Labor.

Lottery and prize contest promoters are running to cover under a sharp campaign now being conducted against them by the postoffice department. It is estimated that the close scrutiny now exercised over all publications has resulted in the exclusion from the second-class privilege of periodicals aggregating 25,000,000 circulation. These were all cheap publications, bulging with "free" offers and prize contests akin to lotteries.

The department is also demanding stricter compliance with the second-class rules in regard to requiring paid-in-advance subscriptions before admitting to entry.

In another branch of the department, postoffice inspectors are busy watching advertising fakirs. The assistant Attorney General's office is the mecca of all newspaper men in the Capital just now, with the summer dearth of news on, because there is hardly a day that several fraud orders do not appear.

Among all the varieties of fakes uncovered by this branch of the service, by far the most plentiful is the astrological, the psychological, clairvoyant, or seeress fraud. These are the folk who advertise a complete individual life reading "from the stars" for a small sum—claiming an individual horoscope, etc. What the department objects to is that these fakirs have horoscopes for the twelve months all prepared in advance, and dish them out according to the birth date of the applicant. Also in a good many cases, the same string of generalities about temperament, love affairs, and so on, appears in each horoscope.

Sometimes, the inspectors have also discovered, that the learned advertiser doesn't know even an astrolabe from a Plymouth Rock rooster.

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Interesting in this connection, and indicative of the genuinely paternal instinct at the basis of many governmental features in Germany, is this careful provision to prevent suffering to the families and the community as a result of the relentless working of natural economic laws.

"The time is ripe, the hour has come, the work is imminent and must be done now."

Such is the message that Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is sending to the organized millions of laborers through the American Federationist. It is designed as the advance signal for war on Republican congressmen who refused to give Labor its demands during the recent session of Congress. Gompers hints that the fight may be extended to the presidential contest, but he is waiting for the outcome of the Denver convention before taking a definite position in regard to that campaign.

He quotes the Republican leaders to prove that the Republican party is responsible for what legislation was passed and what was refused passage. "The phychological moment has arrived for a total change of governmental policy toward the workers," he says.

Mr. Gompers indulges in personalities to say that "Cannon, Dalzell, Payne, Littlefield, Sherman, Jenkins and others, represent not the interests of the people, but the interests and policies of the Parry-Post-Van Cleave manufacturers' associations outfit." This attack on Rep. Sherman, now a candidate for vice-president, is taken to mean that however lukewarm the Democratic platform at Denver, Gompers will fight the Republican ticket, because it recognizes and elevated one of the "enemies of labor."

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DAILY WEATHER REPORT

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Ore. 24 hours ending 5 a. m., July 2, 1908.

Precipitation in inches and hundredths ... 0.00
Maximum temperature ... 89
Minimum temperature ... 48
Precipitation ... 00
Total precip. since first of month ... 00
Avg. precip. for this month for 30 years ... 0.52
Total precip. from Sept. 1, 1907, to date ... 31.00
Average precip. from September 1, 1877 ... 29.94
Total deficiency from Sept. 1, 1907 ... 1.06
Average precipitation for 30 wet seasons, Sept. to May (inclusive) ... 32.04

Thos. Gibson, Observer.

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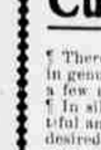

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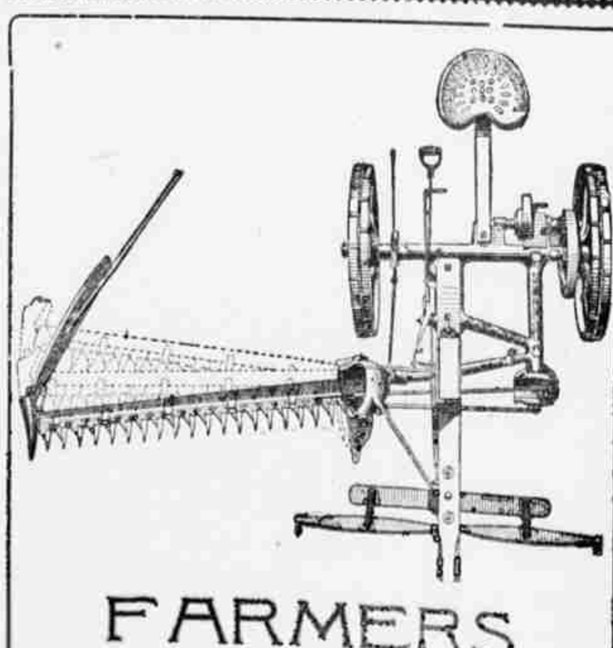

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