President Honors Speaker Cannon

MAKES HIM GUEST AT DINNER AND ESTABLISHES HIS CLAIM TO PRECEDENCE OVER CABINET AND SUPREME COURT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(Special correspondence.)—The first week of the new year opened and closed auspiciously, albeit, the two largest events were of a distinctly political nature. Indeed, from now until the departure of possible Presidential candidates from the city, following the adjournment of Congress, on March 4, the ebb and flow of political hopes and Congressional happenings will be foreshadowed or reflected in the drawing-room, or better yet, in the dining-room of the popular official hostess.

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President and Mrs. Roosevelt started the political dinner fad by entertaining in honor of Speaker Cannon and Miss Cannon, the occasion being regarded with more significance because never before had a President so honored a Speaker of the House of Representatives. A nice question of social precedence also loomed up in this connection. Speakers from time immemorial having contended that they outranked Cabinet officers or members of the Federal Supreme Court. No authoritative decision has ever been rendered in the matter, but society is now inclined to the belief that the President's recent courtesy to Speaker Cannon will go far toward establishing his claim to precedence over the Cabinet and the Supreme Court.

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Following the example of their chiefs, Vice-President and Mrs. Fairbanks gave a reception to the Senate on Wednesday evening. Mr. and Mrs. Everybody, all the little everybodies, and even a few ugly ducklings, were among the invited. The result was a show of hospitality not seen in Washington for many a day. The house, a stately graystone building facing Faragut Square, was brilliantly lighted and decorated for the occasion. For two hours or more a living stream flowed up the grand stairway, at the head of which stood the host ready to greet each guest by name and then present him or her to Mrs. Fairbanks. The latter, who has but recently recovered from an attack of grip, looked very handsome in an American-made gown of prevailingly light material trimmed with rare lace and few furbelows. Together they were a picture of health and vigor, far too young looking to bear the honor of grandparenthood that has recently come to them.

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Here, there and everywhere among the guests were Mrs. Timmons, the Vice-President's daughter, and his daughters-in-law, Mesdames Warren and Frederick W. Fairbanks, who came for the holidays and remained over for the reception. In the dining-room where a light collation was served, presided several Senatorial hostesses, chosen without reference to their husband's political creed.

Not to be outdone at their own game, Senator and Mrs. Foraker are planning an evening reception for a date in the near future, when everyone with the ghost of an acquaintance with Ohio's popular Senator and his still more popular wife, is expected to cross the threshold of their home.

Secretary and Mrs. Taft will be next in line for a big affair on the same lines as that given by them last year in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth and the rest of the Philippine party.

Secretary and Mrs. Shaw will mark their going out of the Cabinet circle, by a function in honor of the Iowans in and out of Congress; the Cannons will invite tout le monde to meet the Illinoisans, and incidentally everyone present will be given a first-class opportunity to note how well the daughter of the house has discharged her duties as an official hostess. Thus again, will "coming events cast their shadows before."

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While these large affairs are good from a social standpoint, personal preference is still given to little dinners made up of eight or ten guests, between whom there is a chance for real conversation, not possible at more formal functions. Bridge or music usually follows these dinners, and longer sleeves are growing in favor, as an adjunct to the slightly decollete dresses adopted for these occasions by the ladies. Scarfs of radium silk or mousseline de soie are also worn, and invariably contrast in color with the gown with which they are in evidence.

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Speaking of clothes remainds me of the marked revival of the empire style which, with innumerable variations has been seen at every smart affair this season. Artificial flowers and an occasional bunch of wonderfully made fruit are running their little course as the favored decoration of a really handsome gown. With a costume so decorated, milady of the hour uses the corresponding perfume, violet water with violets, rose water with roses, and so on ad infinitum.

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From the number of Irish point lace gowns seen at a recent reception at the White House, the leaders in Washington society are generously co-operating with Lady Aberdeen, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, in her efforts to spread the vogue in Irish lace, and thus aid the Irish working girls. Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. Fairbanks each have a robe of beautiful design, and the latter has also a miniature set of applicances for making the lace, which she received as a gift from Lady Aberdeen, at the time others in her circle received a similar present. Explaining the various contrivances makes an entertaining way of passing the time on official days "at home."

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To be thought modish by the younger set, one must boast an afternoon or evening frock, copied from an old master. The portraits of Gainsborough, Reynolds and Sir Peter Lely, which so long have been the recognized inspiration for fancy ball costumes, are now being studied for modes for gowns to be worn on more prosaic occasions. Of those who have adopted this fad, Miss Evelyn Walsh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, of Colorado and Washington, is perhaps the most zealous. Having sought inspiration from Gainsborough, Miss Walsh effects his style in almost everything she wears, with a result that is maddening to her less artistic mates.

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One of the prettiest affairs of the week was the luncheon given on Friday by the German Ambassador and Baroness von Sternberg. Covers were laid for 15 guests, the list including Representative and Mrs. Longworth and the latter's cousin, Miss Corinne Robinson, a recent visitor at the White House; Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and Miss Eddy, also of New York; Mrs. Corcoran Thom, Miss Warder and Mr. Henry Adams, son of the historian; Mr. Higgins, of the British Embassy, and Count Hatsfeld, Herr von Radowitz and Prince zu Lynar, of the hosts' Embassy.

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Mrs. Russell Alger, wife of the retiring Senator from Michigan, is an almost daily hostess since the arrival of her house guests, Mrs. Garret A. Hobart, Sr., and her two daughters, Mrs. Bailey, of Harrisburg, and Mrs. Pike, of Chicago. To the luncheon on Saturday, which was especially in honor of Mrs. Hobart, the following ladies were invited: Baroness von Sternberg, formerly Miss Langham, of Kentucky and New York; Mrs. Hale, of Maine; Mrs. Foraker, of Ohio; Mrs. Dryden and Miss Kean, of New Jersey; Mrs. Burrows, of the hostess' state; Mrs. Gillespie, of the Army and Navy set; Mrs. Thomas F. Walsh, Mrs. Charles E. Foster, Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Anderson, Miss Thompson, Mrs. Bailey and Mrs. Pike.

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Hon and Mrs. J. R. Garfield, the former soon-to-be Secretary of the Interior, have issued invitations to a dinner January 17 to meet Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brown, the guests going later to the reception at the White House given in honor of the judiciary. Mr. Brown, as secretary to President Garfield, and Mrs. Brown, as "Molly" Garfield, are well remembered in Washington by the circle that was just budding a quarter of a century ago. Most of these now have homes of their own in the city, and are planning most delightful ways of welcoming their returning friends of former days. While here Mr. and Mrs. Brown will be the house guests of the latter's brother, Commissioner of Corporations for the Department of Commerce and Labor.

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Miss Marjorie Ide, daughter of the ex-Governor-General of the Philippines, has proved such a popular guest that she has been urged to continue the round of visits she has been making since coming East for the marriage of her sister to the Honorable Bourke Cochran, of New York, and will probably remain at the capital until the latter's return from their wedding trip abroad, in April.

As an assistant at afternoon teas and receptions, Miss Ide is most charming, and is eagerly sought after by the frequent hostess. She was "on duty" Saturday afternoon, when Mrs. Albert Key, wife of the President's naval aide, welcomed several hundred guests to her new home on I street. The house, which was formerly the home of General and Mrs. Benet, has dignified, old-fashioned rooms with high ceilings and light woodwork. Here the richly carved teakwood furniture purchased by Commander and Mrs. Key during their recent stay in Japan is shown to advantage, and reminds old Washingtonians of the really wonderful specimens of the same kind of furniture which adorned the home of ex-Senator and Mrs. Stewart, of Nevada, and with the elegance of its other furnishings led to the place being called "Stewart Castle."

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Miss Grace Gearin and Walter Gearin, of Portland, who are spending the season here with their father, United States Senator Gearin, from Oregon, were guests at a dinner recently given at the New Willard by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Clarke, of Pennsylvania, in honor of Professor and Mrs. Maurice Egan. Others invited were Senator Gearin, Frank Fitzpatrick, of Cambridge, Mass.; Miss Maude Crawford, of Virginia, and the Misses Patrice and Carmel Egan.

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Mrs. C. Ewald Grunsky was hostess at another beautiful tea of the week, when her daughter, Miss Kate Grunsky was formally presented to society. The house was elaborately decorated with yellow blossoms emblematic of the debutante's native state—California, from which came also the receiving party: Mrs. Frank P. Flint, Mrs. Daniskin, Miss Pansy Perkins, Misses Madge and Gladys James (whose father, Judge Nathaniel James was formerly of St. Louis); Miss Ethel Whitney and Miss Jean Peddler. Residents of nearly every state in the Union called during the afternoon on this latest bud, who, like young Lochinvar, came from the West.

GRACE PORTER HOPKINS.

FREDERIC J. HASKIN'S LETTERS ON "THE MAGIC OF AMERICA."

Which begin with this issue will be a feature of The Daily Oregonian. His second letter will be published tomorrow morning and one every morning thereafter for several weeks.

They commend themselves especially to the younger generation of Americans.

CHARLES E. LEE, 94 YEARS OLD, IS STILL HALE AND HEARTY

Kalama Nonagenarian Attributes His Long Life to Good Tobacco, Good Whisky and Good Coffee.

KALAMA, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special.)—Charles E. Lee, of Kalama, Wash., is now in his 94th year. Hale and hearty as a man of 50, with a kind word, genial smile and hearty handshake for all, this man is now nearing the century mark on life's journey. His is always a pleasing countenance and his frank, outspoken manner wins for him many friends among his new acquaintances, while he has no enemy among his old.

At the age of 60, when most men lay down the cares of life, he came to Kalama with a young wife and took up a homestead three miles from the Columbia River. It would have seemed a formidable task to a younger man to hew out of the dense forest a home for himself and wife, but Mr. Lee's was a spirit undaunted, and bravely he set himself to the task. How hard they toiled they themselves only knew; for it is no easy task to conquer the immense forests of the Columbia. But all they undertook to do was well done, as his farm today stands witness. The house is comfortable. There is a large orchard and a large garden plot. This farm he sold about a year ago and he has been living for some months near Portland, but his heart still yearns for the old familiar scenes and he would fain come back to a small ranch he owns near Kalama.

Charles E. Lee.

He relates many amusing experiences that befell him on account of his great age. He was waiting, one chilly morning, for a street car, when an elderly man also entered the waiting station, leaning heavily on his cane. "It's a cold morning for us old people," remarked the stranger, as he entered. "What old people are you speaking about?" asked Mr. Lee. "You don't consider yourself old, do you? I'll bet I have a daughter back in Iowa every bit as old as you are. She's 63."

"That's just my age exactly," replied the man, as he started to take the approaching car.

Lately Mr. Lee had the County Clerk and others guessing his age when he went to the Courthouse to have a deed recorded. They guessed 65 to 68—the age he most surely represents.

The life of this man reaches back over nearly all the important events of the Nation. Born July 23, 1812, 14 years after the death of Washington, we can realize what a long life his has been. He was a babe about the time "Old Hickory" was making things interesting for the Indians in the South. Such men as Webster, Clay and Calhoun were figuring prominently in the political arena during his early boyhood. He was 7 years old when the first railroad was built in the United States. His geography told him that all west of the Mississippi River was the "Great American Desert." As a boy, he knew William Henry Harrison, whose farm joined that of his father's in Indiana—donation claims they were at that time. His first vote was cast for James K. Polk. He could have voted for former Presidents, but not being much interested in politics, he did not go to the polls. He saw the first steamboat that plied the Ohio.

Mr. Lee says that his long life is due to good tobacco, good whiskey and good coffee. He smokes almost incessantly—a common clay pipe. He chewed tobacco from the time he was 8 years old till he was 40. He has smoked since then—54 years.

He was 50 years old when the Civil War broke out, and was rejected on account of age when he went to enlist.

SAN FRANCISCO MOURNS ERNEST HASTINGS

THE following appreciation of the late Ernest Hastings appeared in a recent issue of the San Francisco Call:

News of the death of Ernest Hastings will cause a deep sense of grief among the player folk and theater patrons in San Francisco. Ernest Hastings was leading man at the Alcazar for several seasons and during that time he attained a firm hold upon the affections of the people of the city. Few are the men, women and children in San Francisco who have not laughed with Hastings in "Charlie's Aunt" or cried with him in "The Christian."

Hastings was always a drawing card. The magic of his name filled the O'Farrell-street playhouse as did that of Florence Roberts. Other actors could come and go, but the Alcazar management always knew that in Hastings it had a guarantee of success.

Aside from his professional connections Hastings had a wide circle of personal friends in San Francisco. He was welcomed at clubs and in the homes of the city. He was eager to do for his friends and seldom asked anything in return.

He was handsome of face, resembling to a marked degree the type which Gibson delighted to draw. Local writers were fond of referring to him as a matinee idol, but the description was only in part correct. It was true that he had a large number of feminine admirers, but he always discouraged silly sentimentality. Hastings not long ago married Miss Madge Chapman, of San Jose, daughter of well-known Portland parents, and he cherished her with an affection that caused general comment. Mrs. Hastings was with him a few weeks ago when he played an engagement in Portland.

Although apparently robust, Hastings did not enjoy the best of health. He was troubled with aphasia, and frequently in the midst of a performance forgot his lines. Local playgoers will recall an incident at the Alcazar a few years ago when, in the midst of a scene, Hastings paused, looked about him with a strange stare as though he had just that moment recognized that he was acting before a large audience, and stood helpless while the curtain was rung down.

At one time his lapses of memory became so acute that he was dropped from the company. This happened at the Alcazar, but after a season in the country Hastings recovered and resumed his place.

A little over three years ago in New York Hastings suffered from a severe mental strain. He broke down completely and for several days it was feared that he had lost his mind. In his delirium he called constantly for Madge Chapman. Neither his New York nor San Francisco friends had ever heard him speak of Miss Chapman. When Hastings recovered from his attack she went on from San Jose and they were married.

During his various engagements at the Alcazar Hastings appeared before San Francisco audiences in hundreds of roles from hilarious farce to deepest tragedy. He was most popular throughout the country in such parts as the sheriff in the play "In Mizzoura."

NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

THE new books added to the Portland Public Library are as follows:

PHILOSOPHY.

King—Rational living.

RELIGION.

Foster—Finality of the Christian religion.

Francesco d'Assisi—Writings; tr. by Paschal Robinson.

Nicoll—Garden of nuts; mystical expositions.

SOCIOLOGY.

*Alexander—James Wilson, patriot, and the Wilson doctrine.

Bagley—The educative process.

Dawson—German workman.

Hamilton—(The) recitation.

Haynes—Election of Senators.

Willoughby—Political theories of the ancient world.

USEFUL ARTS.

Beaumont—Woollen and worsted cloth manufacture, 1899; 3d ed.

Gerhard—House-drainage and sanitary plumbing, ed. 11, 1905.

Graham—Handbook of standard or American phonography, 1893.

Maginnis—Bricklaying, 1900.

FINE ARTS.

Doat—Grand feu ceramics.

Morris & Wood—Country cottage.

Parker—Introduction to the study of Gothic architecture.

Rose—Copper work.

TRAVEL AND DESCRIPTION.

Aldrich—An old town by the sea (Portsmouth, N. H.)

Amicis—On blue water.

Guerber—How to prepare for Europe.

Johnson—Highways and byways of the Mississippi Valley.

Martin—Through five republics of South America.

LITERATURE.

Hunt—Literature; its principles and problems.

Jones—Whitewashing Julia; a comedy.

HISTORY.

Dexter & Dexter—England and Holland of the Pilgrims.

Hassall—Handbook of European history, 476-1871.

BIOGRAPHY.

Cramp, C. H.—Memoirs of Charles H. Cramp, by A. C. Buell.

Dante Alighieri—Dante, his times and his work, by A. J. Butler.

Manning, H. E., Card.—Cardinal Manning, by A. W. Hutton.

FICTION.

Brush—The scarlet patch.

Cholmondely—Prisoners.

Church—Crown of pine.

Hale—A motor car divorce.

Hayes—Tales of the Sierras.

Johnson—Sir Galahad of New France.

Knowles—St. Cuthbert's.

Long—Heimweh and other stories.

Phillips—Plain Mary Smith.

Rosegger—Prisoner's story of the cross.

Tybout—Wife of the Secretary of State.

Waltz—The ancient landmark.

Zangwill—Celibates' Club.

*Gift.

To Let Only the Fit Marry.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Jan. 12.—Dr. T. B. Beatty, the present secretary of the State Board of Health, in his annual report on health conditions in the state, recommends that legislation be passed to prevent the marriage of people mentally deficient and incapable of the burdens of the marriage state. A bill embodying the doctor's views will be introduced in the legislature.

HE SOLICITED A BRIBE.

W. A. Martin, Member of Pittsburg Council, Found Guilty.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 12.—William A. Martin, a member of the Common Council of this city, was found guilty today of soliciting a bribe in connection with a proposed franchise granting the Pittsburg & Tube City Railroad Company an entrance to Pittsburg. Martin was recommended to the extreme mercy of the court.

NO TAINT ON HIS NAME

Grand Jury Fails to Find True Bill Against W. H. Fairbank.

BOSTON, Jan. 12.—The grand jury today reported no bill against Wilson H. Fairbank, former Massachusetts Commissioner to the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, who was charged with forgery in connection with the accounts of his office. The charges were made by District Attorney Moran during the latter's canvass for the Governorship last Fall.

Mr. Fairbank, who is now Commissioner to the Jamestown Exposition, has sued Mr. Moran, alleging libel.

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