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SOME REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL POSSIBILITIES---JOSEPH CANNON

Washington, June 8.—"Mr. Cannon was born of God-fearing, and man-loving parents. He made himself, and he did a darn poor job of it."

This is the autobiography of "Uncle Joe" of Illinois. He wrote it upon request, and he got almost as much into the two lines as Grant, or Sherman, or Mark Twain did into volumes.

Born a Quaker 72 years ago in North Carolina, reared to manhood in a clearing on the banks of the Wabash in Indiana, lawyer, banker, and near-millionaire, Joseph G. Cannon is often cited to prove that the grand old type of American manhood, rugged and sturdy, that characterized the fathers of the republic, is not always spoiled by wealth.

The manufacturing process to which Cannon referred in his autobiography occurred in the house of representatives. For more than a generation he has been a member of that body, and for five years its speaker. The raw material was recognized as such. "The gentleman must have oats in his pocket," exclaimed a member, when Cannon made his first speech in the house. The "kid" member from the west admitted it, and suggested there might also be a hay seed in his hair. Last winter that speech was recited from the floor by one of his admirers, while Cannon sat blushing in the speaker's chair, his vest unbuttoned from top to bottom, his frizzled hair so thin it could no longer hold hayseed if it tried, his bones clothed in homespun, and a toothpick in his mouth—just as picturesque a figure as he was 33 years before.

"Uncle Joe's" habits. His habits and manners are all-pervading. They permeate "Uncle Joe's" clothes, just as they do his system. They are likewise copyrighted. About a year ago when the speaker went to New York, the metropolitan newspapers commented on his "twenty-five cent hat." In reality, it was a \$40 Panama, but it had been Cannonized. The best tailors in Washington make his suits, but an everlasting contest between the garments and their owner as to their right to shield him from the elements, give his clothes a withered rose appearance the year around.

The tobacco habit characterizes him as nothing else. The angle at which his cigar is held is regarded as a barometer of his spirits. Only on one occasion was the cigar ever observed at "gloomy." That was the night of election day in 1890, when Cannon and McKinley were defeated for congress. Both were at headquarters in Chicago. Finally when all others were gone, except one or two, Cannon said to McKinley:

"William, there is no use in our trying to fool one another, is there?" "No, Joe," replied McKinley. "Well, doesn't it beat hell?" and with that his cigar fell to the lowest angle it ever registered. It was the only defeat he ever suffered.

Love for Tobacco. Plug tobacco is another Cannon acquaintance. The speaker will stop a man on the street to ask for a chew. He has gotten many a chew and a vote for congress besides, by asking for the first. At the time of the bicycle craze a friend asked Cannon how he was progressing in his attempt to ride.

"Oh, fairly well; I succeeded today for the first time in spitting without falling off," he responded with pride. He is said to have two other habits, cursing democrats and raising the ante at inopportune moments.

As a public speaker, Cannon never set the world on fire with his eloquence. But he has often floored his opponent by the soundness of his logic, his ready flow of humor, his rugged, homely language, and his windlass gestures. A good baseball pitcher was lost when Uncle Joe became a politician. If he wants to emphasize what he is about to say, he begins to shake his head after the fashion of a horse eating hay from a stuffed manger. By the time the climax is reached his trusty arm is describing a circumference with a four-foot diameter. He gets lots of exercise out of his gestures, almost as much as in his morning breathing exercises in front of the open window of his bed room.

The Bible and Shakespears. Biblical allusions and quotations fill his speeches and private conversation and he is no stranger to Shakespeare. Blunt, straightforward replies may be expected from him, most likely seasoned with picturesque expletives.

He professes to believe that all politicians, including himself, are humbugs, and he treats them as such. His faith is pinned to the common people, although he can walk along with labor on the arm of capital on the other without missing a step. "The constitution and the laws do not make the safety of this nation," he once remarked. "It is the people who make it."

His religion is embraced in the brotherhood of man and the tenets of the republican party. Slavery made him a republican, he declares. As speaker of the house he has never larded it over the most humble. He enjoys talking to the Irish laborer, because he says the best part of himself is Irish.

Cannon belonged to the Quaker faith, until his wedding day. He married a Methodist woman, now dead, and his church called upon him to repent for marrying outside the faith. Angered at this rebuke, he excommunicated himself by exclaiming:

"If you mean that I am to get up in meeting and say that I am sorry I married Mary, I won't do it. I'm damned if I'm sorry, and I'm damned if I'll say I am."

Today when asked to what denomination he belongs, he retorts that he is a brother-in-law of the Methodist church.

In his soul is a love for the beautiful, only equal to his sympathy for his fellowman.

"I wouldn't give three whoops in hades," said he once to a woman. "For any man whose heart would not beat faster, who would not breathe deeper, whose eyes would not take fire, whose spirit would not swell as if to strangle him, who would not be moved even to the shedding of tears—and that without any shame—by the voices of birds and children, by a mother's smiles, by a song that is sung from the heart, by noble oratory or the noble action of actors on the stage; by the human art through which the spirit of beauty in one speaks to the spirit of beauty in another."

With the homeliness of Lincoln, he has none of the melancholy of that other famous son of Illinois. With the power of "Czar" Reed, he has been as approachable and as human as the corner grocery keeper.

Although he is the personification of the strictly party idea, Cannon's unquestioned honesty, his genial manners, his rag-carpet language and his absolute fairness—within the limitations of the rules of the house—have made him the most beloved speaker that ever occupied the chair, not only among his own colleagues, but also among the minority.

He has no better friend in congress today than John Sharp Williams, the democratic floor leader.

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS.

Two Canadian Provinces Completing Active Campaigns.

Ottawa, June 8.—After an active campaign, provincial elections are being held today in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The Whitney government in Ontario has appealed to the people on its record of what is termed "a period of political probity, fair play and capability never exceeded in the history of the province," and with good prospects of success in today's election. In Quebec, the government has not been very popular with the people, but the ministers go to the country buoyed up by the hope that their present overwhelming majority will not be wiped out by the electors, who have had little time to consider the acts of the administration.

There is no doubt that the government has suffered very considerably as far as popular estimation is concerned during the past year, and the bad impression created has by no means been dissipated. It remains to be seen what effect it will have on the people at the polls.

COMPLETES THIRD SEASON.

"The Clansman" Has Been Witnessed By Nearly 4,000,000 People

"The Clansman," established a new record among successful plays with the close of its third season in Brooklyn, N. Y., on May 23. Those fond of theatrical statistics will be interested to learn that in the triennium just closed Mr. Dixon's Ku Klux Klan drama has been played 1500 times and been witnessed by 3,758,946 people. The actual box office receipts have been \$4,281,437. The distances traveled by the companies have roundedly aggregated 75,000 miles or more than three times the girth of the earth.

In honor of the extraordinary achievement of the 1500th performance was made a gala night. Manager Brennan, playwright Dixon and the players entertained a large company of friends on the stage of the Broadway theater. After the banquet leaders in the dramatic, newspaper and literary worlds united in congratulating the management and expressed the belief that the coming tour of "The Clansman" on the Pacific coast would smash even the high records of the play in the east.

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"Maybe, Bridget," observed Mathilde, with a watchful eye on her understudy, "you'll think you, dat all shirt waist ees iron alike. Maybe you'll think she ees som' easy job for iron shirt waist for hall dose lady of different shape."

"But non, Bridget, she ees mos' difficult. Som' of dose waist ees for dose so fat Mame, Jane, w'at weigh tree, two hunder pound. Som' ees for dose so t'n Mlle. Smitt, w'at weigh lak som' small feddiale."

"Eet ees not sufficient to but iron dose waist, she mos' hall be moid to fit dose bodice."

"De waist of dose t'n, dose tall, does fat, she ees iron hall of a difference. Dose fat, she ees not desire som' hump hon belitt' hees shoudaire. Does t'n, she ees weesh for strick out biffore. For dose tall mam'selle you mus' mak high dose collaire; for dose fat madame mak wide dose arm'ole."

"Eet ees dose weesdom, Bridget, w'at ees bring hall dose mos' bes' shirt waist ees torma to de door of old Mathilde"—Youth's Companion.

Congressional Bell Signals.

On the floor of the house the door-keeper has his desk, and it is here that the bells are struck that give notice of the needs of congress. One bell calls for tellers when the house is in committee of the whole; two bells indicate a call for yeas and nays; three declare a recess; with four bells the red light over the door goes out; five bells mean a "call of the house," under which the sergeant at arms is supposed to summarily arrest any member on sight and bring him in, whether on foot or horseback. Any member who is not present at a call of the house is subjected to a severe reprimand. Looking down the corridor, the going out of the red light gives the curious suggestion of the tail end of a passenger train dashing through a tunnel. While the red light burns bright and clear it means that congress is under way, but when the light winks and goes out then the visitors understand that the wheels of legislation have ceased to revolve.—National Magazine.

Escaped and Rearrested.

Elsie Seguin, who, with her mother, was arrested at Pocatello, Idaho, on the charge of compounding a felony, and who was to be brought to North Yakima, escaped a couple of days ago and has been recaptured. The two women will be brought to North Yakima at once.

Canby, Ore., is enjoying a run of prosperity. The fourth new warehouse is being completed and the town is to vote on a new water works system.



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ATTEMPTS TO BRIBE NEW LEGISLATORS

The Portland Evening Telegram prints the following account of bold attempts to bribe statement No. 1 members of the legislature and set aside the wishes of the people in the election of United States senator:

Bribery and other pressure is being brought to bear on statement No. 1 members of the legislature. A conspiracy has already been effected for the purpose of disorganizing the ranks of the 52 statement No. 1 senators and representatives and thus defeating the wish of the people as expressed at the polls that George E. Chamberlain be sent to the United States senate.

The information that bribery is being attempted is no idle rumor, for it is known positively that at least three house members elected from Multnomah have been approached. How many more have been "felt out" by the agents of the conspirators is not known yet, but at least three of the representative-elect admit that efforts have been made to tempt them.

One of the agents of the plotters, who design to trick the people by tampering with the legislature, is a young lawyer who has been mixed up with shady transactions in the past. Other agents in the game are business men who take an active part in politics.

Word has been passed down the line among the anti-statement members to keep silent and say nothing; that a game was on foot to defeat Chamberlain for senator and prevent the legislature from carrying out the wishes of the people of Oregon. Members known to be opposed to Chamberlain and who are against the statement have been notified that "there will be something doing," and to wait because "something will break loose" in a short time, or at latest when the legislature assembles.

A desperate game is being prepared by the ring politicians, and no sooner was it developed that Chamberlain was the choice of the people and that a majority of the legislature were pledged to vote for him than the plotters disclosed their hand.

Emissaries were at once sent to statement No. 1 men in the attempt to organize them to repudiate their pledges. How many were approached it is difficult to say, but while three admit that bribery offers were made, it is known that at least four others have come in contact with the conspirators. These latter have made the admissions to the trio who acknowledged the visits.

By and lucrative positions, are not forms of bribery which offered. Another phase of the conspiracy is that the conspirators are to have enough state-

ment No. 1 members resign and have anti-statement members elected in their stead, thus pulling away enough votes to defeat Chamberlain.

The men behind the plot are ring politicians. Whole those who have been tempted will not reveal their names, the identity of the bribers is suspected with almost certainty by people familiar with the inside workings of the political history of Oregon. Their complete and open exposure is only a question of time.

Aside from the bribery proposition the conspirators will try to have statement No. 1 men resign in counties where there is a prospect of an anti-statement candidate being elected to succeed him.

Already this part of the game has been set on foot and from well authenticated sources it is learned that feelers have been thrown out to see what statement No. 1 men can be induced to violate their pledges in this manner. Any statement man who resigns, under the circumstances, will, of course, be open to the suspicion that he has been "reached" and has received his price.

The first move made by the plotters was an attempt to prevent statement No. 1 men in Multnomah county from declaring themselves. They explained that by not committing themselves, the statement No. 1 men who will have to vote for Chamberlain may be able to crawl out on some technicality later. The Multnomah delegation has declined this proposition to a man. It was after this first attempt to prevent the declaration that bribery was undertaken.

So far as the statement No. 1 men are concerned, however, there does not appear to be the slightest intention on their part to do other than live up to their promise, and the agents who have approached them have received scant courtesy.

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The action of the railroad company in granting the sites comes as a victory for the farmers of Walla Walla county, who have been waging a bitter fight against large warehouse corporations. It is said the Northern Pacific company has taken steps opposite to the action of the O. R. & N. company and has refused to grant warehouse sites on its lines.

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