

# THE GRIDIRON CLUB

The "Gridiron Club" of Washington city, which is composed of newspaper correspondents, held its annual banquet January 28. The Washington correspondent for the St. Louis Republic, under date of January 28, says:

President Roosevelt, the members of the cabinet, justices of the supreme court of the United States, the speaker of the house of representatives, prominent senators and representatives and leading members of the realms of finance and railroads were entertained tonight at the annual winter dinner of the Gridiron club.

It was the twentieth annual dinner of the club, and the first president of the club, Major John M. Carson, was again installed as president. Among the guests were the president of the United States, Baron Edmond Mayo des Planches, the ambassador of Italy; Baron Von Dem Bussche-Haddenhausen, of the German embassy; Joseph Cannon, speaker of the house; Senator Charles W. Fairbanks, the vice president elect; Whitelaw Reid of New York, the next ambassador to the court of St. James; David J. Brewer, associate justice of the supreme court of the United States; William J. Bryan, Wilbur F. Wakeman of New York; F. R. Underwood, the president of the Erie railway; Brigadier General J. M. Wilson, retired; Senators Crane of Massachusetts, Depew of New York, Gorman of Maryland, Knox of Pennsylvania, Lodge of Massachusetts, and about 200 others.

There were four hours of rollicking

fun and many "hits" on the persons who dined. There were a dozen acts that brought out the weaknesses of public men or which satired their efforts in one direction or another.

For instance, there was an impeachment of Speaker Cannon. This was a hit on the craze for impeachments which seems now to be prevailing in one house of congress or the other. Judge Swayne of the northern district of Florida is now under indictment in the house. A firm of attorneys have asked for the impeachment of Judge Lacombe of the United States court in New York, and only last Wednesday there was the suggestion of impeaching the president for having a protocol, or agreement, with San Domingo put into effect without submitting it to the senate.

"Uncle Joe" was impeached by the Gridiron club for various crimes and misdemeanors, among which were being in contempt of the senate, of which he undoubtedly is, and of insisting on "standing pat" in more respects than one. The "smoke nuisance" was one of the counts. So was the nuisance of making one man and the speaker constitute the entire house.

The speaker pleaded to the charges of impeachment, and Senator Gorman of Maryland appeared as the prosecuting officer. He was adjudged guilty.

This being the meeting at which the officers of the club for the next year took their seats, there was an inauguration of a president, and it was made the occasion for "taking off" the inauguration of the president of the United States in March, and some good points were made at the expense of the president, who enjoyed them hugely. The president of the United States is the only person who attends the dinners of the club for whom respect or consideration is specially shown, and the idea of the inauguration "stunt" was that it was not a satire of the official inauguration to come on March 4.

At the outset of the dinner, to the tune of "There'll Be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight," a band and collection of Rough Riders appeared, escorting the new president of the club, Major John M. Carson, and about half a dozen men who were to be received as his cabinet.

The new president, a "justice" of the supreme court, dressed in a robe, and the members of the cabinet, all of whom were bald-headed, mounted the stage. The members of the new cabinet were then introduced. One was presented as the secretary of the whipping post.

"Isn't your selection rather unusual?" was asked.

"Not at all. I am a back-terriologist. I am also specially fitted to deal with such journalists as may be called upon to describe the antics of a dressed fowl."

The secretary of agriculture and fertility was next presented.

"And why did he appoint you?" was asked.

"I have discovered how to make two grow where one grew before. I am the father of five pairs of twins, and all boys and hearty."

The secretary of the big stick was presented.

"I suppose there was some good reason for selecting you?"

"Who, me; I am a college graduate and an author. I coached the Harvard team in 1878 and in 1882 taught Jiu Jitsu in Tokio. I have written a book on 'Giants I Have Made.' Our president is the first giant."

Another secretary announced that he had been chosen because he held the world's record for roping steers, and had killed six cow rustlers.

The secretary of strenuous life, when asked what he had done to earn recog-

niton, said he was "a fly cop in New York in 1869." The whole crowd marched out to the tune of Garry Owen.

There was an act of Fienzied Finance. This required a somewhat elaborate stage setting, representing a bank, a broker's office and a railroad office, all in Wall street. The characters introduced were a bank president, a business man, a broker, Mrs. Chadwick, Thomas W. Lawson, Colonel Greene, railroad president, bank directors and lambs. Here is a sample of the act:

Enter Mrs. Chadwick. Bank president rushing forward to receive her, says:

"Good morning. Charmed to see you. What can I do for you?"

Mrs. Chadwick (aside): "Isn't he a handsome man? Good morning. I am Mrs. Chadwick of Cleveland and I want to borrow some money."

Bank president: "Delighted! Delighted!"

Mrs. Chadwick (aside): "Isn't he just lovely?—Of course, I couldn't think of asking you for a loan if I did not have the proper guarantees. I am a cousin of John D. Rockefeller, the daughter of Andrew Carnegie and the sister of J. Pierpont Morgan."

Bank President: "I haven't a doubt of it."

Mrs. Chadwick: "Besides, I have in this package \$10,000,000 in bonds and a document showing that my relatives have a \$20,000,000 trust for me. You may hold the package as security, but you must not open it."

Bank President: "Certainly not."

Mrs. Chadwick: "Now that I have established my credit, please give me \$2,000,000 in \$10,000 bills. I so like that pretty yellow money."

Bank President: "Certainly, certainly. I will send it around to the hotel if you like."

Mrs. Chadwick: "Thank you. How handsome you are!"

Bank President: "By the way, won't you come to luncheon?"

Mrs. Chadwick and the bank president go out arm in arm.

Then follows a meeting of railroad directors, the railroad being the Boston San Francisco, New Orleans and Oyster Bay railroad. One director reports that it is necessary to spend \$4,000 in new equipments. Because of this expenditure it was moved and carried that the capital stock be increased \$4,000,000.

"Here is a communication," said a director, "from the Colorado Fuel and Iron company asking for a rebate."

"Impossible. Rebates are illegal!"

"What shall we do?" asked another director.

"Wire them to that effect," remarked another, "and tell them the freight manager will have them credited with 40 per cent of the total charges on account of errors."

"Well, here is a small manufacturer who wants the same rebate so he can compete. Does he get it?"

"Not on your life!"

The club had an act in which a hypnotist figured. The hypnotist announced his intention of demonstrating that any man could be made to do as he, the hypnotist, wanted. He stood a few subjects up in a row and proceeded to ply his art.

"You are Whitelaw Reid, ambassador to the court of St. James. Please make an appropriate speech at a banquet in London."

"Blood is thicker than water," said the hypnotist's victim. "Oh, how we love the English! Hands across the sea! The supremacy of the Anglo-Saxon race! We are brothers all! Three cheers for the king!"

"Now," said the hypnotist, "you are Senator Dryden of New Jersey. What is your chief claim for fame?"

"I made the rock of Gibraltar famous."

"And you," said the hypnotists, turning to another of the subjects, "are Senator Knox of Pennsylvania. What is the difference between being the at-

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torney general and a senator from the Keystone state?"

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One member was told he was Justice Brewer, and immediately began to deliver an opinion of the supreme court, which was too complex to be understood.

One, when told that he was Senator Fairbanks, and asked to make a direct statement, balked, as did the other, when told that he was Senator Depew, and instructed to tell a new story.

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