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#### WASHINGTON LETTER

Events of Interest from the Seat of Government

> BY CLYDE H. TAVENNER Congressman-Elect

Special Washington Correspondent to this Newspaper

Washington, D. C., March '2.

The Rise of the "Village Smithy" "The smith a mighty man was he," -meaning of course "Jim" Tawney, who started at the forge, got to be chairman of the Appropriations committee-the greatest committee in congress; and then, when the voters of Minnesota elected him to stay at home, was promptly appointed President Taft to a place on the "International Joint Commission," which makes a business of maintaining handsome offices in Washington, and incidentally adjusting boundary, drainage, and other "disputes" with Canada, thus keeping the people along the border out of each other's hair. It was a year after the United States appointed its commission before the members met with the Canadian commission; and since the commissioners have an annual salary of \$7500 each, besides a lot of perquisites, Congressman Cooper and a lot of other gentlemen from the middle west, propounded questions as to what Messrs. Tawney, et al, were going to do to earn their salaries. Thereupon promptly arose "Uncle Joe" Cannon, who made several short speeches in defense of Mr. Tawney, and he was ably seconded by Representative Mann, and all the rest of the big standpatters. Chairman Fitzgerald, who succeeded Mr. Tawney in the House, came to the support of his old friend, while Mr. Miller and other gentlemen from Minnesota, clearly pointed out the greatness of the former "smi-And so the appropriations were voted. As a matter of fact, the commission is doing considerable work, but the old foes of Taw- heartily recommend it to any suffer ney could not let the opportunity er. F. J. Brennan, exclusive agent. slip to cause him a little uneasiness, and they vigorously maintained that the commission was created principally for the purpose of caring for

the republican "lame ducks" two years ago. The Initiative and Referendum

The gates of oratory are to be turned loose upon the initiative and referendum, as well as the recall, and while this is nothing new or startling, yet the fact that Senator Owen has opened the ball and set things in motion, in such a way as the question, is significant. Senator that Owen's resolution "resolves" 'the system of direct legislation such as optional initiative and referendum, adopted by Oklahoma, Oregon, California, Washington, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Ohio and Maine, is in harmony with, and makes more effective the representative system and the principle of the soverighty of the people upon which this republic was founded," etc.

#### Biting Repartee

In the House the other day Leader Mann commented upon the idea of democratic simplicity being carried one that his new secretary would have a salary of \$6000 a year instead the day they are hatched. of \$7500, which is now paid; and that there should be no inaugural ball. Representative Campbell of Kansas observed that "the incoming ions, instead of two. He has also decided to wear a silk hat on inauguration day, and has given that intelligence to the country." Mr. Fitzgerald of New York, one of the leading democrats of the house, retorted that the president-elect will make decisions so quickly after March 4th 'And I have no doubt," continued Mr. Fitzgerald, "that when made they will be made for the benefit and welfare of the country."

Barrett Keeps Things Stirring

recently took one of his trips to Panama, and wrote a book about it, that hills will be. Sheridan county will both grain and coal. is one of the best things in print. come to the front. Having come up by route of the newspaper office, Barrett's vision is fine-some people declare that he is after all. To see the traffic going was immediately commended by a seed of several descriptions to sow cials. Mrs. Young had recently re-large part of the official set of the and plant for 1913 is going to be a turned from Omaha, where she went solidon exercishes. For sale he all

ed the interference, which brought forth the suggestion that he was envious. Mr. Barrett very diplomatically said be "was sorry he interferred," which was very proper from his standpoint, but one of the Washington dailies commented to the effeet that the disapproval of his views by the State department "will be accepted very widely as strengthening the presumption that perhaps Mr. Barrett was right."

"To Be, or Not to Be"

A good deal of quiet work in influential quarters is being done to execute the plan for a great convention to adjust the differences in the republican party, and if possible, to win back the progressives. To which Senators Clapp and Poindexter retort that they don't want to be won back, that they are no longer republicans, and like their own brand new party better than the old one. Senator Bristow and Senator-elect Norris, as well as Dixon and a number of others, who are among the great independent leaders, have been throwing buckets of cold water on the plan. Nevertheless, Senator Cummins is engaged with a number of other gentlemen-so it is claimedin getting things in shape, and next month the plan will start to formulate. Governor Hadley is an enthusiast for the convention plan. In the senate the measures which Senator LaFollette has been pushing, such as the physical valuation of railroads, have received the republican O. K. The so-called "standpatters" would like to swing in behind LaFolltte, if his measures were not too severe. In this branch of the seems favorable to the convention plan. If enough strength can be brought behind the suggestion from middle-of-the-road politicians, there will be a historical gathering in the middle west during the coming sum-

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## CLEMAN

Snow eight inches deep on the lev

Metts and family took dinner at Bob Westley's Sunday.

J. W. Dennis went to Alliance on Monday.

The Westley boys moved their catto enable every senator to discuss the to Billie Archer's place Tuesday to save hauling hay so far through the snow.

Mr. Squibbs and G. went to Alliance Tuesday.

Mrs. Elliott, Mrs. R. W. Westley and Mrs. Nettle Westley were visiting Mrs. Vic Covalt Tuesday.

Clarence Morgan came out to his claim Wednesday.

## SPADE

ens the fourth day of March. out by the president-elect. He said the old wooden hen the 12th so that the incoming president has given we would have some presidential two great determinations publicity- chickens. They are pure blooded like the man that is taking the chair

not seem to like the atmosphere af- rie schooner" drawn by two yokes of diring the annual session of the Netor they prove up on their claims, president has reached three conclus- for just as soon as they return from Alliance or any other place where they are called to prove up, get the try. Canada seems to be the Mecca for a good per cent of them, and back to city life and drudgery for the rest, when they were well fixed for the rest of their lives for a home hat "the gentleman would regret and independence here in the sand hat he was making them at all." hills. The Hills are all right for everything.

There are a good many meetings to Pine Ridge for fuel. held around the hills for the pur-The versatile John Barrett, who come in time. There will be a meet-

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#### JERRY ROWAN

Jerry Rowan was born at Homer, Calhoun county, Mich., Oct. 20, 1871. But as his family moved to Columbus, Nebr., the following year he is practically a Nebraskan. In January 1885 his father, Thomas Rowan, filcd on land in what is now Box Butte. county, three miles southwest of they moved from the eastern part of the state making the trip in a "prai- 113 to Nebic ka a royal good time cows, one c. which was a milk ccw braska Press Association, June 2, 3 which supplied milk for their use on and 4. Every Nebraska editor should the trip. They later moved on to a hay ranch in the Snake Creek valley, be Omaha's guest. where they lived until his father's On Sunday, June 1, the pulpits of death, 'a June of 1888.

and eastern Nebraska for a short to Hot Springs with a team. 1888 he worked for Moses Wright.

He started in business in Alliance hotel. pose of boosting for a railroad, and May 22, 1903, in a small building if we keep it up the road will surely which stood just north of the Alli- Monday morning and will include has done just a little more for the ing every week for a while to get purchased the feed business of jects very close to the newspaper southern republics than any other everyone interested in the work. John Pilkington, then located where and printing interests of the state. man in America, has naturally ac- There is every reason on earth for the Gregg feed store now stands. Rome Hotel will be the headquarters quired a tremendous interest in the a railroad to enter in through these two years later he purchased the and ressions will be held there. affairs of the people of the south. hills, and not one reason against it. property where he is now located Round table sessions will be held Mr. Barrett is director-general of the We can raise anything here that can and which is familiarly known as the at the beginning of each session and Pan American Union and it keeps be raised anywhere else in the north. "Rowan Corner." He added an ele- subjects of much importance will be west. Give us a short haul to a R. vator in 1909 and coal in 1911 and talked over and discussed in an in-R. station and see where the sand is now doing a thriving business in formal manner.

Supt. and Mrs. E. E. Young left "far sighted." Anyhow, he attempt on, everybody feeding cattle and last Friday for a trip east. They ined to tell President Taft and Secre some have too buy the hay before tend to stop a day in Omaha, then tary Knox how to handle the Mexi- they can feed. Others buying and proceed to Chicago, where Mr. Young can trouble, suggesting a plan that hauling corn and looking around for attended a meeting of railroad offi-

count of headaches which she su posed were caused by some optic trouble, but found upon consulting a specialist that that was not the diffleulty, but that an operation was necessary to remove the cause. She was recovering from the operation, gist recommended Meritol Pile Rem- although still suffering somewhat from the effects of it.

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3 and 4, 1913

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a majority of the Omaha churches Mr. Rowan has fived in Minacatta will be occupied by Nebraska newspaper men and women who will tell time, but always returned to old the good people of Omaha what the Box Butte. in 1886 he made a trip country press is striving to do to In make Nebraska better.

On this Sunday afternoon a specwho is now associated with him in Jal memorial service for the departthe coal business, making long trips ed members of the Nebraska Press Association will be held at the Rome

The business session will begin on ance Hotel. Two months later, he some of the ablest speakers on sub-

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