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**WASHINGTON LETTER.**  
(Special Correspondence)

Washington, April 20.—Republican members of the Iowa delegation in congress are looking on the coming campaign in the state with forebodings of disaster. While they are tied down here the republican party leaders in the state are permitting things to get in a nasty mess. They are particularly worried over the entrance of Judge G. C. Lee of Ames, into the gubernatorial race. They are fearful that they will not be able to avoid taking some side in the hot primary campaign opening up. With the friends of the three candidates, Clarke, Lee and Rowley, on their backs, they will have to do some artful dodging to keep from being placed on record as for or against one of the three candidates. It's a nasty situation as these republican congressmen view it. Clarke is standing on his record, increased taxes, capitol extension and all, and the campaign literature he has issued is a defense of this record. Lee's candidacy, as seen here, seems to be predicated on the hope that Clarke and Rowley will get into such a hot scrap over the capitol extension and tax questions that a third man stands a good chance of getting the nomination. Rowley's candidacy, while admittedly based on negative program, gives expression to a strong protest within his party to the acts of the Clarke administration.

In a democratic year, with the bill moose organized and naming a strong state ticket, headed by George White of Nevada as candidate for governor, the republican war horses in congress realize that this is the time, if ever there was a time, when their party should be organized for a straight-out fight, and yet they see Clarke in the race loudly defending the extravagant acts of his administration, but promising that he will "insist upon a plank in his platform demanding an economic administration of public affairs," and Judge Lee declaring that the affairs of the state should be conducted "on a business-like and economical basis," while at the same time urging the establishment of "trade schools at convenient points in the state," where plumbers and gas fitters and machinists, presumably can be trained at expense of the state, while the Iowa farmers pay the bill with another increase in their taxes. It is not alone the multiplicity of candidates in the field that is objected to, but the fool-hardy platforms on which these candidacies are based.

The republican press in Iowa, top, seems to be showing a disposition to indulge in flings. Some of the old guard papers resent the fact that the Register and Leader is attempting to assume the position of chief defender of the faith, considering its unfitness to Taft in the last campaign. The Jefferson Bee, Paul Sullivan's paper, gives expression to this feeling in announcing that it is for Gov. Clarke, and against Judge Lee and Rowley.

"The Bee is quite fond of the republican party," it says. "We have

chism, when a lot of the fellows who are now throwing fits about its peril were apparently doing their best to put it out of business as a national organization." A nice harmonious spirit like this is not soothing to the republican contingent down here, who have enough to worry them with Roosevelt on the way back home and the bull moose beginning to show signs of real life.

The senatorial situation from a republican stand point is just as bad. The standpatters have been moving heaven and earth to bring out a candidate against Senator Cummins. The Senator's seeming eleventh-hour conversion to standpatism, as reflected in his speech before the Hamilton club in Chicago and his opposition to tariff reduction when the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, he once declared so iniquitous, was taken off the statute books, seems to have angered the standpat wing more than his former attitude of progressivism.

The standpatters seem to resent hearing Senator Cummins assume the role of a defender of the policy of protection. The men who fought behind Allison, Perkins, Lacey, and Blythe in the old days, and the followers of Adams, Tobin, Trewin, Brewer, Hull, Saunders and Nimocks of today object, for instance, to this paragraph of the senator's Hamilton club speech:

"As yet Europe has been unable to avail itself of the many breaches that have been made in our protective barrier, but it is preparing to do it and this year will witness a flood of foreign goods pouring into our market places such as this government has never seen."

They believe that if the senator had had more to say about that "protective barrier" and that "flood of foreign goods" when the republican party was defending itself, the tide of Rooseveltism might have been stemmed.

The democrats refuse to be worried over the perils the senator sees, however. They merely call attention to the government crop report, the truth and veracity of which has never been questioned by the public, which showed that on April 1st the Iowa farmers were receiving 59 cents a bushel for their corn, which was 18 cents a bushel more than they were getting on April 1st a year ago, and 9 cents above the 5 year average. The flood of foreign corn, which, as described in a recent speech by Congressman Vollmer, wouldn't make one breakfast for the Iowa hog, hasn't had any effect seemingly on the product Iowa is most interested in.

In going into the third district last fall to speak at Waterloo, and visit the Connollys at Dubuque. The senatorial contest in Iowa this year will probably be watched more closely in Washington than any of those scheduled to take place, owing to Congressman Connolly's popularity with members of the senate and house and administration leaders, and Senator Cummins' unpopularity with the democratic leaders, due to his attacks on President Wilson.

Congressman Kirkpatrick of the sixth district was in demand as a speaker in Washington last week. He made the principal address at a mammoth emancipation celebration in the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, and was compelled to decline to address the delegates at a conference of workers for the blind at their meeting here the same evening. Mr. Kirkpatrick will go back into his district to deliver a memorial address at Oskaloosa May 30.

Congressman Vollmer was back in his district for a few days last week looking up private matters and seeking to reach a settlement of the Clinton postoffice contest. Mr. Vollmer refuses to respond to pressure brought to induce him to reconsider his decision not to run again, although he has made it plain that he was moved entirely by personal and not political considerations.

**Sheriff's Sale.**

By virtue of an execution, directed to me from the clerk of the district court of Decatur county, Iowa, on a judgment obtained in said court, on the 24th day of March, 1914, in favor of G. A. Long, as plaintiff, and against W. A. Kirkpatrick and Mary J. Collins, as defendants, for the sum of six hundred and eighty-two and 37-100th dollars, and \$40.47, attorney's fees and costs taxed at \$9.95, and accruing costs; I have levied upon the following real estate, taken as the property of said defendant, to satisfy said execution, to-wit: Southeast quarter of section twenty (20), and beginning at the southeast corner of the southeast quarter of the north-west quarter of section twenty-one (21) east 43 rods to the east water edge of Long Creek, north 4 rods, west 43 rods, south 4 rods to beginning. All in township seventy (70) range twenty-six (26) in Decatur county, Iowa.

And will offer the same for sale to the highest bidder for cash in hand, on the 16th day of May, A. D. 1914, in front of the court house door in Leon, Iowa, at the hour of 1:30 o'clock p. m. of said day, when and where due attendance will be given by the undersigned.

Dated at Leon, Iowa, April 11th, 1914.

F. L. LOREY,  
Sheriff of said county.

Special Candy Sale.

We will have on sale Saturday of this week the famous Barr candy put up in attractive pound boxes at the special Saturday only price of 29c a box. Bell & Robinson, the

**THE PAST WINTER A PECULIAR ONE.**

Season of 1913-14 Will Go On Record As Most Remarkable Ever Known.

The weather is the queerest thing that men have to deal with. It is no wonder that men are in the habit of asking about the weather and using the state of the weather in their salutations to each other. It is the one perennial subject of conversation, the world over. It is the one unending mystery, subject of whims and fancies that men do not know and cannot understand.

This season in Iowa and environs especially up to "ground hog day," we had the most remarkable winter weather within the memories of the oldest men. There has been more days without frost than with frost and the proverbial zero mark had never been attained by the thermometer. On the last day of January we were still wondering if we were ever to have ice enough to put up a summer's supply, but February set in cold and stormy and up to the very beginning of the past week we have been wondering if the ground hog is not dead in his hole, and unable to make his second appearance which is supposed to usher in the spring.

During our mild December and January they had some unusually cold weather back east. In Vermont the papers reported a temperature that slid down to 52 degrees below zero which is, if we remember right, about fifteen degrees colder than it has ever been in this part of the country.

Northern Europe during the same months was swept with fierce gales and snow blizzards of the kind that are supposed to belong to the trans-Missouri plains. There has been great suffering throughout Europe, including England, where they are ill prepared for such weather.

On the Pacific coast they have had still a different kind of weather. There they have had gales that have been terrific, damaging cities and fruit orchards and wrecking shipping at sea. In California, the lower half of it, from Santa Barbara down toward San Diego, they have had rain-falls that have broken all records. Within a couple of days, at Los Angeles more rain fell than had fallen during all the preceding year. The damage at Los Angeles and environs was estimated at millions, \$500,000, it is estimated being required to repair the roads that have been washed out. Flooded conditions have prevailed in the valleys so that whole trains have been submerged. The Californians certainly suffered many reverses, with the frosts of last year and the rains of this season.

At Truckee, California, on January 20-21 they had a 7-foot fall of snow—that in a country where snowfall is scarce. The big fall of the dates mentioned was said to be three times the depth of any previous "snow blanket" since California has been inhabited by white men.

Within the past ten days New York has finished the work of digging out from under the greatest snowfall known since 1833.

All over Europe, even down to the coast of the Mediterranean, the winter has been the most severe known in the past 100 years. In Paris, where a temperature of 10 degrees below the freezing point is exceptional, the mercury dropped to 4 degrees below zero, and in Madrid, on January 18, the people froze to death in the streets and were found a week later buried in the "sunny, semitropical Spain."

At Marseilles the temperature has touched 17 degrees. The roads are impassable and many accidents are reported.

All the canals and rivers of Belgium are frozen and hundreds of barges with coal from Germany are ice bound, the price of coal rising rapidly. Three hundred lighters in Antwerp harbor are frozen in.

During the same European blizzard wild boars came in out of the woods of Germany, Austria, and Belgium, causing consternation in the cities, where the foraged for food. At one time twenty-two of these beasts appeared in the streets of China, a small town of Belgium, causing great terror.

Many workers were thrown out of employment. Seven deaths from the cold were reported in one day from Belgium, totalling twenty-six for a single week.

As late as March 11 a snow storm swept over northwestern Russia, blocking the roads and the railroads and interfering with telegraphic communication.

In the suburbs of St. Petersburg the snow was nine feet deep and 40,000 soldiers and laborers engaged in cleaning away the drifts.

Yes, weather is a queer thing and the person who uses it as the chief topic of conversation is not, after all, as crazy as has been generally supposed.

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