

# CANNON STAR AT LEWISTON

## Answers Gompers at Republican Rally.

### Asserts Antiinjunction Bill Was Unconstitutional.

#### Senator Frye Greeted as "Grand Old Man."

LEWISTON, Me, Sept 5—The republicans of Lewiston closed their speaking campaign with a rally at city hall this evening, presided over by Senator William P. Frye, and addressed by Hon Bert M. Fernald of Poland and Speaker Joseph G. Cannon of Illinois.

City hall was filled to its capacity. George H. Winn, secretary of the republican city committee, introduced Senator Frye as "The Grand Old Man of the Republican Party of Maine." Senator Frye, who was greeted with prolonged applause, introduced Mr Fernald, who spoke briefly on state issues.

In introducing Speaker Cannon, Senator Frye said: "We have with us the most powerful man in the republic, except the President, and when he comes here next he may be the President."

Speaker Cannon was received with great applause. His speech followed closely the lines of others he has made in the state since Monday, until near the close, when he read from manuscript a reply to Pies Gompers of the American Federation of Labor and a statement of the position of Mr Littlefield and himself upon these matters. In part this was as follows:

"Mr Samuel Gompers has come into your district and demanded the defeat of Charles E. Littlefield, your representative in congress, not because Mr Littlefield has failed to properly represent the people of this district or even the working men here, but because he has failed to comply with the demands of Mr Gompers, who claims to be a citizen of New York and a resident of Washington.

"Mr Gompers has introduced a new element into American politics. He does not exercise the right of petition, he demands that congress enact into law his will. He does not appeal to you, he commands you if you are a member of the federation to go to the polls and vote as he would vote. He does not come here to argue, he publishes a decree in the name of labor that the public official who refused to obey his command shall be retired from public life.

"Mr Gompers has a grievance against your representative, as he has against President Roosevelt, myself and 40 or 50 other men in public life. We refused to disregard our oaths of office and enact legislation which Mr Gompers demanded. He is aggrieved because congress suspended the eight-hour law on the Panama canal zone, as it applied to alien labor, not American labor. He is aggrieved because the President has authorized the employment of Chinese labor in digging the canal because American labor cannot and will not go there. He is aggrieved because congress would not enact an antiinjunction law which he approved and declared constitutional. Some men, among them your representative and myself, did not believe the proposed law to be either constitutional or fair to all the people."

### GOMPERS ATTACKED.

#### Dr G. L. Crockett at Rally in Rock- land Tells of His Experience with Labor Leaders.

ROCKLAND, Me, Sept 5—Dr G. L. Crockett of Thomaston, late democratic state committeeman from Knox county, denounced Samuel Gompers and certain local leaders in a speech before 1000 people at the Arcade tonight. The attack was prefaced with some inside information regarding the kiln tenders' strike of last year.

Dr Crockett made the frank admission that he had entered into an unholy compact with Stuart Reid, the A. F. of L. organizer, whereby they were to hamstring Charles Harriman, leader of the strike, and in return the labor interests, reorganized as A. F. of L. bodies, were to be made a political asset of Dr Crockett. The speaker proceeded to tell how the strike was broken, and charged that the discredit of importing foreign workmen was directly due to Stuart Reid and the A. F. of L. When Dr Crockett demanded that the federation organize Knox county, according to agreement, this was not done, and he was left in the eyes of the public as a strike breaker.

Dr Crockett reviewed the pilotage and ship subsidy bills, and told of the beneficial effect that their passage would have upon the great industries of Knox county. He declared that to follow the course of Samuel Gompers and vote for D. J. McGillicuddy meant the ruination of his town and an insult to its homes. Because Charles E. Littlefield would not crawl before the influence of the American Federation of Labor he was being sandbagged by an alien, who was being wined and dined by the millionaires of Wall st. Dr Crockett branded as a lie the statement of Samuel Gompers that there was no alliance with Mr McGillicuddy, the democratic candidate for congress. He said that Mr McGillicuddy paid the expenses of Mr Gompers' Vinal Haven rally, \$21, and that the money came from Wall st.

Turning his attention to county and state politics, Dr Crockett declared that if Senator Staples had been true to his trust J. H. Montgomery of Camden would have been nominated for congress instead of McGillicuddy. The

speech was replete with unprintable personalities and there was much excitement during its delivery. Two circulars making grave charges were passed about before the meeting.

"I personally saw some of my old democratic friends doing the distributing," said Dr Crockett. "County Attorney Philip Howard was one of them."

"You are a liar," shouted the county attorney from the audience. "I did not pass them."

"Then I apologize," said the speaker. Dr Crockett closed his speech with a plea for the reelection of Mr Littlefield.

### DAVIS SPEAKS AT BANGOR.

#### Democratic Candidate for Governor Attacks Liquor Traffic and Domi- nation of the Railroad Lobby.

BANGOR, Me, Sept 5—Hon Cyrus W. Davis of Waterville, democratic candidate for governor, spoke in city hall tonight on state issues to an audience of about 2000 people, nearly all of them voters.

Mr Davis devoted much of his time to discussion of the liquor traffic, reciting his experiences in various parts of Maine where, he said, liquor is freely sold and drunken men abound. He attacked the railroad tax rebate as the most infamous piece of legislation ever passed in this or any other state, and denied that he voted for the Somerset railroad bill, which bill, he declared, was sneaked through in a new draft under an innocent title, and he challenged the papers that have been attacking him to show that any democrat voted for it.

He declared that republican policies and the railroad lobby had made it hard to develop Maine; that powerful steam road interests constantly blocked the way of new and independent enterprises, and that the fruits of many years of republican rule were a widespread corruption of morals and scarcely perceptible increase in population or industry.

The speaker was frequently interrupted by loud applause and aroused his hearers to a high pitch of enthusiasm. At the close he was cheered as "the next governor of Maine."

### RALLY AT SANFORD.

#### Saloons Scored by E. E. Benson of Bangor—Other Speakers.

SANFORD, Me, Sept 5—A rousing democratic rally was held at K. of P. opera house this evening, when E. E. Benson of Bangor addressed a large audience. C. O. Emery of Sanford presided. On the stage were Frank P. Blanchard of Lebanon, candidate for county treasurer, and James Patten of Sanford.

In discussing prohibition Mr Benson referred to the large number of saloons found in Bangor, Waterville, Rockland and other cities by a commission in 1893, and said that there were 254 arrests for drunkenness in Bangor last week. He spoke of the initiative and referendum, the tax on wild lands and the taxes on telephones, telegraphs and the American express company.

Albert Lesieur of Biddeford, candidate for state senator, addressed the audience in French and paid special attention to resubmission, enforcement and the Sturgis law. He was followed by Elvington P. Spinney of North Berwick, candidate for county attorney, who spoke of the nullification of the laws in many of our towns, especially the Sunday laws at Old Orchard.

### Portland Candidates Sounded.

PORTLAND, Me, Sept 5—The real estate owners' association this afternoon met the republican and democratic candidates for senatorial and legislative positions, and talked with them regarding three propositions the equalization of taxation, the single taxation of mortgages and the formation of a water district if the people ask for it. The democratic candidates were favorable to the propositions submitted by the association, and the republican candidates, as a rule, declined to make any pledges.