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"Long may it wave o'er the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave."

OFFICIAL CALL For the Republican County Convention.

To the Republican Electors of the County of Gratiot: A county convention of the Republicans of the County of Gratiot is hereby called to meet at the court house, in the village of Ithaca, on Thursday, the 10th day of September, 1913, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of electing delegates to the State Convention to be held at Grand Rapids Thursday, Sept. 23rd, 1913, and for the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before the convention.

Table listing delegates from various townships including Adams, Albia, and Alton.

ROOSEVELT HITS FORD

These Roosevelt, one of our greatest Americans, in a speech this week at Kansas City ripped off the following in regard to Henry Ford, and his candidacy for U. S. Senator from Michigan:

"Every loyal citizen in Michigan should read the last two numbers of George Harvey's 'War Weekly'."

"In these numbers there are quotations from Henry Ford's speeches made two years ago and again since we entered the war. Mr. Ford has not questioned the accuracy of these quotations given by Mr. Harvey."

"Flags Shall Come Down." Speaking of American flags on his own factory Mr. Ford said: "I don't believe in the flag. When the war is over these flags shall come down, never to go up again."

The sedition act, approved by President Wilson, inflicts a maximum punishment of 20 years in the penitentiary for any man who, while we are at war, utters 'Language intended to bring the flag of the United States into contempt or disrepute.'

During the last year many poor and ignorant men have been convicted and sentenced for using language thus forbidden by law. In my view the fact that Mr. Ford is an enormously wealthy man ought not to give him immunity from the law if he cannot show that he did not use the language quoted in the 'War Weekly'."

Among the further utterances of Mr. Ford, as given in the 'War Weekly,' is one that does 'not believe in patriotism,' and that he does not care any more for the United States 'than for China or Hindoo.'

The man who does not believe in patriotism is not fit to live in this country, still less to represent it in the senate.

If these words of Mr. Ford mean anything, then Mr. Ford is unpatriotic, and has no more right to sit in the United States senate than a Hindoo or a Chinaman. Unless Mr. Ford can show that he never uttered these words no man worthy of all any religious or patriotic man can afford to support him for the senate."

UNFAIR TO MURPHY WE BELIEVE

There is an undercurrent being felt in the race for the nomination for sheriff on the Republican ticket, which strikes the Alma Record as rather unfair to Arthur J. Murphy, one of the candidates. This undercurrent is in the nature of stories regarding Murphy, which seemingly have no truth in fact, and are a reflection on him as a candidate.

For instance there is one story going the rounds to the effect that the bill which Mr. Murphy put in for his work on the Epler case was cut in half and then paid. We have not chased up the responsibility for the story that Mr. Murphy's bill was cut and then allowed.

In the first place Mr. Murphy's bill has not yet been paid. In the second

place Mr. Murphy's bill never went before the committee, having gone in to the board late. We have it straight from a prominent county official that the bill, which is said to have been cut, was the best gotten up bill that ever went through this official's office.

We also have it straight that Mr. Murphy has never had a bill cut by the county when it had been presented, a very good proof that Mr. Murphy's bills have never been padded.

Other stories reflecting on Candidate Murphy may be going the rounds, probably are, but little attention should be paid to such reports as these, which are circulated by those who most desire to see Mr. Murphy defeated at the polls, August 27.

He has constantly invited inspection to his record, which The Record believes to be a good one and one which should entitle him to consideration.



HON. JOSEPH W. FORDNEY

The voters and people of this Congressional district are too well posted on the many qualifications of Congressman Fordney to need any comments by The Record. Michigan has not, nor ever has had, a representative in Congress who has given better or more service for his district, his state, and his nation, than he.

Every term he is stronger and has more influence. Today he stands at the head of the great committee on Ways and Means, the committee having in charge the raising of funds for the war. He is on the job every moment, paying no attention to his campaign for re-nomination but trusting to his friends to look after him.

He is thoroughly in sympathy with the administration on all war propositions, as proof of his loyalty in the most effective way possible. Two of his sons, a son-in-law, and two grandsons are in the service. Should such a man be turned down for a man who has had no experience, who in a political or business life has shown no ability, whose stock in trade is traveling about the country trying to convince the people how honest he is and howing on his opponent all the unwarranted pot possible? This is no time to try inexperienced and totally unqualified men for office and it is to be hoped the voters of this district will go to the polls on primary day and choose a man who has been a credit to the district and state, a man who is respected by all who know him, regardless of party.

Our democrats are well enough satisfied with him and his work that they will not nominate a candidate this fall against him.

WHY FORD?

Henry Ford may be as patriotic as any man. He may be as willing to make sacrifices for the government as any man. He may even give to the various war funds more than men with only a small fraction of his wealth. Yet the fact remains that when the war board passed his son, he hired a democratic lawyer and ex-congressman to go to Washington to see Wilson—and the son did not go to war. Indications are that he will not go. And now Mr. Wilson has picked Henry Ford as the republican nominee for United States senator. It so happens that we have a few privileges left in this country, and one will be to vote for the man we choose. Truman B. Newberry was two sons, and both of them are in the service and 'Dad' has been on his ship for over a year. What's the matter with Newberry?

The editor of the Record is in receipt of a letter from Congressman Fordney, who is a candidate for re-nomination at the primaries next week, informing him that owing to his position as a member of the Ways and Means committee, who are busy night and day preparing and hoping to pass through the House the new revenue bill, it will be impossible for him to give up any of his time to politics and a visit to his district but will leave the matter to his friends to look after his interests. This is the type of man we have in Congress. Do we want a change? Let the answer on August 27th be NO!

Tuesday evening a few of the council men were discussing the new charter and the Honorable Alderman from the fourth ward offered to make a bet with Alderman Chick of the third that the charter would not carry. In fact it comes to The Record that one of them went so far as to remark that he could defeat the charter in his ward. Possibly, if his machine didn't break down, as they do once in a while. He may remember that it wasn't going to carry this spring, but it did. By the way, they backed up on the bet.

A remark is said to have been made by one of the aldermen of the fourth ward Tuesday night at the council meeting, when a certain proposition came up, that it would only benefit the business men. Of course business men don't do anything to help a city and shouldn't be benefited. Councilmen with such ideas should resign and let a capable man take the job.

"I go for all sharing the privileges of the government who assist in bearing its burdens... by no means excluding women."—Abraham Lincoln. All political parties now have the suffrage plank in their platforms.

ALMA WOMEN IN WAR WORK

Mrs. E. J. Collins, Com. of National Defense

The Red Cross women opened again Tuesday with work in every department.

The following most interesting report is fresh from the treasurer, for the month of July:

Table with columns for Receipts and Disbursements, listing items like Republic girls' ball game, Sale of flags, and various materials.

Here is something worth while, the sale of chautauqua tickets netted the Red Cross \$80.00. It was a splendid thing to push the enterprise this summer and it is loyal to ourselves and our city to stand back of it for next summer.

IMPROVE ROAD Work Started on St. Louis-Alma Angling Road.

Work on the reconstruction of the St. Louis-Alma angling road, which is a portion of the military truck line to the coast, has been started and it is expected that the work will be finished within a very short time.

The road is to be resurfaced from the end of the pavement on Michigan avenue, east to the beginning of the pavement in St. Louis.

The work will be under charge of J. I. McCormick of the Republic, who has had a wide experience in road work, gained through a connection a few years ago with the highway department of Pennsylvania.

The sum of \$5,000 to be used on fixing up the road is divided evenly between St. Louis, the Republic and Alma. St. Louis and the Republic have already made the appropriations for their share of the work. It was expected that the Alma council would take up their end Tuesday night but it was passed up by the city fathers for some reason.

THE CHURCHES

Presbyterian Church, Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. Morning service, 10:30 a. m. Rev. Clisb will preach. C. E. 6:45 p. m.

Baptist Church, J. W. Priest, Pastor, residence 802 Gratiot avenue. Sunday School, 9:50 a. m. Morning service—10:30 a. m. Sermon: "I must work the works of Him that sent me."

B. Y. P. U. Meeting—6:20. Topic: "Woman's Part in Home Missions." Leader: Mrs. J. W. Priest. Evening service, 7:30. Sermon: "The Efficient Life." Thursday night prayer meeting, 7:30.

All are cordially invited to these services.

PRESIDENTS SAY STAY IN COLLEGE

(Continued from page one) this city, Carol E. Wenger of Bay City and Fingston, college students of last year, were sent to Fort Sheridan, where they will be given an intensive course in training, so that they will be able to aid the men of the college in the military training which is to be given at Alma college this year.

It is expected that an officer will be sent to Alma to take charge of the training, although this is not definitely settled as yet. There is a possibility that the officer who will have charge of the training here may also have charge of the training at Hope college or at Mt. Pleasant Normal.

VOLUNTEERS ASKED IN CANNING WORK

(Continued from page one) started here must die at a time when it is really most needed or the women and men who have done so splendidly in all other lines must crowd in time to take some of the responsibility. So far, with exception of a few leaders who, though busy with other duties, have found time to assist, the girls go spang up in usaq suq xoxa school girls—one could always depend on them and there would have been no success here had they not so splendidly offered themselves. But the help of the women is needed as well. Will you not volunteer?

SEVENTEEN GRATIOT REGISTRANTS CALLED

(Continued from page one) 11. Binskey, Wm. Arthur, Alma 12. Winkley, Alfred G., Windsor 13. Leadbecker, Arthur C., Ferrinton 14. McKimsey, Gerald, Pompet 15. Hahner, Elwin Herbert, Perrinton 16. Fishner, Homer Wm., Middleston 17. Wood, Herman, Elwell 18. Whitlatch, Shirley E., Elwell 19. Best, LeRoy, Alma 20. Mith, Ernest V., Pompet 21. Taylor, Asa T., Capron City 22. Hill, Fred McKelley, Pompet 23. Tanner, Grant E., St. Louis 24. Cochlin, Lawrence J., Perrinton 25. Whitmore, Benjie W., North Star 26. Dunsmuir, Ford, Alma 27. Howell, Earl Cecil, Middleston 28. Fishbeck, Finton, Alma

Mrs. E. L. Brown has received word of the safe arrival of her son, Ivan, No. 2010259, Canadian Engineers, at Seaford, England. He reports an enjoyable trip over.

RAISE MORE RYE Government Selects State as One of Seven to Furnish Needed Supply.

Not more wheat, but more rye is what the government is asking of the farmers of Michigan for next season, according to the department of farm crops of M. A. C. The farm crops office of the college is in receipt of a communication from the United States department of agriculture suggesting that Michigan grain growers increase their rye acreage about 20 per cent this fall and plant only the same amount of winter wheat as was put in a year ago. Other states can produce the wheat, it is explained, but Michigan is outstandingly superior as a producer of rye.

"Plans for an increased acreage of rye are of necessity influenced by plans for the wheat crop," the statement from Washington declares, "for the two crops come into immediate competition in their labor demands. Larger winter wheat acreages are accordingly not suggested for Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and South Dakota because of the heavy increases in rye asked for from these states.

"Inasmuch as rye is being used largely as a substitute for wheat as a bread grain, the sowing of rye instead of wheat where conditions are more favorable for rye will materially increase the total food production." Farmers putting in rye this fall are urged by M. A. C. to secure seed of the variety known as Rosen. This is a superior strain which in many sections of the state has almost doubled common rye in its yields.

BOYS' WORKING RESERVE

The Boys' Working Reserve is rightly called the army behind the army. There are 250,000 boys in the United States who are doing their best to help raise food enough to feed our army in France this coming year. With the young men from the farms entering the service of their country the boys are going to play a much larger part in the history of the country in the future than they have in the past. The Working Reserve will be a great factor in helping to win the war.

The schools all over the country are going to cooperate with the reserve in helping to put on an intensive course of training for the boys that will help them to familiarize themselves with the farm work. After the course has been taken and before the boys go out on the farm, the training school where practical work will be taken up, will play an important part in the successful training of the boy. There will be several training schools in Michigan this coming year. More definite announcement will be made later.

Every boy in Gratiot county who is a member of the reserve and has met with the requirements of the reserve will receive a badge of honor that will be given later. All boys who are entitled to a badge of honor are asked to see their enrolling officer, give him your name, age, man's name that you worked for, also the length of time that you worked. If it is impossible for you to see your enrolling officer, send the information directly to me. Remember the county director wants a complete list of working reserve boys in Gratiot county, so see that your name goes in, and keep in mind that we are behind the "Boys Beyond the Marne."

L. A. Murdick, County Director U. S. B. W. R.

FOR DRAIN COMMISSIONER

Next week Tuesday is election and you will then make the choice of your candidate for Drain Commissioner. I have called your attention to my qualifications for the office based on the performance of my duties for the past four years and wish at this time to again remind you of the following: This is an office which requires considerable time to become familiar with its duties. Will not my experience be of advantage to the county? Fred F. Shafer, C. E. of the U. S. Department of Agriculture who recently examined the records of the Gratiot Drain Commissioner's office for data for the government, states that these records are among the best kept of any county in the state. A drain commissioner must be impartial, use good judgment, play no favorites, be always courteous, always on the job. I have met every one of these requirements to the best of my ability and if renominated and elected promise equally faithful service in the future.

Expense—During my term of office I have proceeded according to the law and there has not been a single drain case in court involving any drain laid out by me, and no extra expense to the taxpayers from this source.

In many other counties of the state the people have found it in their interest to retain the services of experienced drain commissioners for several years. Why not do so in Gratiot county?

I ask the Republican voters of Gratiot county to consider these facts and hope that I may have your support at the primaries, August 27. Pol. adv. 57-1-p. Erva R. Laycock.

GET THE SMUT Cereal Expert to Instruct in Gratiot County Next Week.

Dr. A. E. Waller, cereal disease specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture, will be in Gratiot county next week conducting a wheat smut prevention campaign. A wheat disease survey which has just been completed shows that at least five per cent of Michigan's wheat crop was destroyed by smut. Learn how to make fifty cents grow to twenty-five dollars in ten months. Treating your seed wheat to avoid smut will give you this profit and furnish more food to send "over there."

Dr. Waller will have an exhibit at the Gratiot county fair which is sure to be of interest to the farmers of the county. They should avail themselves of the opportunity to see it.

FOR SHERIFF



Arthur J. Murphy

The circulations of petitions by friends in Alma have caused me to change my mind and become a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of Gratiot county on the Republican ticket at the August primaries. I invite everyone to look over my record. Any support will be highly appreciated, and I assure the voters that if nominated and elected, they may depend upon a clean, business-like administration. 51-1-f-c (Pol. adv.) Arthur J. Murphy.

FOR CONGRESS



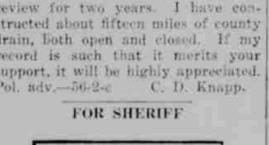
Emory Townsend

Ex-State Senator Emory Townsend of Saginaw, a successful farmer and lawyer, who never made a dollar dishonestly, is a candidate for the nomination for Congress upon the Republican ticket. He will faithfully and honestly look after your interests and not be absent ninety per cent of the time looking after his personal interests as some others have done. August 27th go to the Primaries, take a Republican ticket and vote for Emory Townsend for Congress. (Pol. adv.)—54-1-f-c

FOR DRAIN COMMISSIONER

I wish to call the attention of the Republican voters of the county to the fact that I am a candidate for the nomination for Drain Commissioner at the primaries August 27th. I would also call your attention to the fact that I have served as highway commissioner in Emerson township for seven years, securing my biggest majority at the last election as proof of satisfactory service. I have also served on the board of review for two years. I have constructed about fifteen miles of county drain, both open and closed. If my record is such that it merits your support, it will be highly appreciated. Pol. adv.—56-2-c C. D. Knapp.

FOR SHERIFF



George Lewis

I am a candidate for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Gratiot county, at the primaries, and as I have seemingly made no campaign I am taking this means of explaining to the voters of the county why I have not.

I have been for the past two years in the employ of the Republic Motor Truck company in the military department and I feel as though I would not be doing my duty to our government by giving up my time to campaigning when there is so much work of more importance to be done at the present time.

Thanking you for any support I may receive, I am, Yours respectfully, Pol. adv.—57-1-c George Lewis.

MARRIED SATURDAY

Miss Katie Bartley married in Detroit Saturday Evening.

Miss Katie Bartley, daughter of Mrs. William Bartley of this city, was married Saturday evening to Mr. Austin Robert Smith of Detroit, the wedding taking place in that city.

Mrs. Smith has been a resident of this city for the past six years. Mr. Smith, who is a former Gratiot young man, has traveled extensively through the United States during the past eight years for an eastern concern, with which he has a fine position. He is now employed in the post office in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith will reside in Detroit, where Mr. Smith has purchased a fine home at 35 Edmonton avenue, where they will be at home to their friends after September 15.

A GRANGE MESSAGE

"In the coming struggle for greater representation of the farm and labor in the state and national legislation, we shall need every farm woman's vote. If you refer to the proceedings of 1917 State Grange, you will see that nearly every woman officer urged suffrage as a war measure." This is the message of Miss Buell, as published in the Michigan Patron, the official organ of the State Grange. It leaves no doubt of the position of the Grange on the woman suffrage amendment.

POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENT

To the Voters of the 25th Senatorial District: I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination of State Senator at the August primaries, on the Republican ticket. Owing to the fact that I am engaged in farming and the different War activities, I can personally interview only a small percentage of the voters. However, I invite you to examine my record in the last two sessions of the legislature. (49-1-f) Very truly yours, (Pol. adv.) Sidney A. Evey.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER



Willard C. Folkert

I take pleasure in announcing to the electors of Gratiot County that I am a candidate for nomination on the Republican ticket for the office of County Treasurer, and trust that upon investigation of my record as a citizen and as a member of the Board of Supervisors for several years, you will find me worthy of your support. Willard C. Folkert. 52-1-f-Pol. Adv.

FOR REGISTER OF DEEDS



Bird J. Tucker

I wish to announce to the voters that I am a candidate for renomination for Register of Deeds for Gratiot county on the Republican ticket at the primaries Tuesday, August 27. Your support will be highly appreciated. 57-1-b Pol. adv. Bird J. Tucker.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER



Sidney A. Evey

To the voters of Gratiot county: In announcing my candidacy for the nomination for county treasurer on the Republican ticket at the August primaries I wish to state that I have

served my township two terms as township treasurer and six terms as supervisor. I have been a resident of Summer township all my life. I ask your support and assure you if elected I shall endeavor to transact the business of the county in a painstaking and creditable manner. Thanking you in advance for your support, I remain, (49-1-f) Very truly yours, (Pol. adv.) Sidney A. Evey.



Lewis N. Martin

I wish to announce to the public that I am a candidate for the nomination for sheriff on the Republican ticket at the primaries August 27. I have served in various capacities in the past and invite an inspection of my official record. Such support as may be given me will be highly appreciated. Lewis N. Martin, Pol. adv.

FOR SHERIFF



ALFRED T. WILBERT

I wish again to call the attention of the voters of Gratiot county to my candidacy for sheriff on the Republican ticket, at the August primaries. I have served the county seven terms as Deputy Sheriff, and earnestly invite an inspection of my official work. Your support will be highly appreciated and I assure you, if nominated and elected you may depend upon a clean, impartial and thorough administration. Yours very truly, ALFRED T. WILBERT. Pol. adv.

The Bootlegger's Request

Asked if he had anything to say before receiving sentence to the county jail on his conviction as a bootlegger, a Vernon county offender told the judge he'd like to be allowed to collect before going behind the bars the \$3 due him from the sale of the whisky on which the prosecution was based.—Kansas City Times.

W. E. BAKER SOME PHOTOGRAPHER

Advertisement for W. E. Baker, a photographer, with text: 'What Kind of a Man Do You Want in the United States Senate?' and 'Do YOU Want a Man of BRAINS EXPERIENCE GOOD JUDGMENT ACTION'.