

WHY WILLIS?

Reasons Why Governor Frank P. Willis Should Be Re-elected Governor of the State of Ohio As They Appear to An Ordinary Citizen.

There are many reasons why the writer of this article is convinced that Governor Willis should be re-elected as the chief executive of the State at the general election next November; only a few of them may be given in the space allotted to this article, but perhaps a sufficient reason to any fair minded person would be that the Governor might have opportunity to continue and complete the splendid work of his administration in replacing the power and control in the hands of electors of the State, cleaning up the mass of legislative rubbish which had been placed on the statute books by a previous administration and getting the financial affairs of the State on a safe and sane basis.

Governor Willis was elected on a platform which pledged his administration to economy as well as efficiency and it is a matter of fact that cannot be hidden by the persistent and malicious misrepresentations of an antagonistic press, that pledges have been kept in spite of the interference and obstruction furnished by members of the opposition party. The standard of efficiency has been raised in every department of State government and thousands of dollars have been saved to the taxpayers of the State in the cutting off of unnecessary offices and expenses. Governor Willis had about 600 positions to fill and there were about 60,000 hungry office seekers to appease but in the face of the bitter criticism of these office seekers of his own party he has kept steadfastly to his purpose of eliminating the unnecessary positions and insisting upon those who do hold positions under his administration giving full value in service for the salaries they draw from the State.

Here are just a few instances: The cost of maintaining the automobile department has been decreased from 10 per cent of the receipts in 1914 to 8 per cent of the receipts in 1915, a saving of more than \$37,000. In the office of the Bureau of Vital Statistics a saving of \$11,000 has been effected by the introduction of a new office system and the work of this department has been brought up to date without additional expense although it was a year behind.

Under Attorney General Hogan the expenses of the office in 1914 were \$190,893.34. Under Attorney General Turner the expenses of the office were \$71,667.29. A decrease and saving of \$58,965.66, and this office had rendered 1,158 official opinions in 1915 as compared with 715 in 1914.

During 1915 the WPA's tax commission collected \$317,353.50 as compared with \$275,895.22 in 1914 a gain of \$41,458.28 and much of this was delinquent taxes which should have been collected under Mr. Hogan.

In the State Treasurer's office a law had been enacted requiring that the State Treasurer collect direct the individuals all money due the State from the Board of State Charities, Public Works and Insurance Department thereby increasing the work of this office by thirty-three and one third per cent. This work has been handled by the present State Treasurer without any additional cost in salaries whatever.

CHURCH FOUNDERS

Founders of the Churches of Christ in Fulton County—Brief Biographies and Incidents in the Early History of The Christian Churches

From notes furnished us by Miss Olive Ross we gather some very interesting facts concerning the founding and pioneer work of The Churches of Christ in the county which will be of interest not only to members of these churches but as well to many of the older residents of the county who are not connected with this body of Christians, but to whom many of the names mentioned will be familiar and recall many very pleasant reminiscences. It goes without saying that in the development of our county from a wilderness to its present condition the preaching of the Gospel of Christ and the churches with their various forms of social service and the teaching, have been very important factors and among the churches that have brought and perpetuated the Christian spirit in Fulton county the Christian church occupies a prominent place.

From the notes furnished by Miss Ross we gather that one of the earliest of the pioneers and founders of the Disciple or Christian church in Fulton county was Moses Ayers; a man who to use Miss Ross' words lived a life well spent, made the world better for having lived in it and whose life commended itself to all who knew him.

Moses Ayers was one of the charter members of the church at Brush Creek Lucas county, now Spring Hill, Fulton county, which was organized in March 1841, by Benjamin Alton of DeKalb county, Indiana.

Moses Ayers was born July 2nd, 1804 in Maryland; he came into what is now Fulton county, February 26th, 1838 and his cabin home was the stopping place for people going and coming from Eastern Ohio, to Indiana.

His family consisted of seven children, five boys and two girls. From some Indiana people Mr. Ayers heard of Brother Titon whom later he engaged to come and hold a meeting in his home. Mr. Alton came and held the meetings which Mr. and Mrs. Ayers enjoyed preparing for in this hospitable cabin home. Mr. Alton baptized seven hundred and eight and before leaving organized the Spring Hill church with seventeen charter members.

Mr. Ayers could not promise Brother Alton any money for his services, but when this earnest worker started to return to his home in Indiana, Mr. Ayers gave him a cow worth twenty-five or thirty dollars. Mrs. Ayers died December 19th, 1854 and Mr. Ayers was again married October 10, 1855, to Altha Southworth. After his second marriage he moved to Michigan and located at what is now Niles; he took his religion with him and did what he could to establish Christianity in that neighborhood. It was through his efforts that Brother C. J. Blackmer was brought to Moravia Corners, now Lyons and established a church there in 1858 or 59. Brother Ayers advanced the cause of Christianity to the day of his death which occurred May 19th, 1884. The above facts in regard to Mr. Ayers were furnished by James S. Riddle. L. L. Carpenter.

Perhaps no other one person who had to do with the establishment of the Churches of Christ in this section (Continued on page ten)

"BABY WEEK"

Dr. Morgan, Baby Specialist, of Toledo, and Dr. E. F. McCampbell, Secretary State Board of Health Secured for Lectures. Mothers Attend— Learn "What is Good for the Baby"

The saving of three hundred thousand babies whose lives are needlessly snuffed out every year in the United States is the aim of leaders in the nation-wide "Better Baby Week" to be held March 4 to 11.

Hundreds of communities are laying plans aided by the Children's Bureau of the United States department of labor, so that the needs of children will be presented to all parents in these communities that they may give their children the best possible care. We have come to realize that the great infant mortality is a national disaster.

Wauseon will devote two days the 10th and 11th of March to the study of the problem. The committee in charge has been very fortunate in securing two widely known authorities on public health and child welfare. Dr. Morgan, an eminent physician and baby specialist of Toledo will address our citizens on Friday evening and Dr. E. F. McCampbell, Saturday evening on Child Welfare. Dr. McCampbell is well known as secretary of the State Board of Health and has recently been appointed dean of the medical department of the State University. He is a young man of pleasant personality and will have a message well worth hearing. These addresses will be preceded each evening by exercises given by the public school children and this has a double purpose for it is none too soon for the coming generation to learn "what is good for the baby."

HENRY RANDALL

Lifelong Residents of Fulton County Comes To The End of The Mortal Journey—A Man Who Has Served His Fellowmen As A Printer.

Henry Randall, well known by at least three generations of the residents of Wauseon came to the end of his earthly journey on Sunday morning 26th at the Wauseon hospital. He was stricken with apoplexy on Friday night and removed to the hospital where he died Sunday. The funeral services conducted by Rev. Ashton of the Baptist church were held Tuesday forenoon in the chapel of Edgar & Van Kesselauer Undertaking rooms, the printers of Wauseon acting as pall bearers for their comrade whom they all respected and esteemed both for his ability as a printer and his friendly and genial character.

Henry Randall was born at Lena, as the early settlement just south-west of Wauseon was called, on October 29th, 1857, at the time of his decease he had attained the age of fifty-eight years, three months and twenty-seven days; he was one of a family of four children, one brother Charles Randall having preceded him in death and one brother, Harrison Randall and one sister, Mrs. A. R. Crout remaining of this family. Henry received his education in the schools of Wauseon and is remembered by his old schoolmates as an especially bright student; he began to learn the "art preservative of all arts" commonly known as the printers trade at the age of fifteen years with Smith & Sherwood the founders of the Fulton County Tribune. Later he went to Fayette where he was employed for from ten to fifteen years on the Fayette Record and for the last twenty years he has been the foreman in the printing office of The Northwestern Republican of Wauseon. He was a good printer, devoted to his work which was his life and taking pride in getting out a well printed paper on time each week year in and year out. Faithful and loyal to his employers he made their interests his own and it was only on rare occasions that he could not be found at his post. His education did not stop with his school days, he was a constant reader kept up to date in his knowledge of current events and was well informed along many lines. He was of a friendly disposition and made and held many warm friendships which will feel a sense of real loss in his absence.

Faults, he had, as have we all, but it may be truthfully said of Henry Randall that he and not others suffered from his faults; he was generous to a fault, kind and considerate to the welfare and the feelings of others and his life has been spent in a service to this community that is by no means a small or a mean service. He has left his "stick" of type, he has made his last "run" and sent out to his fellowmen the last printed page which bears the marks of his handiwork; his day's work is done and he has gone to his long rest. Farwell friend and comrade in the fellowship of Ben Franklin's craft, we shall miss you but we shall not forget you; we shall remember, not your faults, but your virtues; we shall speak of you often to one another as we go about our duties at the "cases" about the composing stones, in the press room and at the desk. We are glad to have known you and glad to have been able to call you friend. We hope we may meet again, sometime, somewhere, when for us also "The Day's Work is Done."

STORY HOUR. Both the meeting of the school library and the story for little children will be held Saturday afternoon at the public library. The club, which is for pupils from the fourth to eighth grades, inclusive, will meet at three o'clock. Miss Dessa Prickett will be leader. The story hour for children from kindergarten age to third grade inclusive, will meet at 2:15 o'clock. Miss Helen Brigham will have charge of this section. The most eloquent appeal to the public ever offered Damaged Goods at the Princess March 8th. For lame back use Hanford's Balm. Rub it on and rub it in thoroughly.

EFFICIENCY IN SERVICE

A Wonderful Machine That Increases the Efficiency of A Wauseon Banking Institution—Provisions For the Convenience and Comfort of Ladies By Wauseon Business Houses

There is nothing that gives the publishers of the Tribune more pleasure than to call attention to and chronicle the progress and successful achievements of the people and institutions of Wauseon and Fulton county. In fact we look upon this as part of the service which we should as a newspaper render to the community we represent. Whether it be an individual, a church, a school, a lodge, a club or a business institution that has performed some meritorious act, contributed to the wel-

fare or progress of the community in any way, or achieved a success in an industrial or business way, we would like to see it in the Tribune which we as a local newspaper should render to our community to call attention to these things, and as we said before we take pleasure in doing it. Many people are afflicted with what we may call "far sightedness"; they can see and appreciate things that are at a distance, in some city or larger town for instance, while they fail to see and appreciate things just as meritorious and worthy in their own community. Manifestly we should all enjoy life more if we might appreciate and so participate in the benefit to be derived from the things worth while which are near at hand.

The specific matter which gives rise to the above remarks is the installation by the Peoples State Bank of a Burroughs Posting Machine which adds materially to the efficiency of our counting room and so equips that institution to render better service in the way of promptness and accuracy to their customers.

The new Burroughs Machine is indeed a wonderful machine and seems to almost be possessed with the intelligence of an expert book-keeper; here is a partial list of the things it does: Prints and adds the old balance. Prints and subtracts the checks. Prints and adds the deposits. Computes and adds the new balance. Detects prints an automatically marks overdrafts. Automatically prints the dates, handles old and new balances in one run when proving. Is available for regular banking in any emergency. The machine is run by an electric motor and is so adjusted that it shuts off the current automatically when not in use. Another feature of the Peoples Bank equipment which perhaps is not well known is the Ladies Rest Room on the right side of the building. This room is beautifully furnished with comfortable chairs and a desk and has a toilet room in connection. This room is intended for the use of ladies whether customers of the bank or not and all ladies are welcome to its use; in fact the directors will be glad to have ladies make use of it, it is a very convenient place for an ordinary sized committee to meet when such meeting must be held at short notice or to write a letter or just to rest. At least two other business houses in Wauseon maintain a ladies rest room and we believe there are others though our attention has not been called to them we refer to the stores

MISTAKE THE PURPOSE.

There seems to be a little misunderstanding on the part of a few as to the purpose of the WAUSEON CREDIT ASSOCIATION. If those who do not fully understand the matter will kindly consult any merchant in town it will be explained to them that the purpose of the organization is to eliminate only the professional dead beats, and at the same time help those who are worthy of credit to obtain it at any business place in Wauseon. Any person who is worthy of credit will be benefited rather than injured by the system for the reason that such a person will be reported to every merchant in town as being entitled to credit and he can then obtain it without any question being asked. On the other hand if a man has been dishonest in his dealings or to speak plainly, if he has shown himself to be a professional dead beat, he is the man the business men are after.

The business men will willingly and gladly continue to extend credit to all who are worthy of it, and there is not a man who is entitled to credit but that can get just as much and even more credit under the new conditions than he did before. But the credit business has assumed such enormous proportions, and has been so shamefully abused by some that it has become absolutely necessary for the business men to take some steps to protect themselves against dishonest and deceitful methods; and no reasonable or fair minded person can raise any objections to such steps being taken. At the same time a man will be protected from danger of being refused credit if it is shown that he is entitled to credit, and in that way he is benefited.

Announcement is made at this time that final reports will be held open until April 1st. This will give additional time for delinquent customers to arrange their payments so as to get proper rating among the business men. Wauseon Credit Association. L. H. Deyo, Sec'y.

If You Can't Get It In Town. Someone in almost every town in the United States sells Hanford's Balm of Myrrh. If you can't get it, write G. C. Hanford's Mfg. Co., Syracuse, N. Y. Price 50c and \$1.00. Damaged Goods the most popular film play of the year at the Princess March 8th. For hot grease burns apply Hanford's Balm lightly until the fire is extracted.

RURAL CREDITS

A Subject of Intense Interest to The Farmers and Business Men of Ohio Discussed By Hon. M. T. Herrick at Memorial Hall, Toledo.

Ex-governor Myron T. Herrick, late Ambassador to France will speak at the Memorial Hall in Toledo, Ohio, Tuesday, March 7th, 1916, at 2:00 p. m. on subject of intense interest to the farmers and business men of Northwestern Ohio.

RURAL CREDITS: The obtaining money at cheap rates and on long time to carry on the operations of the farm is demanding the attention of far sighted statesmen of his country. Governor Herrick, because of his great ability as a financier and because of his long experience in handling securities, is the best fitted man in the United States to take up the study of this question. While Minister to France he made a complete study of "Rural Credits" in European countries and is now back to tell us all about it. To give some idea of what the subject means to the farmer and through him to the entire country, it is only necessary to say the European farmer obtains money on mortgages and personal security at rates ranging from 2 1/2 to 5 per cent. The time allowed to pay these loans is much longer than in this country, frequently being made for 15 to 75 years. If the Ohio farmer could do something of this kind what a wonderful impetus to the entire business interests of the State. The time of this meeting has been made so people from out of Toledo can hear it and get back home the same day. Mr. Herrick comes to Toledo to present this subject of Rural Credits under the auspices of the Lucas County Improvement Association and this association extends an urgent and cordial invitation to the farmers and business men of Fulton county to hear him on this matter which is of vital interest to State and Nation.

BOX SOCIAL

There will be a box social Friday evening, March 10, 1916, at the Powers school, District No. 7, Chesterfield township three and one half miles south of Morenci, Michigan. Every one come! Ladies bring a box and gentlemen your pocket book.

Our First National BETTER BABY WEEK and Promulgation of the Kiddies General Welfare, One of the Greatest Present American Issues The Communities Best Assets Are The Babies of To-day Who but the BABIES of to-day will be the LEADERS of to-morrow? To continue the succession of ADVANCEMENT and ACHIEVEMENT (Americanism) the first care (Health) of BABIES is of course most fundamental— Everything else depends entirely upon the EDUCATION of the youth, it must needs be very LIBERAL in order to secure the USEFUL, FIT and COMPETENT future CITIZENS. We therefore cannot spend our money and our pains to a better purpose than along lines which tend to make these future CITIZENS USEFUL, FIT and COMPETENT, so much for the PUBLIC SCHOOLS. TO ACT our part in this NATIONAL AFFAIR and to further PROMOTE the GENERAL WELFARE of BABIES in this COMMUNITY, we will make a SPECIAL DISPLAY for the KIDDIES including all their ACCESSORIES and APPAREL of almost every description. Bring The Kiddies Along—This is Welcome and Welfare Week

PRESTIGE When a check is received bearing the name, "First National Bank", it carries with it prestige and the recipient knows the maker of the check has sound banking connections. In offering the services of this bank, we are placing at your disposal banking relations that must reflect to your advantage in all your business dealings, which is prestige. First National Bank "The BANK-BY-MAIL BANK" Wauseon, Ohio

Our First National BETTER BABY WEEK

March Days are Busy Furniture Days Come in any time we are always pleased to show goods For Your Bedroom Buy Your Rug Here For Young People just beginning in the NEW HOME, our store offers exceptional opportunities for the selection of your new outfit, both in furniture or rugs. Surely you will be pleased and perhaps do better—others have. Come in during these March days and talk it over with us. Any suggestions we may be able to give or any service we may render, we shall deem it a pleasure to do so.

We Crate Furniture For Shipping Phone 664 March Days are moving days with many and new homes means new pieces of FURNITURE or NEW RUGS. Our two floors are filled with new spring designs in Furniture and Rugs of quality and we would be pleased to have you call and see our offerings. We consider it a pleasure to show our lines—believing our high quality and reasonable prices will appeal to the most critical buyers. Drop in—whether you intend to buy or not, you will enjoy looking at good furniture. Ives-Pike Co. Furniture Fellows We deliver anywhere any time

With Increased Early Stocks For Spring gives you the opportunity to make your Dress Selections early. Shopping here insures Quality and Satisfaction.

Spencer-Edgar-Volmer Co. Wauseon's Exclusive Dry Goods Store

McCall's Dress Patterns From Fashion to Fiction they are "Supreme, The Leaders." Ask to see the New Spring Quarterly at Pattern Counter.