

FINANCIAL

Statement From Fire Marshal's Office

Is Such As To Compel Reflection

Shows Saving At Rate Of \$12,000 A Year

\$6,000 Turned Into Treasury At End Of Year

Department Also Secured Many More Convictions

(By Orwell C. Riddle.) Columbus, O., Jan. 19.—Once more the state fire marshal's office comes to the front with figures to the governor by John W. Zuber, present fire marshal, showing receipts and expenditures and results obtained during the year 1909. Therefore the figures are official, and neither W. S. Rogers nor Hy Davis can refute them.

It must be borne in mind that Gov. Harmon removed Rogers last June on the charge of extravagance and put Zuber in his place. Rogers, therefore, had five months and Zuber seven months of the year.

At the beginning of the year the available fund for the whole year was \$69,302. In five months Rogers spent \$30,853, an average of \$6,170 per month. At the same ratio, if Rogers had continued in the office, there would have been a deficit of over \$4,700 at the year of the year.

During the last seven months of 1909 Zuber spent \$31,456, an average of \$4,493 per month, a monthly saving of \$1,676, and at the end of the year Zuber turned into the state treasury a balance of \$6,991. The same ratio of economy throughout the year would have reduced the expenses of the department \$12,000 for the whole year.

Comparing the first five months of 1909 with the same period of 1908, when D. S. Creamer was fire marshal, Mr. Zuber shows that expenses under Rogers were about \$1,000 per month more than under Creamer, in which comparative periods Creamer had 33 convictions and Rogers only 19.

It was this unfavorable showing which led to the removal of Rogers by Governor Harmon. The saving of over \$1,000 per month in the past seven months by Zuber is additional confirmation of the governor's business judgment in making the change.

The results under Zuber's administration as compared with results under Rogers are still more unfavorable to Rogers. During the first five months of 1909 Rogers secured 19 convictions; whereas in seven months Zuber secured 51 convictions, with practically the same total expenditure, and had over \$6,000 left at the end of the year to turn into the state treasury.

Nor can it be claimed in behalf of Rogers that the comparison is unfair because of the two periods not being the same. The records will show that during the last seven months of 1908 Rogers secured only 13 convictions compared with 51 by Zuber during the last seven months of 1909, almost 4 to 1 in Zuber's favor during the same comparative period. When Mr. Zuber succeeded

Rogers last June there were some 20 cases pending, out of which the department got about six convictions. In other cases, which had been permitted to get so old that evidence got scattered or lost, left the state or not sufficient evidence had been obtained to convict, there were several acquittals, several cases were nolleed, and a few are still carried on the docket. Of the 51 convictions secured by Mr. Zuber, all but the half dozen before mentioned were cases that were developed from the beginning during his period of service and he had 26 cases pending at the end of the year.

Mr. Zuber enters upon the present year with an available fund of \$66,560, which is nearly \$3,000 less than Rogers began with in 1909, but the office for the whole of 1910 will be conducted on the Harmon-Zuber plan of economy and strict attention to official duties.

BEAT 'EM TO IT.

Beats all how Democratic officials get right down to bed rock on what is legal and what isn't in their charges for official expenses.

Whether it is legal for a public official who does not reside in Columbus to charge railroad fare for trips back and forth between his home and the capital, and also expenses while in the city, was put to Attorney General Denman for an official opinion. The attorney general has ruled that such expenses are not legal.

The ruling will effect all state officials who have not moved their families to Columbus. W. E. Haswell of Bucyrus, recently appointed by Governor Harmon to the office of examiner of steam engineers, found that such charges were made by his predecessor, W. E. Kennedy of Cincinnati. He had some doubts about it, and that brought the matter to a focus. State Fire Marshal Zuber asked for a special ruling as some of his trips home were combined with official business.

It is claimed that the precedent was established by former state auditor W. S. Guilbert, that inveterate watchdog of the treasury who was exceedingly careful not to issue warrants on the state treasury without a special ruling by the courts for such doubtful expenses as probing Cincinnati, for instance. It is said that when Hy Davis became fire marshal he asked Guilbert if he could make such charges in his expense account and was permitted to do so. It was all right when all officials were Republicans. Since then other state officials followed the example and the custom became general.

Now it develops that former Attorney General Ellis was not asked for an opinion on the legality of such charges. Guilbert's opinion was good enough of course. For wasn't Guilbert head of the department which sent expert accountants all over the state to find everything all wrong in Democratic counties and everything lovely in Republican counties until the discrimination became a state scandal?

The rectifying of this matter, though a comparatively small item in contrast with other public expenses, can also be set down to the credit of a Democratic state administration that is bringing to public attention the increased cost of government along with the increased cost of living. Democratic officials furnish the information and a Republican attorney general furnished the opinion. Both are entitled to credit for arriving at the same conclusion but it was the Democrats who "got char fust."

Shows that Ohio needs more Democratic officials at Columbus. Don't forget it next November, the appointed time for a clean sweep.

Brewers Meet in Rochester

Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 19.—The progress of the prohibition movement in this and other sections of the country is among the matters to receive attention at the annual convention begun here today by the New York State Brewers' association. The convention is attended by prominent brewers from all the large cities of New York.

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LIABILITY

Of Surety On A Note Is Not Released

By Its Extension Without His Knowledge

A Suit For Divorce Filed In Common Pleas

The Will Of Geo. A. Wilson Is Filed

Other Items From The Temple of Justice

By affirming the judgment of the circuit court of Franklin county, Tuesday, the supreme court held C. E. Richards liable as surety on a note given by the Ohio Dredging Co. to the Market Exchange bank of Columbus for \$5,000. It was a cognovit note and the common pleas court gave judgment on it, but Richards came in and showed that the dredging company had arranged with the bank, for a consideration, to extend the time of the note without his consent, and on this claimed release from liability on the note as surety.

Under the court decision this would have been a good defense sustained by a line of decisions running back 50 years, but the court regards the new act as negotiable instruments, passed April 17, 1903, as entirely changing the status of the law on this subject. The decision will be regarded by the legal fraternity as of great importance.

Must Pay Own Bills:—

In a decision Tuesday, the Supreme court holds that county commissioners cannot draw additional pay for services as members of a county board of equalization, nor draw their expenses for travel and board while on county service within the county. This action is taken in Putnam county case of Ungerwerth, Prosecuting Attorney, vs. Owens, Commissioner.

Action For Divorce:—

Grace M. Hutchinson has commenced an action for divorce in the court of common pleas of Knox county against Charles W. Hutchinson and the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus railroad company. The plaintiff states they were married March 29, 1899, and that one child, Earl K. Hutchinson, was born to them. The plaintiff charges the defendant with gross neglect, failure to support and cruelty and alleges that he frequently called her vile and profane names and threatened to strike her. She charges the defendant with keeping company with lewd and disreputable woman in Orville and Hudson. She alleges that the defendant is employed by the C., A. & C. railroad and is earning about \$150 per month. She states that the railroad company at this time owes the defendant the sum of \$125 and she asks for a temporary restraining order enjoining the defendant from drawing this money. A temporary injunction was granted by Probate Judge Berry. On final hearing the plaintiff asks for a divorce, alimony and the custody of the minor child. The attorney for the plaintiff is Wm. A. Hosack.

The Wilson Will:—

The last will and testament of George A. Wilson has been filed in probate. By the terms of the will he gives to his wife, Rebecca Florence Wilson, all his property, both real and personal. The will was signed November 27, 1899, in the presence of J. S. Sutton and Jennie Sutton.

Marriage License:—

Ira Arthur Berger, farmer, and Grace Ward Vance, both of Miller township. Rev. R. H. Long.

Deeds Filed:—

L. F. West to Sanderson & McCrenry, lot 199 in Fairview, \$200. Clinton M. Rice, adm., to Harvey C. Whitney, 17.5 acres in Union, \$500. S. R. Gotshall, mayor, to Jacob Lybarger, lot 44 Mound View cemetery, \$30.

Must Pay Assessment:—

Under a decision by the supreme court yesterday that the entire frontage of lots on streets to be improved may be assessed, an additional burden was added to owners of corner

lots. Under the assessment rule heretofore followed a corner lot could be assessed for its entire foot frontage, but when the side street was improved it could be assessed for a number of feet equalling its frontage on the main thoroughfare. The municipal code, passed in 1902, repealing section 2264 of the Revised Statutes, abrogates the old street assessment rule, the supreme court decided.

RECEPTION

To Wives Of Members Of Mt. Zion Lodge

And Inspection Of Re-Furnished Masonic Temple

A reception to the wives and lady friends of the members of Mt. Zion Lodge, No. 9, F. & A. M., and of all Masons residing in Mt. Vernon who are members of other lodges, has been arranged by the Masonic Temple company for Wednesday evening of next week, January 26, the occasion also affording an opportunity for an inspection of the recently re-decorated and re-furnished rooms of the Temple.

The hours for the reception will be from 7 to 10 o'clock and during this period a concert will be rendered by Neddermeyer's orchestra of Columbus, and several vocal selections by the Masonic quartette, Messrs. G. B. Kelly, Norman G. Turner, William G. Gower and George Mitchell.

During the hours of the reception light refreshments will be served. The reception committee is composed of Messrs. Oren Poppleton, chairman, Chas. C. Jams, Frank O. Levering, Frank Harper, Banner M. Allen, Robert S. Hull, W. E. Grant, R. M. Greer, L. M. Wolverton, R. B. Armstrong, J. S. Alan, Jed S. Montis, Dan McFeeley, W. E. Sanderson, L. T. Cromley, H. J. Shipley, Ben Ames, J. A. Schaeffer, L. F. West, J. B. Wright, G. O. Cooksey.

Committee on arrangements—Frank Harper, R. M. Greer, Frank O. Levering.

VICTIM

Of Drowning Thirty Years Ago Is Identified

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 19.—From a description and some of his personal effects, a man who was drowned in the Delaware river more than 30 years ago, was identified at the coroner's office today as Sigmond Newgarten, formerly a cavalryman in the United States Army, and one of the men who aided in the capture of Booth and Harold, shortly after the assassination of President Lincoln.

The identification was made by Mrs. A. Meyers, of New York, a daughter. The man was buried as an unknown in the potters' field and since then the bodies in the old pauper burying ground have been disinterred and incinerated.

Mrs. Meyers stated that information had recently reached her which led her to believe that her father was drowned in this city and she had a search of the coroner's records made.

Mrs. McIntire Better

Word was received from Pittsburg, Pa., Wednesday to the effect that Mrs. Helen R. McIntire, who has been critically ill with pneumonia, is improving and the physician now believes she is out of danger.

QUESTION

Of Tuition Regarding Fredericktown Schools

(Mt. Glead Register)

Attorney General Denman of Ohio recently forwarded to this county an opinion which is important in connection with the payment of pupils' tuition when one school board enters into contract with another. The attorney general's opinion was called forth by a situation which existed in Morrow county. It seems that the Franklin township board of education made a contract with the board at Chesterville whereby the Patterson graduates of Franklin township were to be schooled in the Chesterville schools. Afterwards, three pupils from Franklin township attended the Fredericktown schools, and now the question arises as to whether Franklin township is bound to pay the tuition in such a case and whether it has the authority to do so if it so desires. The attorney general says: Should a pupil "reside within three miles of the high school designated by such contract he must attend that high school, but should he reside more than three miles from such designated high school and attend a high school that is further away from his place of residence than the designated high school, then his board of education is not required to pay his tuition." The board of education is limited in its power to make such arrangements to high schools located in the same civil township or adjoining township. As to whether or not the Franklin township board would be allowed to pay the tuition under the circumstances the attorney general says that while the law is not plain on that point, the board may do so "if the circumstances are such as to justify it."

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