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HARMON'S WAY

Does any one suppose that if Harmon had not been elected governor that a suit to recover the graft of \$141,000 by a former state treasurer would have been brought? It was through the action of Gov. Harmon in securing the information and turning it over to the attorney general, accompanied by a public statement of the facts, that caused the suit to be brought. Not only will the state of Ohio thus recover a large sum of money, but the startling exposure of grafting will serve as a check on dishonest state officials.

TOUCHED A TENDER SPOT

One of the Columbus papers, in its account of opposition that had developed against any investigation of the high cost of living, quotes Speaker Mooney of the house as saying without reservation that he thought the importance of the whole matter had been "greatly overestimated."

It is important to know just how the speaker feels about it because he stands as the exponent of President Taft before the Ohio legislature. In declaring that the importance of getting at the bottom facts about the high cost of living is "greatly overestimated" Speaker Mooney doubtless reflects the views and sentiments of the president.

It should be remembered that President Taft closed his regular message to congress at the opening of the present session with a long argument in which he sought to convince the people that the high cost of living is not due to the tariff law enacted at the special session last summer.

Governor Harmon, therefore, seems to have touched a tender spot on the political anatomy at Washington when he said to the Ohio legislature in a special message advising a thorough investigation into causes of the present cost of living: "or, if the fault lies partly in the laws of congress your judgement as to their effect on the people of Ohio will have great weight."

A QUESTION AND REPLY

"To the editor: Downward revisionists declare that free trade is a success in England. If this is so, why is it that an attempt is being made under the leadership of Joseph Chamberlain to return to protection?—A reader."

Joseph Chamberlain's movement is that of the wealthy who believe revenue for maintaining the government should be raised principally by levying a tax on necessities, instead of by the present method of taxing the incomes and inheritances of the rich.

British manufacturers who have read of the tremendous profits of tariff beneficiaries in the United States are also behind the Chamberlain movement to overthrow free trade for protection.

Under free trade these are practically no trusts in Great Britain. These combinations of manufacturers who have tried to organize trusts under free trade, and have failed, would like to have protection to realize their ambitions.

Some of the smaller of the British politicians are fighting for the establishment of a protective system because the moment it comes into existence it will pay to be in politics. Tariff rates are a commodity that are bought and sold. In the United States for instance, the sugar trust donates a certain amount of money to the Republican campaign fund with the expectation that certain rates on raw and refined sugar—and also certain jokers—will be retained in the sugar schedule of the tariff bill, which will assure a monopoly to the trust, and enable it to collect from the consumer in excessive profits not only the amount paid into the campaign fund, but a profit of from 400 to 1,000 per cent. on the "capital invested".

In other words, protection makes politics a rank buying and selling proposition. "Reader" is further advised there

is no labor member of the British House of Commons who is not in favor of free trade. Furthermore, no single trade's union in all England has declared for protection during the last five years.

UNLOADING ON THE FARMER

Eighteen months ago Republican papers all over the land were boasting about "the prosperity of the farmer." He was pictured as the giant boundful with his "bumper crops" to feed the nation and enough to spare for foreign commerce. There was great rejoicing then over the importation of food stuffs to keep up that fiction of commerce commonly called "the balance of trade," and the export tables for 1908 show enormous shipments of farm products to foreign markets.

Now that lovely story about Farmer Bountiful and his "bumper crops" is entirely reversed. There is no presidential campaign on now. And the farmer is being blamed for the high cost of living and "famine prices" and a wicked willingness to starve the people of the cities.

The farmer who got all swelled up with pride when the G. O. P. politicians were patting him on the back and calling him a bully good fellow who owned an everlasting debt to the G. O. P. for his prosperity on which account he should be a willing protegee of the Republican party, finds himself stigmatized as undesirable, selfish and heartless citizen by the same political spokesmen who are trying to find an apology for their party because of existing conditions.

Seems like a sudden change of tune from the boast of "bumper crops" last year and year before to the charge that the farmer is just deliberately not raising enough so as to boost the price of what he has to spare.

But the charge that the farmer is not raising enough is a malicious falsehood so long as a bushel of wheat or a pound of any kind of food is exported to foreign markets. Let those who are slandering the farmer now remember that.

By the next presidential campaign, however, the farmer will be told that he is a specially favored protegee of the G. O. P. and the politicians of that stamp will be telling him again that he is a bully good fellow, "till election day."

BALLINGER'S BRAVADO

Secretary Ballinger announces that he will not resign under fire. "The secretary showed some heat," says a Washington report, and said, "I don't intend to resign while there is anything to fight. This cannot be made too plain and it is final."

That's fine as well as final. Just suits Democrats. The longer he stays in the cabinet the hotter he makes it for Taft.

And if he will not resign while there is anything to fight he may hold on to the end, for there's always the people, you know. His bravado is to be admired or despised, just as you choose to look at it. He could have made his reason for holding on a little clearer if he had said he would not resign "while there is anything to fight for." It means the same thing to the Guggenheims either way.

Knowing what Ballinger's bravado means, responsibility henceforth rests entirely on the president.

Pinchot would not resign under fire either. He was pushed. It remains to be seen whether Ballinger's bravado exceeds that high sense of honor, official courtesy and usefulness set forth by the president in his letter to Pinchot.

Take Special Notice

The January Clearance Sale at Arnold's is an opportunity for housekeepers to save money. Excellent bargains in dinner ware, both in sets and in odd pieces. Wall paper at half price. Rugs, carpets, linoleums, etc., at greatly reduced prices. It will pay you to anticipate your wants in any of these lines and visit this sale.

***The banquet which was to have been given by Owl Creek council, No. 299, National Union, has been postponed from Wednesday evening, January 26, to Tuesday evening, February 8. There will be a business meeting on Wednesday evening.

EXECUTRIX NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed and qualified Executrix of the estate of JOSEPH C. BROWN late of Knox county, Ohio, deceased, by the Probate court of said county, December 2, 1909.

MARY E. BROWN, Gambier, Ohio.

FOR SALE—A fine young road horse, city broke and sound. Price right if sold soon. Inquire at Banner office.

REPORTS

Showing The Year's Work In The Various Departments

Of The Vine Street Church Of Christ Read Sunday

An Interesting Report Is Given By The Pastor

Showing The Membership Of Church At Present

The Money Expended During The Year 1909

At the Vine St. Church of Christ Sunday the following reports for the year's work were given:

Pastor's Report Added during the year— By primitive obedience 134 By letter or otherwise 37

Total 171 Loss during the year— Death 6 Letters granted 30 Otherwise dismissed 6

Total 42 Net gain during year—129. Funerals attended during the year—24.

Marrriages solemnized—31. One feature of our work during the past year has been the marvelous increase in the Bible-school and the growth of the Adolphian Bible class which is now recognized as one of the greatest Men's Bible classes in the world.

The average attendance of this class during the past year was between 99 and 106. The greatest attendance being the latter part of the year. This class now numbers about 500 men. The largest attendance up to date was 331. The unique features of the Adolphian class are most highly commended by Sunday-school specialists.

While the work of every department of the church during the past year has been most gratifying, the Bible school shows the greatest increase and is now the largest by far in the history of the school.

We ask an especial interest in our prayers during the coming year and trust that we may be more faithful in the service of Him, whose we are and whom we serve and to Him be all the honor, glory and praise, both now and evermore. Respectfully submitted, LAWRENCE O. NEWCOMER.

Financial Report Amount collected during the year \$2,697.28 Additional balance on hand beginning of year 165.88

Total to be accounted for \$2,863.16 Expended for all purposes 2,595.86

Balance close of year 1909 \$267.30 Collected and paid out for benevolent purposes \$124.27

Bible School Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1908 \$155.46 Collected during the year 295.06

Total to be accounted for \$450.52 Expended for all purposes 293.09

Balance at close of year 1909 \$157.43 Average attendance for the year—357. Average collections for the year—\$5.68. Number present today—586. Increase in average attendance over 760.

Adolphian Class Total collections \$276.89 Total paid out 224.71

Balance on hand \$52.18 Number present day of report—331. Senior Christian Endeavor Report Collected for all purposes \$123.71 Additional balance at close of 1908 4.48

Total to be accounted for \$128.19 Expended for all purposes 42.55

Balance Dec. 31, 1909 \$85.64 C. W. B. M. Society Balance on hand Dec. 31,

1908 \$31.12 Collected during the year 240.67

Total \$271.79 Expended for all purposes 256.75

Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1908 \$15.04 Number of members in the society—80.

Ladies' Aid Society Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1908 \$46.44 Collected during year 1909 67.34

Total to be accounted for \$113.78 Expended for all purposes 68.37

Balance Dec. 31, 1909 \$45.41 Circle Girls Collected during the year \$16.80 Paid out for all purposes 8.00

Balance close of year 1909 \$88.80 Members added during 1909—9. Total membership—25.

Junior Endeavor Society This report extends from February 1, 1909, to Sept. 30, 1909. Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1909 \$10.55 Collected to Sept. 30, 1909 32.19

Total Expended \$42.54 For centennial appropriation \$25.00 For Girl's Orphanage fund 3.98

Paid to C. W. B. M. society 4.50 Paid other expenses 2.50 35.98

Balance on hand Sept 30, 1909 \$6.56 Home and Cradle Roll Departments These departments are under the supervision of Miss Rilla Veach.

Progress is reported in each with the promise of a full report later in the year. Recapitulation Total collections from all church departments, not including balances from former year \$3,749.94 Total paid out 3,525.21

Balance over all expenditures \$224.63 Respectfully submitted, LEANDER HAYS, C. V. TROTT, C. W. MCKEE, Auditing Committee.

NEW

Postal Cards Ready For Distribution Before Long

Distribution of the new design of postal cards has commenced and a supply is expected at the local office before long.

In the ordinary card the head of the late President McKinley will appear, as now, but a much better likeness of the martyred president has been selected. On the new mail card, intended for index purposes and for social correspondence, a likeness of President Lincoln, will appear. The two-cent international card will bear a portrait of General Grant.

A novel and pleasing innovation has been made for the double or reply postal card. On the first half appear a portrait of George Washington, while the stamp on the second half will be a likeness of Martha Washington.

The borders of the stamps on all of the cards will be diversified in design. On all of the cards the words "Postal Card," required by the Universal Postal Union convention, will appear on borders of the stamp, and not as a separate inscription.

The paper to be used is the best manufactured for the purpose. It will be more attractive than the paper used in the present cards, and will "take ink" better than the paper now employed.

***Regular business meeting of the National Union on Wednesday evening.

MOTHER'S FRIEND

A LINIMENT FOR EXTERNAL USE.

Baby's coming will be a time of rejoicing, and not of apprehension and fear, if Mother's Friend is used by the expectant mother in preparation of the event. This is not a medicine to be taken internally, but a liniment to be applied to the body, to assist nature in the necessary physical changes of the system. Mother's Friend is composed of oils and medicines which prepare the muscles and tendons for the unusual strain, render the ligaments supple and elastic, aids in expanding the skin and flesh fibres, and strengthens all the membranes and tissues. It lessens the pain and danger at the crisis, and assures future health to the mother. Mother's Friend is sold at drug stores. Write for our free book containing valuable information for expectant mothers.

THE BRADFIELD CO., ATLANTA, GA.

UNCLAIMED MAIL

The following letters remain unclaimed in the Mt. Vernon postoffice: Advertised in the Daily Banner. To avoid delay in delivery, have your mail addressed to street and number, P. O. box or general delivery.

Argue, Watson Butler, Frank Baudunna, Joe Dorner, Miss Mary Fairchilds, E. L. Jeanson, Mrs. J. W. McCann, J. D. Marlowe, Harry Miller, C. W. Mitchell, Donald Monean, Miss M. E. Naylor, March (2) Smith, Miss Ethelyn Tomlinson, Yollinie Foreign Barnes, Mrs. John Barnes, Fulton Penfield, Kici

LEGISLATORS WILL TAKE SHORT REST

Code Committees Given Week to Complete Report.

Columbus, O., Jan. 24.—So far as legislative news is concerned the present week will be devoid of feature, both branches of the general assembly agreeing to adjourn this evening for one week in order to give the committees at work on the report of the state codifying commission a clear field to complete the task and have their report ready for submission to the senate and house next Monday.

At today's session the hoppers will be uncovered and a flood of bills is expected to be deposited before the hour of adjournment arrives. It is highly probable that most of the bills presented will be referred to committees and will be considered during the recess, so that when the legislators return to Columbus they will be prepared to settle down in earnest to the long grind that is before them.

Of the bills to be introduced the public utilities measure drafted by Representative Woods of Medina, and which is said to have received the approval of President Taft, and the taxation system as advocated by Governor Harmon are the two measures which will undoubtedly attract the most attention of the session, but it is said to be uncertain whether either will hold the entire strength of the political parties back of them. Redrafted and a more comprehensive measure than the house passed last year, the Woods state tax commission bill will be introduced in the house today and the fight for its passage led by Representative Lawrence K. Langdon of Warren county.

AGED PEDESTRIAN READY FOR JAUNT

Weston Leaves For Los Angeles to Begin Long Walk.

New York, Jan. 24.—Edward Payson Weston, the veteran pedestrian, left this morning by train for Los Angeles. It is from that city that he intends starting on Feb. 1 for another of his coast-to-coast walks. Mr. Weston, who is 70, says he has had many letters since he announced he was going to try it again, advising him that he was too old for pranks like that. He says he doesn't see why a man, who is only 70, cannot walk 40 miles a day and keep it up for 100 days, and especially when he rests on Sundays, which is Weston's custom.

On this trip Weston will not stop anywhere to give little talks as he used to do. He is out for a real good record this time. The first stages of his journey will be along the line of the A. T. & S. F. railroad. A hand-car will accompany him, bearing supplies. This is done by orders of President Ripley himself. Mr. Weston expects to pass his seventy-first birthday at Trinidad, Colo., where he will be on March 15, if he holds to his schedule.



For Rheumatic Pains

As we get older the blood becomes sluggish, the muscles and joints stiffen and aches and pains take hold easier. Sloan's Liniment quickens the blood, limbers up the muscles and joints and stops any pain or ache with astonishing promptness.

Proof that it is Best for Rheumatism. Mrs. DANIEL H. DIEHL, of Mann's Choice, R.F.D., No. 1, Pa., writes: "Please send me a bottle of Sloan's Liniment for rheumatism and stiff joints. It is the best remedy I ever knew for I can't do without it."

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is the quickest and best remedy for Rheumatism, Sciatica, Toothache, Sprains, Bruises and Insect Stings. Price 25c., 50c., and \$1.00 at All Dealers. Send for Sloan's Free Book on Horses. Address DR. EARL S. SLOAN, BOSTON, MASS.



Consolidation Sale

The crowds of enthusiastic buyers who have been here since this great sale began are our best advertisers, because they realize that no other store in Mt. Vernon offers such saving advantages as presented here in this sale. And they are sure to tell their friends and advise them to call and share in the things we have in store for them.

Ladies' and Misses' Suits, Coats and Skirts

Our stock of ready-to-wear garments are now all consolidated in the room formerly occupied by the R. F. Mantz Co. and

This Entire Stock Must Be Sold

Regardless of cost or value, as we carry nothing over from one season to another. COME AT ONCE and have first pick from the largest and finest stock of ready-to-wear garments ever assembled in Mt. Vernon. NOW or NEVER is the time, for never again will you have such an opportunity to secure such mighty bargains. You can't afford to miss this sale, so COME AT ONCE.

The Silk Sale Of The Year

is now going on at our old stand "On The Corner." Every yard of the choicest designs and colors, consisting of novelty silk waistings and suitings, plain colored silks, black silks and Foulards. We can't stop longer to tell you about these silks, but simply ask you to come and see them—and we know you will buy them—We've no fear of that.

As this sale progresses we find every day leaves us with some odd lots of merchandise from every department, and these we close out at such low prices as to make it worth while for you to lay in a supply even for next season. If you want to save COME.

A. A. Dowd's Dry Goods Co.

HOT ON THE TRAIL OF FORMER STATE OFFICIALS

Columbus, O., Jan. 24.—It is known that Attorney General U. G. Denman has evidence on hand and more is sight to warrant bringing civil actions for alleged misuse of public funds against a number of former state officials. In discussing the suit brought against former State Treasurer I. B. Cameron to recover \$283,465, alleged to be the amount of interest collected on state money loaned to banks during his two terms, with interest on the interest to date, Attorney General Denman refused to comment on the criminal liability involved in the transaction, neither would he say whether he contemplated criminal proceedings in the Cameron matter. Mr. Cameron, who is president of the Columbus Savings & Trust company, emphatically denies having profited by illegal use of state funds and intimates that Attorney General Denman did not treat him fairly by bringing the suit without first granting him a conference.