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WHAT A SPECTACLE.
Less than a month ago Ohio papers were filled with dispatches from Washington telling how "President Taft is done with Cannon," and how the Republican congressmen from Ohio were deserting Uncle Joe and would take no more orders from him, and now Speaker Cannon was going to be "deposed next time, sure," and a lot more truck of like nature.
But you read, didn't you, about how "Uncle Joe" and the president danced the highland fling together at the White House when President

Taft gave his complimentary dinner to the speaker one night last week, and how the fifty guests looked on with merriment and applauded? That was surely a dignifying spectacle for our president to engage in. It lacked only the writing on the wall to rival Belshazzar's feast; but the "Thou art weighed in the balance and found wanting" is written indelibly in the minds of the people.

ELLIS AN UNRELIABLE ORACLE.

What contrary curses the G. O. P. oracles are anyway. Here is Wade Ellis who was sent to Ohio "to beat Harmon" saying: "It isn't a question of Harmon; it's the Democratic party."

When the Democratic party puts up a candidate personally offensive to the G. O. P. they jump upon him and vilify him and want him defeated because of his personal unfitness and unworthiness. They are anxious then to save the Democratic party from the humiliation of his election.

But when the Democratic party puts up a man who towers high above the herd of petty little G. O.

P. bosses who nag him and do all in their power to hinder him, then they swing around and say it isn't a question of his personal ability but the party they abhor.

This explains the antipathy of Wade Ellis to the Democratic party, which he left some years ago for the party's good to serve Cox, and his present opposition to Governor Harmon.

The people, however, have found in Governor Harmon a man who rises above party and above little politicians of the Ellis type. They are satisfied with him in the governor's office and are going to keep him there two years more. And the people are going to do more than that. They are going to give him a complete staff of state officials like State Treasurer Creamer to stand by him and a legislature with a Democratic majority in both branches to support his administration.

Wade is badly mistaken again. It is not a question of the Democratic party and it is Harmon with the people of Ohio, regardless of party affiliations, that he is up against.

WHEN SLATER FLOURISHED.

When Governor Pattison, sick sick man that he was, wanted Mark Slater put out of the office of public printer, it became necessary to pry him out and change the lock on the door to keep him.

Slater knew when he was so stubbornly resisted removal what a Democratic administration would find in his office,—that Governor Herrick neither saw nor seemed to care about seeing.

Then followed the persecution of J. W. Johnson, editor of the Waverly Democrat, whom Governor Pattison appointed public printer in Slater's place. The most brazen sort of roguery was resorted to in the attempt to disgrace Johnson and dispossess from the office. Many people no doubt remember the trumped-up charges of threatening letters over forged or false signatures and the indictment of Johnson thereon by a Franklin County grand jury. For at the time Franklin county had a Republican prosecuting attorney.

After Governor Pattison's death, the attack upon Johnson was renewed with redoubled fury to put Johnson out and put Mark Slater back in. And notwithstanding the fact that the first indictment against Johnson was kicked out of court unceremoniously, being recognized as a specimen of political black hand brigandage, Johnson was again indicted by a Franklin county grand jury, on the advice of the same Republican prosecuting attorney and on the same trumped-up charges.

Now Mark Slater languishes in the Franklin county jail under indictments charging gross offenses against the state. And the same prosecuting attorney who advised the former indictments against Johnson, took the testimony first submitted to the Beatty probe committee of the legislature and advised the Franklin county grand jury to return indictments against Slater thereupon. You see he indicted the wrong man in the first place.

Verily, "Justice travels with a leaden heel, but strikes with an iron hand"—but neither Governor Herrick nor Governor Harris caused this slow-paced avenger to overtake or strike a blow at Slater, and Wade Ellis was attorney general of Ohio all the while that Herrick and Harris served in the office of governor.

MT. ZION

Mr. E. L. Wolfe of Bladensburg purchased a fine driving horse of Mr. John Taylor, Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Nicholls and Mrs. Cora Mercer and daughters, Marie and Pearl, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Burch.

Mr. Earl Burch made a business trip to Utica Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Elbert will leave for their home in Dunlap, Iowa, in a few days after spending the winter with friends and relatives at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Morrow, of Utica, will move on the Porterfield farm, the first of April.

Mr. Clark Schooler and family spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Burch.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Johns of Martinsburg visited Mr. Geo. Harris and family, Saturday.

Mr. Milton Hayes and family and Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Wolfe spent Friday evening with Mr. Aaron Donahay and family.

Mr. Wm. Kemmerly and family of Mt. Vernon, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Wardie Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Donahay visited Mr. Clark Schooler and family Sunday.

The many friends of Miss Gertha Hall very pleasantly surprised her with a post card shower Feb. 27, the occasion being her birthday anniversary. She received about eighty beautiful cards for which she wishes to thank all who so kindly remembered her.

MONROE MILLS

Mrs. Marian Purdy and Miss Grace Purdy of Howard are visiting Mrs. Moses Smith this week.

Mr. Fred Jaycox of Powell was here on business Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wagner and son, Robert, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Smith near Democracy.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. McArdor of Howard were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Whitworth Sunday.

Miss Callie Osborn of Mt. Vernon is sewing for Mrs. R. E. Gilbert this week.

Mr. W. A. Smith was in Mt. Vernon on business Wednesday.

GAMBIER

Mr. Hadley and Mr. Zoleman of Mt. Vernon presented the Laymen's missionary movement at the M. E.



Long Coats and Tailored Suits

Never have we been so fully prepared to supply the Easter demand for Handsome Garments. Realizing that there would be a scramble to get Suits and Coats just before Easter, we made our purchases early. Today we have the garments correct in every detail, and every suit and coat the best we have ever shown for the money.

Distinctive, Graceful Suits . . . \$12.50, \$15.00, \$25.00
Latest Models in Long Coats . . . \$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00

The—
J. S. Ringwalt Co.

Stylish - Garments For Spring & Summer



A light summer overcoat—light in weight of fine wool that won't wrinkle, easy to slip on, with pockets big enough for real service, made in sturdy homespun — in neutral shades that won't show soil.

Such a coat will be useful for hurried trips down town, when one does not want to change to a street dress or for traveling.

Price \$16.50

This is only one of the attractive coats we are showing this spring. The department is full of others just as good.



The Wooltex label is your guarantee of pure wool and two seasons' satisfactory service—a guarantee which we fulfill without question.

Suits

Our suits this spring are unusually attractive. They average 34 inches in length. Some are a trifle shorter, some a shade longer.

The long shawl collars, the collar with notched edges, the morie facing, one, two and three button effects are some of the features.

The skirts are the new, full, panel pleated and side pleated styles.

Prices, \$12.50 to \$35.00

Skirts

The assortment of skirts is quite complete. They are made up in sensible adaptations of Parisian styles—styles that will please you.

You will find them in plain Panamas, Serges and the new diagonal weaves. They come in black and dark blue for general wear and in the new lighter colors for more dressy occasions.

Prices, \$5.00 to \$15.00

New Stocks

We wish to call the attention of our old customers to the fact that in addition to the lines carried "On the Corner" we now have

Carpets, Rugs, Mattings, Linoleums, Window Shades, China, Glassware and Kitchen Utensils

Saturday Sale of Granite Ware

The special sale of Granite Ware held two weeks ago was so largely attended that the supply ran out early in the day. We have decided to repeat this sale Saturday in order to supply those who were disappointed then.

You will find here some of the best values you ever saw in Kettles, Baking Pans, Sauce Pans, Stewing Pans, Bread Pans, Etc. None sold before Saturday Special at

The A. A. Dowds Dry Goods Co.
THE STORE OF QUALITY

Millinery Opening

Spring and Summer Styles

Are now ready for inspection of our patrons and friends, and it would afford us much pleasure to have you call on

Wednesday, March 16th

Misses KIRK & JACKSON, 15 E. Gambier St.

Great Nine Cent Store
Nothing Over 9c

We must sell our entire stock of goods at once to take charge of the Variety Basement of the A. A. Dowds Dry Goods Store and to do so quickly will cut the price of every article in our store.

Every 10c Article Will Be . . . 9c
Every 5c Article Will Be . . . 4c

This includes everything: Dishes, Graniteware, Hosiery, Postcards, Candy, Jewelry, Ladies' Novelties.

Everything except Silk Floss which we have always sold at wholesale price (2 skeins for 5c) and will remain the same price while it lasts. This is not only your last chance to take advantage of our big values, but a chance to do so at still lower prices—4c and 9c.

SALE STARTS TUESDAY MORNING

Haire's 5 & 10c Store
WEST SIDE PUBLIC SQUARE

BRIDGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioners of Knox county will offer at public sale on the ground to the highest bidder, the Mitchell Bridge, Milford township, 1 1/2 miles west of Lock, Thursday, March 24, 1916, at 1 p. m. Terms of sale—cash.

IRVIN YOUNG,
3-11, 18, 22 S
Clerk Ex-Officio.

DO YOU NEED A PLOW?—Remember that I will sell both the Oliver and the Imperial and carry a complete stock of shares and repairs for both. L. A. Weiss, W. High St.

While you are planning your spring house cleaning call in at Ar-wall paper and carpets and rugs. It costs you nothing and they are always ready to show you, and to furnish estimates for the cost. New ideas suggested that add much to the furnishing of the home and little or nothing is the cost.

spent Saturday and Sunday with the Misses Tulloss.

Mrs. Ethel Dennison and son visited relatives in Pleasant township last week.

In honor of his birthday anniversary, James Beatty was given a surprise post card shower Friday, of which 197 of his friends and relatives remembered him with greetings. In the evening he was again given a surprise by a number of his neighbors gathering at his home, where they were pleasantly entertained. Delicious refreshments were served.

Floor coverings always ready for inspection and includes a choice assortment of desirable new goods from the cheapest to the best. Some special offerings in large rugs at attractive prices. 9x12 Axminster rugs \$15.98. 9x11 tapestry rugs \$9.98. All wool Ingrain squares \$3.48. A large assortment of all kinds of floor coverings at Arnold's.

Sale closes Saturday, March 12. Frank E. Kirby & Co.

FAIRVIEW

Mrs. J. M. Sherman, who has been on the sick list, is improving.

Etta Weaver is spending this week with friends near Bangs. Mamie Vanvooris of Mt. Vernon

church last Sunday evening, to a well filled house. They also presented the cause to the people at Hopewell in the afternoon.

The revival meetings were brought to a close last Friday evening. Rev. Johnson delivered an able sermon to a large company of people on that date.

The funeral service of the late H. C. Wright was attended by many people last Tuesday. He was a man much thought of by the people of this village and community and deservedly too, for he was a man of honor and integrity.

Mrs. William Darling has been suffering with appendicitis the past week. Dr. Workman is the attending physician.

Mr. Oscar Purdy is confined to his house with kidney trouble.

The sale of Mr. Sapp last Thursday brought a number of men from west and north of Mt. Vernon as prospective buyers of the stock.

The Young Ladies' Bible class will hold a social in the basement of the M. E. church March 17 in the evening. A fine program will be rendered by the members of the class and others. Watch for the posters, and plan to have an enjoyable time with them, St. Patrick's Day in the evening.

Mrs. D. L. Fry is reported to be on the sick list.

Miss Adella Hosack of Fredericktown attended the funeral of Mr. H. C. Wright.

Mr. Clint Vernon is home with his parents for a short vacation.

Mr. David Gorsuch is very slowly recovering from the pneumonia.

Mr. Charles Clark and Mr. Adams of Fredericktown attended the contest at the high school Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Margaret Dial is very sick with the pneumonia.

Mr. Ed. Gorsuch is confined to his bed from an injury received some six months ago.

Quarterly communion services will be held at the Epworth M. E. church next Sunday morning. Rev. Fred I. Johnson will preach in the evening.