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Resolutions of Respect, Obituaries and Cards of Thanks, five cents per line.

Apparently the get-together party last month received the "absent treatment" from the Progressives.

State liquor inspectors last week gobbled up 21 "speak-easies" at Springfield. Another invasion of home rule!

Who pays the expenses of the two press bureaus operated by the Republican factions at the Capital? Open the books!

The Democratic party stands for something. The Republican party is against everything. Be a "forrer," not an "aginner."

No political party ever suffered for keeping its pledges to a people. That's why the Democratic party is going to remain in charge of the government, state and nation.

What's become of the January yowlings of the Republican machine over the alleged seizure of the school machinery by the Democratic administration?

Look for a shirking of candidates on the Republican state ticket in the June primary filings. That'll be the true test of the alleged reunion of sainted souls. And the wise fellows will all lay down their cards.

"Every law passed will be defended," said Governor James M. Cox. "Let the Republicans proclaim which of them they propose to repeal if given the power." In other words, gentlemen of the convention, name him!

"Hide not your light under a bushel," saith the scriptures. Because the Democrats are following this injunction a Republican candidate for attorney general has "sicked" the Columbus grand jury on them.

In Cincinnati the Republican organization is fiercely fighting to enaculate the civil service law. In Columbus a burlesque Republican organization is busily pretending to protect it. The Cincinnati gang, at least, is honest of purpose.

VITALIZING COUNTRY LIFE

Thirty-four counties in Ohio had a smaller population in 1910 than 20 years ago, while 19 counties had fewer people in 1910 than in 1900. Governor Cox says that the three main things which caused the desertion of farm life for city life are:

- First—Bad roads. Second—Poor schools. Third—Unequal taxation.

These things contributed to the exodus from the country to the city for 20 years, but no state administration ever gave so much attention to efforts to stem the tide as has the present.

Under the Hite good roads bill a plan of highway improvement has been agreed upon, which, if executed, will give the country a system of mud-proof roads superior to that in any state of the Union.

The school reform legislation has won the approval of the most eminent educators of the nation and it will bring to the front the Hite red school house, which in the past, was filled with students and outranked all other educational institutions.

The Warnes tax law will bring millions of personal property to the duplicate for the first time and lessen the tax burden of the farmers who were found in the McKinley gubernatorial administration to be contributors of every \$10 spent for taxes.

"It therefore behooves the people in the country districts, and it ought to be the duty of everyone in the cities as well, to give their moral support and cooperation to the present movement which has been inaugurated in this state for the betterment of our country life; to keep more of our boys on the farm; to re-organize our community activities in the rural districts; and to prevent what is now the mortifying spectacle of abandoned farms in the commonwealth."—Governor.

Knox County Pomona Grange at Clinton Grange hall Saturday, March 14, 10-10 a. m. A program will be discussed and attending will provide.

LISTING PERSONAL PROPERTY

(Columbus Journal, Republican) In his speech at Canton, Governor Cox referred to a man who returned \$500,000 of personal property this year that had never been returned before. Why? Because under the Warnes law, an assessment had been made by an appointed and not by an elected assessor. For years, the elected assessor had passed him by; and other and poorer people had been paying the taxes to keep up the government, while the rich man paid nothing. Talk about equality of mankind! Why this old system of assessment knocked it silly, and it not only served equality this way, but it gave religion a black eye.

The new law regarding assessment is changing this abuse. From all over the state come reports of increased duplicates. Millions of dollars are being added to the taxation lists. There is more than a question of money in this change. The chief thing is the establishment of honesty, justice and equality, which are the cornerstones of a real republic. To stand by these purposes is the duty of every citizen, regardless of politics. Let the good work go on. Let the assessor approach his duty kindly, candidly and fearlessly, for he is engaged in a great public duty.

FOUR MILLION IN INTEREST

Four million of dollars interest on public monies received annually in the state of Ohio.

That is a proud achievement which State Treasurer John P. Brennan heralded to the people of Ohio recently. It eclipses the record of all the other states in the Union, with respect to the earning capacity of public monies.

Several years ago a plan was started to ascertain to what extent the public finances of the commonwealth were mismanaged. The disclosures shocked the state and ruined the Republican party.

No bona fide effort was made to place the state treasury balance on a satisfactory earning basis until a Democratic state administration was inaugurated in Columbus when the state balance was deposited on the competitive bidding plan. During the past five years a total of \$976,000 of interest has been turned into the state treasury. And all of this would have been stolen, but for the change.

Out of the movement thus inaugurated in Columbus there has grown a movement of reform in this direction in all the counties. The report of Treasurer Brennan that \$4,000,000 of interest is earned annually in the state on deposits of public money shows how strongly the reform has taken root.

PLAYING POLITICS

The indictment of Finley, Lattanner, Abernathy and Goller at Columbus Friday is construed by many people as simply being brought about by Prosecuting Attorney Turner to advance his candidacy for the Republican nomination for attorney general. In the indictment they are charged with having been "unlawfully concerned in soliciting certain contributions in money for a political party, to-wit: the Democratic party." Terrible "crime" that—in the estimation of Turner, especially if by charging it against prominent Democrats he can attract himself support for the Republican nomination for attorney general.

The indicted men promptly denied their guilt of the charge and demand an immediate trial. Here is the statement given out by Messrs. Finley, Lattanner, Abernathy and Goller Friday afternoon:

"The indictments returned against us by the Franklin county grand jury this morning do not charge any moral turpitude on our part, but a mere technical violation of the recently enacted civil service law. We are not guilty of the charges preferred, and promise to establish our complete innocence to the entire satisfaction of the courts and citizenship of this state; and shall insist upon an opportunity to do so at the earliest possible moment."

Doubtless the bumptious prosecuting attorney of Franklin county would like to indict everybody who votes the Democratic ticket.

SOME TAXES YOU WON'T PAY THIS YEAR

Here is another eye-opener for the crowd of city millionaires fighting the Warnes tax law and their men who have been introducing resolutions in farmers' institutes denouncing the measure:

Peter Kuntz, wealthy lumber dealer of Dayton, has made a voluntary return of \$569,922 of personal property for the Montgomery county tax duplicate, according to word given the state tax commission by District Assessors Myers and Greer.

This year is the first time that Kuntz ever returned any personal property for taxation in Montgomery county. The elected assessors never

paid any special attention to his return and Kuntz, knowing that hundreds of others were lax, "followed suit."

Here are the items by Kuntz: Watch \$50; money \$98,247.50; credits \$455,625 and investments in stocks and bonds \$7,000. In addition to these items, Mrs. Kuntz returned \$6,000 in personal property. "The Warnes tax law was enacted to bring on the duplicate the personal property of just such men as Kuntz; not the working people nor the farmers and small home owners," says the state tax commission. "These wealthy men will do what is right; all they need is to be assured that they will be treated fairly and that others will not be favored with inadequate returns. The tax commission, as announced by the governor, has authority to see that the rates are reduced and this body will see that the increased valuations bring lower rates and less taxes for all the farmers and home owners who have been making adequate returns."

But for the enactment of the Warnes tax law, this \$569,922 of personal property which Kuntz returned this year for the first time, would never have been uncovered, and others less able financially would have been forced to pay Kuntz's share of taxes just as they have been paying it all these many years.

NOTED PRIEST PASSES PEACEFULLY AWAY

Father Dorney Was Known on Both Sides of the Sea.

Chicago, March 16.—Rev. Maurice J. Dorney, a Chicago Catholic priest whose name is familiar on both sides of the Atlantic, died at Mercy hospital, where his sister is one of the nuns in charge. Death was due to paralysis, following heart trouble which attacked him two weeks ago. Archbishop Quigley was present at the bedside shortly before Father Dorney became unconscious. The stockyards priest, Father Maurice J. Dorney, "the king of the yards," was one of the strongest and most picturesque characters in the west. Counselor, protector, friend to thousands, he had the power for 35 years of the ruler of a principality in one of the greatest industrial centers in the world—the packing house district of Chicago. His prestige extended to the White House in Washington, and on a memorable occasion he earned the gratitude of Celts everywhere as a trusted envoy from Irish leaders on this side of the Atlantic to Charles Stewart Parnell in London.

By Father Dorney's efforts a mile square of territory surrounding his church has for 20 years been absolutely free from the presence of a saloon.

Charged With Conspiracy. Nogales, Sonora, Mexico, March 16.—Senator Alberto Pina and Lic. Bonillas, secretary in the cabinet of the late President Madero, were arrested here, charged with conspiracy against General Carranza, leader of the Constitutionalists. Rumors that arrests of other prominent men would follow are current.

PARCEL POST CHANGE WILL HELP FARMERS.

Washington, March 16.—A change has been made in the rules governing the parcel post that is expected to result in a much larger use of the mails by farmers. Postmaster General Burleson has announced that hereafter butter, eggs, fruits, berries, vegetables, dressed poultry and other articles entering the parcel post, offered in weight running from 29 to 50 pounds, may be packed in boxes and crates similar to those used when shipment is made by express. Heretofore such parcels had to be in such form that they could be placed in mail bags.

Suragets Invade Churches.

Birmingham, England, March 16.—Suffragets desecrated the Catholic cathedral here and caused considerable damage to a famous window, besides daubing suffraget phrases in white paint all over the interior of the building. Bands of suffragets interrupted the services at Westminster Abbey, the York and Glasgow cathedrals and other churches by chanting advertisements of Mrs. Pankhurst. No arrests were made.

NOT DOROTHY ARNOLD

Los Angeles Young Woman Identified by the Police. Los Angeles, Cal., March 16.—The young woman who claimed to be Dorothy Arnold was identified as Emily Splan O'Dell, recently released after being accused of passing bogus checks. She has never been in New York, but recently, under the name of Isabel De More, she secured from the New York police details about Dorothy Arnold. She has lately been living with a physician here and her husband declares that her mental condition is due to the doctor and a friend of his.

IMPROVED Service And Some Important Changes

Announced By Mt. Vernon Telephone Company

The Mt. Vernon patrons of the local telephone company are to be treated to improved service in some important changes which are now about completed on the switchboard.

This company has, since it first commenced business, given its patrons larger and better service every year and has kept pace with the many improvements made in apparatus. It is now using the third switchboard at Mt. Vernon in seventeen years time and is expending over \$2,000 on the present board for changes that will not increase the earnings, but will give to subscribers quicker and more efficient results, and make this switchboard equal to the latest improved type now made.

When these changes are completed and a Mt. Vernon subscriber wants to talk to a rural subscriber on the Mt. Vernon exchange, or with a party at Fredericktown or Gambier, they can ask the operator for the number of the rural subscriber wanted, or for Fredericktown or Gambier as wanted.

This eliminates asking for "rural" which has been necessary in the past and removes the cause for frequent delay in securing the desired party.

Few people realize the large increased number of calls by reason of the free service between various exchanges and the difficulty in providing for this within a limit of cost.

This extensive service makes a telephone valuable. Practically every store, factory, office, or other business place in Knox county has the Mt. Vernon company's telephone and the few who do not provide this service deprive themselves of one of the most sure ways of increasing business and saving time which is money. It is no longer a luxury or convenience but it is a necessity. Every home, also, should have a Mt. Vernon company telephone.

A new county directory will be issued soon which will be in accordance with these changes in the switchboard operation. The company now has more subscribers than ever before with the number increasing each month.

Any one wanting a telephone or wanting any change in location should notify the wire chief so the work can be done promptly and the name and address be correct in the new directory.

PROGRAM

At Meeting Of Mothers And Teachers' Club

The following program will be given at the meeting of the Mothers' and Teachers' club of the Third ward, Tuesday evening, March 17, at 7 o'clock. Piano Duet—Susie Parsons and Harriet Wolvertson. Reading—Clare Sweeney. Vocal Solo—Miss Headington. Talk—Mr. Herbert W. Smith. Piano Solo—Robert Eastman. Reading—Mrs. Mac Stephens. Vocal Solo—Pauline Smith. Talk—Mr. Harry C. Devin. Vocal Solo—Miss Aler. Piano Duet—Martha Wilhelm and Helen Lorey. All parents are urged to attend.

UNCLAIMED MAIL

To avoid delay in delivery have your mail addressed to street and number, P. O. box or general delivery. The following letters remain unclaimed in the Mt. Vernon postoffice advertised list March 16th, 1914. Amrhein, Mrs. Hester. Cotton, T. G. Crow, Roll. Co. The Smith Gas Producer. Doane, Miss Beatrice. Evans, Merrill. Gohde, Lewis. Gonder, Miss Maud. Maurice Lesser & Co. Rinehart, Mrs. Emma. Sharpe, Miss Mabel. Stilwell, Lawrence. Van Nest, Sheriff. Wagner, Harry. Walker, Miss Dora. Sheridan G. Dows, P. M.

White Goods! White Goods! Have you seen the Novelties? Every fashion magazine predicts that this will be a great White Season. No department at our Opening last week created more favorable comment than the truly remarkable showing of White Goods. Our only regret is that it is impossible for us to give these beautiful fabrics, from day to day, the display they deserve, BUT THE GOODS ARE HERE! The J. S. Ringwalt Company



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BIRD BROS. Mt. Vernon, O.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

INSTALLING ELECTRIC LIGHTING PLANT. Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Knox County, Ohio, will receive sealed proposals up to 1 o'clock p. m., on Monday, the 23rd day of April, 1914, for furnishing the labor and materials necessary in the installation of an electric lighting plant to be installed in the Knox County Infirmary Buildings, Bangs station, Knox county, Ohio. Plans and specifications will be on file on and after Tuesday, March 17, 1914, at the auditor's office in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and at the office of the architects, R. C. & W. S. Anderson, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and may be seen on every working day thereafter up to the day and date above set for receiving bids. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the office of the board of county commissioners at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, at 1 o'clock p. m., on Monday, April 23, 1914. Bids must be made out in accordance with the state law, and on blank forms which will be furnished by the architect, and each bid must have a certified check, or bond, attached in an amount equal to 10 per cent of the bid, and be sealed and endorsed "Proposal for Electric Lighting Plant," and addressed to Walter M. Riley, county auditor, clerk of board of county commissioners. The board of commissioners reserve the right to reject any or all bids in accordance with the general code of Ohio. By order of the board of county commissioners of Knox county, Ohio. WALTER M. RILEY, County Auditor. 3-17,24,31,4-7-8

NOTICE

We the undersigned do forbid, trapping, fishing or trespassing or dogs, or running foxes on our premises. C. L. Nichols. F. P. Rinehart. J. E. Burch. James H. Fowls. W. A. Johnson. G. M. Pipes. Geo. A. Harris. W. H. Kidd. John Frey. Verge Green. G. W. Hancock. Z. A. Neely. H. E. Vanwinkle. John W. Taylor. John Wolfe. Martin Ashcraft. V. S. Wolfe. John S. Boggs.

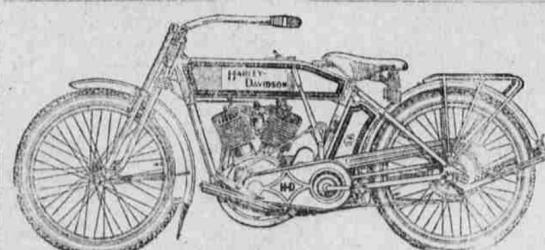
CHICAGO HOTEL MURDER CASE

Chicago, Ill., March 16.—John B. ("Handsome Jack") Koeters was brought into court today to stand trial on a charge of having murdered Mrs. Emma Kraft, a Cincinnati widow, who was found beaten to death in her room in the Saratoga Hotel in this city on November 14, 1912. Koeters, who was suspected of the crime, eluded capture until a month ago, when he was found in San Francisco and returned to this city for trial.

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PHOTOGRAPHERS MEET IN SCRANTON

Scranton, Pa., March 16.—Nearly one thousand professional photographers of Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia have gathered in this city for the eighteenth annual convention of their association. The sessions will continue through the week and will include numerous lectures and addresses on professional topics. The photographers are displaying hundreds of the finest specimens of their art at the exhibition which is being held in connection with the convention.