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Deputy Inspector Crider of this city is great at saving in his expense account. As related by himself, Deputy Crider was in Cleveland recently along with other deputies of the Ohio state department on official business and they hunted up a pretty good hotel to hang out at. As told by Deputy Crider, one of the other deputies took a \$3 room while he was content with a \$2.50 "per sleep" room, as deputy Crider expressed it. Thereby he saved fifty cents "per sleep" for the dear taxpayers that contribute to the support of the important department. There is nothing like having appointees under the Willis administration who are imbued with a proper spirit of economy in the "per sleep" arrangement.

The musicians who contributed so delightfully to the Willis banquet Tuesday evening are not singing any songs of praise of those in charge of the "function." In fact they received some pretty shabby treatment, bordering closely on an insult. They were notified to eat their supper at home, otherwise they would be charged 75 cents "per eat" at the banquet. As it is always the practice to see that the members of the orchestra are courteously provided for in the matter of refreshments on occasions for which they are playing, the treatment accorded them at the Willis banquet is inexplicable.

Chasing efficiency is mistakenly dubbed a new fad, whereas it is largely a new way of putting certain Ben Franklinisms long familiar, as: "Never put off to tomorrow what can be done today," "Procrastination is the thief of time," "A stitch in time saves nine," "Practice makes perfect" and "The longest way round is the shortest way home"—that is, when it is the line of least resistance.

One of the big insurance companies that nowadays farm mortgages are preferable for investment to railroad mortgages. Well, if investors think they are gift edged securities naturally they will accept the rate of interest which goes with that class.

Secretary Lane is quoted as saying that our schools have made no progress the last thirty years. Up to date sewing and football are evidences, then, of what?

Italy's diplomats "thought this would be a short and easy war." Hereafter the maxim "Look before you leap" will find a conspicuous place on the palace walls.

Shipment of \$1,500,000 gold from New York to Argentina indicates that the recent Pan-American powwow was also a sort of land hand revival.

Mexicans may object to having outsiders pacify their distracted country, but outsiders will not object to the Mexicans doing it themselves.

The coming of baby bandits would indicate that the old fashioned woodshed interviews are also among the has-beens in certain districts.

The allies plead "military necessity" to excuse the invasion of Greece. Germany said the same thing about Belgium, and there you are!

So Spain is thought to contemplate invasion of Portugal. Probably just to have practice go hand in hand with

AN INTERESTING STORY IS TOLD BY A "VAG"

When He Applied For Night's Lodging Before Mayor Mitchell

In these days of extreme cold, a nightly collection of a cosmopolitan nature will be found in the steel cage of the Third ward engine house where "vags" of every class, nature and description are trying to keep warm the poor bodies which inadequate clothing exposes to the bitter attacks of the cold and blasts of the wind during the day.

As a rule, these vagrants are outcasts pure and simple, and lead their lives of wandering and indefiniteness generally from an addiction to drink or laziness. They mostly represent the scum of humanity, but sometimes some will be found who are really "down on their luck" and who are doing their best to get up. A nightly gathering of these vagrants contains nearly every nationality on the globe and the hybrid jabber of conversation is interesting to overhear.

All "vags" must make personal application to the mayor before being allowed a harbor for the night and oftentimes he is confronted by men who have stories of real interest to tell. Such a person appeared before Mayor Mitchell Sunday night.

The man in question carried a sack which weighed about 35 pounds. In this there were various cooking utensils such as a frying pan, a coffee pot, etc., together with a selection of clothing fairly neat in appearance. In making his request for night's lodging, the individual stated that he was 62 years of age and had walked over 5,000 miles.

This rather startled the mayor, who is accustomed to deal with "pan-handlers," and he interrogated the man further. This brought out that 25 miles a day was regarded as a good average walk and no weather was bad enough to keep the pedestrian from his daily journey. In sum-

mer, more territory was generally covered.

The mayor asked the man if he were in need of money and, to his surprise, received a negative answer, together with the statement that begging was not in his line and that he had never obtained a single thing by this means in his life. "When I am in the country," the man said, "I frequently ask for a loaf of bread at a farmhouse, but always pay the housewife for it."

The man seemed intelligent and, before retiring for the night, asked to be directed to a moderate-priced restaurant where he could procure a little sustenance. He was shown a place to eat and willingly admitted to the city hotel.

In contrast to this individual, there appeared before Mayor Mitchell Saturday night a greasy, grimy and hairy "vag" with a receding forehead and skull of an unusual type, who also sought lodging. He stated he was born in Liverpool, England, but when asked where Liverpool is, he regretted his lack of knowledge of the geography of the island. He came to this land of promise years ago and gradually worked west, doing odd jobs until reaching the lakes, where he was employed for a long time on numerous steamers.

The man's accent was decidedly German, but the most careful quizzing by the mayor failed to make him deviate one bit from his original story. He was a sorry-looking spectacle, indeed, and claimed to be alone in the world, but the sympathy "vag" did not go with the mayor, who dragged out from him that two married sisters, in addition to two brothers, still represent the family in this world.

All are treated alike, however, and the mayor, after giving the man a quarter for some food, allowed him to remain over night in the cage, where he joined a motley crew of men, each fighting for the warmest spot to roost and quarreling among themselves for possessions of morsels of food obtained in some manner or other.

WILL OCCUR SOON

Prof. W. A. Chesman, evangelist and singer, assisted by Miss Genevieve Stephens, organist and singer, are co-operating with the pastor, Rev. J. A. Russell, in evangelistic meetings in the M. E. church, Gambier, O. Much interest is already manifested. These workers are busy all the year, and seem never to know when they have done enough. The meetings are on broad lines. A co-operation of everybody is invited.

Complete arrangements for the rally of the Democrats of the county at the K. of P. armory will be reported Tuesday night, Feb. 15, when all interested members of the party are requested to meet in Julius Headington's sign studio, South Main street. This will be the last meeting, prior to the rally.

The regular meeting of Pleasant grange will occur Friday evening, Feb. 18. Two excellent programs have been prepared by the contest captains and lively interest is being manifested.

The men of the Aid society of Ebenezer church will give an oyster supper and entertainment at Valley Grove school house Friday evening, Feb. 18.

Knox County Pomona grange will hold its monthly meeting in the G. A. R. hall, Mt. Vernon, Saturday, Feb. 19. G. W. Bush, state leader of county agent work, will deliver an address.

TO GIVE READING For Benefit of the Public Library on Friday Evening

Miss Ruth Ellen Jackson, who will appear in the high school auditorium next Friday evening under the auspices of the College Woman's club, is a young reader of unusual talent and charm. She is a classical graduate of Ohio Wesleyan university with Phi Beta Kappa honors. Thus she can be expected to have the mental training necessary to an understanding and interpretation of literature. Upon her graduation, she was elected instructor in elocution and oratory in her alma mater and has since been raised to the position of assistant professor of oratory, which position she now holds.

It is a well-known fact that a college town furnishes a very critical audience and yet it is said that her name on a program in Delaware always insures a full house. Reports from a number of cities tell the story of a pleased audience wherever she has given a program of readings.

Ibsen's play, "The Doll's House," is one of the heaviest dramas presented on the American stage, and during the last few years has met with constantly increasing appreciation in this country. Of Miss Jackson's reading of "The Doll's House," the London Times says: "In the interpretation of the difficult parts of the play Miss Jackson was highly successful. She caught the spirit of every situation. Her enthusiasm was contagious and her audience soon lost sight of the impersonator and saw the real characters, which is dramatic art of a high order. The whole performance was an exhibition of rare talent and many expressions of appreciation were given by the large audience which enjoyed the literary treat."

Mrs. Elizabeth Clutter returned Saturday to her home near Martinsburg after a visit with her son, Jay R. Clutter.

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MT. VERNON

High School Wins Seventh Straight Victory

By Defeating Strong Ashville Team Saturday Night

Ashville, participants in the semifinals of the state basketball tournament at Delaware last year, made Mt. Vernon high's seven straight victories when their players were defeated at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday night by the local boys, 39 to 29, in what was pronounced to be the most interesting game of the season on the local floor.

The comparative strength of the two teams is best represented by the score at the end of the first half, 29 to 16 for Mt. Vernon, and at the end of the game, 39 to 29. This ratio of 2 to 1 was kept up through the contest and never once during the game was Mt. Vernon in danger of losing.

Local followers of basketball who made the trip to Delaware last year will remember Ashville as the team which was defeated in the morning by Delaware. Three of last year's players were in the game Saturday night and marked improvement in their play was noted. They used a five-man combination and frequently left their basket unguarded. This was one of the reasons for the decisive score against them, although they were quite successful in breaking up the mid-floor work of Mt. Vernon.

Ashville attempted distance shots, Mt. Vernon guards never giving them an opportunity for quick, snappy tosses, and in this met with failure in both halves of the game. Had it not been for an unusually accurate foul thrower, Ashville would have ended the game with only 14 tallies.

The home team showed the effects of a game Friday night which, with four members of the team not in the best of physical shape, showed up the lightning-team work which has characterized the squad this year. Flashes of this were rare and intermittent. However, the boys played consistent

basketball and the work of the guards, Jones and Cunningham, was of such high calibre that victory was inevitable.

Mt. Vernon will again attempt two games over a week-end, meeting Zanesville here Friday night and going to Cambridge Saturday night for a contest. If these can be won, the locals will probably go to Delaware March 3 and 4 with a spotless record, as it is believed that Newark can again be defeated the week preceding that tournament.

Summary: Mt. Vernon—39 Ashville—20 Eastman Baker L. F. Blair Messick R. F. Sapp Odaffer C. Cunningham Teegarden R. G. Jones Essick L. G.

Field Goals—Eastman 5, Blair 7, Sapp 5, Cunningham 1, Baker 3, Messick 2, Odaffer 1, Teegarden 1. Foul Goals—Blair 3 out of 11, Baker 6 out of 11. Substitutions—Teegarden for Odaffer, Stoker for Teegarden. Referees—Boecher and Ett. Time of Halves—20 minutes.

KICKED BY HORSE Boy Receives Compound Fracture of the Right Leg

Irvin Elliott, 15 years old, of Howard, received a compound fracture of his right leg Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock when a horse kicked him. He was riding another horse at the time. The fracture, which is half way between the knee and the ankle, developed considerable hemorrhage and the youth was brought to the Mt. Vernon hospital for treatment.

GAMBIER

Miss Dorothy Detwiler of Mansfield is the guest of Miss Cora Putnam. Mrs. Frank Vernon and Miss Lucy Flecknoe were visitors in Centerburg Sunday.

Mrs. Besse M. Owen went to Columbus Saturday to spend the day with her daughter, Miss Isabel. She leaves Sunday for Philadelphia, Pa., where she will visit with her sister, A. S. Kester of Butler, Ind., who has been the guest of his niece, Mrs. John Mason, of East Vine street, went to Marion Saturday, where he will visit before returning home.

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James Conrad, who is a patient at the Ohio State Sanatorium, went to Marion Saturday to visit. Mrs. C. J. Welker and son, Harry, of East Hamtramck street are spending the day in Columbus.

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WESTERN LEAGUE FRAMES SCHEDULE Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 14—The Western League club owners are in session here today, to select a playing schedule for the season. The meeting today is the first held under the eye of Frank Zehrung, the league's new president. It is planned to open the season this year in April, at the same time the big major leagues open, and the training season may also be revised to a two-weeks' period.

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BIG COMMERCIAL MEETING IN WISCONSIN Madison, Wis., Feb. 14—The Wisconsin Commercial and Industrial Congress, composed of representatives of commercial organizations of the state, convened here today. The meeting is under the auspices of the department of political economy and the extension department of the University of Wisconsin.

William B. Morris, who has been employed for several years with the C. & G. Cooper Co., has gone to Pittsburgh, Pa., where he has accepted a position in the Edgar Thompson Steel Works. Mrs. Morris will remain here for several weeks before joining her husband. Mrs. Katherine Carruthers is the guest of relatives in Utica.