POLITICAL POINTS

Query—Did Willis decentralize civil service? Ask Stoughton.

"Pie is greater than poetry"—Gov. Willis. By cracky! Ain't this a gumswizzler of a campaign slogan for the champion gizzard eater, who refers to his opponent as "an insignificant little squirt?"

The plot thickens! Roosevelt is now stating the terms on which he will accept the Republican nomination for president. The Republican party will have to accept him nolens volens, willy nilly, or words to that effect.

With the glaring evidences of nepotism permeating the state administration, with entire families of Ada graduates and Willis favorites holding most of the offices, and True "Glues" holding all the rest, regular Republicans who labored in 1914 can only hope that things will be better for them next time.

In his steadfast course of destruction of chicken gizzards the good young governor has never yet found time to mention one single state commission, board or bureau which he abolished according to his steam whistle promise of 1914. They are all here yet but are now composed of Ada graduates, temperance agitators and representatives of the liquor interests, bound together by the common tie of self advantage.

State Auditor Donahey made a profit of $4,816.43 this week for the state by using common business sense in handling state oil leases. His is one department that is not given over to personal political promotion. Still there are some people who think that Secretary of State Hildebrant should have had charge of these contracts so that he might have consulted Senator Wickline, with whom he made arrangements for state auto tags, and in which the profit was not to be for the state.

Now it turns out that Rear Admiral Fiske, the great critic of the navy department, wanted to be given command of the Atlantic fleet and was turned down by Secretary Josephus Daniels upon the advice of Admiral George Dewey, who recommended Admiral Fletcher. As the secretary told the congressional committee: "The admiral after that became the severe critic of the department and its policies." Fiske is the man who is being so liberally quoted by the disloyal eastern copperheads who can find nothing good in America.

State Superintendent of Schools Frank B. Pearson will profit on the sale of ten thousand books of which he is the author, by the adoption of his book by the state reading circle as part of their course. Pearson is also head of the reading circle. No teacher who does not follow the work of the reading circle is advanced very rapidly, and even in examination teachers must be familiar with the contents of the books prescribed or "fail." Superintendent Pearson, who names the examiners, is the Republican recently appointed after the place had been promised by the governor to John Davison, Progressive, who was sacrificed on the altar of expediency after the Willis-Burton-Daugherty slate was formed.

George Stauffer, the Putnam county politician, who is now the state board of agriculture, the ten dummies composing it having abdicated and placed all the power in his hands, is now on the political stump. He is telling Ohio citizens that the admitted deficit in the state fair fund was caused by the agricultural commission's refusal to resign when the governor demanded that action. Yet his immediate predecessor, Renick Dunlap, took charge of the state fair upon being appointed in July, 1915, and announced that it would be greater than ever before and cost less. He made a frightful mess of the affair and was forced to leave his office under fire with thousands of dollars of bills unpaid and the state's creditors clamoring for their money. If the old agricultural commission is to blame, why was it that Governor Willis ordered Dunlap discharged without benefit of clergy? Speak up!

A BURNT OFFERING

Every member of the Willis state administration is under suspicion of his fellows because of the publicity attending the exposure of letters evidencing the building of a Willis machine, through the ranks of the civil service employes, and outside the regular Republican organization. That is why the Willis much-perturbed civil service commission is making an "investigation." The public press recorded that Secretary George L. Stoughton, of the industrial commission, did not deny writing the letters ordering formation of the Willis machine throughout the counties. So it seems that the much heralded investigation is in reality a fishing excursion to find out who is the man who unburdened his conscience. The commission has had ample ground for investigation in the past—itself is not above suspicion. But now it must be learned who is the honest man that has fallen among thieves. A burnt offering must be made to appease the wrathful Republican regulars, who resent the insult offered them by reaching beyond them to build up the personal machine. As to the activities, this unbiased comment by James W. Faulkner from the "watchtower of civilization" is enlightening.

"The discovery this week of the letters being sent out by Secretary George Stoughton, of the state industrial commission, to employes of that body in the classified service, ordering them to secure members of an organization outside of the regular Republican state and county committees, merely substantiates publicly what the politicians have been aware of for some time. This is that Governor Willis is organizing a personal machine separate and apart from the party organization. The work is in the hands of George Stauffer, of the state board of agriculture; Newton M. Miller of the state tax commission; State Oil Inspector James M. Carr; Fire Marshal Bert Buckley; and the members of the official family known as the 'boy scouts'. The organization is by precincts and it is said the state is pretty well covered. While the letters found this week were signed by Secretary Stoughton, it is understood that State Inspector of Workshops and Factories George Hamilton, who is secretary of the Republican state committee, and Herbert L. Elliott, a member of the state commission, have the details in charge in that department of state."

As a further evidence of how the work is done, the Columbus Dispatch calls attention to the fact that two stenographers paid out of censor funds for months past, in violation of law, have been assigned by Stoughton "to other duties." Nepotism in that Stoughton placed his aged father at work in the department which he was unable to do, is also charged, and the statement is made that because of this an additional employe to assist the elder Stoughton has been necessary.

FREDERICKTOWN

Miss Ella Mount visited relatives in Columbus last week.

Mrs. Sylvia Lucas has taken a position at the Taylor dry goods store.

Mr. and Mrs. McArdle left for their new home in New London, where they recently purchased a livery business.

At a meeting of the chamber of commerce last week the matter of street paving was investigated pretty thoroughly. Several men were present from Centerburg who described the experience of that village in this kind of improvement.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Herring, recently of Mt. Vernon, moved into their new home on Mansfield avenue, which they recently purchased. Mr. Herring is manager of the Fredericktown Elevator company, taking the place made vacant by Mr. Justus D. Smoots who was appointed postmaster for Fredericktown.

The monthly meeting of the Fredericktown W. C. T. U. was held at the Presbyterian parsonage on Tuesday evennig of this week.

Mr. W. B. Johnson, who has served Fredericktown as postmaster for the past eighteen years, last week gave over the reins to Mr. Justus Smoots, the new appointee, and again drops back into the rank of the private citizen. Mr. Johnson says that he has made no plans for the future, and that for a time he will take a much-needed vacation, probably spending next winter in Florida and traveling around some. Mr. Harry Ralston and Miss Mabel Fawcett are retained in their positions as assistants as in the past.

Mr. Harold Ackerman of Mt. Vernon, who has been her the past six weeks assisting his father in closing up much of his business in the real estate and insurance office, returned to his position with the New Knox National bank at Mt. Vernon, the past week.

Miss Burdell Long visited with Mrs. Rex Elpen at Mt. Vernon on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Galleher visited with friends in Mt. Vernon the past week.

Mr. Earl Slack of Columbus visited with relatives in this vicinity the past week.

Mr. Frank Whitford of Sedalia, O., visited with his sister, Mrs. Lillian Whitford, a few days the past week.

Mr. Milton Williams of Miamisburg visited friends in this vicinity the past week.

Mrs. C. L. Wright of Mt. Vernon visited with relatives in Fredericktown on Friday last.

Mr. Isaac Hogue last week moved to the DeWitt farm southwest of Fredericktown, and Mr. Perry Dill of near Fredericktown moved to the farm vacated by Mr. Hogue.

Mr. H. S. Wright returned home from Detroit, Mich., the past week.

Miss Mozelle Wilson of Sparta visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Wilson, at Fredricktown, last week.

Messrs. Ernest Wilson and Harold Mitchell of Sparta were Fredericktown visitors last week.

Mrs. Stanley Hess, who recently underwent an operation at the hospital in Mt. Vernon, returned home last Thursday.

Miss Rolla Mellinger, who has been visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Hixenbaugh, returned to her home in Mt. Vernon the past week.

Mr. Frank B. Stumph made a business trip to Columbus last week.

Fredericktown will have a Clean-Up Day, or rather two of them on April 25 and 26th, at which time all kinds of rubbish should be piled into the streets so that it can be carted away to the dump. Last year considerable refuse of this kind was missed, but this time assurance is given that it will be carried away.

Rev. Morton of the M. E. church, was a Mt. Vernon visitor on Tuesday of this week.

A home talent play will be given at the Odd Fellows Hall on Friday evening of this week.

Arrangements are being made for the new school building as rapidly as possible. Architects are drawing plans and an estimate will be given out before long concerning the probable cost, but it is thought a building costing from $30,000 to $50,000 will have to be built and equipped to meet the growing needs of Fredericktown. It is now planned to use the old building for the lower grades only, and use the new building exclusively for high school purposes. It is also proposed that an auditorium with a seating capacity of about 700 be a part of this new building.

Miss Lucy Davidson, of Fredericktown, visited over Sunday with friends at Centerburg.

Mr. J. Komita, of Bellville, was a Fredericktown visitor on Monday last.

Miss Mary Brumbach, a teacher in the Mt. Vernon schools, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Brumbach, in this place over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dalrymple celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary on Tuesday of this week. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dalrymple and son Ferdinand, of Bedford, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. Lorin Dalrymple, and daughters, Marie and Laura, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. McGugin and two children, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Blackford and children. A three course dinner was served at noon. Mr. and Mrs. Dalrymple have spent all their lives in this place and vicinity, and during the fifty-five years have lived in only three different houses. During this time there has not been a death in the four generations of the family. A picture of the family was taken, showing the four generations, and the bride and groom were dressed in their wedding clothes of fifty-five years ago. A handsome gold handled umbrella was presented by the children.

Miss Moree of Palmyra, visited with Miss Nelle Baker in this place the past week.

Mrs. Park Blair of Mt. Vernon, visited friends here last Friday.

Mrs. Dora Baker was seriously ill the first of the week, but reported better at this writing.

Mrs. J. C. Carr and Mrs. Chas. Harry entertained the Daughters of Veterans and the Ladies Relief Corps on Monday, Appomatox day, at the K. of P. hall. Refreshments were served and a pleasant social time enjoyed.

Mrs. B. Studor went to New Washington and Ashland on Thursday to inspect lodges of the Pythian Sisters.

Mrs. C. M. Hildreth is reported on the sick list.

Mr. H. E. Clemms Sunday school class of the M. E. church was entertained at the home of Miss Helen Groff on Monday evening.

Miss Golda Spayde of Shelby visited Mr. and Mrs. John McNutt in this place last week.

Miss Esther Boner, who is teaching at Gambier, visited with her parents near Fredericktown the past week.

Mrs. Robert Stauffer of Mt. Vernon visited with her mother, Mrs. Sadie Hosack, in Fredericktown last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Alex Penick, who was called to Utica last week by the serious illness of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Shields, returned home Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. John Stofer was a Mansfield visitor on Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. W. B. Mann visited with her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Foote, at Bellville, a few days the past week.

Mrs. John Fidler spent last week with Mrs. Otto Burris at Mt. Vernon.

Mrs. Earl Dunham, who has been with her mother, Mrs. Ida Davis, at the hospital, returned from Columbus last Sunday evening.

Miss Edith Stofer, who has been visiting friends in Mansfield, returned home on Sunday.

The M. E. Ladies' Aid society met at the home of Mrs. William Dennison Wednesday afternoon of this week.

The W. S. club met with Mrs. L. B. Wagner on Thursday afternoon.

Invitations are out announcing the fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Rowley on Friday, April 28. They will hold open house from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Mrs. Dell Bishop and children of Fredericktown visited with Mrs. Ella Willitts in the country, a few days this week.

Mrs. J. M. Struble and Mr. Pitt Struble were Mt. Vernon visitors on Saturday last.

Mr. L. H. Brentlinger and daughter, Miss Laura Brentlinger, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Zolman and Mr. William Harry at Ashland on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Charles Levering and sister, Mrs. Ella Vernon, were called to Delaware last week by the death of their niece.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Frazier are making preparations to move to Cardington in the near future.

Mrs. Emma Trowbridge has gone to Columbus and expects to spend the summer there.

Mr. W. S. Bradrick has contracted to build a new residence for Mr. Merrill Clemm on High street this spring.

Miss Mary Estile, who has been visiting Hannah M. Hillis at Zanesville, returned home last Friday.

MILFORD

Blinn Gearhart, who has been ill of appendicitis, was taken to Mt. Carmel hospital early Thursday morning in an ambulance and was operated on Saturday. At last report he was getting along as well as could be expected.

Fred Corwin spent Tuesday in Sparta on business.

Mesdames J. E. Litzenberg and F. W. Chapman spent Saturday in Columbus.

There will be an Easter exercise at First Milford church on Easter evening.

Cort Mitchell attended the Centerburg-Gambier debate at Gambier Friday night.

Milford grange meets Wednesday evening, April 19. A class will be initiated at this meeting.

Miss Rosamond Greer of North Main street went to Columbus Tuesday to attend the Kreisler concert.

Clyde Purdy of Gambier was a business visitor in Mt. Vernon Tuesday.

O. L. Ashcraft made a business trip to Millwood Tuesday.

DEATHS

James Lesley Stoyle

James Lesley, the three-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stoyle, died at the home of his parents, 7 West High street, Monday night at 5:15 o'clock of strangulated hernia.

The funeral at the late residence, 7 West High street, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev. O. E. Ford officiating. Interment in Mound View cemetery.

Fred Humbert and son, Howard, of East High street spent Tuesday in Howard with relatives.

W. E. Sefton went to Marion Tuesday to spend a few days on business.

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Stripes:
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