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Whenever an applicant for state position in the classified service "approved by the governor" fails to pass the civil service examination, that examination is amicably annulled by the state civil service commission. It's the easiest thing you know.

Last week out of a batch of eighteen candidates for two posts as superintendents of state hospitals, the governor's favorites did not get across the plate. The state civil service commission as official umpire called the game.

The political doctor at Dayton chosen to get the job of Dr. E. A. Haber, a non-political expert, failed. The political doctor at Columbus for the place held by Dr. Williams, expert of years' training under his predecessor, did not take the examination. Thereupon the political doctor who is the state civil service commission "annulled" the examination as "too technical." The real reason was that out of the six names that might be certified the state might get two competent men or might keep two now employed, but Willis would not get two politicians on the job. Z. B. Campbell, D. D., (meaning darned devilish) civil service president, fixed it up.

This is the second occasion of the same kind, the other being in connection with selection of matrons at Marysville and Delaware. Other "shenanigan" deals of less importance have been more frequent.

Here is demonstration of what Willis is not doing for wards of the state, but example of what he is trying to do TO them.

It is also damning and damnable evidence of the "genuine civil service law" the state-kept press bureau blows so much about.

THE NATION'S LEADER

Woodrow Wilson has been the nation's leader in the most trying three years of its history.

He has been the spokesman for humanity throughout the world at a time of international upheaval.

How great has been the restraint upon the embattled nations, because of their knowledge of the force behind the American president, probably never can be accurately estimated. It is certain, however, that had it not been for the moral leadership of Woodrow Wilson, there would have been no restraint at all upon the belligerents.

Under the leadership of President Wilson, the United States has given evidence of reserve power which has made all European nations, after each new move, await the verdict of America.

There has been no egotism, no noise and bluster, no attacks upon honest business men from the White House in the past three years. There has been no junketing or excessive speech-making. President Wilson has handled the world-power which destiny bestowed upon the United States at the present crucial period with faithfulness, discretion and the reserve strength that symbolizes the nation's greatness.

Is it any wonder that stalwart Republican newspapers, as well as those of independent or Democratic faith, have paid Woodrow Wilson the tribute of ranking him with Lincoln as one of the two greatest presidents?

The legislative accomplishments of the Wilson administration are greater in number and more far-reaching in importance than those of any other administration since the Civil war. The currency bill alone demonstrated the ability of the Democratic party to solve a problem that had baffled the Republicans for a quarter of a century. That bill, and the other great measure that give the people assurance of financial freedom and political peace, were pushed through by a president who all the time bore a burden of international complications greater than was ever before imposed upon an occupant of the White House. Does any hard-headed American business man see any reason for a change now?

The press quotes Dr. Rorick, the "alienist" member of the Willis state

board of administration, as saying that he was able to answer only two of the fifteen questions asked by the civil service examiners of applicants for places as superintendents at the state hospitals. The state hospitals are for the care and cure of the insane. Their superintendents must be educated. They must qualify on technical as well as practical grounds. They should be alienists. Yet the "alienist" member of the board in charge confesses lamentable ignorance, which in ordinary decency should cause him to resign his post and make way for a qualified man. Of course it must be admitted, in face of his confession, that Dr. Rorick quite measures up to the Willis standard, so that it would not be expected that he would resign at this time.

Prosperity is a powerful antidote for the poison of partisan politics, and for that reason our Republican friends are finding it exceedingly difficult to arouse the voters to take an interest in the result of the Chicago convention. The hand-picked delegates may select any one of a dozen of the Old Guard, the rough riders may stampede the whole outfit for T. R., or maybe the G. O. P. will swap the elephant for a flyver f. o. b. Detroit. It makes little difference to the busy business man who has already nominated his own candidate—Woodrow Wilson.

There used to be a theory that only Republicans were competent to conduct the affairs of a great country such as the United States—that Democrats were mere doctrinaires whose fine-spun theories would not work in a practical world. Nothing is more practical than a financial panic. The competent Republicans gave us one in 1907 when the whole world was at peace; the theorizing Democrats prevented one when the whole world was at war. A whole lot of the old-time theories are in the discard.

Democrats will be called upon to do many things during the busy months of the campaign, but there is one thing no one of them will have to do. No Democrat will have to apologize for supporting the nominee of his party.

DECLINE IN POPULATION

Of Rural Communities Must Be Safeguarded—Rudisill

GOOD ROADS THE PANACEA

State's Representative of Good Roads Federation at Weekly Noon-day Luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce

Pointing out the intense need of good roads in the state of Ohio for the purpose of safeguarding the decline in the population of rural communities of the commonwealth, G. F. Rudisill, state superintendent of the Ohio Good Roads federation, addressed the members of the chamber of commerce at the regular noon-day luncheon Wednesday.

Superintendent Rudisill stated that the time has arrived when the business men of the state must give the good roads proposition their most serious attention. He referred to the fact that the present age is industrial, not agricultural.

That 70 per cent of the rural communities of the state have declined in population while the state has increased 15 per cent was averred by the speaker, who stated that 1,700 rural schools and 800 rural churches have been abandoned because of this decline. He added that while in the decade of 1890-1900 there was an average decrease of 58 people to a township, the next decade showed a decrease of 84 people.

Supt. Rudisill stated that of the 26,000,000 acres of land in the state, 24,000,000 are tillable, while figures show that only 19,000,000 are being cultivated. He directed attention to the fact that the vast majority of the 5,000,000 acres uncultivated lies in unimproved districts of the state.

Referring to Knox county and its population of some 30,000 inhabitants, the speaker stated that Mt. Vernon, Fredericktown, Brinkhaven and Danville display a combined increase of 2,700 people in a decade, while the county as a whole only increased 2,400 in population. He remarked that only six of the townships in the county show an increase, while 16 have decreased.

That \$10,000,000 a year is spent on the 90,000 roadways of the state was affirmed by the speaker who then took occasion to point out the rats

which beset the state in the expenditure of money on roads. The chief of these, he stated, is procrastination and illustrated by showing how a road will be built, worn out, a new highway constructed, etc., with never a thought given to the fact that a road represents an investment. Supt. Rudisill also dwelled on the incompetency of many people who have had charge of building roads in Ohio and showed how this incompetency has resulted in a severe monetary loss to the state.

FREDERICKTOWN

Mr. E. P. McNutt of this place visited friends in Belleville on Thursday of last week.

Mr. J. C. Hess visited with his uncle at Belleville one day last week.

Mr. J. C. Gieselman of Butler was in Fredericktown on Monday, circulating a petition to the commissioners of Knox county, asking that they extend the proposed level road from the Richland county line to Ankenytown. The Richland county commissioners have agreed to build the road through to the county line, and all that is necessary is for Knox county to do her share. This new road extension will give an almost level road from Ankenytown to Butler, and this means that a great deal of traffic heretofore gone by the way of Jelleville and Mt. Vernon will be changed to this new route running through Ankenytown and Fredericktown. This is hardly the equivalent of a traction line to the communities through which it passes, but will greatly enhance the value of properties in the neighborhood and within reach of the road, both for market purposes and for travel. In Knox county it will be necessary to build only 1.34 miles of road to complete the line.

Mrs. Belle Leady of Ankenytown was a Fredericktown visitor last Saturday.

The W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mrs. Jennie Ball on Tuesday evening last.

At a called meeting held in the Noll theatre last Monday evening, about a hundred citizens gathered to discuss the matter of bonding the town to raise money to build a new school building and auditorium. After a statement from the board as to its desires in the matter, a number of different ones were called upon to express their opinions as to the need and practicability of such a procedure, and this was followed by a discussion of the questions which arose over the matter. Plans for the new building were exhibited and discussed. Those who doubted the wisdom of bonding the town and taking so important a step at this time seemed to be there to listen to the claims and did not enter into the discussion. County Superintendent W. F. Allgire of Mt. Vernon was present and gave a delightful talk. Mr. Allgire was a former superintendent of the Fredericktown schools and he could readily enter into the ambitions of our people to make the Fredericktown schools a "top-notch." He gave a historical sketch of the growth of these schools under his management and also his advice as to the needs at this time. The speakers who followed reiterated the sentiment of Mr. Allgire. A speech by Mr. D. M. Brumbach seemed to change the trend of thought in reference to the auditorium. The present plans will give a room with a capacity of 500 under crowded conditions. If these plans are followed, not more than half the people of this community can hope to attend the entertainments there at any one time. Mr. Brumbach suggested that the bond issue be increased and time extended so that the auditorium could be made to hold 1,200 persons with comfort. This arrangement would provide for the future growth of Fredericktown and at very little added expense. A number of years ago, under Supt. Borden, the matter of a gymnasium was discussed. This matter has been provided for in the plans of this new building, where ample room will be provided for the children who can play and exercise in inclement weather. After a closing address by Mr. Hard, the architect from Columbus, the meeting closed, with many of the skeptical ones convinced that the time had arrived when Fredericktown must make an effort to re-house their educational institution.

Mr. George Norrick, who is attending Case school, at Cleveland, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Norrick, in this place over Sunday last.

Mrs. Anna Boyd-Cummings went to Columbus on Wednesday to meet her grand-daughter, Eleanor Page, who was coming from Chicago, for a short visit.

Mrs. Harry Groff and Mrs. M. T. Beck entertained with a six o'clock dinner a party of thirty ladies at the home of the former on Tuesday evening. They also entertained thirty other ladies on Thursday evening.

Whooping cough is quite prevalent in this place this spring.

Mr. L. C. Mendenhall of Lima, visit-

ed with Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Parmenter one day the past week.

Mr. B. F. Morse, of Sandusky, was called here the past week by the death of Mrs. Anna E. Morse.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Grant, recently of Utica, are now located in the Charles Harry residence on First street.

Mr. Howard George of Mt. Vernon, visited with Fredericktown friends last Thursday.

Miss Atha Amsbaugh visited with Belleville friends the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. James McLaughy of Columbus, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Burr Slater a couple of days the past week.

Miss May Wilson of Columbus, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Wilson, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Shurr who have been spending the winter in Florida, returned home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bell visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown one day last week.

Mr. Warner Bricker of Mt. Vernon, visited with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Bricker, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tulloss visited with Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Tulloss last week.

Miss Esther James, of Mt. Vernon, came on Wednesday for a short visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Studor were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harry at Mt. Vernon, a few days this week.

Miss Ethel Poorman spent the week-end with her parents at Mt. Vernon.

Mr. Fred Crowell, of Columbus, visited the families of L. C. Crowell and Hoy Sweetland in this place, a few days this week.

Mr. Lincoln Squires has gone to Cardington to work in a garage.

Mrs. Mary Mahand and daughter, Rhetta, of Utica, will spend the week end with their daughter, Mrs. Ed. Grant, in Fredericktown.

Mrs. Alice Barnhard is in Mansfield this week, the guest of the family of Mr. William Murphy.

Miss Essie Fisher, of Lorain, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Fisher, the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Grubb entertained Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ogg last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gordon, of Butler, visited the former's mother, Mrs. Mahala Gordon, last week.

Mr. Hobert Cassell and Mr. Harry Gibson visited with Mr. Fred Zeig in Ft. Wayne, Ind., last Sunday.

Mrs. Mille Aker, of Calendonis, visited with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stump last week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Doty, superintendent of the state hospital at Massillon, visited with his niece, Mrs. R. A. Knox, on Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. R. A. Knox visited with her sister, Mrs. Metcalf, at Homer, last

Thursday and Friday.

The Presbyterian Sunday school had a most delightful social time last Friday evening, when each of the classes vied with each other to furnish the most entertaining number on the program. Among the numbers was a pantomime marriage ceremony, carried out in its entirety by a class of young ladies, some dressed as groom and attendants. Another was a burlesque on preparedness, where the class marched through the aisles with cannon and infantry arrayed in all the glory of war fare. Another stunt was the college girls diet, wherein different ones represented the cheese, cake, gastric juice, etc., and gave a demonstration of the troubles rising from such mixtures. A box lunch was served which every one enjoyed. About two hundred members of the church and Sunday school were present.

HOWARD BANK

FILLS VACANCIES CAUSED BY DEATH OF ELI A. WOLFE

Howard, May 10—John F. Gardner has been elected to the presidency of the Howard Savings bank to fill the vacancy which resulted with the death of Eli A. Wolfe.

Frank L. Wolfe has been made vice president of the institution, while A. W. Fehndrick has been chosen a member of the directorate.

Jacob Dubinsky transacted business in Utica on Wednesday.

PIMPLES AND SKIN ERUPTIONS DANGER SIGNS OF BAD BLOOD

First Sign of Blood Disease.

Pimples, scaly itching skin, rashes, burning sensations and Scrofula denote with unfailing certainty a debilitated, weakened and impure state of the blood. The trouble may have been in how you were infected; you must treat it through the blood. It is a blood disease. You must use S. S. S., the standard blood tonic for 50 years. If you expect relief. For purifying the system, nothing is equal to it. The action of S. S. S. is to cleanse the blood. It soaks through the system direct to the seat of the trouble—setting as an antidote to neutralize the blood poisons. It revitalizes the red blood corpuscles, increases the flow so that the blood can properly perform its physical work. The dull, sluggish feeling leaves you—the complexion clears up. Even long-standing cases respond promptly. But you must take S. S. S. Drugs and substitutes won't do. Get S. S. S. from your druggist. If you need expert advice write to Swift Specific Co., Atlanta, Ga.



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is a four-year-old Percheron Stallion. He is a dark gray with white main and tall and will mature to 2150 lbs. He was imported by Bell Bros. of Wooster, Ohio, when he was two years old. He was shown in 1914 at Nogent, France, in a class of 80 head and won second place and I have the medal to show and he won first at Ohio State Fair. This colt possesses lots of quality and has action like a coach horse. He has extra large bone and the best of feet. And it is said by good horsemen that he is the best Percheron stallion in Knox Co. Come and see him and be convinced. He will stand for \$15.00 to insure a living colt.

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is 8 years old, dapple gray Percheron stallion. He has more quality than any other horse for his size. He has won three straight championships and the get of sire for three years. Come and see him and his colts. I can show you colts two years old that weigh 1600 lbs. This horse has proven extra sure. \$15.00 to insure a living colt.

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HORSE KICKS BERRY—INJURIES ARE NEGLIGIBLE

Howard, O., May 10—James Berry, residing near here, was kicked in the chest by a horse Tuesday morning. Mr. Berry came up behind the horse, startling it and it kicked, striking him with both feet.

At first it was thought that he was seriously injured and a physician was summoned, but by the time he arrived Mr. Berry had recovered and felt no serious effects from the accident.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts thru the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Cure was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Cure is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props., Toledo, O. All Druggists, 7c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

William G. Scribner made a business trip to Columbus Wednesday.

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