

Following the lead of the 8th district congressional committee the republicans of the 3rd, 10th and 11th districts have decided to ask the voters of the districts to make congressional nominations by the primary method.

The compulsory school law seems to be doing what it was intended for as over forty thousand more children are enrolled in the public schools this year, most of whom would not be there except for the enforcement of this law.

The decision of the Supreme Court of the United States to the effect that common carriers cannot deal lawfully in the commodities which they transport certainly means trouble for the railroads which have had a practical monopoly of the anthracite coal business.

The county citizens' committee appointed at the mass meeting in this city some time ago is in session today and will probably issue an address to the voters of the county touching the approaching spring election. Steps are also to be taken to enlarge the committee to one hundred members and make it a permanent organization.

The statement that the citizens' committee appointed in connection with the grand jury investigation would oppose the issuing of bonds by the county is without foundation. Most of the members of the committee have at various times said that it was the only thing to do, that while the debt had been illegally incurred that the citizens of the county could not afford to take the position of repudiating the debt.

Ex-Senator Helme evidently needs to refresh his memory as to the senatorial apportionment. At the recent democratic banquet at Clare he devoted most of his time to denouncing the present apportionment which was made by the democratic legislature in 1892, of which Helme was a member. His attempt to charge the legislation to the republican party falls pretty flat. But then it is like a good many of Helme's statements—wide of the mark.

We ask a careful reading of the summary of the sermon on "The Problems of a Modern City" given by Rev. C. H. Hanks, Sunday evening, printed in this issue. That the address met the approval of those present was manifest by the close attention given the speaker and by the words of commendation given after the service. The sentiment in favor of non-partisan city nominations is growing rapidly in Owosso and the leaders of the parties will do well to give earnest consideration to the same.

Now Before the County.

The question of straightening up the county indebtedness is now fairly before the people. On Saturday the board of supervisors voted to submit to the voters of the county the question of raising \$100,000.00 by bonding the county for that amount. As a consequence it is up to the people to say whether they wish this indebtedness to drag along indefinitely, costing six per cent interest while it drags, or whether they prefer to make a clean slate, holding future boards responsible for keeping it clean, and at the same time saving two thousand dollars a year in the reduced interest which the issue of the bonds will cost. That in brief is the question.

Summary of the situation is that the indebtedness of the county is more than the hundreds of thousands asked for by the

urer Northway estimates that there will be enough money to pay running expenses without the necessity of over-drawing in the least.

The above presents the situation in brief, from the standpoint of the county treasurer. One thing is certain. The county should straighten out its financial affairs in some way. If a better way can be devised than that above suggested, THE TIMES will be glad to give space in its columns for placing it before the people. However, it seems to THE TIMES that in all probability there will be many from all parts of the county who will want a more detailed statement of the above items before they will be willing to go down into their pockets to settle up accounts.

In this they will be perfectly right. An indebtedness of seventy-six thousand dollars, six thousand in notes and seventy thousand in the amount by which the contingent fund is overdrawn, naturally must call for explanations. In brief a large part of this deficit is claimed to be due to the fact that for several years the board of supervisors has not spread nearly as large a county tax as the expenses of the county have amounted to, the great increase of expense in the sheriff's office for the last few years being but one item which has contributed to this deficit.

But be that as it may, there is nothing to be gained from concealing the truth of the matter from the people. They will have to vote to pay these deficits before they can be straightened up, and when they fully understand the matter THE TIMES believes they will pay the bill and then insist that, with a clean slate to start with, future boards and county officials shall keep strictly within the legal limits of expenditures. In the meantime the time for the special election is fast approaching and THE TIMES will welcome any frank discussion of the matter, or any questions which any taxpayer may wish to ask, over his own signature, for information from any county official or other person.

Beets in 21 Or 28-inch Rows.

I would like your opinion on growing sugar beets in 21-in. or 28-in. rows. It is hard to cultivate 21-in. rows. Can you use a 3-row Plaine, Jr., corn cultivator in 28-in. beets? My 25-acre beet field for next year is very stony. We have hand labor done by family system at \$20 per acre. I had a very good crop of beets this year; had 21 1/2 acres in 21-in. rows; got \$2,072.69.

V. E. SIMMONS.

After having raised sugar beets in rows 28 inches apart for the past two years, I would not go back to narrower rows. With the rows 28 inches apart, one can do a much more satisfactory job at cultivating than when they are closer together and, the better work done in cultivating simply lessens the hand labor necessary. Then, of course, there are a great many less rows to thin where they are 28 inches apart and less rows to pull and top and less rows to hoe. The hand labor is certainly materially lessened by putting the rows 28 inches apart. As to whether Mr. Simmons can use a two-row cultivator I do not know because we have never tried one. We have used a two-horse cultivator, however, where you simply straddle one row and it does perfect work. It wants a cultivator that can be set up a little narrower than for cultivating corn but there are plenty of these on the market now and they do almost perfect work. One can even cultivate the beets with a two-horse cultivator before they are thinned, the shields protecting the beets from being covered with dirt. I think after the beets were thinned and grown up to a pretty fair size, that the two-row cultivator could be safely used. The land, however, would have to be fairly level in order to have it do good work.

It is my opinion that \$20 per acre for thinning, hoeing and topping is more than it is necessary to pay out for this when the rows are 28 inches apart. Two years I have done this about \$12 per acre. This is usual owing to a field not thinning the beets could be thinned we could to be wild cost

Grange Meeting.

Hereafter the Owosso Township Grange will be called to order at 1:30 p. m., sharp, local time.

Feb. 20th the following committees for the year were appointed: Executive—R. C. Shepard, Mrs. G. T. Mason, F. M. Shepard, E. O. Place, Miss S. Guilford.

Finance—C. Freeman, W. S. Carson, F. W. Love.

Charity—C. Robertson, Mrs. C. Freeman, Mrs. L. D. Carson.

F. W. Love and F. M. Shepard told why we wanted the revenue tax removed from denaturalized alcohol. Our internal revenue law makes no distinction between alcohol used as a beverage, and that used for industrial purposes. A tax of \$2.07 per gallon being imposed on all high proof alcohol. It has been found entirely practical in many foreign countries to exempt from taxation alcohol rendered unfit for internal use, while taxing beverage spirits.

The removal of the tax from denaturalized alcohol would greatly reduce the price of that material and make possible the establishment of many new industries for the manufacture of articles now imported from foreign countries, thus giving additional employment to American workers and creating large domestic markets for our own products. It has been demonstrated in many foreign countries that alcohol is an excellent substitute for gasoline as a motor fuel, for running all kinds of machinery. The farmers interest for cheaper alcohol is two fold: First, as the producers of the raw material from which alcohol is distilled in the form of sulphur and otherwise unsalable crops; and, second, for fuel, light and power purposes.

H. B. Van Liew said he was glad the topic assigned him read as it did. Some of our deficiencies, for if it had been all he could not have given them. Mr. Van Liew thought we did not study our needs as farmers as much as we should. We were deficient in planning and doing our work to the best advantage, and does not approve of keeping any animals on the farm that might be classed as scrubs.

What periodicals should be found on our reading tables was answered by Miss S. Guilford who thought there should be a local paper, state, religious, agricultural, scientific and fashion, also some work on general literature, and as many more as one could afford. Some of the members thought each one of the family should have reading that suited him best, and that the class of literature in circulation that is good for nothing but kindlings should be used for such as soon as discovered.

GRANGE TOPICS FOR 1906.

Suggested by National Lecturer George W. F. Gaunt.

JANUARY. Why does the grange favor the removal of the revenue tax on denaturalized alcohol? precept status of railroad rate legislation to promote it? How can the farm fuel supply be obtained at least cost?

FEBRUARY. Why should a parcels post be established by the government? How can the inspection of granges be made most helpful to the Order? What rules should be observed in providing a supply of seed for the season's crop?

MARCH. Why do we favor national aid for the improvement of highways? Why should Arbor day be observed? Are the farm implements in order for the season's business?

APRIL. Why do we favor the election of United States senators by popular vote? What of the importance and significance of Children's day? What can be done toward the solution of the farm help problem?

MAY. Why should the principles of agriculture be taught in public schools? Why should the grange observe Memorial Sunday? What are the chief reasons for thorough cultivation of the soil?

JUNE. Why are people in favor of more stringent pure food laws? Why should grange field meetings be held and attended? When should grass be cut and how cured to yield the most valuable hay crop?

JULY. What are postal savings banks and what benefits would be derived from their establishment? What of the advantages of holding local field meetings or picnics at the farms of members? What can be done to prevent the ravages of injurious insects?

AUGUST. What progress has been made by the movement in the irrigation of arid lands? Why should this grange hold a grange fair? What are the advantages of silos and silage?

SEPTEMBER. Why have been issued by our nation the present year, and normally availed themselves of it? Why offer prizes to stimulate the cold storage of his locality? What purposes of our value as generally used as the best



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ELECTION NOTICE.

Revision of Constitution, Voted Upon at the Special Election, Held Apr. 2, 1906.

Mr. WARREN JARRAD, Sheriff of Shiawassee County, Corunna, Michigan.

In accordance with Act No. 323 of the Public Acts of 1905, you are hereby notified that a special election will be held in this State on April 23, 1906, at which time the question of calling and holding a convention for the purpose of making a general revision of the constitution, will be submitted to the qualified electors of the State.

You are also notified, that on the date above mentioned, a party enrollment will be taken, in each election district of the State of the voters in the respective political parties, as provided for in Chapter II, of Act No. 181, of the Public Acts of 1905.

In testimony whereof, I have hereto affixed my signature and the Great Seal of the State, at Lansing, this second day of February, nineteen hundred six.

ALBERT DUNHAM, Deputy Secretary of State.

Office of Sheriff, Shiawassee County, Michigan.

To the Electors of Shiawassee County:

You will please take notice of the special election on April 2, 1906, when the question of revision of the Constitution will be voted upon, Corunna, Mich., Feb. 19, 1906.

WARREN JARRAD, Sheriff.

Cleaning Light Gloves.

Here is a true and tried way to clean light colored kid gloves: Get a saucer of milk and good piece of white cotton cloth. Put glove on, dip cloth in milk and wipe the dirt right off as if by magic. Keep changing cloth as it gets dirty. Take off gloves, dust over with any talcum powder or starch and hang up to dry. Gloves will be soft and just as pliable as when new.

To Black a Stove.

Wash off all grease spots with soapsuds and if there are any rough or rusty places rub down with sandpaper. Mix blacklead to the consistency of cream with vinegar or water. Apply this to the stove when cool and when nearly dry rub with a stiff brush till it shines. If stoves are blackened while they are hot it burns on and will not take a nice polish.

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