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Washington Letter.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 18.—As business managers the Democrats have been a conspicuous failure.

It has already been shown that the three laws the last Congress enacted to RAISE MONEY, namely, the tariff, income tax and "war tax" laws, each failed to produce the amount needed.

A study of the record of laws enacted to SPEND MONEY shows that careless methods of appropriation incurred wasteful expenditure.

Examine the history of appropriation bills during the time the Democratic House has handled them, and you find that fifteen regular appropriation bills have failed to pass before the necessary date, and fifteen times a resolution extending the appropriation of the previous year had to be passed.

This method of appropriation is an admission of incompetency and inefficiency in itself. It causes a tremendous financial loss in the work of every department of government. It complicates accounts, hinders the making of plans in advance, prevents the execution of contracts for necessary work, and prevents allotting funds equitably for the different seasons of the year.

A member of the present cabinet, Secretary of Commerce William C. Redfield, severely criticised Congress for this kind of extravagance in his last annual report.

"Finally, money loss arises from failure to make appropriations in time to keep the work of the government moving," said Secretary Redfield. "The serious results of these latter losses are probably not appreciated. They undoubtedly amount to more than some of the economies thought to be effected by clipping estimates."

In this connection it should not be overlooked that during the sixteen years of Republican control preceding the present administration, the appropriation bills were invariably passed before they were needed, and an extension resolution was never resorted to.

Two of this year's great supply bills, one appropriating funds for the Post Office Department and the other for the Indian Bureau, failed of passage last March. All the work of preparing estimates, planning new projects, and the intelligent continuation of former works has been absolutely wasted by the failure of these bills. The affairs of those two branches of government must now be conducted under plans nearly two years old, which are absolutely foreign to conditions at the present time. A tremendous waste of time and money is inevitable, and the service that should be rendered to the public will be seriously impaired.

Examples of some of the disastrous effects these slovenly methods have had upon various branches of governmental work will be cited in articles to follow.

Laingsburg

Laingsburg's first Chautauqua, which was conducted here by the Lincoln National Chautauqua Co., Aug. 13-18, proved a success in every way. More than the required number of season tickets were sold. Every entertainment was first-class and the large tent was packed at nearly every performance.—Mrs. Mary Collier has been spending the week at Detroit, attending the fall millinery openings.—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anstin are parents of a baby girl born Aug. 14.—Mrs. S. Van Deynter of Dimondale, has been spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Laura Galligan.—Miss Josephine Little of Detroit, was the guest of Belle Holder and other friends a few days last week.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitney of Detroit, have been spending a few days with the former's mother, Mrs. Carrie Nielson.—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Curtis and Mrs. P. Sergeant left Tuesday for Harbor Springs to spend a few weeks.—Mrs. M. Dix has been quite sick for a few days.—Mrs. F. M. Dodge of Ferguson, has been spending the past week at the home of her brother, E. E. Bixby and family.—Miss Lillian Platt of Owosso, is spending a few days with her mother, Mrs. F. B. Platt.

W. M. Kilpatrick of Ann Arbor, was here the first of the week attending to legal matters.

Local News.

Miss Margaret Pitts is visiting relatives in Saginaw.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Collins left Tuesday for an outing at Beulah.

Miss Gladys Jennings was the guest of friends in Mason over Sunday.

City Clerk and Mrs. A. H. Diamond are attending the state convention of city clerks at Kalamazoo this week.

Miss Ada Parker of the Owosso Savings Bank, is enjoying a two weeks vacation, which will include a Georgian Bay trip.

Mrs. Edwin Alexander and daughter of East Syracuse, New York, are guests of Mrs. Edith Flickinger and family, North Shiawassee street.

Mrs. H. A. Parker of Great Falls, Mont., is a guest of Corunna friends. She was formerly Miss Bess Wood and served as assistant principal of the Corunna high school.

Announcements have been received by friends of the marriage in Boston, of Ernest L. Gould, formerly of this city, who is now with the Vial Motor Co., to a Boston young lady.

Harry L. Dougherty of Bay City visited his father J. S. Dougherty, of this city over Sunday. Mr. Dougherty is assistant chemist in the North American sugar plant at Bay City.

William Wietzke, a student of the Lutheran Theological school at Milwaukee, will occupy the pulpit at Salem's Lutheran church next Sunday morning. Sunday school will be held as usual.

Relatives here received announcement of the birth of a daughter, Miss Zayga Belle, Saturday, to Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Williams of Detroit. Mrs. Williams was formerly Miss Mabel Halstead of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Allie Sanderson and son and Mr. and Mrs. George Sanderson and family, of Venice, are home from Battle Creek, where they attended a family reunion at the home of Simon Vedder, formerly of this city.

Gus Sutter of Chesaning, was badly injured Saturday when an automobile owned by Frank Cummings of Bancroft, in which they were riding went over a bank fourteen feet high near the E. Oliver farm. The car was badly damaged but the other occupants of the car were uninjured.

Chas. S. Williams, who has been employed for several months by the Ann Arbor railroad in the work of securing a valuation of its property, has accepted a position in the estimating department of a large steel manufacturing concern in Pittsburg, Pa., and will begin work September 1st. He will spend the next ten days in Owosso.

At a meeting last Thursday of the Ladies' Aid of the Burton M. P. church the \$500 mortgage on the new church building was burned, while those assembled sang "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow." E. W. Mason in an address reviewed the history of the church, telling of the burning of the old edifice February 24, 1911 and the building the same year of the handsome new church, which was dedicated Dec. 17.

Miss Alma Cope entertained eighteen young ladies of the Owosso Union Telephone exchange Monday evening, at her home on Hickory street. At the last meeting held a few weeks ago a club called the U. T. O. was formed, and meets at regular intervals. Music and games were enjoyed and flashlight pictures were taken of the group. A three-course supper was served. The residence was prettily decorated with Jack 'o lanterns and flowers.

"Mrs. M'Chesneys" Prototype.

Miss Anna Small, traveling sales woman for the Owosso Casket Company, is registered at the Morton. Miss Small's middle name should be "Hustler," for she merits just such a cognomen. She is the most successful sales agent the casket company has, and indeed part of the time the company could get along with her alone on the road.

Recently she blew in at the office one Saturday afternoon after a three weeks' trip and tossed to Frank Woodard, head of the company, an order book in which were entered orders aggregating \$30,000. Business had not been at all slow, but Mr. Woodard at once yelled to the office force:

"See who's here—Emma McChesney, or I'm a goat."

The successful saleswoman is modest, if nothing else, and disclaimed any great stunt being pulled off. Edna Ferber's breezy character, Mrs. McChesney appears only between the pages of the book. Anna Small is the real thing in life, and the way she piles in the orders for such a slow, dead thing as a casket is a cause for worry among the salesmen.

Miss Small has this advantage: She was brought up in the factory of the Owosso Casket company. She started doing the most ordinary work in the cutting and trimming department. Later she became manager of that department, and eventually knew all there was to know about caskets. Naturally she had to take to selling the goods. She proved to be adept at that branch of the work, and is now the most successful woman "drummer" in the state, or in several states.—Grand Rapids Herald.

Charles Peacock, well known citizen of Corunna, is seriously ill at his home as a result of a stroke of paralysis.

Louis Mueller of Toledo, Ohio, visited his daughter, Mrs. James E. Dingwall, last Friday. His son, Louis Jr., accompanied him here and will remain for ten days.

Rev. T. G. Hahn, pastor of the Salem's Lutheran church, and Prof. William Rudow of the Lutheran school, left Wednesday for Saginaw, where they are attending the general Lutheran conference.

Edward Foss, freight dispatcher for the Ann Arbor railroad in this city, is confined to his home on Saginaw street as a result of a fall on the stairs, one rib being fractured and the ligaments of his back strained.

A severe storm of wind and rain did much damage in the northern part of the county Monday, especially in New Haven township. Trees were blown down and windows broken and crops damaged by the rain.

Supervisor Leslie Clark of Perry township has been appointed guardian of Birney Bush, on application of Daniel Bush, a brother. The petition to have Mr. Bush examined as to his sanity has been withdrawn.

Mrs. Ernest Calkins of Macosta, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Van Benschoten of Bixley, Miss, and Fred Van Benschoten of Des Moines, Iowa, were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Arbelia Barnes, East Ridge street.

John E. Comstock, a former well known resident of this city and for some time past surgeon's clerk in the Soldiers' Home at Johnston City, Tenn., is spending the week in Owosso. This is his first visit here in five years and he notes many improvements about the city. He will go to Washington, D. C., to visit his daughter, Mrs. Harry Newcomb, for a time and then expects to enter the National Soldiers' Home near Washington.

News from Camp Abbey at Grayling is to the effect the State Military board has approved the date of September 6—Labor day—for the corner stone laying of the new armory and that companies from Saginaw and Flint, together with the local company, will make up a provisional battalion to take part in the program. Gen. Kirk and staff will be present and it is presumed that the General has accepted the invitation to deliver the address of the day.

Henderson.

Mrs. Leroy McGlockne went to Laingsburg, Friday, to visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Peters.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Arthur and Mr. and Mrs. L. Miller of Ovid, motored to Tamonth, Saturday to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clark entertained Mr. and Mrs. Frank Campbell of Croton, S. Dakota, and D. V. Bell of Chapin, Saturday.

The young people of the Christian Endeavor gave Miss Vivian Tooker a surprise Saturday evening, the occasion being her birthday. Refreshments were served and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Rev. C. R. Wolford of Owosso, will fill the pulpit of the Church of Christ after August 23, until further notice.

Mrs. Lottie Chamberlin and Mrs. Harry Ireland were in Durand, Wednesday, to attend the annual reunion of the students of the Gaines school district No. 9.

Mrs. Nancy Patterson and granddaughter, Miss Ivah Patterson, went to Jackson, Wednesday. Miss Ivah will go on to Newport, R. I., for a several weeks' visit with relatives.

August Birk, of the Owosso Gas Light Co., is able to be out after a serious illness of several weeks of typhoid fever. Mr. Birk's many friends are glad to see him out again.

Saturday evening an automobile party of Owosso young people, including Misses Helen Runstedler, Nina Moore and Edith Morrison, and Louis Smith, Jack Kent and Reginald Waterman, collided with an automobile that was standing by the roadside about four miles west of Ovid. The machines were overturned and badly damaged, but the occupants were fortunate in escaping injury.

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