

**LOCAL EVENTS**

—On last Tuesday evening Mrs. Floyd Nichols was given a shower by her young lady friends.

—Advertised letters at the Medina postoffice are for: D. Naked, Forest Watchin, Miss Margaretta Whitmore.

—The men teachers of the Medina schools entertained the lady teachers at a formal dinner and dance at Ye Tavern at LeRoy last Friday evening.

—Miss Geraldine Canavan entertained last Friday afternoon in honor of Miss Elizabeth McDowell, who will attend Wellesley College the coming year.

—The services at the Methodist church were especially enriched on last Sunday evening by two splendid organ duets given by John Beck and Leo Bartunek.

—One of the largest crowds in the history of Creston was there last Saturday night to celebrate its rejuvenation, since the great fire one year ago, says the Creston Journal.

—The rural mail carriers will hold a meeting Saturday evening, Sept. 19, at the home of A. J. Betz of Lodi. The secretary, Mr. A. O. Schafer, urges that all carriers be present.

—Reverend Frederick W. Haas closes his first year in Medina this week and goes to conference at Newark to receive his assignment for another year. He is confidently expected to return.

—If you intend to take in the Board of Trade trolley party to Toledo next Wednesday, the 23d, your ticket must be secured no later than Tuesday noon. Get busy now and make up your mind to go.

—Miss Nellie Kean of Chippewa Lake, who has been the choir director at the Methodist church, has resigned to take up college work at Wooster. Mr. John Beck has been engaged as choir director and Miss Genevieve Brintnall will be soloist.

—Byron A. Schnell, who until recently was assistant secretary of the local Y. M. C. A., associated with secretary F. B. Lanham, now of Columbus, has been called as County Secretary of Union County Y. M. C. A., with headquarters at Marysville. He entered upon his new duties Tuesday, Sept. 15.

—Last Saturday afternoon the pupils of Mrs. Hunsberger gave a recital at her home. The interesting program was concluded by the two very fine selections played by Miss Lucile Hunsberger, Nocturne, Op. 27, No. 2, by Chopin, and Pologneise in E, by Liszt. Miss Helen Ganyard, one of Miss Hunsberger's advanced pupils, played two selections, Op. 22, No. 4, by Wollenhaupt, and Impromptu, Op. 28, No. 3, by Reinhold.

—A private wedding was that of Floyd E. Nichols and Miss Adaline Adams, in Cleveland at noon Thursday, the 10th, at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Baldner. Rev. Fritsch of the Congregational church of Medina performed the ceremony. After a brief honeymoon trip Mr. and Mrs. Nichols will occupy the new W. H. Sipher house on South Harmony street. The groom is a son of Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Nichols and will be associated with his father in dental practice in Medina.

—Tuesday evening the ladies of the Methodist choir were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Beck.

—Mr. Paul Shane, one of Medina's young men, who left for college last Sunday, may well be commended for the manly step he took Sunday morning, when he united with the Methodist church. No young man can do a more noble or helpful thing before entering on his life's work than to identify himself with God-fearing folk, thereby being able to do a larger and better service for his fellowmen.

—As there has been some slight confusion over the few changes made last week in the Southwestern's schedule, it should be remembered that they were but few and as follows: All south-bound cars run as heretofore except the Mansfield and Bucyrus limited, which used to reach Medina at 9:15 a. m., is run one hour earlier. The northbound cars all run two minutes later except that the limited cars that formerly left Medina at 8 and 8:16 a. m. and at 1:30 p. m. now leave at 8:43, 7:59 and 2:02, respectively.

—Co. K, 16th O. V. I., has held another reunion, in Creston. At the first reunion a few years ago 35 comrades were present to answer roll call, at the recent one only 13 were present and five others are known to be living who were absent for good reasons. The following is a list of those present: A. Tanner, J. Morgan, Geo. Littell, J. R. Marshall, Creston; Milton Reed, Wooster; Joe Hill, Canton; John Johnson, Chatham; Frank Crofoot, Ashland; Benjamin Bowman Harding county; Geo. Shaffer, Cleveland; J. Hoff, Medina; John Snell, Canaan; Mr. Fulton, West Salem.

**LOYALTY:** Let loyalty and character be the test of franchise—then we are safe and ours can be known as a real christian Nation. Truly, Loyalist.

**HIGHWAY PLANK OF G. O. P. RAPPED**

**Non-Partisan Organizations Protest Platform.**

**WILL ASK FOR REPUDIATION**

**Candidates Urged to Declare Against Republican Convention Resolution Against State Highway Department Which Would Preclude Ohio From Securing National Aid and Militate Against Good Roads.**

Non-partisan organizations interested in the better highways movement are said to be planning formal protest against the G. O. P. platform plank to abolish the state highway department. This is being done, not only because of the demonstrated efficiency of work under the central head working with a definite system, but because it would take away all hope of Ohio's sharing in the funds that will be given by the national government under the terms of the Shackelford bill, now pending in congress, with its passage practically assured.

The spirit of protest has developed in preliminary discussion of this particular plank in the Republican platform, which proposes that funds for construction of modern highways be turned over to county commissioners of the various counties, and that the highway commission be done away with. It is declared to be not improbable that the Republican candidates may be asked to repudiate the declarations of the platform in this regard, for those who have followed the working out of the highway plans assert the proposed change would undo much of the work that has been done, setting the state back many years.

**Auto Body Protests.**

Organizations which are now merged in the Ohio Good Roads Federation brought about the creation of the state highway department, and the department since has been supported generally in its progressive work by chambers of commerce, boards of trade, civic societies and by the Ohio State Automobile association. It is declared that none of these bodies approve the suggestion to turn from the state-aid policy and will voice strongly their protests. Even Republican leaders, it appears, do not sanction the abolition of the state highway department. Editorial utterances of the Marion Star, which is owned and edited by Warren G. Harding, are cited. In regard to the projects under way, The Star editorially speaks of them as "simply amazing," and calls the work that has been done "a remarkable showing." General R. B. Brown, Republican gubernatorial candidate two years ago, in a letter calls the highway bureau "a great department," and wishes it success "in the plans for model highways in dear old Ohio."

Because of the platform's proposal, State Highway Commissioner James R. Marker has issued a statement, in which he asserts that backers of the proposal appear to have overlooked the fact that the department was created under the administration of former Governor Myron T. Herrick, and that "the first appropriation for its maintenance was made by a Republican legislature." He further points out that, while a partisan body in the beginning, the bureau has been made a non-partisan organization.

**Sees 25-Year Setback.**

"The suggestion that all Ohio's public roads shall be constructed, maintained or repaired by the county authorities instead of by a regularly constituted state highway department, means that Ohio's road program will be set back twenty-five years," and, continuing, Mr. Marker says: "Under such a plan roads will be built that begin nowhere and end nowhere, and will result in a system 'costly, impracticable, meaningless and futile.'"

No other state that has gone to state control, Mr. Marker says, has returned to the local system, and the ranks of states with highway departments constantly are being swelled, especially since the federal government has gone on record as favoring the centralization plan.

**\$120,000 This Year.**

Under an act that appropriated \$500,000 for the benefit of post roads throughout the country, Ohio received \$120,000, or nearly one-fourth of the total. This large share for Ohio was in aid of the restoration of the old National pike, which became a state project rather than a local one.

Ohio, this year, will ACTUALLY IMPROVE 360 miles of public roads. It will contract for a total of 900 to 1,000 miles. The cost of the work will compare favorably with the cost of similar work in other states—and is considerably lower than the cost of the same kind of work in many states—and the general plan of operation has met with the endorsement of numerous automobile associations, all of the National Highway Associations, many of the state's civic bodies, many local chambers of commerce and hundreds of the state's best known business and professional men, regardless of political party.

**HOLD YOUR FIRE**

IN the days when fighting was done with short range rifles, it was a familiar command that defenders of forts heard. It was, "Hold Your Fire." The strategy of this step was attested by columns of Red Coats flying down Bunker Hill and retreating in confusion from many a small isolated fortress invested and besieged by superior numbers.

"Hold Your Fire" is very good advice to Democrats in these days of 1914, when the contact is to be close and where there will be plenty of "in-fighting," as they say in the boxing ring. Charge after charge will be made by the enemy on reams and reams of white paper that ought to be used for the dissemination of fact and truth. All the falsehoods that will be started can not be disposed of at long range from a distance. Wait till they get near and a single volley will clear away their foul presence as the noonday sun clears away the mists.

Official records continue to refute the baseless and purposely deceitful statements that are made about various phases of governmental activity. For instance, it was said that the state liquor license board and the county license commissions that have brought such restrictions to the liquor traffic as were never known before are a burden to the general taxpayers. Official records show on the contrary that not even remotely does the general taxpayer bear the burden. To the general revenue fund, itself raised by special taxes and license fees, has recently been transferred the sum of \$600,000. Who paid it? The answer is easy. The licensed saloonkeepers each paid a special tax of \$1,000 to maintain the regulatory system which was placed in operation by demand of popular vote, and which is protecting the law-abiding men in places where the people want the traffic. Careful and economical supervision has kept the cost down to such an extent that the annual report of the license board shows a balance of \$600,000.

This is only one example of attempted falsehood. It is blown out of water by the official records. There will be other attempts to deceive. May they meet the same fate!

**HARDING'S INCONSISTENCY EXPOSED.**

(Hillsboro News-Herald.)

Warren G. Harding says that to restore the rule of the state to the people is the great issue in Ohio this year and he is endeavoring to pose as a great advocate of that principle. In 1912 Harding was one of the Taft leaders in the primary fight between Taft and Roosevelt. When Roosevelt carried the state by over 100,000. The people having expressed their wish to have the delegates from Ohio vote for Roosevelt, Harding led the fight in the state convention for Taft, and through political manipulations man-

aged to secure six delegates at large from Ohio for Taft, and he was one of them. At the Chicago convention he placed Taft in nomination and voted for him. By a majority of 100,000 the Republicans of Ohio had said they wanted Roosevelt, and Harding, who would now have you to think he was an ardent believer in the people ruling, voted for Taft. In this instance he thwarted the wish of the people so emphatically expressed, and if elected United States senator he will in the same manner carry out the wish of the people. Do the people Ohio want such a representative in the United States senate?



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**W. G. STEINGASS**

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Root visited Judge and Mrs. Amos R. Webber in Elyria the latter part of last week. Mrs. Sarah Eddy went to Youngstown last week, and later to Portsmouth to attend a missionary convention. Soon she will resume her missionary work at Delaware.

The State Industrial Commission granted an award to Issah Witherstone of Lodi of \$33.14 for an injury recently sustained by him while in the employ of the Lodi Lumber Co. The award of the commission was granted under the provisions of the Ohio Workmen's Compensation Law.