

Republican Papers For Cooke

(Chicago Record-Herald.)
The term of Justice George A. Cooke of the Illinois supreme court expires next June. He was elected, it will be remembered, in 1909, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Scott. The fourth supreme judicial district is regarded as normally republican but it elected Mr. Cooke, a democrat, by a substantial majority because of his ability, character and fitness.

Justice Cooke is without opposition in his own party as a candidate for another term. This fact does the democrat lawyers and judges of the district much credit. He has the respect and confidence of his associates on the supreme bench; he is a careful, independent, conscientious judge. In considering cases he forgets partisanship and politics as all fit judges do, or should do. He reaches his conclusions in cases on the law and the facts.

Has More to Say of T. R. on the Theory of Madman

Henry Watterson, the veteran editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, has the following further to say in his theory as to Theodore Roosevelt in view of the result in Ohio. Mr. Watterson caps his editorial with "An Invocation to Civil War," and says:

"The result in Ohio makes it certain that the voters of the United States will have to reckon with Theodore Roosevelt next November at the polls.

"It will matter not whether he appears under the emblem of a regular party nomination or as an insurgent appealing to all parties. Unless he breaks down under the strain and is taken to a lunatic asylum he will be a candidate for president.

"There can be in his name and person, but one issue—life tenure in the executive office and a civil fabric imperial in everything except its nomenclature.

"Thus our system of representative government laid in constitutional checks and balances, having achieved the battle for independent existence and survived the several ordeals of foreign invasion and internal conflict, the disputed succession and the strife of sections and factions, must face the final and yet greater peril of mad ambition, supported by corrupt and corrupting millions, playing upon the restless, the unknowing and unthinking, the purchasable, the brutal and the vile.

"The hideous spectacle of an ex-president, bawling like a drunken harlot from one end of the land to the other, dragging republicanism through an ocean of filth, to the horror of Americans having any sense of decency and the alternate delight and disgust of the enemies of republicanism all over

The republicans of the district, after some hesitation, appear to have decided to make an active canvas for a candidate of their own party. They have good men to make their choice from, but it is only fair to remind them that partisan considerations are irrelevant in judicial campaigns, and that Judge Cooke is entitled to the votes of independent and broad-minded republicans on his fine record. He will get many such votes, and will command the support of independent and republican newspapers.

We are endeavoring in this and other states to keep judges out of politics and politics out of courts as well as out of judicial campaigns. One way to further this essential principle is to return good judges regardless of their political affiliations. This is the part of sincerity, of consistency, of duty and of the highest public interest.

the world, gives us a foretaste of the infamies before us.

"There is nothing which this mad man will not dare to attempt under the excitement and the passion of the state of war he has stirred up in his own mind and in the minds of the crazy mobs that follow and applaud. That he was able to draw a man like Taft into the cesspool attests the cruel injury and wrong a maniac armed to the teeth may accomplish, for Taft is not only the president of the United States, but he is a gentleman of upright, self-respecting character. Being such, he has proved wholly unequal to the bloody fray and the dishonorable warfare forced upon him. It is clear now that he had better remain in the White house, leaving the frenzied paranoiac the field to himself.

"The country has reached another parting of the ways. From the exit of Washington to the death of McKinley the citizens selected for presidents of the United States were levelheaded and well balanced men, about whose mental integrity there had never been the slightest question.

"At length this nation is a world power. The issue precipitated by Theodore Roosevelt is to decide whether that arbitrament was in vain; whether that sublime decision of the sword, with all that went before it and all that is carried with it, shall be nullified; whether, become a world power, this nation shall proclaim to mankind its own failure by the abandonment of its constitution, the overthrow of its safeguards and the naming of a dictator. He who says this is not the issue, little reeks what he is saying; he who thinks it is not, were prudent to question his sanity. In its ultimate analysis and its last word the Roosevelt propaganda is the invocation of a mad man to civil war."

The Consolidated Township School

BY JOHN G. OSBORN.

A proposition to abandon the existing school districts and establish a central township school was voted on at the town election in this township, Zuma, April 2. It was defeated, receiving only 17 affirmative votes. It may be supposed that our people are way behind the times—unprogressive,

old fogies, utterly lacking the spirit of modern America. A statement of the consideration that led to this action may be worth while.

The writer had the privilege, some four or five years ago, of hearing and reporting an illustrated lecture delivered before the county farmers' institute, by Superintendent Kern of Rock-

ford, showing in vivid contrast the difference between the present country schools and their surroundings, and the central school. The illustrations were from photos taken by the lecturer himself, and must be accepted as truthful. Together with the speaker's well chosen words they made an argument in favor of the central school well nigh irresistible.

In theory, therefore, the central school is so far in advance of the district schools that comparison is hopeless. But the question with our people was simply this. How far in our township can these ideal conditions be realized? What defects in our schools can be or likely will be cured by the change?

To answer this question we must know what the defects are, and must understand the cause or causes of them. The change from the small to the larger school will not remove the defects while the cause continues.

The most patent cause of the failure of the country school is the indifference of the people. The office of school director goes begging. Often the most competent persons in the district refuse to serve. At the election five or six votes are about all that can be mustered out of a possible 30 to 50 including the ladies. The office is shoved upon any man who will take it. Very often about all the attention he gives it is to sign his name to the district orders, to the tax certificate, and the election notices. As to the needs of the school, its sanitary and moral surroundings, the progress of the pupils, the competency of the teacher he knows just nothing and cares less.

The question as to who shall be school director we venture to remark, is of more vital importance to the people of the district than is the other question, who shall be president of the United States.

The next thing is the appointment of teachers. A poor teacher cannot have a good school. Any person holding a certificate is considered competent, a popular delusion of the first magnitude. The certificate shows that the applicant has satisfactorily answered a certain list of questions. This is one point in competence, but there are half a dozen others, some of them even more important. How is the director to know? Experience is considered a strong point. If the applicant has taught successfully so many terms she is all right. How does he know if the teaching has been successful when he hasn't been inside of a school room during study hours for 10 or 20 years. He may ask some patron of the last school who knows just as little as himself, and is often prejudiced besides. If the director is a good judge of human nature, he can make a guess at it, and that is all.

So as to the question of school supplies. The average director either does not know, or cannot know, does not care, or will not take the trouble to inform himself as to what supplies are needed in his school, or are suited to its requirements. He leaves it to the teacher, which may be wise, or it may not; or to the publisher's agent, the extreme of folly.

Another serious handicap on the country school is the indifference of parents to the progress of their children in their studies. This is by no means a universal thing, but it is far too common. The teacher finds it next to impossible to interest the child in the study if nobody at home cares.

Another trouble is the disposition of many parents when anything goes wrong to acquit their children of all blame. There are little angels; they never do anything out of the way—these are little flies that spoil the ointment.

It is evident, we hold, that a change from the single district to the township system would not remedy these defects, in some cases they would be augmented. The same popular indifference would continue. A few people nearest the school center would elect the directors in the same careless way. The same haphazard appointment of teachers and selection of supplies, the same obstacles to discipline will exist and produce similar results. And the larger the plant the more serious will be the results of incompetent or careless management. Our people, therefore, might not be unwise in going a little slow.

While on the subject of schools, we wish to make one remark at the risk of appearing ungallant. We believe the schools are suffering from the presence of too large a feminine element among the teachers. We believe that the old fashioned way of having men teachers in the winters and ladies in spring and fall terms gave better results in the long run than we are now obtaining. This is not from any lack of respect for the ladies, but because there are the two qualities of mind and character, the masculine and the feminine, and both need cultivation. We cannot afford to neglect either of them.

Gluttons of the Sea.

The pike's reputation for cruelty and voraciousness is such that it has been popularly dubbed the "water wolf." It is probable, however, that many species of sea fish are equally, if not a great deal more, rapacious. Large dogfish, congers, pollack, cod and bass are especially ferocious, while halibut will very often seize and kill other large fish. An English angler was "playing" a large conger when a huge halibut swam up to and savagely bit at it—a proceeding that cost the halibut its own life, for on its making for the wounded conger a second time the boatman contrived to gaff and haul it aboard. There have been many examples of pike being found dead, choked by their own species, and these fish not infrequently attack another pike that has been hooked by a fisherman.

Lisbon—The chamber of deputies by a vote of 20 to 45 decided Thursday to abolish the Portuguese legation at the Vatican. This is a sequel to the law for the separation of church and



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state decreed by the government in April last year.

Columbus, Ohio—A west bound New York-St. Louis fast passenger train on the Pennsylvania railroad jumped the track near Bradford Junction, throwing all but the last two

coaches into a ditch. O. O. Okert, fireman, of Columbus, was killed.

Quanah, Texas—Burke Burnett, owner of the famous "Four Six" ranch and a millionaire, shot and killed Farley Souers, a King county ranchman, at Paducah, Texas.

DELEGATE RACE

DEMOCRATIC

STATE	Total	Clark	Wilson	Underwood	Stratford
Alabama	24	12	12	0	0
Alaska	6	3	3	0	0
California	26	13	13	0	0
Colorado	12	6	6	0	0
Connecticut	14	7	7	0	0
Delaware	6	3	3	0	0
Florida	12	6	6	0	0
Georgia	28	14	14	0	0
Hawaii	6	3	3	0	0
Illinois	58	29	29	0	0
Indiana	30	15	15	0	0
Iowa	26	13	13	0	0
Kansas	20	10	10	0	0
Maine	12	6	6	0	0
Maryland	16	8	8	0	0
Massachusetts	36	18	18	0	0
Michigan	30	15	15	0	0
Mississippi	20	10	10	0	0
Missouri	36	18	18	0	0
Nebraska	16	8	8	0	0
New Hampshire	8	4	4	0	0
New Mexico	8	4	4	0	0
New York	30	15	15	0	0
North Dakota	10	5	5	0	0
Ohio	48	24	24	0	0
Oklahoma	20	10	10	0	0
Oregon	10	5	5	0	0
Pennsylvania	70	35	35	0	0
Porto Rico	6	3	3	0	0
South Carolina	18	9	9	0	0
Tennessee	24	12	12	0	0
Texas	40	20	20	0	0
Utah	8	4	4	0	0
Virginia	32	16	16	0	0
Washington	14	7	7	0	0
Wisconsin	26	13	13	0	0
Wyoming	6	3	3	0	0
Total	302	151	151	0	0

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*Instructed for Governor John Burke.

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***Instructed for Governor S. E. Baldwin.

REPUBLICAN.

STATE	Total	Fair	House	Cummins	La Follette	Stratford
Alabama	24	12	12	0	0	0
Alaska	6	3	3	0	0	0
Arkansas	18	9	9	0	0	0
California	26	13	13	0	0	0
Colorado	12	6	6	0	0	0
Connecticut	14	7	7	0	0	0
Delaware	6	3	3	0	0	0
Florida	12	6	6	0	0	0
Georgia	28	14	14	0	0	0
Hawaii	6	3	3	0	0	0
Illinois	58	29	29	0	0	0
Indiana	30	15	15	0	0	0
Iowa	26	13	13	0	0	0
Kansas	20	10	10	0	0	0
Kentucky	20	10	10	0	0	0
Louisiana	20	10	10	0	0	0
Maine	12	6	6	0	0	0
Maryland	16	8	8	0	0	0
Massachusetts	36	18	18	0	0	0
Michigan	30	15	15	0	0	0
Minnesota	24	12	12	0	0	0
Missouri	36	18	18	0	0	0
Mississippi	20	10	10	0	0	0
Montana	8	4	4	0	0	0
Nebraska	16	8	8	0	0	0
Nevada	6	3	3	0	0	0
New Hampshire	8	4	4	0	0	0
New Mexico	8	4	4	0	0	0
New York	90	45	45	0	0	0
North Carolina	24	12	12	0	0	0
North Dakota	10	5	5	0	0	0
Ohio	48	24	24	0	0	0
Oklahoma	20	10	10	0	0	0
Oregon	10	5	5	0	0	0

Pennsylvania	70	35	35	0	0	0
Philippines	2	1	1	0	0	0
Porto Rico	2	1	1	0	0	0
Rhode Island	10	5	5	0	0	0
South Carolina	18	9	9	0	0	0
Tennessee	24	12	12	0	0	0
Texas	40	20	20	0	0	0
Utah	8	4	4	0	0	0
Vermont	8	4	4	0	0	0
Virginia	32	16	16	0	0	0
Washington	14	7	7	0	0	0
West Virginia	10	5	5	0	0	0
Wisconsin	26	13	13	0	0	0
Wyoming	6	3	3	0	0	0
Total	454	227	227	0	0	0

Father Was Neglected.
At first David did not like to have his teeth brushed. His father said to him one evening when the three-year-old struggled more than usual against the sanitary performance of his mother: "David, I wish my mamma had brushed my teeth when I was a little boy. I would not have lost any then." "Don't you wish your mamma had brushed your hair?" was David's revengeful reply, with a look toward papa's bald head.—Exchange.

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