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## Presidential Candidates

Ohio can usually come forward with a candidate for the presidential nomination and this year is no exception to that rule. Just now the mails are bringing in almost daily reminders to the editor, sent with the hope that he will pass the information on to his readers, that James W. Gerard is willing to accept the head of the ticket if the delegates to the National Republican Convention see fit to present him the nomination.

After the convention sessions have passed into history and the choice has been made it will be interesting to scan the long list of those who were inviting the lightning to strike and to compare it with those who had any consideration in the councils of the convention.

## Citizenship and Its Responsibilities

With the ratification of the Anthony amendment by the required thirty-six states the millions of American women who have never had any voice in this "government of the people, for the people" will become fully enfranchised citizens of the United States, a dignified and enviable position to hold. With the privilege of suffrage go certain responsibilities that the women in large numbers are recognizing and setting themselves about to discharge. Schools of citizenship are springing up in increasing number. Women realize the fact that they have secured something that they have been desiring for a long, long time and that they don't know how to use it to the best advantage. With proper spirit they mean to find out how, and they are beginning at the beginning, in these schools of citizenship, studying the system of government of their country and seeking by question and by observance to learn the qualifications of the men who would administer that government to do it well and honestly.

The new will wear off the ballot in woman's hands, of course, and the interest that centers about it now will cool. As a little knowledge is gleaned there will be a disposition to cease studying, to let themselves be told the things by candidates that the candidates wish them to know or to think that they know. It is the present fashion among men, and women will soon take their citizenship much as men take theirs.

Before this time of easy-going citizenship comes, however, it is to be hoped that the women will make it a part of their endeavor wherever they have influence to secure the insertion of courses on citizenship in the curricula of colleges and, perhaps, high school.

It ought to be a disgrace to an institution of learning higher than the grade schools to turn out graduates who do not know the science of government and the rudiments of political economy. This is largely a matter to be governed by public sentiment and women in their clubs, in their organizations for serious work of every sort, should make it a part of their endeavor to stimulate public sentiment favorable to this change in the class room work of American institutions.

As a mere matter of national ex-

pediency it ought to be made compulsory for young men and young women to master the fundamentals of citizenship. It can be accomplished if those who today believe that citizenship is accompanied by definite responsibilities will try hard enough to translate that belief into action in school boards and college faculties.

## IMMEDIATE ACTION NECESSARY TO HOLD ILLINOIS TEACHERS

Teaching Business Does Not Offer Sufficient Salary to Attract Young Men and Women

"Universal Educational Training" is the slogan under which the teachers of Illinois are fighting to restore the public school system to its former efficiency, and "Better Schools for Americanization" is a companion cry. "We have learned that well trained officers can quickly train an army for effective service" says Francis G. Blair, Supt. of Public Instruction" but it requires long and thorough work to prepare these officers. It is a more difficult and important task to train a teacher. We place our children's education in the hands of half-baked, incompetent teachers. This is forced upon us by the fact that the teaching business does not offer sufficient salary to justify young men and young women of ability spending their time and money in making the necessary preparation.

The truth of this last statement is borne out by the statistics of the educational system of the state which show that Illinois teachers have had but a 24 per cent increase in salary since 1915 and that the average of 22,000 teachers in the state today is \$602.75 a year. When the averages of the teachers in the larger towns are added to this the 34,000 teachers, comprising the complete list, are found to be but \$848.16 per annum. Comparison of the 24 per cent increase in salary with the 100 per cent increase in the cost of living will explain why the number of emergency teachers called in has increased 304 per cent since 1915. The number of emergency and provisional certificates issued to teachers was 827 in 1915, that is, after the vacancies in the regular teaching corps had been filled by all available standard substitutes the state had to call in 827 persons who had never met the conditions necessary for competent teachers to meet but who were the best to be had under the circumstances. In 1916 the more competent teachers had left the profession to accept better jobs in commerce and industry and 1,693 emergency and provisional teachers had to be brought into the system. In 1917 the situation was still worse and 1,963 sub-standard people were admitted. In 1918 the number reached 2,486 and in 1919 it had risen to 3,578. What it will be next fall is a matter of guesswork as yet, but it is known to be a striking advance over the figure 3,578. Fifteen Illinois counties pay less than \$500 a year, four pay less than \$400, the lowest being Wayne with an average of \$355.31. Pope being next with \$364.90. Pope's salaries of its women teachers averaging \$306.57 are the lowest given women in the educational system of the state.

## VISIT PHYSICIAN HERE

Dr. and Mrs. B. E. Fillis of Hubbard Woods have as their guest this week Dr. Fillis' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Fillis of Sutherland, Iowa.

## LEFT FOR FLORIDA

Mr. and Mrs. William Aitkins of Hubbard Woods left last Friday for a two-weeks' stay in Florida.

## CONFINED TO HOME

Carl A. Abrahamson, Walden road, has been confined to his home during the past week with a severe cold.

## AWAY ON BUSINESS

Village President John S. Miller, Jr. left Wednesday for a short business trip to New York.

## BUYS BUS LINE

Village Forester Thomas J. Lynch recently purchased Ray Cazal's Ford. Many Winnetkans will remember this rambling lizzie as it was formerly used on the Glenview bus line.

## SMOKE FILLS HOME

The local fire truck was called to the residence of W. S. Miller, 647 Spruce street, Tuesday. The house was filled with smoke from the kitchen stove and no damage resulted.

## In a Position to Sing.

"A man dat keeps singin' never mind de weather," said Uncle Eben, "has generally well provided his own self 'if an overcoat an' an umbrella."

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## CHURCHES HAVE UNIQUE PLANS FOR WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Interchurch Four-Week Educational Campaign in "Stewardship" Will Close Sunday

A unique and fitting nation-wide church observance of Washington's birthday will be held this year in connection with the Inter-church World Movement. February 22 falls on Sunday and on that day will culminate the Interchurch four-week educational campaign in "stewardship"—that is, the doctrine that God is the owner of all things and that the man who possesses anything is but a steward accountable to God for that possession.

Representatives of various churches, at a conference held in New York City, designated February 22 as "Nation-wide Stewardship Acknowledgment Day." On the birthday of the Father of His Country, the man who placed his life and his personal fortunes at the disposal of his country, the churches will emphasize in sermons the obligations of their communicants to render an accounting to God of their possessions—to help forward by financial contributions the great evangelistic, educational, hospital and social service program of the Interchurch World Movement for which more than \$1,000,000,000 will be needed.

In this connection the Interchurch Movement directs attention anew to the fact that the federal government exempts from income taxation up to fifteen per cent of income contributed to religious and philanthropic causes. It is believed that many persons will not be content merely to contribute a tithe of their possessions to the movement but that many will equal or exceed the fifteen per cent of income exemption.

The Interchurch World Movement is now carrying out a four-weeks' educational program on the subject of stewardship. This program includes plans for teaching the stewardship idea to children as well as to adults.

The first Sunday of the educational month was designated "Young People's Day"; the second "Intercession Day"; the third as Laymen's Day," with "Stewardship Acknowledgment Day" to close the series. An enrollment by card of Christian stewards, preferably by parish visitation, has been suggested to follow the educational campaign.

## PLAYS AND VAUDEVILLE PRESENTED BY TEACHERS

A delightful program was presented Friday evening, February 13, at the Winnetka Woman's club by the teachers of the Winnetka Public Schools under the auspices of the Parents-Teachers association. It consisted of "The Feast of the Holy Innocents" and "A Pretty Piece of Business" interspersed with several clever bits of vaudeville.

Both plays were comedies and drew forth vociferous applause time and again. Dancing followed the entertainment.

## "RECALL OF CHRIST" SUBJECT

During Lent the Rector of Christ Church is discussing the general subject "The Recall of the Christ to the World Today" at his Wednesday evening services. The discussion is very thorough and is proving both helpful and interesting to many people. These services are held every evening at the chapel at Oak street and Linden avenue, at 8 o'clock. The subject for next Wednesday's address is "The Call to Repentance."

Also during Lent a half-hour Vesper service, at which there is no address, is being held at the chapel every afternoon. The time of these services is 5 o'clock.

## COMMUNITY SING WEDNESDAY

There will be a community sing at the Skokie school on Wednesday evening, February 25th. Mrs. Kohlsaat will lead the singing. After the sing refreshments will be served. The gathering is under the auspices of the Parent-Teachers association of Winnetka. All parents and friends of the school are invited to be present. The program will begin at 7:45.

## "FORE"!

Word comes from Pasadena, Cal. that George Leslie, of 577 Cherry street, and his guest, Douglas Smith of Hubbard Woods, are enjoying their daily game of golf. They are both planning to spend several weeks in the west.

## AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?

H. B. Gates is responsible for this one. A certain prominent north shore man was having his photograph taken. "Smile a little" said the photographer, "Perhaps it will help you a little if you will moisten your lips. Of course that is pretty hard to do in this dry town".

## GOOD ROADS PLANK IN POINDEXTER PLATFORM

The coming presidential campaign, the preliminaries of which are already in full swing, promise to provide a tremendous boost for good roads throughout the country.

An indication of the thought in official and political circles on the subject is found in the recent message of President Wilson to congress, in which he took occasion to stress the need for good roads. Now, Senator Poindexter has injected it into the political campaign by candidacy for president that he will make good roads a paramount administration policy if he is elected.

Senator Poindexter did the very unusual thing of announcing the platform on which he would seek the endorsement of the people at the polls. The platform reads, in part: "I favor an extensive system of national roads—built on approved engineering principles, located with a view to military defense as well as civil and commercial use, co-ordinated with existing

highways so as to form a national as well as local system."

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