

## WOMEN'S BIG WORK.

WHAT OHIO CLUBS HAVE DONE FOR CIVIC BETTERMENT.

**En Ripley Nearly All the Church Societies Have Followed the Improvement Society's Example—Smoke Nuisance Has Had Much Attention.**

The first work undertaken by the civic improvement committee of the Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs was to establish civic improvement committees in every club and to place civic improvement topics upon every program. Of the 310 federated clubs in Ohio more than 150 have now their committees and topics. Each club has been urged to become a member of the American Civic Association.

It is not federated clubs alone that are appointing these committees. In Ripley, a town of 2,500 inhabitants, on the Ohio river, nearly all the church societies have followed the example of the club. The results are clean streets, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, schoolhouses repainted and yards cleaned up and pictures in the schools. In Troy, another small town, there is not a shanty left. All have been replaced by neat cottages.

Cincinnati, through the civic improvement department of her Woman's club, started the first playground in Ohio. Last year the club did good work against expectation in the street cars, and this year its members are devoting their whole energy to the suppression of the smoke nuisance. In publishing the Toledo Clubwoman Toledo has given an impetus to the work all over the state. Admirable work in establishing school gardens has also been done in that city.

Cleveland clubs have taken a most active interest in home gardening, school gardens and playgrounds. Now they are especially devoting themselves to attacking pernicious advertising, and much good has been accomplished in the way of abolition of the smoke nuisance. Smoke consumers are now in successful operation in 200 boilers of the American Steel and Wire company.

The Woman's club of Columbus has accomplished much, first by "agitation" and then by co-operation with the board of trade. They have organized junior civic leagues, established playgrounds, cut down weeds and obtained new street signs. A cleaning up day was observed last April. More debris was collected than the city could take care of, so bonfires were in requisition. The smoke nuisance is also receiving much attention, and smoke consumers have been placed upon some manufactories and have given great satisfaction.

Zanesville and many other towns have started junior civic leagues. Dayton is famous for school gardens and other civic work. At the Zanesville convention a full report of work was given by the chairman, followed by discussion on "How to Arouse an Interest in Civic Improvement." Resolutions were adopted concerning the impending destruction of Niagara. Mrs. Agnes McGiffert Poul of Ashabala is chairman of the civic improvement committee, Ohio Federation of Women's Clubs.

### An Active Civic Association.

A civic improvement association was formed in Bluffton, O., a town of 2,000 inhabitants, in the spring of 1904. The following officers were elected at that time and were re-elected in the spring of 1905: President, Rev. John Todd; vice president, W. W. Eaton; secretary, A. E. Temple; treasurer, J. E. Longbill. Since the organization \$320.50 has been raised by the finance committee for improvement purposes, says Floral Life. A large amount of this money and much donated labor have been expended on the Presbyterian church property, a parcel of ground containing nearly an acre, which has been thrown open to the public as a park. This property is situated in the center of the town at the crossing of two of the most prominent streets, thus giving one of the best located small parks in northwestern Ohio. The winding crushed stone walks, the rustic seats, the electric lights, the numerous large and various shaped flower beds rising out of a well kept lawn, the large spraying metal fountain, with its cement base all well shaded by the wide spreading branches of the native elm and the golden leaved maple, make this park a thing of beauty and a joy to all interested in it. The association has also assisted in improving the waterworks ground and the campus of the Central Mennonite college, which is situated on one of the hilltops of the town.

### Vacant Lot Crops Valuable.

Philadelphia's public school gardens, which were conducted last season on the vacant lots of the city, flourished under the patient cultivation of more than 2,000 boys and girls, so that not only were numerous unsightly lots made attractive, but at least 850 poor families were aided in the struggle for existence, says the Maryland Educational Journal. It is now estimated that the value of the vegetables raised on these 242 acres of school garden land will exceed \$50,000. All this is aside from the educational value of the work itself to the little gardeners.

### Need of Activity Among Officials.

It is quite often that the inactivity of the officials of a town work against its best interests, says D. M. Carr in Home Trade Advocate. Nearly every small town has ordinances relative to the cutting of weeds along the streets, and it is rarely that these rules are enforced. The streets of a town overgrown with weeds never make a good impression on the stranger. Good side walks, well kept streets in the residence and business portions of a place always speak well for the habits of its residents.

## MR. HAMMER'S SPEECH.

Delivered in Accepting Renomination for Solicitor of the Tenth Judicial District.

From The Dispatch.

The following is the speech delivered by Hon. W. C. Hammer when he accepted the nomination for a solicitor:

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Convention:

To receive this nomination at your hands in this great democratic district is an honor of which any man must and should feel sensible as well as proud. The honor is especially prized by me, for the reason that the office is one of the most important in the gift of the people.

With all my sense of unworthiness I dare not set up my judgment against yours in naming me as your nominee for state's solicitor in the eight counties of this great Piedmont section, right in the center of our State, on the waters of the three great rivers, the Catawba, the Yadkin and the Pedee and Deep rivers, with the thriving population the marts of trade, the ever busy hum of industry.

I therefore bow to your decision and gratefully accept the (unexpected?) honor conferred upon me, and should the people have the intelligence and good judgment, of which my opponent at least will have some doubt, to endorse this nomination, I shall exert all the power I possess faithfully to fill the position your choice has bestowed upon me and will, if elected, be willing to bear the burdens entailed by the nomination and election.

It is two hot to t k. I think I shall ask leave to print.

Continuing, however, Mr. Hammer said: If you have not nominated for this important position a clean and honest man you should have done so, for there is no position where there is greater need of such qualities.

Mr. Hammer then dwelt on the importance of uprightness in the courts and paid a tribute to our judges, and spoke of the confidence that our people have in their courts. Also the importance of maintaining a high standard was touched on, a standard like that of the courts now, the pride and glory of North Carolina.

Mr. Hammer spoke a bit about Republican politics, and said that Marion Butler had taken absolute charge of the Republican party in this State. He was backing the Adams organization. He sat in his office at Washington and handed out his word that was law unto the powers that be in the party. He aspired to a national leadership and had his eye on the senate. And while it may not be realized by some, said Mr. Hammer, it was nevertheless a fact that the wily old fox, although thoroughly discredited in the State, was preparing again to catch our people asleep, and forgetful of his past record of wreck and ruin, and slip into power while we rest on our oars in fancied security.

We hear much said these days by those who do not know as to what a democrat is and what it means to be a democrat. In defining the term democracy, there comes involuntarily to my lips the answer, that to be a democrat means to be a patriot; a lover of liberty; a champion of honest and economical government; a believer in the equal rights and opportunity of all peoples, and a man who sticks to his party. A democrat is one who believes not only in equal rights but also in special privileges to none.

He who believes that government is an instrument for private advantage and personal gain, who wants liberty and a representative government in the fullest sense of the word and the largest measure for himself and his countrymen, but is at the same time entirely willing that alien and weaker races should be subjugated and held as the fruits of conquest, is not a democrat. He who does not object to laws being enacted that promote and foster combinations of rich and powerful men who are able under such a cover to control the very necessities of life, and by these measures compel the payment of exaggerated prices by those who can ill afford to do so, and who gives his assistance to legislation that by act of congress gives to a few the controlling right to tax through a tariff the pockets of the people solely to make a few men rich, you likewise find a man who has no instinct of democracy in him.

Such men are not patriots; they are not concerned about the rights of others; they are not interested in the general welfare, save as they are selfishly benefited by it; and they never understand nor care for the principles of a representative government which is based upon the consent of the governed and the idea of doing the greatest good and working the greatest benefit to all the people.

The democracy party is proud of

its lineage and its history. It was founded by Thomas Jefferson, who wrote the declaration of independence who formulated and enacted the laws that secured and guaranteed religious liberty, and who founded a great university, for he believed in high education and its dissemination among the masses. It flourished as the party of the people in the days and under the administration of Andrew Jackson, the hero of New Orleans, warrior and statesman, and came off victorious under his leadership and its death grapple with the United States bank that sought to add politics and the management of the nation's finances to its legitimate banking business and came to assume the authority to say who should and who should not be president of the United States. The democratic party with Jackson as its leader smashed both Biddle and his bank. For sixty years of our national life the democratic party controlled the destinies of the nation, and added to its area as it did to its population by legitimate expansion until it ranked with the greatest nations on earth and spread its dominion from sea to sea.

It has not been in favor of contracted territory nor paucity of population, for it gathered into the national domain the great northwest; it acquired under Jefferson the Louisiana purchase and it fixed the Mexican boundary under Polk at the Rio Grande. Every foot of our soil that is contiguous touches the two oceans, and was given to the nation, and to the American people by the democratic party. It has always encouraged and welcomed to our shores the worthiest of foreign citizenship and all lovers of liberty. It believes in tariff laws that raise ample money to pay the expenses of the government, construct internal improvements, fostering every industry whose promotion means the development of the country's resources and the advancement of labor. It denies the right of a man or set of men to organize and direct combinations that are conspiracies in violation of the law, the purpose of which is to control markets, fix prices prevent competition stifle independent business endeavor and at the expense of financial ruin and disaster, conduct their own business.

The democratic party does not believe in foreign conquest or aggrandizement. It does not believe in a system of colonial dependencies, following up acquisitions by arms and governing people subdued by torch and sword. It believes in home rule. In the just distribution of burdens as well as the benefits thereof, of state and local. It believes in the just and equitable levying and collection of taxes. That the rich and powerful shall not escape and that the weak and poor shall not be unjustly burdened is a democratic principle. That political influences shall not count in the escape of certain properties from taxation, while others lacking such influence are forced to bear it, is also a tenet of our faith. Every man and every corporation should be equally taxed upon the value of what is actually owned and not upon the value of political influence or contributions to political campaigns.

This is the very essence and creed of democracy, equal and exact justice; equal and exact burdens in maintaining the government.

There is still one thing that democracy means or should mean. Party bickering and strife must cease. There must be parties in representative government. In a country like ours, vast as it is, the individual is necessarily of little consequence or importance. Whatever good a man desires to accomplish must be brought about within his party. There may be times when certain things in a platform or about a candidate may not suit one and he may have objection to. If this were to be made the ground for bolting a ticket or abandoning a party, disorganization must at once follow.

We must sometimes be willing to yield somewhat in our judgment and our opinion, for it is our duty to stand by our party if on the whole it honestly represents and stands for what we believe.

The ambitions of leaders is not to stand in the way of nor impede party discipline. The Democratic party is bigger than any leader in it. It is bigger than all leaders in it. Let us stop controversies which divide us and ultimately destroy our power.

Let us keep together! let us be friends and not enemies. Let us help to build each other up; not seek to tear down and destroy. By the latter course we will injure ourselves and our party, while in pursuing the former we give a strength and fibre and meaning to party adherence that commands our patriotism and vindicates our democracy.

### Sandover Philosophy.

Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

It's too bad when a doctor is busy. A good looking man spends a lot of valuable time admiring himself.

## DIVISION OF THE PORK

How the Republican Managers Carved the Meat.

### PUNISHED THE INDEPENDENTS

Only Twenty-three Members Stood Out Against the House Machine. They Got What Was Coming to Them—The Plan Exhibits the Cohesive Power of Plunder.

The objection to the "pork bill" is not against the appropriation of money to build postoffices and other public buildings, but the manner in which the distribution of the amount for congressional districts is used to coerce congressmen on other legislation. There are 386 members of the house, and if the appropriations made for large cities are considered as beneficial to all its members no less than 283 of them are coerced in this bill. "If we should credit all of Chicago's ten representatives with the \$25,000 for a South Chicago postoffice," says the New York Post, "there would be left only 113 of the unwashed 'bad boys.' We are taking no account in this analysis of the changes in the bill made by the senate."

"During the session just closed there were two conspicuous opportunities for misconduct on the part of Republican members. Those were the votes on the Philippine tariff and the statehood bill. Let us see how rewards and punishments have been meted out to the 'insurgents' on those famous measures. For this purpose we may divide the members into three classes. The first, including thirty Republicans and thirteen Democrats, is made up of those in whose districts appropriations of \$100,000 or more have been made by the house; the second, those who got less than \$100,000 or merely shared in appropriations with their colleagues, and the third, those who got nothing at all, individually or with colleagues, for a city or state at large."

"There were only twenty consistent insurgents who voted against the house leaders on both the contested measures. Five of them got into the \$100,000 class—Messrs. Gillett of California, French of Idaho, Minor of Wisconsin, Mondell of Wyoming and Smith of California. Five got nothing at all, two shared appropriations with colleagues, and seven received amounts averaging \$47,200, the average for all members included at all being more than \$80,000. At the same time it is interesting to see how saving grace was extended to those who had once erred, but professed repentance. Thus in the \$100,000 class are seven who voted against their party on the Philippine bill, but came into line the next week for the statehood bill. Two who were regular on the first, but not on the second, also appear in the privileged class."

"But those last, who voted straight the first time and perversely strayed over to the Democrats on the statehood bill when every vote was so sorely needed, generally got 'what was coming to them.' There were twenty-two such misguided men. Only two, in spite of their support for the Philippine tariff, have their names among the good boys. Five share appropriations with fellow congressmen. Seven got an average of \$40,000 apiece, ranging from \$15,000 to \$70,000, while eight are righteously sent home without a penny. It is indeed a serious matter to stand against the house machine."

You can tell how subservient your member of congress was to the machine by the amount appropriated for the district.

The appropriation of the public money should be made on a business basis, according to the necessities of each locality, and instead of building enormous buildings in the large cities that are imposing, but often quite unadapted for official business, the smaller towns should be supplied with the necessary postoffice buildings.

### A Grafting System.

If you don't have "a pull" nowadays you must be content with hard work and small pay. The system of government and business as conducted under Republican rule is all a matter of "pull" and graft. The railroads and the trusts have a pull on the people, the Republican politicians have a pull on the corporations and the combines, the Republican camp followers have a pull on the politicians, and ordinary folk—honest Republicans and Democrats—have to pull out their wallets and pay the taxes and the extra profits to the trusts that this Republican system has perfected. "If you vote to continue this corrupt and grafting system, or will you endorse the Democratic plan of equal rights to all and special privileges to none?"

### Putting Off the Evil Day.

The president failed to get his new Chinese treaty ratified. He also failed to get his modified Chinese exclusion law. A Washington dispatch speaking of the president's Chinese bill says: "Rather than risk defeat the managers of the bill, Cannon, Dabell and Grosvenor, thought it was better to let the bill go over until the next session." The immigration bill, which was intended to admit all Chinese and others who suffer religious persecution or political oppression or anything equally good as a pretext, also went over for future action. The ship subsidy bill went over too. But they'll all be acted on after the election "at a more convenient season."

### Not the Truth.

Ambassador Whitelaw Reid said at the Fourth of July banquet in London that the prosperity of this country was due to gold and not to the Dingley tariff. Tell the stand patters.

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