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THE CAUCUS SYSTEM.

Long before the day of the immortal Mark Hanna and Quay, the old caucus system has been in vogue with its various and numerous shortcomings. In every election the Australian Ballot should be used. As far back as history records the mode of holding elections there has been no system which was as replete with favoritism and bossism as the old-fashioned caucus. Every voter should cast his separate ballot in a box as is done in general elections. In the days when Greece was in the full bloom of her glory it was customary for the citizens to scroll their preference on a shell and hurl it over a wall.

The recent Caucus held in the village of Farmington clearly demonstrated the need for a different method of handling the vote of the citizens. No doubt the preference of the voters was signified by the poll, however, a better method of registering votes should be adopted. It seemed to be a question of ballot; ballot, who has a ballot. Those with favorite candidates distributed ballots with their candidate's name on them before each poll. Those candidates without enough ballots had to depend upon their friends in order to have their names written on a scrap of paper.

It would seem that a better method could be devised for the conducting of the vote.

OUR CORRESPONDENTS

Clarenceville

Lauretta Kidd had a slight operation on her finger the fore part of the week.

The C. A. C. dance given last Friday evening turned out to be a great success. Good music and a luncheon served by the members helped the good time along.

The entertainment committee C. A. C., has called a special meeting for Tuesday evening for the purpose of planning a hard times party on or about April 1st.

Mrs. Walter Federle of Clarenceville, who has been visiting her parents in Kalamazoo since before Christmas is expected home soon.

A surprise party was given for Miss Grace McInnis of Detroit, formerly of Clarenceville, by the C. A. C., Monday evening. Many nice gifts were received by Miss McInnis, as it was her birthday.

A supper was given for Mrs. Louise Blank Sunday, Feb. 27th, by Mr. and Mrs. Blank, Sr. About thirty guests were present. Mrs. Louise Blank being an accomplished pianist rendered a few very pleasing selections.

Mrs. Charles Teagan, Mrs. Spencer LeFevre and Mrs. Heicox attended the Founder's Day meeting at the Central High school in Detroit. Judge Ben B. Lindsey of Denver, gave the principal address.

Clarenceville School Notes.

The First grade has been learning the song, "A Naughty Little Fish."

The pupils of the First grade made a George Washington poster to illustrate the cherry tree story.

The First grade regret having Walter Hosmer leave them. He has moved to Northville.

The First grade had the highest percentage of attendance during the month of February.

The First grade dramatized the story of the "Runaway Johnny Cake."

Si Spooner Says:

A man is a man for all that but the women have the ballot.

Nothing succeeds like success, but never forget your old friends.

When you work on a newspaper it is day all night and night all day.

A man who buys a farm can't tell what he'll find, by heck, when he starts digging around.

Jeb Spooner reckons all this snow came too late for winter and too early for spring.

Don't lose your nerve, don't run for office and don't forget to pay Art Lamb them taxes.

Campaign cigars are scarce this season and them they've handed out are three centers.

We were very sorry to have Velma Hosmer leave us, for she was a favorite among her classmates.

Caps, badges, belts, horns, and epaulets were made by the Second and Third graders, who gave a patriotic parade Tuesday afternoon.

The First grade enjoyed the drill and song given by the Second and Third grades on February 22. The entertainers wore soldier caps and belts and horns, which they made themselves. The leaders were decorated as generals.

Those who were neither absent nor tardy in Mr. Wooley's room during the month of February are Harold Huntington, Dale Huntington, Roy Aldrich, Leona Gould, Edith Gill, Clayton Gaylord, Lauretta Kidd and Velma Teagan.

Those who were neither absent nor tardy during the month of February in the First grade were: Jack Chapman, Raymond Barnum, Roy Reynolds, Edwin Moon, Dorothy Barnum, Frank Tyler, Olive Teagan, Ralph Eckler, Roy Chapman, Earl Chapman and Walter Hosmer.

Well, old settlers, the first hundred years are the hardest. Ask anyone of the seventy candidates for township treasurer.

You can't fool me said the old settler from near Novi who went to Detroit. Them city slickers think I'm a city guy when I get my rubber collar on.

One old feller thought Farmington was wetter than Smithers Corners for he said two places had a big four per cent sign in their windows, while back home all they got was three per cent.

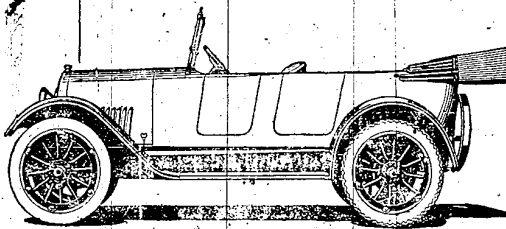
If you are timid don't run a newspaper; don't get married and don't run for office, be a circuit preacher or a Y. M. C. A. worker, or join the staff of executives who have charge of the "Fay West Fund" for the aid of the starving children in Honolulu.

The Town pump in the center of the town was known far and wide, up and down, and they used to work the handle and get seven per cent. But now you can pump but this is Lent.

Rameses, the founder of the old Empire in Egypt, lived a number of thousand years ago. He worked 100,000 men 20 years to build a tomb for his coffin. But old settlers, that was before the labor unions were organized and before the eight hour day, and before the women got the ballot—therefor one of the greatest steps forward in civilization is giving the women the right to vote. If Rameses were alive he would admit it for he is 8,000 years old and wise.



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