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FIELD-TRIED BEARINGS

FOR SUPPORTING CANDIDATES

We print below a letter recently written by Congressman Fields to one of his constituents who went to visit the Congressman expressing the belief that the Congressman was "all in" and "I have your favor of the 20th, in reference to the Governor's race, and am sure that I received it in the same kind spirit in which it was written, and thank you for your courteous interest in me.

"As a matter of fact, that while I shall vote in the race for the gubernatorial nomination, I shall not assume the burden of any man's race or attempt to influence others in reaching our conclusions in the matter.

"If the issue question were an issue in the campaign, I would be where I have always been, on the right side, but that question has no place in the campaign, and I shall vote for my personal friends and for the candidates, etc.

"They both spoke and voted for women suffrage, which is recognized as the greatest individual step toward prohibition ever taken. I heard both voted and spoke for the Kenyon bill, which is the new and both pledge themselves to the maintenance and enforcement of it and all other prohibition laws. There is, therefore, no issue between them on the issue question or between them on the issue and the "dry" forces on that question.

"When the House was envisioned of the question of creating a committee on women suffrage, [illegible] and on September 24, 1917 [illegible] Congressman, Sixth Congress:

"Everyone of average intelligence knows that one of the greatest questions before the country today is that of woman suffrage. This being true, I feel that the people are entitled to this House, as the Senate has done, to carefully study the question and report their findings to the House." I will note with much interest the voter of some of the women as constants on who have always been opposed to woman suffrage, because it is generally believed that woman suffrage means prohibition legislation. In my opinion, no real and earnest advocate of prohibition could vote against such a measure, and I am sure that every real worker in this House to study the problems of suffrage, and I sincerely hope that my prohibition friends in the House will join me in supporting the Baker resolution."

And when the Volstead act was under consideration by the House, he said:

"Gentlemen, I used to be on the other side, but this eighteenth amendment was passed by our government in accordance with the forms of law. I voted for it as a good American. I take my stand on the side of the great people who have put this law on the books, and your God with them that the law will be enforced and that we have peace and prosperity.

"In the subsequent date, when the prohibition enforcement bill was under consideration, he supported that measure, following which he received a letter of thanks from Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel and Legislative Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, which I have before me, and which reads:

"Permit me to call your attention to the Governor's address on law enforcement and to the Governor's letter. It has the right ring to it. Let me thank you again for the support you have given in the fight for the enforcement bill. I hope you are having a restful vacation."

Mr. Fields is a member of Mr. Garrett, which I have quoted from the Congressional Record, and the fact that we have upon our statute books both State and Federal, "home-run" prohibition laws, and that he has at all times pledged himself to the enactment and enforcement of these laws, I cannot understand how the honest question can be injected into the campaign, or how any one of the voters should be criticized for supporting Fields.

As I previously stated, if the issue question were an issue, I would be on the "dry" side, regardless of who the candidates might be, but in the absence of any such issue, I am glad to say to you that above any started desire or opinion between the candidates are moral questions, we have only to consider the executive and business ability of the candidates and our personal preference between them. In the light of these considerations I cannot do other than vote for Castrill.

"In addition to Castrill's support of woman suffrage and prohibition and his superior executive and business ability, he has the additional outstanding qualification that may not be considered by those interested in party success at the general election; namely, his ability as an organizer, which eventuates in victory, and his many thousands of votes strong-er and truer than any other available candidate. Therefore, all other things being equal, my obligations to my party, invite me to support the man that I deem most likely to lead it to victory.

"Assuring you of my high esteem and full appreciation of your friendship for me and your interest in me, I am, yours truly,

"(Signed) W. J. Fields."

HEADQUARTERS

W. S. Farthwine killed a large spotted snake in Mrs. Sarah Owings' barn lot last night. The snake measured five feet and eight inches. The head and shallowed several hen eggs.

While coming home from the Maysville picnic, Mr. Lee Hurst ran over a rabbit and ran over a rabbit and ran over a chicken, killing his auto. That grade Mr. Gaffin.

Miss Cantrieres Burris, of Texas, is spending the summer with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Burris.

Burris Smith and family and his sister, Mrs. W. H. Farthwine and daughter, Charlie, spent Sunday with friends at Millersburg.

PLEASANT VALLEY

Miss Helen Anderson and brother, Woodward, spent the week with Mr. and Mrs. E. W. McCabe.

John William McKay remains about the same.

Mrs. Bill Shockley spent Thursday with her sister, Mrs. Sallie Thomas.

Mr. A. B. Tallmer and family leave Friday for a two weeks' vacation with friends and relatives in Montgomery county.

Mrs. Fred Four spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Sallie Throckmorton.

BEAVER

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Snapp, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Gaunce and E. W. Gaunce motored from Wednesday until Friday with friends at Winchester.

Miss Martha James and Miss Pauline James spent Sunday with Miss M. D. James.

ELLISVILLE

Mrs. Roy Smith and little daughter, of Kenmore, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. Smith.

Mrs. Hershey Barnhart and baby, also their Smiley guests; Mr. John Hershey and family, Mr. Ed Parsons and family and Mr. Joe Scott spent Sunday.

Miss Octavia Mattox, of Paris, spent the past week with Mrs. Mattox, Jones.

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EAST UNION

Mr. T. J. Booth and son, Albert, of Forest Grove, Mrs. James Hutchison and Mrs. Ben Hutchison, and Miss Bertie Kelsey, of Carlisle, and Miss Ruth Herndon of Birmingham, Ala., spent Sunday with J. H. Booth and family.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. George Collins, on July 5, a son, Chester Clay.

Misses Ollie, Julia and Ruth House spent Thursday House spent Sunday with Miss Eula Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Robinson visited Mr. and Mrs. Howard Wills near Millersburg Sunday.

Miss Alice Holland has returned home from Stone, Ky., where she has been visiting relatives.

Miss Pearl Robinson has returned after a few weeks visit with relatives in Jessamine and Franklin counties.

BUFFALO TRACE

Mrs. Ina Webster, of Winchester, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible].

The following friends and relatives spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Mc. and Mrs. Lawrence; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence; Mr