SOME ISSUE VITAL FOR REPUBLICANS

Trying Out Schools Now—What Next? —But An Issue They Must Have.

That "Necessity is the mother of all inventions" is an old adage. The Republicans face a real necessity—an honest issue. Governor Ritchie has said they have none.

Mr. Alexander Armstrong, the Republican gubernatorial candidate, must of necessity find that issue. Ostensibly he cannot wage a State-Wide campaign without something vital to talk about. He is trying out the schools just at present. "Schools in politics" is the slogan for the moment. That as an issue is undoubtedly an excellent one if it can be made to go.

Feather In Governor's Cap.

But can it? As an issue it seems rather strange just at this time for through the efforts of the Governor these same schools have just been dragged out of 34th place and given a rating among educators that puts them fourth in the list prepared for the 48 States of the Union. That was considered an accomplishment of no mean proportions, quite a feather in the Governor's cap.

But Mr. Armstrong insists there is politics in the schools. If so, the brand is new, and the public may be expected to hope for a little more of the same kind.

Case Rests On Trivialities.

However, the facts produced by Mr. Armstrong to substantiate his charges are judged decidedly trivial. This idea represents a concensus of opinion. In the meantime the poor school, always in need of true friends, seem destined ever to be selected as a vehicle for transporting into office those ambitious souls who see in them one sure way of getting the public's ear. But this school question can, of course, serve as a boomerang. If the people believe that the problem they offered is in a fair way of being satisfactorily settled, they may resent the continued efforts to drag them forth at every opportunity as the means of securing office.

Governor Organized Board.

Certain facts in connection with the schools are hard to discount. First is the one of rating already mentioned. That improvement followed a reorganization of the State Board of Education, which in turn picked a new State Superintendent of Education. It was the Governor who put this machine in action, and it is the Governor more than any other individual who deserves the praise. Of course, as the wheels of progress turned, some people got hit. That had to be. The Republicans' campaign may appeal to them. Certainly it can have little effect on those really interested in the schools, unless the effort to drag them into the campaign should arouse their resentment, and excite their concern that the good work of the last four years is all to be nullified.

Meanwhile, the voters should not fail to forget that the Republicans have just got to have some issue.

State's Good Hired Man.

There is that record of the Governor's too—schools, roads, taxes, reduction in the cost of elections, savings in the penal institutes, and proper care of the State's sick and infirm. He is a good "hired man"—haven't spent his time sitting on the fence telling funny stories, but produced several different kinds of crops that are all worth while. Good "hired men" are not so plentiful these days. The farmer who has one is in luck.

KENNEDYVILLE

Mrs. Marcus Hedley, of Marcus Hook, has been spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Oliff.

Presbyterian Church services this Sunday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, Rev. B. B. Staats, pastor.

Mrs. James Archibald entertained the Mite Society on Wednesday evening last.

Mr. Henry Boggs spent the week-end with Mr. Paul Boggs and family at Hartley, Del.

Mr. George Johnson and family spent Sunday with Mr. Craig Johnson, near Millington.

Miss Bertha Grantlin, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Grantlin.

Miss Kathryn Hessner, of Philadelphia, spent several days with relatives.

WHAT IS A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE?

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Do you know the real difference between a trained nurse and a public health nurse? Many people do not.

A public health nurse is a trained nurse who has had special instruction in public health work and who spends all her time, not in the care of the sick as does the trained nurse, but in the prevention of sickness. You employ a trained nurse when someone in your family is very ill and needs especial care and attention. The public health nurse is employed by the State, the county, the city, the town, or the village or sometimes by private organizations such as the local public health association, the local tuberculosis society, the Red Cross, and by large stores and factories. The trained nurse is a sickness nurse; the public nurse is strictly a health nurse. The former tries to help you get well, the latter to keep you well.

A public health nurse can be of great assistance to physicians, in that she can relieve the physicians of the burden of explaining and demonstrating the methods of treatment, and can persuade patients to persevere in correct treatments. She does not make distinctions among physicians, but extends courtesy and respect to all. The public health nurse never gives nursing attention to any patient who is not under a physician's care and it is not her duty to remain in the home over an extended period. Her methods are those of demonstration and instruction.

Health Office and physicians are expected to supply a public health nurse with necessary information and their full co-operation.

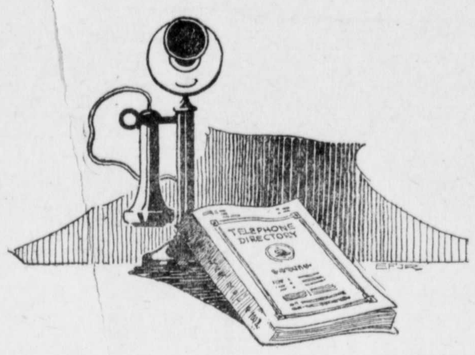
What is the work of the public health nurse? She teaches mothers how to keep babies well. She visits cases of infectious disease and instructs the family how to prevent the disease from spreading. She assists the school medical inspector in the physical examination of school children, and afterwards visits the homes and urges parents to secure the correction of defects found. For example, a child found to be near-sighted, the parents are urged to take the child to an oculist and have her supplied with eye glasses. In tubercular cases the public health nurse visits the patient, supervises his care in the home, helps in securing his admission to a sanitorium, if this seems advisable, and advises him in the care of his sputum, so that others in the family may not be infected. Other persons in the patient's home, especially children, are assisted in securing a necessary physical examination.

The work of the public health nurse has proved to be one of the most effective means of protecting the health of a community, and is an important factor in the prevention and control of communicable disease, because she visits and instructs the individual in his home.

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