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GRAFT TRICKERY AND CORRUPTION OF GNAG EXPOSED BY NEWSPAPER

"AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR"

The things that are to happen in Muncie "after the first of the year," constitute the joke of the season.

Information sifting into the office of the Post-Democrat from a wide variety of sources indicate that after the coronation of "bigger and better" John there are to be a heap of doings in our quiet village.

Real estate agents are being besieged daily by gamblers, bootleggers and ladies of easy virtue seeking "business" spots, occupancy to begin with "the first of the year," the date, which by singular coincidence, marks the beginning of the reign of Billy Williams and his court jester, Promising John Hampton.

Among those who are said to be on the lookout is the more or less celebrated "Red" Hawkins of Fort Wayne and other places, who has long operated the noted "Four-Mile House" in Allen county, the favorite hangout of Sheriff Hoffman and Prohibition Officer Billy Ray, when those two great sleuths happen to meet in Fort Wayne.

Red, it is affirmed, does not hanker for a location among the white lights or the red lights of the village, but will be content with some quiet roadside spot far from the madding crowd, where the town boys can play 'em higher than a cat's back and take their likker straight out in the wide open spaces, where cows are cows, where the whip-poor-will sings and the dunghill rooster scratches defiance to the world at three o'clock in the mornin'.

One of the sooners, brought here before the opening date by the glad tidings of great joy is Bungalow Lawson of Anderson, who is also said to be on the lookout for a place in the country. Lawson has long operated a place near a gravel pit in Madison county, known to fame as "The Bungalow."

In the uptown district the home gamblers are to have all the choice locations and upstairs flats are now being renovated, equipped and made ready for the gladsome days which are to come "after the first of the year."

Down in the redlight the regular run of colored law violators who worked for Mistah John on election day will have the preference, it is said, over those who failed to enthuse over the candidate backed by Judge Dearth, Jim Mayberry and Rev. Edgar Fay Daugherty.

Bob Graves, nominated and elected by local dailies as the colored king of the redlight, is boarding at present with Stephenson, the grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan at Michigan City, where the prison barber was overcome by the honor of clipping a native born, white protestant, gentle dragon and a colored monarch with the same pair of horse clippers.

But the exile of the king has in no way interfered with the activity of the queen, the dusky Alberta, who has rented a house which she says she will open the first of the year, and is now circulating a petition asking for the parole of her royal consort.

If everything goes right the king of the redlight will bid the grand dragon goodbye and be here in time for the big opening. Craps, white mule, and driving his big car over white women was Bob's specialty, and it was impossible to convict him until he had disfigured Mrs. Glaser for life.

He is a particular friend and political pal of Mayor Hampton and his personal attorney is Harry Redkey, judge of the city court. Things ought to be pretty "soft" for Bob when he gets back, especially since no chief of police will be named who is not satisfactory to Bob.

One thing worrying gamblers here is the fact that so many people are out of employment here and the fear is expressed that there will not be enough suckers to keep the wheels greased.

The gamblers have held several meetings to discuss ways and means and the question of unemployment here has given them almost as much concern as it did Hampton in his primary campaign. There are

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POST DEMOCRAT WINS MANY FRIENDS
BY ITS FEARLESS ATTITUDE—REP-
UTATION FOR TRUTH AND VERACITY
THOROUGHLY ESTABLISHED
—IS FEARED BY THE
GANGSTERS.

In less than one month the "regular" republican organization, which is owned, lock, stock and barrel by Postmaster Bill Williams, will be in complete control of every department and institution in Delaware county and the city of Muncie.

After the first of January the Post-Democrat will be the only "policeman" left on guard to give the "stop" sign to the reckless political speeders who are looking forward to an undisturbed era of loot and pillage.

These fellows know that they could steal the statue of Chief Munsey off the court house or rob the Christmas tree at the Orphan's home without a cheep from the Star or the Press.

During the five years the Post-Democrat has been running in Muncie the gang in control has looted Delaware county. On January 1, 1919, the general fund of the county showed a balance of two hundred thousand dollars.

At this time there is not a cent left in the treasury and the county has anticipated future revenues to the amount of one hundred thousand dollars. Instead of being a solvent institution Delaware county is a bankrupt, due to the actions of the reckless improvident, grafting crew in control.

Beginning with its very first issue this newspaper began sounding a warning to the people of Delaware county. We exposed steal after steal and graft after graft, basing our exposures on documentary prof, county records and sworn evidence of witnesses and participants in the orgy of pillage.

The ingenuity of the political wrecking crew in finding methods for extracting money from the public treasury surpasses the inventive genius of the Edison or the devilish boldness of a Dick Turpin or a Captain Kidd.

Nothing was too small or too great to be overlooked. The county infirmary, the free gravel road department, the power to create new jobs and increase salaries of political henchmen, control of the commissioners' court and the power to appropriate, through the county council, such sums as were necessary to put over anything the boss demanded, were among the leverages used to establish power and reward the servelings of the system.

The power to tax and the power to spend, placed in unworthy hands, brought ruin to the county. The result was inevitable. The crowd that wrought havoc and chaos has now extended its sovereignty over the city of Muncie. The boll weevil and black rust which corrupted and corroded officialdom of Delaware county will destroy civic pride and civic welfare in Muncie or the people sleep in fancied security for four years, the same as they have in the county.

Unfortunately when the Post-Democrat began its startling exposures five years ago, the majority of the people laughed and said, "Oh, that's merely politics."

Delaware county, overwhelmingly republican in politics, was not quite ready to believe that a democrat could tell the truth or that a democratic newspaper could have any moive but politics in attacking republican officials.

It has taken us five years to establish a reputation for truth and veracity in the community. Every charge made by the Post-Democrat has been verified as true, every prophecy fulfilled.

During our five years of newspaper existence here, our independence of partisan politics has been firmly established. The Post-Democrat only supports democrats when they are worthy, such a course would redound to the public welfare.

Attacking an entrenched political machine, whose votaries occupy the judicial bench and are in control of the machinery of the law, is a hazardous undertaking, yet we have never hesitated in the face of the most atrocious persecution, slander and financial attack.

and financial attack, to keep our faith with the people.

The people are entitled to know what their public servants are doing. If sheriff grows rich through felonious gravel contracts with the county, the people who are plundered have a right to know it. If a doctor needs some pin money shortly before Christmas and puts on a wholesale throat cutting party at the orphan's home, under the guise of tonsil operations on the defenseless children, and receives over eleven hundred dollars for his bloody two days' work, who are more entitled to the facts than the people who paid for the butchery of the innocents?

If the prosecuting attorney uses his office as an adjunct to the political machine, rewarding favorite law breakers who vote "right" by dismissing felony charges and punishing political adversaries by farcical prosecutions, the public should know it.

Whether or not the Post-Democrat will be able to remain in the field and keep the people advised of the true situation

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The Ikey Klan Must Pay

\$73 But What's That To
Five Hundred Thousand?

The Rinker storage company was this week awarded judgment for \$73 against the Independent Klan of Ameriky for moving its night gowns and other paraphernalia from the Anthony block to its new dollar-down-dollar-a-week home on East Washington St.

Simultaneously Sam Bluffandbluster, the imperial wizard, issued a bulletin announcing that Hiram Wesley Evans, his rival wizard, had dropped his half million dollar suit against Sam and his order. Hiram probably quit after learning that the moving van people had grabbed off the entire klan bank roll.

Sam published an announcement in a local daily that with the dropping of the suit the two klans of Muncie had again joined hands. The "old" klan officers say that the reunion is one-sided. They say they know Sam, and they figure that his desire to have all the night shirts stored under one roof is part of a scheme to pry them loose from enough money to pay for the East Washington street klan roost.

The suckers here have been gipped so often by their great leaders that they all shy away and put their hands on their pocketbooks every time one of the generals issues a public statement.

WHY, OH WHY?

Court Asher wants to know who this mysterious "carrier" is that happened along so conveniently the other day in the circuit court to relieve a defendant who has long been under indictment under a felony liquor charge, but who voted and worked for Hampton and got off with a fifty dollar fine.

The fellow who swore he bought the liquor of the defendant caused the latter's indictment. The alleged purchaser, also charged with burglary in an indictment, was turned loose on motion of the prosecutor, although three others indicted with him are serving terms in the penitentiary.

Court wants to know several things: Did the man indicted for burglary commit perjury when he swore he bought the liquor? If he told the truth why was the defendant allowed to plead guilty to receiving from a carrier.

If he lied why didn't Van Ogle have him indicted for perjury?

Why is a man as guilty as hell if he is against the Billy Williams gang and as spotless as an angel if he voted for Hampton?

If the fellow lied before the grand jury what right did the prosecutor have even to consent to a fine of fifty dollars?

Why didn't he dismiss the case? Was it the twenty-five dollar fee that caused the hard hearted prosecutor to compel an innocent man to pay a fine for a charge carried to the grand jury by a perjurer?

These, and several more whys.

The word is being sent out that the people of Muncie will be surprised when the names of the city appointees are made public. Hampton will probably be surprised himself, since it is said, Billy is keeping the mayor-elect in the dark, along with the rest of the people.

It must be a pleasant thought for the democrats who voted for Hampton that by their vote they made Art Jones one of the possibilities for chief of police. It will take a million yards of sackcloth and all the ashes in the world to fill the orders that are to come later.

The secretary of state has ruled that men in civilian garb posing as police officers are not authorized to stop automobiles on the public highway. This sounds like the end of the activities of D. C. Stephenson's pet instrument of torture, revenge and malice, the Ku Klux Horseshoe detective association.

"Now I Am Well and the Mother of Two Children"

Just Another Story About the Goodness of PE-RU-NA



Mrs. Anna Linder, R. F. D. No. 1, Box 44, Dassel, Meeker County, Minn., writes: "For two years I suffered with that terrible disease, chronic catarrh. Fortunately I saw your advertisement and took Pe-ru-na. Now I am well and the mother of two children. I owe it all to Pe-ru-na. I would not be without that great remedy for twice its cost, for I am well and strong now. I cannot speak in too high terms of its value as a medicine."

For more than half a century Dr. Hartman's Pe-ru-na has been performing just such wonderwork as this.

Pe-ru-na is sold everywhere in both tablet and liquid form. Insist upon having genuine Pe-ru-na.



1—Procession of "red" strikers in Canton led by cadet officers from Whampom Military academy. 2—Archie Roosevelt, son of the former President, being sworn in as a member of the Disabled Veterans of the World War at Spokane, Wash.

3—Marguerite McNulty, dancer, who has sued William Andrews Clark III, grandson of the late Montana senator, for \$250,000 for alleged breach of promise.

NEWS REVIEW OF CURRENT EVENTS

Mississippi Valley States Demand Completion of Waterway Projects.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE, in his address before the New York state chamber of commerce, put development of the country's waterways in the forefront of his program. And last week the Mississippi Valley association, in session in St. Louis, elaborated on this with the utmost enthusiasm. The delegates, who comprised the leading men of the Middle West, served notice on congress that they have ceased to beg it for the carrying out of such great projects as the Chicago-to-the-Gulf waterway. Now they are demanding, and demanding loudly, conclusive action on the funds necessary to carry out the inland waterway plans, a fixed policy for their completion within five years, and a national plan by which such a policy could not be thwarted by any bureau or department. The association put itself on record to that effect, and in discussion of the last clause some of the delegates took occasion to say some very severe things about the director of the budget. President James E. Smith in his annual address said some of these things, and so did Senator James Reed and Roy Miller, vice president of the Intra-Costal Canal Association of Louisiana and Texas.

The congressmen from the 26 states represented in the convention were asked to urge the President to put waterways completion in his annual message. The association also decided to put on a campaign for the purpose of showing to the public the practical benefits of waterways and to urge cooperation with the railroads. Division of rates is desired, but not railroad ownership of the water lines.

Chicago's right to divert water from Lake Michigan came to the front and was warmly defended by Congressman Newton of St. Louis, though he based it on the needs of navigation rather than sanitation. He declared a permanent flow of 10,000 cubic feet a minute through the Chicago river and the drainage canal was virtually needed to raise the levels of the Mississippi, and he told the delegates the 26 states must get behind Chicago in this battle for their own salvation. He asserted that there is no longer a lake level problem involved, for the lowering of that level is now complete.

Later in his lively address Mr. Newton said:

"The bulk of protest in this country comes from representatives of cities located upon the Great Lakes, who insist that the depths of their harbors are being impaired and the most ferocious protest comes from Milwaukee.

It is interesting to note that when diversion began at Chicago the harbor at Milwaukee was approximately five feet deep, while today it is more than twenty-one feet. This increase in depth was made at the expense of the whole country from funds appropriated by congress.

"I find that many who are most strenuously opposed to the diversion at Chicago have no qualms of conscience about advocating far more extensive diversion from Niagara Falls for the manufacture of electricity to be used by Canadian and American power interests."

The impression is made that Chicago is violating sacred treaty obligations between the United States and Canada. The truth is we have perfect understanding with Canada regarding diversion, and I am fully persuaded that no protest would ever have been raised had it not been for the big power interests who want to use this water at Niagara and down the St. Lawrence."

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COL. WILLIAM MITCHELL took the stand in his own defense in his court-martial trial and reiterated

his accusations against the air service, elaborating on the statements he has made frequently in articles and speeches. In the expansion of his charge that the War department's administration of the national defense was "almost treasonable," Colonel Mitchell said:

"There are two definitions of treason—the one in the Constitution, which defines it as levying war against the country and giving aid and comfort to its enemies, and the other definition of it as the giving up or betrayal of a trust or confidence. I believe the department's system is almost treasonable, because it does not give its proper place to air power in the defense of this country. It's a question of the system, not of individuals."

He repeated his charges that high ranking officers of the army and navy have given false or misleading information to investigating committees, and insisted that the D H planes still in use are "flaming coffins." Major Gullion, assistant judge advocate, cross-examined the colonel and there were frequent hot exchanges between him and the witness and also with the latter's counsel, Congressman Reid.

Next day Mitchell was led to admit that many of his sensational charges were based on hearsay and general belief. Major Gullion undertook to show that page after page in the colonel's book, "Winged Defense," was cribbed from other writers, but the court refused to go into charges of plagiarism. Representative Perkins of New Jersey, who examined the witnesses before the Lampert aircraft investigating committee last spring, said that three navy lieutenants who were before him for preliminary examination said that if called they would not tell what they knew because "it's a long way to Guam." Then the defense came to the subject of that effect, and in discussion of the last clause some of the delegates took occasion to say some very severe things about the director of the budget. President James E. Smith in his annual address said some of these things, and so did Senator James Reed and Roy Miller, vice president of the Intra-Costal Canal Association of Louisiana and Texas.

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tions toward the rest of Europe."

When later he exclaimed: "We have confidence in France. We are not dealing with the France of Poincaré, the chamber and galleries cheered for

France!"

Herr Wels, leader of the Socialists,

declared Germany had only two roads before it—European peace based on the Locarno treaties, or an alliance with Russia, which must lead to war. He solemnly warned Russia to amend its ways, end its voluntary isolation, take up the road to the League of Nations and finally give up its system of political terror.

The Russophiles in America and elsewhere who have condemned the Locarno treaties because soviet Russia was not included and taken into the League of Nations can cease their walls, for one of the highest officials of the Moscow government has just declared Russia has no intention or desire to join the league, and stands aloof so far as the pacts are concerned.

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SETTLEMENT of the Tacna-Arica dispute by the commission headed by General Pershing is not proceeding well. Senor Edwards, Chile's representative on the plebiscite commission, withdrew from its negotiations; the Chileans are angry because the commission called for control of the residents in the plebiscitary area; and former President Alessandri of Chile in speech accused the Americans of stirring up "conflict, discord and hatred" between Chile and Peru instead of trying to solve the dispute. The United States cruiser Denver has been sent from Balboa to Arica.

COMMISSIONER OF INTERNAL REVENUE BLAIR last week revoked all exemptions under which householders have been permitted to make not to exceed 200 gallons of homemade wine without payment of tax. General Andrews, the Treasury department's prohibition enforcer, found there were hundreds of thousands of these permits outstanding and that much of the wine made under them found its way into bootleg channels.

Results of enforcement of the Volstead act since its passage five and one-half years ago—154,772 convictions in which fines aggregating \$20,033,659 and jail sentences totaling nearly 12,000 years were imposed—are summed up in a Department of Justice report to Attorney General Garret.

The object of this film is to combat the effect of General Mitchell's testimony (meaning his testimony before the Lampert committee) and to belittle the value of the airplane in war. It is to be spread by the navy recruiting service—probably this summer and fall, before congress meets:

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A woman went into a photographer's to have her picture taken. While the photographer was adjusting the camera the lady wrapped a clothesline around her skirt.

"You'll have to take that off, madam," said the photographer. "I can't take your picture that way."

"You can't fool me, young man," she said. "I know you see me upside down in that thing."—Good Hardware.

Super-Arithmetic

Wife—The price of the alarm clock was \$1.50, but I got a discount, so it only cost me 98 cents.

Husband—Yes, but you know very well you could have got the same thing at Brown's for 75 cents.

Wife—That may be, but then Brown's wouldn't have taken anything off.—Good Hardware.

The Ill Wind

Two darkies were discussing an accident to a mutual friend.

"Suttin' am too bad Jefferson lost his laigs when de engine come along," said Sam.

"Mought be wuss," consoled the other. "Jeff had powful bad rheumatism in dem laigs."

Hard on His Nerves

Judge—The report states you were found trying to climb a lamp-post. You were drunk then?

The Accuser—Not in the least, your honor, but I had been followed all day by two yellow crocodiles and, your honor understands, that's hard on the nerves.

JUST LIKE THE MEN



Mrs. Pigeon—You're a fine carrier pigeon. I gave you a letter to mail three days ago, and you haven't mailed it yet.

A Stranger

I've studied hard in many things. Through science down to mystic; But what I want to know, m'lud, is who's this Ana-Lytic?

According to Orders

Deadeye—You say Joe got killed? How come?

Dick—Well, he stuck his head in that saloon and hollered fire.

"Then what?"

"They did."

An Annual Reform

Helen—Why did Mr. Dauber stop smoking?

Hubby—It's only temporary. He doesn't want his wife to give him cigars for a birthday present.

IT'S OFTEN DONE



First Actor—Did your audience do the square thing?

Second Actor—Sure—Give me round after round of applause.

So 'Ave We

Some people say talk is cheap, But it's not safe to believe them; I've known two simple words, "Be mine."

To cost a man his freedom.

Is That So?

"Why is Jennie like mayonnaise?"

"She's always dressing!"

A Crusher

He—I know that you love me.

She—Then

Is Your Work Hard?

Is your work wearing you out? Are you tortured with throbbing backache—feel tired, weak and worn out? Then look to your kidneys! Many occupations tend to weaken the kidneys. Constant backache, headaches, dizziness and rheumatic pains result. One suffers annoying, kidney irregularities—feels nervous, irritable and worn out. Don't wait! Use *Doan's Pills*—a stimulant diuretic to the kidneys. Workers everywhere recommend *Doan's*. They should help you, too. Ask your neighbor!

An Indiana Case

Chicago Tribune
Painter, 210 W.
Seminary St.
Lester L. L. says:
"A cold
settled in my
kidneys and I
had dull pains
in my back.
When I bent
over a knifelike
pains caught me.
I felt so bad
worn out and was dizzy, too. I had
to get up many times at night to
pass the kidney secretions and they
contained sediment and burned in
passage. *Doan's* Pills rid me of the
trouble."

DOAN'S PILLS
60c
STIMULANT DIURETIC TO THE KIDNEYS
Foster-Milburn Co., Mig. Chem., Buffalo, N.Y.

A Kind Boss

A prosperous young man of the city was touring through a Western state. He met a tramp and gave him a lift of several miles. Stopping at a small town they both had a good meal at the expense of the young man.

The journey then was continued and at another town the tramp suggested they eat again. He finished first and under the pretense of buying a cigar he paid for both plates.

Having finished, the young man went to pay.

"It's paid for," the cashier informed him.

"Who paid for it?"

"Your boss," pointing to the tramp.

—Indianapolis News.



MRS. WINSLOW'S SYRUP
The Infants' and Children's Regulator
At all drugists
Non-Narcotic, Non-Alcoholic

Oakland, Nebr., Feb. 23, 1920
Anglo-American Drug Co.
Gentlemen:

I am more than glad to tell you of the experience and results obtained from your wonderful Baby Medicine. Our second child is now seven months old and has never given us a moment's trouble. The first and only time she has ever taken was Mrs. Winslow's Syrup. She is a bright and always smiling and playing. "Cutting teeth is made easy" by the use of Mrs. Winslow's Syrup. Most sincerely,
(Name on request)

ANGLO-AMERICAN DRUG CO.
215-217 Fulton Street, New York

Platinum in Colombia

Although before the revolution Russia was the greatest platinum-producing country in the world, Colombia is now one of the greatest producing centers. Before Russia lost its place as head of the list, Colombia was second. In the Transvaal, South Africa, there are also great platinum deposits. The present contribution of the United States is less than 1,000 ounces a year, most of this coming from California. Science has succeeded in producing platinum from scrap ores that appear to contain only traces of other metals.

DEMAND "BAYER" ASPIRIN

Aspirin Marked With "Bayer Cross" Has Been Proved Safe by Millions.

Warning! Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians for 25 years.

Say "Bayer" when you buy Aspirin. Imitations may prove dangerous.—Adv.

Knew His Pap

"Say, boy, your dog just missed biting me." "Wasn't my dog, mister. He never misses."

You Need this Tonic
HOSTETTER'S
CELEBRATED
STOMACH BITTERS

It tends to promote good health, strengthen the digestive organs and keep the stomach in good condition. At all Drugists.

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PARKER'S HAIR BALM
Removes Dandruff Stop Hair Falling
Restores Color and
Strengthens Hair
6c and \$1.00 at Drugists.
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HINDERCORMS Removes Corns, Calluses, etc., stops all pain, ensures comfort to the feet, makes walking easy. 15¢ by mail or at Drug-gist. Hiscox Chemical Works, Patchogue, N.Y.

SKIN IRRITATIONS
For their immediate relief and
healing doctors prescribe

Resinol

Rippling Skirts
Favored in Paris

The couturier who regards his vocation as an art aims to distinguish himself in it. This is especially true of the Parisian creator of fashions whose clientele looks to him for something particularly adapted to an individual style. Although the general trend of the season is taken into account, notes a Paris fashion writer in the New York Times, those couturiers who have attained prestige are known by their own special treatment of costume. Each has an individualized conception of beauty in line, in design, in color and in fabric; and each has a following both in Europe and in America.

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Use of Silk and Velvet.

In making good this claim, Martial et Armand are presenting this season some of the most attractive costumes ever conceived in their atelier. These run through the entire list of the requirements of fashion from the simplest frock for morning or all day, to the most pretentious outfit for afternoon or evening. The fabrics range from the richest velvets and silks, and the most splendid brocades, to plain wools and leather. None among the Parisian designers has made more delightful and alluring use of silk velvet, the material de luxe, which fashion prophets and manufacturers of dress goods have long urged upon style lead-

ers. Its present popularity is due largely to the manner in which the foremost artists have adapted it. In one particularly chic gown of black velvet, done by Martial et Armand, the especial treatment of the flare this house is featuring is shown in a charming manner. The bodice, which has a round high neck, a flat lace collar and long plain sleeves, is drawn long and snug over the hips, and caught at each side of the back with two short pieces trimmed with buttons. The bodice and underskirt are one in front, and at the back is added a circular flounce, dipping in the middle almost to the bottom of the skirt and shortened at the sides. This tunic flounce is trimmed with a band of brown dyed squirrel with which the sleeves are finished at the wrist.

Fullness that gives freedom at the bottom of the skirt is the point illustrated in almost all of the new models. It is done with a circular, bias or plaited use of the material.

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THE RESPONSIBILITIES

There were many close personal and political friends of the Post-Democrat who helped elect John Hampton and placed the Billy Williams gang in control of Muncie.

They all have different explanations of why they threw down the newspaper that has been fighting their battles for them under such tremendous odds for the past five years.

The principal reason assigned was that Milt Rutherford was responsible for the selection of a democratic city chairman and that the democratic organization, effected by an unfair political trick, discriminating against one candidate and made possible the nomination of another.

The Post-Democrat took an active part in that organization contest and was not satisfied with the result, but not to the extent that it could by any stretch of the imagination align itself with the crowd that won the day in the city election.

Those who did it can scarcely realize the extent of the calamity for which they are directly responsible. We began fighting the Billy Williams crowd here when it was an uphill undertaking. We explained things to the public and were reviled for it by people who are now fighting on our side.

There was a principle involved which should not have been thrown down by the mere thought of personal vengeance or the satisfaction of an inter-party political vendetta.

Democrats who have for years been living in the stench and filth of oppression and repression, suddenly gagged at a hair and joined the oppressor. Negroes who had been kicked and bottle around by the klan helped to elect one of the chief goblins of the outfit and there were Catholics who boast of their participation in the nauseating desertion to the Hampton camp.

These men and women, who recognized the Post-Democrat as their only mainstay in the wearisome conflict with the klan oligarchy, have made their bed and must either lie in it or purify themselves by repentance.

Following its usual system, the Billy Williams organization is preparing for the next contest. There will be minority appointments to be made. Democrats who take these jobs must wear the Billy Williams collar to hold their jobs and crury favor for their friends.

No democrat who takes a job in the Hampton administration, either on one of the important boards or in any lesser position, may expect to remain on the city payroll without first trading his democratic birthright for a mess of miserable potage.

The political plotters of the Williams machine are now scheming and trading and figuring on ways and means whereby the southside democrats who threw the election to Hampton may be kept in the republican camp until after the spring primary in order that the boss may retain his supremacy in the county.

But it won't work. Leaders will suddenly cease to be leaders if they trade political principle and renounce everything that is decent and honorable in politics and citizenship in return for a few dirty scraps thrown to them from the banquet table of the boss.

The Post-Democrat stands where it always did, and it has more friends than ever before. It will still lead the fight for political and business reform in the administration of the public affairs of the city and county and those who desert to the enemy may desert and be damned.

Where one quitter hoists the white flag and deserts to the camp kitchen of the enemy, fills his gut and begins shooting at the friends who trusted him, there will be a dozen who will enlist under the banner of decency. There will be a Belshazzar feast in January, but the handwriting is on the wall.

It must have irked Judge Dearth, who worked and talked for Hampton, and stood at the polls on election day plugging for him, to see his ten-to-one republican precinct, Riverside, cast its vote overwhelmingly for Milt Rutherford, a democrat. The voters of Riverside, sitting on election day as a senior court, simply handed down another reversal.

As this is being written the editor of the Post-Democrat is about to "go to bat" again in the circuit court as defendant in the moth-eaten gun-toting case. Next week we will render the verdict.

Certain of Hampton's misguided followers say that the first thing the new administration will do will be to run the publisher of the Post-Democrat out of town. We hardly think John said that, but if he did we'll make him skin it back and say turkey before we get through with him and his precious crew.

With a board of works controlled by Billy Williams, Harry Hoffman should be in position to sell gravel to Muncie until the city goes broke.

DELAWARE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' AND COURT ALLOWANCES.

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A. E. Boyce Co., of. ex.	96.81	Otis Elevator Co., main ch. h	11.50	Mun. Banking Co., redemption	39.17
A. E. Boyce Co., of. ex.	18.00	Mun. Waterworks, main ch. h	12.94	Mun. Banking Co., redemption	37.45
Lora L. Dearth, asst. prob. of.	44.00	B. B. Bacon, main ch. h	12.50	Bertie M. Butt, redemption	247.75
Janet Spencer, cler. prob. of.	81.00	Huntington Lab. main ch. h	67.50	H. B. Perdue, school fund	50.00
Minnie L. Synder, sal. prob. of.	159.50	Goddard Co., main ch. h	15.94	H. B. Perdue, ex. loan	116.00
H. E. Thornburg, return fug.	5.25	State Bd. Ch. Char. depend. ch. h	5.00	C. J. Stafford, adv. tp. funds 3,500.00	282.94
Ind. Bell Tel. Co., Sup. Crt.	8.20	A. C. Moorehead, sol. burial	75.00	A. Johnson, main ch. h	546.00
H. C. Greenwalt, bailiff	78.00	Meeks & Sons, soldier burial	75.00	Del. Co. Ntl. Bank Barley dh 1,426.20	Del. Ntl. Bank, Newlee dt. 2,042.46
P. W. Mansfield, insane inq.	5.00	C. J. Stafford, adv. tp. funds 3,500.00	567.60	Del. Co. Ntl. Bank, rd. bonds 60,320.00	
L. E. Starr, insane inq.	5.00	A. B. Wetherill, rep. jail	20.59		
Alva C. Surber, insane inq.	6.00	Press Pub. Co., Hoover rd.	11.25		
C. L. Bacon, insane inq.	6.00	A.			