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## WHY THE CARNIVAL?

Several times each season, this city as well as every community, is burdened and bothered by visits from so called carnival companies, usually consisting of a lot of "fake" gambling devices, painted ladies and bun shows. They injure a community and so far as we can see do not even provide decent entertainment. We don't believe in being too serious; neither do we believe in catering to those things which unquestionably give the wrong ideas to the boys and girls. These "fakes" take up the streets, are a nuisance to business and to those who reside near the scene of their "lay out" and often the attaches parade up and down the streets, using vile language and otherwise making people wonder why they are permitted to run at large.

A number of cities are starting a campaign now to prevent their reappearance and in this connection the Anderson Herald says:

"We approve the action of the women of Anderson who are connected with the various clubs in moving early in the effort to prevent the recurrence of the annual carnival nuisance.

"The Woman's Council, which is the general clearing house of local club activities, will be asked to consider the protest of the women of the city against the street carnival at its meeting Friday afternoon.

"The indignation caused by the outrageous occupation of the streets of the city by a carnival last summer still exists and the women of the city are determined to protest the recurrence of such disgraceful and insolent exhibitions.

"The women are now in possession of the full powers of citizenship and they should be able to make their protests effective. There is a certain militant air about Anderson women in connection with their views of civic affairs that we heartily approve. We believe they will exhibit more courage than men when it comes to dealing with various matters pertaining to local affairs.

"The carnival season is approaching and the women of the city are moving at the proper time to prevent annoyance from such questionable amusements the average carnival presents."

The farmers of the country are

getting much the greatest loss in the reorganization of business now being conducted by the big business men of the country. They raised their crops on the high market and are now selling, if they can sell at all, at a great loss. The trouble is that the future doesn't look very bright for with land that cost from \$200 to \$300 per acre, it's hard to figure how the farmer will get pay for his labor. About the only bright spot is that few of them will have to pay income tax this year, but they will sure have to make up for it on state levies.

The poultry and pigeon show which closes here today is one of the best ever held in this section, according to those able to judge. One man who recently attended the greatest show in the world of this kind held in Madison Square Garden, New York City, told us that the show held here compared favorably with that one, except as to size. The quality of poultry exhibited here and the program was high class and the men who devoted their time and ability to this event, deserve due praise and congratulations.

Another week in which you can renew your paper if you are in the first fifty mile zone and get the Democrat by mail, for \$3.50, about a penny a day. We want to help you every way we can and we will be glad to have your advice. We are for the farmer, the laboring man, the merchant, the manufacturer and every one else and we believe the way to help the community, is for all of us to pull together. Let's do it and let's quit finding fault with everything and everybody. The results will be better for every one.

Senator J. Ham Lewis, wittiest toastmaster in the United States, will be the headliner at the Democratic Editorial Association's annual banquet to be held at the Claypool hotel next Tuesday night. There are a number of other speakers, men and women and the event will be a delightful and interesting one.

The mother of a fourteen year old boy at Bluffton has written Mrs. Earley, community secretary, asking them to "please let her boy have tobacco as he has used it since he was four years old and stopping it will effect his heart." The mother evidently needs some attention from the board as well as the boy.

The Decatur Industrial association will meet Monday night. You are invited and urged to attend. This is an association to help this county and city and the laboring men, farmers, every citizen should help make it a success. There are many ways we can help but we won't get far if we don't try. Come to the library Monday night.

## TREND OF LEGISLATION

By George W. Stout, Indiana State Chamber of Commerce.

Indianapolis, Feb. 5. — (Special to comparatively early in the session; with the earnest support of influential elements and demands from many cities, and with the momentum gained two years ago in an educational and legislative way, the optional bill for commission form or the commission manager plan for Indiana cities apparently is well on the way to enactment.

Any possible opposition is pretty effectually forestalled by the fact that the law proposed merely gives the city a chance to vote on the question whether it wishes to change from existing form of government to the commission or commission-manager method of handling local affairs. It is a home rule bill appealing strongly to the sense of fairness of the citizenship. No change is to be made in city government until, under this law the people themselves have voted in favor of such a change. If the people say "no" there will be no change in any city.

At the same time, as the friends of the measure point out, it does give the people of each city covered by the bill a fair opportunity to say whether or not they will try the plan which is known to be working well in more than 125 American cities. Where there may be dissatisfaction with the existing system this law will give the citizenship a means for voicing their aspiration and asserting themselves in an effective manner. Under the bill now pending, House bill No. 164 introduced by Mr. Knapp of Wayne county, cities adopting either plan of local government proposed would elect a commission from the city at large, the number of members to be five. On the ballots there will be no party emblems or designations to indicate the party politics of aspirants.

Here is a plan to get away from the locality narrowness and selfish trading back and forth of the system of ward representation in city councils. Each commissioner, voted upon by citizens in all sections, would stand for the city as a whole rather than for a ward, and would be responsible to all the city instead of being beholden to an assertive and insistent ward or neighborhood.

Here also is a method of getting away from partisan politics in city elections. The basic principles upon which political parties divide and align themselves are national in their essentials and have to do with the large policies, international, national and state, touching not at all upon the things that directly and vitally affect the city and its well-being. So it is planned to do away with party emblems in city elections and to seek the selection of members of the proposed city commission on the issue of fitness, capacity and potential service without regard to the stand of the individual aspirant on the league of nations, on the tariff or on irrigation of arid government lands.

The bill puts all manner of safeguards for fairness about the election of the commissioners. It provides for an October election, with members of the commission elected by majority vote. A plurality is not sufficient to put the aspirant over for a seat on the city commission.

Where in the October test candidates in sufficient number to fill the entire commission do not get a majority vote, a November election is to be held to fill the remaining places. Those elected by majority vote in October are "all set." Those voted for in October who receive the next highest vote after those elected will have their names placed on the November ballot to a number double the number of places yet to be filled at the November election.

It is understood the Indiana law is not to carry the recall feature. There seems to be a feeling that by making the law optional and by omitting the recall the measure is strengthened for enactment with the probability that it may gain support in quarters otherwise more or less indifferent.

The law would provide for the filling of vacancies, other than those due to the recall by the remaining members of the commission, the person selected to serve only until the next election. Methods are provided for making the terms of commissioners of various lengths.

The commission would name one of its members to serve as mayor, act as chairman and to perform duties fixed by law and by the commission. The commission would choose a city clerk. Meetings of the commission must be held every week.

The commission would appoint a city judge and a city attorney.

In cities of the first class they would receive \$5,000 a year, giving bond each for \$10,000. Salaries of commissioners would be graded

to \$3,000 annually in cities of the second class, \$2,000 in cities of the third; \$1,500 in cities of the fourth class and \$1,000 in cities of the fifth class. Under the commission plan the mayor would get an amount equal to 20 percent of the commissioner's pay in addition to that salary. In all cases the commissioner would give a bond of \$5,000 except in Indianapolis where the bond would be double that sum.

The commission plan assigns different lines of responsibility and work to the several commissioners. The executive departments thus apportioned would be: Public safety, finance, public utilities, public works and parks. The commission would have the power not only to assign its members to this or that department, but to change the assignments for the good of the service. The mayor, however, would be director of the department of public safety. No other executive department could be created under the law as planned. Five secretaries may be named and assigned one each to the heads of the various executive departments.

The bill clearly defines the duties and powers of the heads of the various departments and places upon them proper direct responsibility. The city manager plan will be discussed in another article.

## The Poultry Prize Winners

(Continued from page one)

Smith, third cockerel.

W. S. C. Orpingtons — Claude Andrews, third cockerel, first and fourth hen, second pen; Fred C. Lang, first and second cock, second and third hen, first and second cockerel, first and second pullet, first pen.

S. C. Buff Orpingtons—Carl Murphy, first, second, third and fourth cockerel, fourth hen, second pen; Anna Winnes first cockerel, first, second and third hen, first pen.

Silver Spangle Hamburg—Herman Meyer, first cockerel, fourth hen, first pullet, second cock; Mrs. John McCrory, first cock, first, second and third hen.

Golden Bebright Bantams—Albert Berning, first pair.

Japanese Silky—Donald and Roger Grove, first cock, first, second and third hen.

White Pekin Duck—Harvey Clark, first drake, first, second and third duck; Verana Felling, third drake, fourth duck.

McScovy Duck — Herman Meyer, first and second drake, first and second duck.

Toulouse Geese — Harvey C. Clark, second gander, second goose; D. M. Rice, first gander, first old goose, first young goose.

Emodem Geese—Carl Murphy, second gander, third and fourth goose; Fred Wagner, first gander, first and second goose.

Bronze Turkeys—J. F. Rupert, second young tom; Peter Pearson, first young tom, second young hen, third old hen, second pen; W. A. Fonner, first old tom, first, fourth and second old hen, first young hen, first pen.

Bourbon Red Turkey—William Rupert, first old tom, first and second old hen, first and second young hen, first pen.

White Eng Poute pigeons — Simon Summers, first and second pairs.

Black Magpie pigeon—Simon Summers, first and second pair.

Red Mag Pie pigeon—Simon Summers, first and second pair.

Black Fan Tail pigeon—Simon Summers, first and second pairs.

White King pigeons—Ben Shroyer, first and second pair.

White Guinea—Floyd Stoneburner, first cock, first hen.

Golden Seabright Bantams—First and second pullets, Rev. John S. Van Orman, of Markle.

For best ten ears yellow corn—William Rupert, Decatur, first; J. F. Rupert, Decatur, second; Floyd Raper, third.

Best ten ears white corn—William Grandignard, Bluffton, Ind., first; Martie Candle, Decatur, second; Isaac Everett, Decatur, third.

Mixed corn — Wilson Banter, Bluffton, Ind., first; Thomas Fonner, Decatur, second and third.

Best ten ears pop corn—M. Fuelling, Decatur, first; William Rupert, Decatur, second; C. M. Lanwize, Decatur, third.

Best ear in show—William Grandignard, Bluffton, Ind., gold medal by Ald Adams County bank; second best ear in show, E. W. Busche, Decatur, silver medal by Old Adams County bank; third best ear in show, J. F. Rupert, Decatur, bronze medal by Adams County bank.

The following exhibitors received the special prizes named:

For best display in show—J. M. Kelsey and Son, Markle, Ind.—\$16 umbrella, given by C. C. Humphrey.

For second best display in show—Chas. Magley, Decatur, Ind.—Lawn poultry coop, given by Schaefer Hardware Co.

For the largest display in show—\$3 in cash by Association, Simon

Summers, Huntington, Ind.

For first best pen in show — Otto Hackman, Fort Wayne, Ind., given loving cup, valued at \$75, by Old Adams County Bank.

For the best pen in American class — Otto Hackman, \$2, Fort Wayne, Indiana, by Association.

Best pen in Asiatic class—Simon Summers, Huntington, Ind., \$2, by Association.

Best pen in Mediterranean class—W. C. Jackson, South Bend, Ind., \$2, by Association.

Best pen in English class—Fred C. Lang, Fort Wayne, Ind., \$2 by Association.

For best cock in show—Albert F. Kayser—Fort Wayne, Ind., \$1, by Association.

For the best hen in show—Simon Summers, Huntington, Ind., \$1.

Best cockerel in show—Otto Hackman—Fort Wayne, Ind., \$1, Association.

For the best pullet in show—Frank Fisher, Brazil, Ind., \$1, Association.

Best duck in show—Harvey C. Clerk, Decatur, Ind., 75 cent box Lee Poultry Tonic by Holthouse Drug Company.

Best goose in show—D. M. Rice, Decatur, Ind., \$1.25 box laying Poultry Tonic, by Holthouse Drug Co.

For the best turkey in show—W. A. Fonner, Decatur, Ind., \$1.65 Pail of Flecks Poultry Powder, given by Callow & Kohne Drug Co.

For the best R. C. R. I red cockerel —J. F. Rupert, Decatur, Ind., setting of Single Comb Brown Leghorn ring of R. C. R. I red eggs, given by E. S. Christen.

Best singlecomb brown leghorn in show—B. F. Shroyer, Decatur, Ind. Best Ancona cockerel in show—Mrs. Simon Summers, Huntington, Ind., setting of Ancona eggs, given by J. D. Baker.

Best pen of Barred Plymouth Rocks—Simon Summers, Huntington, Ind., Automatic Poultry Feeder, by N. O. Grove.

Best Tim Turkey in show—W. A. Fonner, Decatur, Ind., \$2, by A. J. Smith.

Second best Tom Turkey—Peter Pierson.

Third best Tom Turkey—J. F. Rupert, Decatur, Ind., \$1, by A. J. Smith.

Fourth best Tom Turkey—William Rupert.

For champion turkey—W. A. Fonner \$1.50, Decatur, Ind., by A. J. Smith.

For the best rabbit in show—B. F. Shroyer, Decatur, \$3. Cash by Association.

For second best rabbit in show—B. F. Shroyer, Decatur, \$1.50. Cash by Association.

Best hen turkey in show—W. A. Fonner, Decatur, \$2, by A. J. Smith.

Second best hen turkey in show—W. A. Fonner, Decatur, \$1 by A. J. Smith.

Third best hen turkey in show—Peter Pierson, 75c, by A. J. Smith.

Fourth best hen turkey—W. A. Fonner, 50c, by A. J. Smith.

## TODAY IN CONGRESS

(United Press Service)

Senate.  
Naval affairs committee meets on Borah naval holiday resolution.

Judiciary committee continues consideration Reed bill to end foreign loans.

Senate continues debate on Emergency Tariff bill.

House.

Ways and Means committee begins hearings on revised tariffs on paper and books.

Judge Parker of reparations commission continues testimony on army liquidation work in France before war department expenditures subcommittee.

Rules committee considers what legislation shall be given right of way in house next week.

Consideration of army appropriation bill continued on floor.

## MAKE A RICH HAUL.

(United Press Service)

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 5.—(Special to the Democrat).—Mail robbers held up Willis H. Thornhill, U. S. mail messenger at the Missouri, Kansas & Texas depot in St. Charles, Mo., and escaped with a mail sack containing \$100,000 last night.

The five men, according to Thornhill, after taking the mail sack, forced him into their auto. Thornhill said he was told to lie on the floor while the bandit car was driven across the Highway Bridge to St. Louis. He was then released.

## HIS TROUBLE IS ALL GONE

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## Rev. "Eddie" Thomas

Noted evangelist, will conduct revival services at the Decatur Methodist church, starting Sunday morning. Rev. Thomas is a good preacher, teaching the gospel in the good, old-fashioned way. His sermons will interest you, from the very start. Attend the first service Sunday, and you will be in your seat early during the remainder of the religious campaign. Good music at every service. You will be given a welcome by good, Christian people.

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