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Columbus, Indiana, has two police forces, the republicans now serving refusing to quit. Suppose they haven't been officially notified or have some excuse about as silly.

While the new fire chief of Frankfort was being sworn in, the fire alarm sounded and the new chief rushed to fight a fifty thousand dollar blaze, one of the worst ever in that city.

A suit has been filed in Wells county to test the validity of the registration law and most people over the state will hope for a victory, for the law so far as counties like Adams and Wells are concerned is a nuisance and an expense.

The resignation of Will Hays has reached that point where his successor is being guessed. Looks like William will follow his predecessor, Mr. McAdoo into the "movie" game. Everyone seems to be human when it comes to the amount of a fellow's salary or income.

Governor Sproul of Pennsylvania will appoint himself as the successor of Senator Penrose, that is he will be an arrangement made with his lieutenant governor, resign and the newly made governor will then issue the appointment. They raise real "bosses" in Pennsylvania who don't lose any time trying to find out what the people want.

Owners of automobiles should assist the city officials by applying for their license at once, so that by the first of the month each machine will carry the 1922 plate. Officers cannot do otherwise than enforce the law and every good citizen should assist them. The administration desires to be as fair as possible and will allow this month for those who have not done so to take out their license. After that it will be up to you and excuses will not go.

Merchants have been busy invoicing this week and checking up their accounts that they may know just how they came out during 1921. Now they will plan for the next year. In making appropriations for the year 1922 they should include a liberal fund for advertising for that is the very life blood of every successful business. It was never more true than right now and the men who succeed will do so because they tell the people what they have and at what prices they can sell it. Thousands want to know these facts and are looking for your announcements.

The local plant of the General Electric company is starting the year out in a manner most encouraging to the community. They have added several employees this week and the clock sheet now shows 140 on the pay roll here. They shipped a car of motors out today and the outlook is brighter than appeared possible a few weeks ago. This is splendid news and means much for this community where we have been luckier than in many localities. Other concerns here are also looking forward to a better year and we have a chance to make this the biggest and best ever.

The first court house in Adams county, long used as a cheap tenement house on the rear of a First street lot is now being torn down. It

served as the official hall of justice from 1836 until 1873 and if it could talk it could tell us enough stories of interest to fill many feature pages, no doubt. It is the passing of an old land mark, just as incident in the march of time and within a few years will have been forgotten, but the records made therein have served their place and are now among the archives in the newer court house built nearly half a century ago and now nearly ready for the discard.

Mayor DeVoss told the council members his views on government of the city and made some splendid points. He said the concern of the present year should be to operate the city economically, to serve efficiently and towards that end he put in force several new ideas which will work for business efficiency. His committees were selected after much thought we are sure and with the desire that the affairs of that part of the city over which they will have charge be conducted in the manner desired. His report included a complete report of the financial condition of the city and the amount of money on hands. We should say that the first message of the new mayor will prove a popular one and that every citizen will wish for a realization of the hopes of the mayor and his official family.

It will be well for you to remember that there is nothing of a commercial nature in the milk campaign to be held here the two weeks starting March 13th, nor is it an effort to establish milk products as the only foods you should use, but one to place milk, cheese, ice cream and butter where they belong. Milk and its products are nourishing foods and children fed upon these show wonderful physical and mental improvement. This is a great dairy county and boosting this product is a boost for the county. The farmer who does not see the good he will get from such a campaign is not giving the campaign the thought he should and what is good for the farmer in this county is good for every citizen for we live largely from their efforts and successes. We hope everyone will become enthusiastic over this proposed campaign for it is a very important one.

ARE OPTIMISTIC

Public Utility Companies in Indiana Believe It Will Be Hard to Keep

WITH PROCESSION

During Next Year--Return of Business Many Improvements Are Made.

Indianapolis, Jan. 3.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Business in Indiana is going to be so good in 1922 that public utility companies, at least, look forward to a hard job keeping up with the procession, according to statements written for the United Press by leaders in the electric, telephone and traction field of the state. Everywhere the utilities are wondering where they are going to obtain money with which to supply the constantly increasing demand for service, the statement said. F. A. Bryan, president of the Indiana & Michigan Electric company, South Bend, said:

"In general, the utility business is better than ever before. Last week, our output was greater than any week in the history of the company. Business conditions in South Bend are very good. In Elkhart they are good but hardly as good as in South Bend.

"The demands upon us are daily increasing, and the problem for us, even with business as it is today, is how to take care of the increasing business. With the return of normal business, it will of course, involve the expenditure of a considerable amount of capital."

The view of Bryan is, in a way, confirmed by L. C. Griffiths, president of the Southern Indiana Telephone & Telegraph company, Seymour. Griffiths sees better business ahead but thinks the public does not realize the importance of the utility industry and that therefore the problem of the industry for the next year will be difficult. He said:

"My thought in this connection is that the public utilities will have a very difficult time during the next year. There are two or three reasons for this. The first one is that on account of public sentiment, the public service commission cannot allow a reasonable return on the fair value of these properties. The public has not as yet realized the importance to the community of a prosperous, well managed utility. This is the big job for the utilities, and how the public is to be educated along this line is beyond my understanding. The trouble probably lies in the mismanagement and the wrong manner of financing in the past. If the public can only be convinced that the utilities must play fair with them then the difficulty will be minimized."

Frank J. Haas, vice president and general manager of the Southern Indiana Gas and Electric company, Evansville, believes that the prosperity of the state rests in a large measure on the prosperity of the public utility companies. If the companies are not in position to provide plenty of electric power, transportation and communication service, he believes, the state will be held back.

Card Party and Dance
K. of C. Hall
Wednesday, Jan. 4th
Play starts at 8 p. m. prompt.
Dance starts at 10 p. m. prompt.
Admission 25c. Committee 309-41

The "Mother of Medicine."
Isis, the Queen and afterwards the Goddess, was called the "Mother of Medicine." In ancient Egypt, centuries before Christ, women were skilled in medicine. They knew the great value of medicinal plants.

Hippocrates, the "Father of Medicine," many centuries later, knew less of the merit of vegetable drugs than did the women of ancient times.

Lydia E. Pinkham, nearly fifty years ago, gave to women her Vegetable Compound, now known everywhere as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. This is a woman's medicine for woman's ailments, prepared from medicinal plants.

OPIE READ.

The name, Opie Read, is a "best-seller" whether it appears on a little page or lecture list, because it stands for one of America's best-loved personalities as well as one of her most brilliant author-lecturers.

Opie Read is like no one else in the world. His very presence lends a strange enchantment to his stories. You may have enjoyed his books in the solitude of your library; perchance you have been stirred by his plays, or spent delightful half-hours in the reading of his clever character sketches; but unless you have sat within the sound of his voice and heard from his



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own lips the quaint tales that originate in his brain, you do not fully appreciate the splendid genius of the man.

On the platform Mr. Read shines with a brilliance all his own. The indescribable witchery of his words, the charm of his voice and manner, the influence of his personality combine to weave the magic spell that holds his hearers enthralled.

Mr. Read has a new lecture, "Human Nature and Politics," composed for the most part of experience stories that have never been printed and never before been told on the platform. He gave this lecture on a Chautauqua tour last summer and every audience was immensely enthusiastic.

RED PEPPERS STOP PAIN OF RHEUMATISM

When you are suffering with rheumatism so you can hardly get around just try Red Pepper Rub and you will have the quickest relief known. Nothing has such concentrated, penetrating heat as red peppers. Instant relief. Just as soon as you apply Red Pepper Rub you feel the tingling heat. In three minutes it warms the sore spot through and through. Frees the blood circulation, breaks up the congestion—and the old rheumatism torture is gone. Rowles Red Pepper Rub, made from red peppers, costs little at any drug store. Get a jar at once. Use it for lumbago, neuritis, backache, stiff neck, sore muscles, colds in chest. Almost instant relief awaits you. Be sure to get the genuine, with the name Rowles on each package.

Niblick & Co's. January CLEARANCE SALE

Our January Sale is now going on and many excellent values are being offered. Every department throughout our store has splendid bargains. Prices have been marked down to the lowest level. We are reducing our stocks and clearing out all Fall and Winter goods before we take inventory.



Winter Coats and Suits

We have divided our Coats and Suits into lots, take your choice. Cost has been forgotten.

Coats and Suits
\$32.50 to \$45.00
this sale
\$22.50

Wool Dresses
Wool Dresses that were
\$15.00 to \$18.50, this sale
\$9.75

Coats and Suits
\$25.00 to \$29.50
this sale
\$14.75

Wool Dresses
that were \$25.00 to \$32.50
this sale
\$17.50



WOOL DRESS GOODS Reductions

\$2.50 and \$2.75 42 inch Serges, \$1.98
Sale
42 in. \$2.25 All Wool Serges, \$1.78
Sale
42 in. \$2.25 All Wool Taffeta, \$1.78
Sale
42 in. \$2.25 and \$2.50 All Wool Tussah, \$1.88
Sale
54 in. Fine Striped Prunella Cloth \$3.98
\$5.50 value
40 in. All Wool Serges, \$1.48
\$2.00 value, sale
36 in. All Wool Stinn Serges, 89c
\$1.25 value

JANUARY SALE UNDERWEAR

In this lot will be included the Famous Carters Underwear

Carters Fine Union Suits, \$1.68
\$2.00 value
Carters Union Suits, \$1.88
\$2.35 value
Extra Heavy Union Suits, \$1.88
\$2.25 and \$2.50 values
Childrens Heavy Union Suits, 98c
\$1.25 value
Carters Silk and Wool Union Suits, \$3.78
\$4.50 and \$5.00 values

All other Underwear at Reduced Prices.

BLANKET SPECIALS

Fine Cotton Blankets, with border, \$1.78
\$2.25 value
Fine Cotton Blankets, extra size, \$2.68
\$3.25 value
Fine Wool Nap Striped Blankets, \$4.98
\$8.50 value
Fine Wool Plaid Blankets, \$7.50
\$10.50 value, sale
Fine Wool Plaid Blankets, \$9.75
\$12.50 value, sale

EXTRA SPECIAL

Royal Worcester Corsets, \$1.00
\$1.50 value, sale

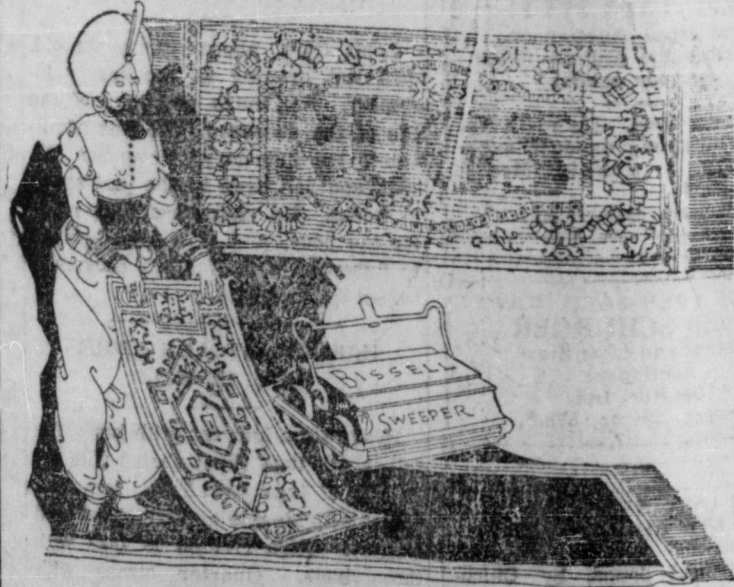
No Lay Aways—No Charges—Strictly Cash at Sale Prices.

Niblick & Company

SALE OF DOMESTICS

We have some excellent values to offer which are marked below today's cotton market.

32 in. Fine Gingham, good value at 35c; 25c
Yard 25c
27 in. Fine Quality Gingham, 20c
25c value, sale 20c
36 in. Extra Quality Percales, 20c
25c value, sale 20c
Extra Heavy Light and Dark Outings, 18c
Sale 18c
36 in. Heavy Army Outing, 28c
Sale, while they last 28c
36 in. Unbleached Muslin, 17c
22c value, sale 17c
40 in. Extra Quality Unbleached Muslin, 15c
20c value, sale 15c
36 in. Fine Bleached Muslin, 18c
25c value, sale 18c
42 in. Extra Quality Pillow Tubing, 35c
45c value, sale



RUGS AND CARPETS

Every Rug has been marked for quick clearance and some good values are being offered.

9x12 All Tapestry Rugs, \$23.50
\$30.00 value, sale \$23.50
9x12 Velvet Rugs, \$35.00
\$45.00 values \$35.00
11-3x12 Axminster Rugs \$46.50
Sale \$46.50
11-3x12 Tapestry Rugs, \$37.50
\$50.00 value \$37.50
12x12 Heavy Fibre Rugs, \$25.00
\$35.00 value \$25.00

—VERY SPECIAL—

27x54 Bigelow Velvet Rugs, \$3.25
\$5.00 value, sale

ALL CARPETS AT SALE PRICES.

EXTRA SPECIAL

1 lot Ladies Silk Georgette Blouses and Waists, \$5.50 value, sale \$2.95