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In Maine fifty-three inches of snow fell in one month and now the question is being asked, what did Wilson have to do with it? For eight or ten years they charged about everything to him and they can't get out of the habit.

The bill to join Indiana University with Butler at Indianapolis is more popular than the author who introduced it to get even with the Monroe county representative who offered a bill to tax fraternity houses, had an idea it would be and it may grow rapidly.

The Home Builders announce they will build several houses the coming spring and that's a good start. The number of houses to be erected will of course depend on the demand for them and the sale. Decatur should enjoy a real building boom this year and we believe it will come. Several others are planning to erect one or more residences and there will be a half dozen business houses, churches, schools and other edifices built.

President Harding has called in the faithful and demanded a show down and the passage of the ship subsidy bill. The politicians advise him that if the bill is pushed through it will mean a revolt in 1924 but he evidently is determined. Almost at the same time comes the announcement that several well known men are getting ready for a sail on the primary seas next year hoping to land at the port of nomination. It all looks as though the president has made up his mind to trade his future to the ship owners.

The Indiana state senate passed a bill Monday that will allow a judge of the court to grant a temporary divorce—say, for six months or a year. The idea involved is to allow the parties to "cool" off for a spell, and if they still think at the end of the temporary divorce that they want one that will stick, well and good. Another feature of the bill is to grant the judge authority to refuse a permanent divorce where he well knows one or other of the parties is expecting to be re-married to another as soon as the legal ties of the former marriage are loosed. It will have the effect of less divorce cases, it is thought. The bill will go to the house for final action.—Bluffton Banner.

During the first month of the year the local automobile license branch has forwarded to the secretary of state \$12,757.25, payment for more than two thousand licenses. If this money could be retained here and used on the roads it would help considerably. It would maintain a hundred miles of our roads or build at least two miles of new road. Originally the license money was returned to the counties in proportion to number of cars, number of miles of road and one third sent back to each county, so that a great benefit was derived. Now the money is all used by the state highway commission. The legislature now in session would make a real hit with the taxpayers if they would restore some of these rights.

Day & Martin for a hundred years or two, leading manufacturers of shoe blacking in England is closed out. The manager with a pained look on his face explains that it was caused

by a failure to keep up their advertising. For many years the company advertised extensively and then under new management decided they were so well known they did not need it. The populace of a community or a country changes rapidly and in a few years scarcely any one thought of Day & Martin blacking, made famous by frequent mention in Dickens Pickwick papers and otherwise. Business fell off and competitors seeing the opportunity soon put them out of business. Moral—advertise and keep on advertising if you would increase your business and carry on.

Evidently there are a lot of fellows in the legislature who either don't care anything about the admonition from Governor McCray in his message on the opening day or else feel sure he was just kidding them for never since the keeping of records began has there been so many bills presented which will cost the people money if enacted into laws. Instead of reducing jobs here are some of the things they are trying to do:—Establish 1017 road superintendents, a state boxing commission of five, motion picture censors, eighty-four state constables, state building commission, old age pension commission, county boards of education with 1,000 jobs, real estate commission and a dozen or two others. Things certainly are drifting.

The People's Voice

"Although I plead guilty to the charge of having destroyed liquor which the federal officials charged that I had in my possession, I wish to state that I did not have any liquor on my farm and plead guilty merely to close the matter. What the federal official thought or claimed was evidence of liquor was stock 'dip' for spraying chicken coops and hog pens. The officials found some broken glass which they claimed had contained liquor. They also picked up a shingle which I had used to stir the 'dip' and struck a match to it and it burned. The officials claimed that I broke a jug full of liquor and that the shingle was scattered with it. The federal official pointed a revolver at me and placed it against my breast and cursed me. I have never been arrested before and have not violated any liquor law."
SIGNED,
"ED RUMSCHLAG."

EDUCATIONAL SURVEY

(Continued)
Combined Results in Reading, Arithmetic and Spelling
In Table V the results of the tests in reading, arithmetic and spelling are combined and presented as a whole for each type of school. When the results of all the tests are in this way taken together, the work of fifth grade pupils in one-teacher schools is about on a par with that done by pupils less than half way through the fourth grade. They are on the average, then more than a full grade below standard. The showing for the upper grades of these schools is worse, the achievements of seventh and eighth grade pupils being, respectively, a year and two-thirds and fully two years behind the standard. There was little difference in the results obtained in the larger rural schools, the two- and three-teacher schools doing about the same quality of work as the consolidated schools with five or six teachers. The average achievements of all these schools were better than those of the one-teacher schools were better than those of the one-teacher schools by a fifth of a year to a full half year. In the towns the work is in quality about the same as is usually found in the larger rural schools. The work of the city schools is decidedly better than that of the rural schools, though the average achievements of city pupils were also below standard—four-tenths of a year below in the fifth grade, a half year below in the seventh grade, and four-fifths of a year below in the eighth grade.

The combined results in reading, spelling and arithmetic indicate that Indiana children are in large numbers not getting a sufficient command of these fundamentals to meet the practical needs of everyday life. Pupils completing the elementary course of eighth grades in one-teacher schools get, on the average, only a sixth grade education; even those completing the eighth grade in city schools get only a seventh grade education.

Table V.—Average achievements of Indiana fifth, seventh and eighth grade pupils in reading, spelling and arithmetic in terms of grade standards:

Grade	5th	7th	8th
Township—			
1-teacher	4.4	5.8	6.5
2-teacher	4.6	6.1	7.0

3-teacher	4.7	6.1	6.8
4-teacher	4.7	6.1	6.8
5-teacher	4.7	6.2	6.7
6 or more teacher	4.8	6.2	6.8
Town	4.7	6.3	6.9
City	5.1	7.0	7.7
Country-wide stand.	5.5	7.5	8.5

Note.—In this table, scores are given in terms of grade of work they represent. For example, the entry 4.4 for fifth grade pupils in one-teacher schools means that these pupils did work which pupils who are four-tenths of the way through the fourth grade usually do.

Proportion of Pupils With Scores Above and Below Standard
The discussion so far has been in terms of average scores. Table VI gives the proportion of eighth grade pupils in the several types of schools that have scores up to normal or above, and the proportions that have scores below normal, one year below normal, two years, three years, four years, and five years, below normal.

In one-room schools only one eighth grade pupil in six had scores up to normal; one in four did work below the fifth grade standard, and one in ten failed to reach the fourth grade standard. In contrast, one out of every three eighth grade pupils in city schools did work up to or better than the standard for this grade; one in four, however, fell below the sixth grade standard, and in ten, below the fifth grade level.



HOW COULD YOU!
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(Too Late to Classify)

A BARN FOR RENT—Suitable for high school students or horse, or team. 105 S. Popular street.

He is well prepared to entertain the boys in a most hostile manner.

SHE HAS SHAKEN HER FRIENDS
(From Matton, Ill., Newspaper)
Miss Belle Shook has left for a several weeks' visit in the west and northwest.

THIS IS NOT A MATRIMONIAL AD
(Classified ad in western daily)
"Man wanted to chop wood, bring in coal, tend furnace, take care of garden, mind chickens and children. AWS, care News. 3114

HELP WANTED—MALE
WANTED—Young man, who has demonstrated by past performance that he can do big things, to go at once to Detroit and solicit Mr. Ford or a contribution to the fund for bringing impoverished Jews to this country. Work requires a man of persuasive personality. Prefer the athletic type. Sprinting ability will be helpful. Straight commission. Application must be accompanied by a certificate releasing us from all reliability or personal injury. Address BS114.
A nice, easy job for someone.

STAN says:
"Some people are so dumb that when they hear Opportunity calling Move up toward the front they think it is the street car conductor."

If the prizes of life won't "fall" for you spend more money on 'em brother, spend more money on 'em.

"A rolling stone gathers no moss," so 'tis said, but did you ever try to sell one of them a gold brick?—It just simply isn't being done.

SOME WHAT?
(From the Owensville Star)
James Douglas is slowly improving after his long illness and is up and around the house some.
Why, sometimes, of course.

THOSE JAZZ TUNES
Oh, jazzy tunes are right in style; they seem to play them by the mile where e'er I chance to trek. This clatter-clatter, jig-jag-junk—of all the music it's most punk and should be canned by heck. Time was when music soothed my soul and I was merry as King Cole—but such days are no more—nowdays real tunes are out of date, all they do now is syncopate and it's a beastly bore. There is no music in such rot and I could take a healthy swat at those who grind it out; I'd knock 'em north and galley west and boot 'em just beneath the vest and maybe bruise a snout. Oh, ye who write the nation's tunes, hark back about two dozen moons—or maybe sixty-eight—and give us stuff like you wrote then—y'all'll prove a friend to jazz-sick men and mitigate their fate. I'm sick of all this dizzy dope and fervently I pray and hope, it soon will run its course; and when that happy day is here I'll toss my lid aloft and cheer until my voice is hoarse. Melodious tunes are restful things and

good for populi or kings, they soothe the tired brain; but oriental jigaroo should by musicians be taboo. Oh, give us music sane. Uncle Dud.

WATCH OUT FOR THOSE CITY SLICKERS

Jack Lurain, the ever-polite representative of The Seed World, Chicago, tells a recent experience he had on his last trip through the middle west, which proves that kindness is often misunderstood. At a small town in Iowa a real charming girl boarded the train. She was alone and looked very lonesome. Jack thinking he would make her trip more pleasant, engaged her in conversation, suggesting that they have dinner together. She replied that she couldn't eat a bite. Thinking that she might want to read he asked her "Would you like to see 'The Pride of Palomar' before I leave?" She looked at him for a moment with blazing eyes and burst out. "You get right away from me or I'll scream for help."

PERSONAL

Dear Editor I went out riding last night with Charlie White. We drove to a roadhouse and had some drinks. It was the first time that I had ever drunk. Did I do wrong?
How should I know, dearie. Don't you remember?

Field Goals

The Cream and Crimson of Indiana University waves victoriously over the Gold and Black of Purdue today. The Crimson five, recently reorganized, showed a world of class last night and downed Piggy Lambert's outfit at Lafayette by a score of 31 to 26. And thereby Purdue's hopes for winning the Big Ten championship went glimmering.

A fan writes us to learn why the D. H. S. five and the Catholic high quintet have not met each other this year. He thinks this would be a very interesting game, saying that the two teams are very evenly matched. Upon investigation today we learned that a game between the two quintets is unlikely this season. The management of both teams agreed on a game but the public high school's schedule was filled out and no date satisfactory to both could be arranged, it was stated. Since the season is nearly over there is little chance for a game this season. It is likely that one or two games will be scheduled between the two schools for next season before the schedule of either is completed. We agree, Mr. Fan, a game between the two fives would be interesting.

The same fan compliments us on our column by saying that the only trouble he can find with it is that it is not long enough. We're sorry, but space does not permit us to ramble to our heart's content.

We are glad to get communications containing dope and queries regarding basketball but please sign 'em. There are a lotta fans. Your name won't be used.

The code of a good sport is given in The Basketball World as follows:

1. Don't quit.
2. Don't alibi
3. Don't gloat over winning
4. Don't be a rotten loser
5. Don't take unfair advantage
6. Don't ask odds you are unwilling to give.
7. Be ready to give opponents the shade
8. Don't underestimate an opponent

Primrose Cream Separator Service Day

By special arrangement with the International Harvester Co., a factory expert on Primrose Cream separators will be at our store on

Monday and Tuesday
February 5 and 6

There is no charge for the service to Primrose owners. Repairs used will be charged for at the regular price.

Bring your Primrose separator to our store on service day and get the benefit of this free service.

Schafer Hardware Co.
WE SAVE YOU MONEY

Hartford City—Miss Irene Croning, a chemistry student in the high school here, was badly cut in the face when a bottle of liquid in the laboratory exploded.
Atwood—An epidemic of scarlet fever has resulted in the closing of public schools here.

Millersburg — Miss Ruth Smith, aged resident here, swallowed false teeth in an attempt to stifle a sneeze.

DANCE
Moose Hall
Friday Evening,
Feb. 2nd
8:30 o'clock
50c per couple.
Music by
FEATURE FIVE
Everybody Welcome.

DANCE
K. of C. Hall
Thursday, Feb. 1
Beginners class 7:30
Assembly 8:45
Good music assured
YOU are invited
—Fred Schurger, Mgr.

BANG!
WHEN THE LAST WHACK OF THE PRICE POUNDING HAMMER HAS SOUNDED SATURDAY NIGHT THE CURTAIN WILL BE DRAWN ON THIS SALE.

After the tremendous business we have had for a week and the thousands of pairs of shoes taken from our stock the sizes are broken, a great many numbers with only a few pairs left. In order to move these odd lots we have slashed another chunk off of the prices and if your size is in these, Friday and Saturday will be lucky days for you.

Read This--

Odd lots of Women's Shoes and Oxfords that sold this week at \$4.98, we have cut another dollar and you can have them now at

\$3.98

Women's Ribbon Trimmed Felt House Slippers that sold during this sale at 98c, you can take what is left at

.79c

Don't let anything keep you away from this sale. The BIGGEST BARGAINS are now yours if we have your size.

THE BELL THAT TOLLS THE EXIT OF CHARLIE RINGS LIKE JOYFUL MUSIC IN THE EARS OF THE THRIFTY SHOE BUYER

Charlie Voglewede

The Shoe Seller

Tires Are Advancing

—but we can still save you money at the old price.

See Us Before You Buy

USE

DIAMOND KEROSENE

for lamps, oil stoves and incubators.
You will get better service.

Elberson Service Station

Wholesale and Retail
Gasoline—DIAMOND—Kerosene