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It will be interesting now to watch the record of Judge Baltzell who succeeds Judge Anderson while the later advances to a district judgeship. Anderson has gained a nation-wide reputation as a fearless jurist who hands out stiff sentences and makes them stick.

Two factions of the ku klux klan are reported to be fighting for control of the legislature. Bossert heads one and Stephenson the other and it's a real contest. If they combine on certain things they will be strong enough to put them over, but there is some probabilities that the fight between them will get fierce enough to bring about a deadlock.

Efforts to raise a fund with which to provide radio equipment for the four blind people in Decatur will be made, a fine missionary act. We can't imagine any thing that would be so appreciated and we are sure our good people will respond gladly and willingly and liberally if given the opportunity. A similar campaign is on now in Detroit and other larger cities.

The county unit bill, the state police plan, the abolishment of the state-wide primary ought to make up a program of enough interest for the people and keep the law makers busy the few weeks they have promised to hold the spotlight. And then if you tire of those you can figure out how much the klan has to do with it and how much their opponents have control. All in all it may like some time away from the ordinary "cross word puzzle."

The Scott divorce case is bringing out a lot of queer facts and history of the case would provide a good story for those who relish the nasty things in life. Scott is a congressman and the evidence shows that he and Mrs. Scott devoted much time to poker, bridge, men and women and even helped pay for the bringing ashore of whiskey, champagne and other hard liquor. That's one difficulty and the greatest one with the Volstead law. Those who voted for it and those who have to enforce it are themselves violating it. When ever they get a bunch of officials who want to put old man Liquor out of existence, it's days will be numbered, but will that time ever come?

One of the new money spending devices of the 1923 legislature if present plans mature will be the state police force. It is suggested that it start off with 150 officers who will be used to enforce automobile laws, catch bank robbers and do a general sleuthing business. We doubt if any of them are ever where you want them when you want them and by the time they get on the scene of a bank hold-up the burglars will be a hundred miles away but its more jobs and an opportunity to increase the number from year to year. If it goes over we will have an army in a few years instead of 150 and each time the legislature meets we will be told how impossible it is for these brave men to live on their paltry salaries. If they are in earnest about saving money and reducing overhead, it occurs to us that one way to do it is to forget this constabulary nou-

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 33

