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If your dog comes home dead some day you may feel like fighting but please remember that the state board of health has issued the order and that the action is taken to prevent the results of a serious epidemic of rabies or hydrophobia. The safest thing if you care for the dog is to keep him at home, muzzle him or lead him by a chain.

Spring this year is certainly a shy, coy maiden who once or twice has come up near the line fence but gets frightened and goes back to hide behind an ice berg, but don't be discouraged, she will Charleston through one of these days and like it so well she will probably stay for summer. The weather man says, "colder to-morrow."

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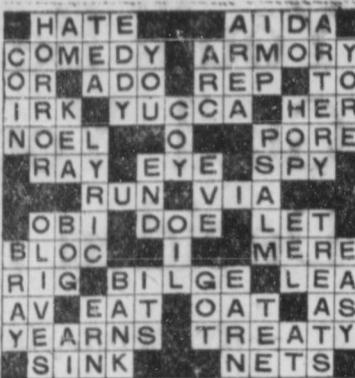
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The Indiana Bell Telephone company has filed a petition with the public service commission asking another raise in rates. We don't know what their overhead is but from what we have heard from Bluffton and other cities the patrons feel they are paying quite sufficient and compared to rates where they have the Bell, Decatur is getting a real bargain. It's a peculiar thing that they have to continually seek an increase of rates. Why not get it all over at once and give the people a rest.

The ballots for the primary elections to be held on Tuesday, May 4th are being printed now. Electon day comes two weeks from next Tuesday and while we are not advising you as to whom to vote for, we do urge you to vote. For many years we have heard consistent and insistent complaints about public officials, yet when election day comes around, many of the worst complainers do not take the time or make the slight effort necessary to go and cast a ballot. A large vote is a sign of interest in public affairs and a sign always of better government.

Thousands of people are writing the president to demand the removal of Lincoln C. Andrews, dry enforcement officer who is advocating beer which he says is "non-intoxicating in fact," but will satisfy millions and stop to a large degree the manufacture of green liquor which is dangerous to life and is undermining the nation. It no doubt seems queer that Mr. Andrews continues to hold his job under such circumstances and many feel he should resign or be forced

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out, but there are a lot of others who think he is playing the game fair and square and with common sense. We confess we don't know just where we are at, but we do abhor the law violations and feel that there either should be enforcement or some other action.

"What I would like to see the Democratic party do in the coming campaign is to get back to true Jeffersonian principles and stand for the things worth while irrespective of whom it hurts and in total disregard of political expediency. We expect a platform of platitudes from the Republican party. Every platform promulgated by that party for years has been weighed and measured, months in advance, with all the accuracy of a pharmacist's scale, by men and women schooled in the wiles of practical politics. Too often in these later years has the Democratic party followed in the wake of these political strategists and presented to an expectant public a colorless reproduction of their offerings. Our cause is too sacred to be bartered and sold in the marts of practical politics. If we are planning today to temporize with passing conditions and "pussy foot" on principles which are fundamental to the perpetuity of American institutions, we shall fail and we ought to fail. I love this quotation: 'Democracy is more than a form of government. It is an ideal. The feeling among the citizens that the government is their government, in which they have a vital interest, is the soul of a democracy.' That should be the objective of the Democratic party for all time—a government of such breadth, equality and tolerance that the spirit of democracy will ultimately capture the world.—Fred Van Nys in his speech at the Jeffersonian banquet at Fort Wayne, last evening.

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