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GIVE US ENLIGHTENMENT

The Huntington County Medical society has expelled Dr. J. R. Hunter from membership because he violated the "ethics" of the profession by advertising. Mr. Hunter sent a letter of resignation in which he declared that advertising paid him better than the rules of the society, but the organization declined to accept his resignation, and insisted on expelling him.

The above was clipped from a newspaper exchange, and while we do not have the pleasure of the personal acquaintance with Dr. Hunter, yet we must admit that there is a few things about him that entitles him to our admiration. While we can readily see that if Dr. Hunter advertised that he could saw a man's leg off and then grow it on again, or if he advertised that he could cure a case that was languishing in the last stages of consumption, the profession would have have a right to feel not only humiliated but degraded. But the medical profession are not the only living beings that would know that Dr. Hunter was a d-d liar, and an unprofessional hypocrite. But if Dr. Hunter would advertise that he was skilled in his profession, and a graduate of a recognized medical school and was open for profession engagements, the Democrat would like for some of the medical profession to not only enlighten us, but the public through the columns of the Democrat, as to their cause of complaint against such an announcement, and why it would be unprofessional.

We are not trying to raise any arguments with the doctors, and we will admit too, that we are a little partial to good advertising. But we would like to know the honest truth about the merit of such exclusion. In the meantime we will have to stand with Dr. Hunter, that "advertising pays better than the rules of the society."

Republican statesmen are bemoaning a loss to the state in having a congressional delegation composed mostly of Democrats. It is pie they lost and not standing, and any time that a Republican loses pie, it hurts.

Indiana has the honor of representing both extremes. One judge fixed the fine at \$29,240,000 and the other fixed it at nothing. The odd part of it is the public seems to be perfectly satisfied with both decisions.—Columbia City Post.

The Gary News is in the hands of a receiver, another evidence that all is not gold that glitters. The Gary News has the company of five or six other Indiana newspapers, that number being edited and published by the grace of a receiver.

Here comes inquiries from every which way seeking a corner on the city building bonds that will be offered for sale in this city. All this shows that we are gilt edged and that those with money in their socks are casting glutinous eyes upon us. We are glad of it.

A coffee tax is said to be good for a revenue producer to the extent of forty millions yearly. This being true, together with the fact that the administration stands in actual need of the money, what chance or perhaps we had better say, what right has the common people to protest.

As another evidence that the southern Democracy has no sympathy with their brethren of the north, is found in the fact that three of them in congress voted for Cannon and his un-American rules, and against the canons of the Democrats upon this question. The average southern Democrat is such only in name.

It is hard to satisfy every one. Should congress re-enact the stamp law, an exchange wants no favorite shown, even requiring the members of congress themselves to pay their own postage. That editor has no heart, and instead of writing poetry, should be in the banking business.

Congressman John A. M. Adair, who has been here several days this week, left Saturday morning for Washington, D. C., where on Monday he will represent this district at the special session called by President Taft to revise the tariff. The session will probably last until June.—Portland Sun.

The enterprising space writer is now touting T. Taggart as a probable candidate for mayor of Indianapolis. Of course it is all moonshine, but it fills the space for the spacer, hurts no one, and likely helps those great metropolitan journals to impress themselves with the fact that they are printing hot stuff.

The lobbyists have moved on Washington and during the special session they will be busy saving their special interests from getting it in the neck. There should be a ban put on the professional lobbyist. They are fast becoming the whole thing, and soon it will be a government by the lobbyist and for the lobbyist.

They have picked on ex-Governor Durbin as a harmonizer for the discordant elements in the Republican ranks of the state. Well, he will be a busy Indian all right, and it would not be a bad idea to call into service a whole militant of assistants. The job is a many cornered one, and will require diplomacy in job lots.

Nothing but bouquets are being hurled at the Hon. Thomas R. Marshall, governor of Indiana. If he were an ordinary mortal he would already show the distress sign, and begin to become enlarged from the gills up. He refuses to swell, all of which shows that he is a mighty big, brainy, independent man and about the best that ever happened around the governor's office.

President Taft, our tariff revision president, has done some good team work with Standpat Cannon and his manager, James E. Watson of Indiana. Up to date the work of the president is certainly satisfactory to the many great interests which have controlled the government and the political party in charge thereof. A few more stunts and President Taft will be just as good a standpatter as the trusts might wish for.

It is truth and not fiction that Decatur is about the best town that is located on the map, and that being true why not help along the good news by making it also the most beautiful. All it takes now is for the public spirited and progressive ones to get busy with the agitation for a cleaning up shower. A digging out, and a cleaning up will do the only thing needed to make Decatur the sweetest smelling rose in the bunch.

There is real and genuine rejoicing in Adams county over the refusal or the failure of the general assembly, in repealing the three-mile gravel road law. It has been a blessing in disguise, and has added much to the comfort in living and more to the value of the real estate holdings the county over. We surmise that if the many who sought to have it repealed would test it out, they would find that they came near losing the best law on the statute books.

Bluffton officials are jollying themselves into the belief that they are great financiers. In fact they are blowing their false teeth out over the fact that after keeping gravel road bonds for ten months and permitting the interest to thus accumulate, they are now offered par and in some cases a little premium. These sort of securities have been going right off the reel in this county at 96 and that is better than a year's wait at par.

If Theodore Roosevelt will "let the jackall places around the state

himself loose" in the next number of the Outlook magazine, of which he is now one of the editors, his comment on the result of the re-trial of the Standard Oil octopus in Judge Anderson's court will be read with lively interest. Mr. Roosevelt is in possession of information that perhaps no other individual in the land could have obtained.—South Bend Times.

Richmond has a candidate for the nomination to the office of mayor who has made a unique proposition on which he will act if elected. He is J. B. Gordon, editor of the Richmond Item, and he proposes to step down and out of his office any time 30 per cent of the voters of the city sign a petition saying that they believe he has not lived up to his anti-election pledges. There are several other candidates for the nomination on the republican ticket and the race will be a hot one. Gordon is the editor who led the fight for the saloons in Richmond.—Columbia City Post.

Representative Gottschalk is home from the legislature, and it is now meet and proper that we congratulate him on his excellent record and good deportment as a member of the Indiana general assembly. He was fearless enough to stand for that which he believed to be right and he permitted no lobby to lambast him into changing front. His vote upon every measure showed that he considered every measure presented, and gave it that deliberation to which it was entitled. His record justifies the people of Adams county in the congratulations they are now bestowing upon him.

The real world question, to be solved by nations in due course of time, is the equitable distribution of wealth. The poor we shall always have with us, no matter how favorable general conditions may be. But their condition may be ameliorated by the application of humane principles, socially and governmentally. The great barrier to equitable distribution is the possession of colossal fortunes in the hands of the relatively few. If these were acquired through cunning, fraud or favoritism, a way must be found to effect at least a partial re-distribution through the operation of just and humane principles.—South Bend Times.

The big metropolitan newspapers, or many of them, have tackled the proposition of prosperity. They all admit that there should be a revival of this much needed boon to business ills, and they all admit too, that there is nothing in the way, and that the blamed old fossil should be coming down the pike in a canter that indicates good blood and speed to burn. We know some people that are not complaining—John Dee for instance, and some of the other highly favored ones. And as long as these big fellows are happy with the kind of prosperity we are having, the common herd have nothing to say. Go away back and sit down.

The republican senate refused to agree to the bill passed by the democratic house repealing the laws giving the in-and-out fees to the sheriffs, and the transcript fees and many more to the county clerks. These bills were passed early in the session over the veto of Governor Hanly. The house, recognizing its mistake, passed bills repealing the fee laws. The senate refused to put the repealing bills through, though it had no difficulty whatever in driving the Sunday baseball bill through without allowing any time for debate. But these fee bills are, of course, of a different sort. Every one understands that. They were wholly in the interest of the people, their purpose being to stop a grab for fees. Only the people wanted them, and the people hardly count.—Indianapolis News.

There was a big deal in pie pulled off at Indianapolis on Monday. The republican members of the legislature hated to do it, but they finally consented to a wholesale reduction in state taxes, provided they were privileged to retain their grip on filling all

house. The reduction in taxes will save the people of the state five hundred thousand dollars, but what is that compared to the high privilege of dealing in pie, and handing out large partly looking jobs to the boys who helped them save the country. You may talk about your fealty and your patriotism, your statesmanship and your love of state and country, but the pinnacle of them all is the pie. It was perhaps the biggest deal in pie that has ever been recorded in one sitting, and thanks to the Democrats—all of whom are beastly hungry, but whose hearts do not beat in their stomach—they saved the money and turned up their nose at the pie.

John W. Eggeman, one of the biggest Democrats in Indiana, and one of the best as well, has been chosen as chairman of the city committee in Fort Wayne. The selection is such as will demand the confidence and success of the Democracy of the city of Fort Wayne.

It is better understood now why Jim Watson remained in Washington to aid Cannon in his fight for the speakership. It was the fight of his life, and it is believed if it had not been for the aid he received from President Taft he would have been defeated. Watson did his share toward retarding Cannon, of whom many prominent republicans in and out of congress are heartily tired. The rules were amended and in future there will be some show for the minority to get a squarer deal.—Columbia City Post.

The eleven Indiana democratic congressmen met in Washington at the beginning of the session and resolved to place themselves entirely in the hands of Champ Clark, "willing to go any length to embarrass the republicans." This action ought to tickle nearly to death those strong republican districts of the state that sent democratic members to congress at the November election.—Fort Wayne News.

Cannonism is like the local option question in Indiana, there is not much politics in it. The eleven Democrats who voted against the Czar of congress and a standpatter of standpatters, voted the sentiments of about as many Republicans as Democrats. The News will have to dig up another mare's nest, one too, that has more stingers.

Twelve city bonds whose face value is one thousand dollars each, brought in the open market under a sealed bid, four hundred and fifty dollars premium. That is going some, and is cause sufficient for every citizen of our city to touch off a little of the red light in celebration of our good standing in the money markets of the world. It was not always so. To make it all the stronger there were twelve bids, seven of them from Chicago, while Cincinnati, Indianapolis and other money markets were represented.

There is no use to knock any longer, Decatur is on the map, and she is there good and strong. Her note is as good as old wheat in the bin, and that means everything to a city, the same as it means everything to an individual. Let every one cast aside dull care, and with reverence, give thanks to an Allwise Power—not forgetting our good business city council.

Cornelius Taylor, the Ossian man who was located at Warren, O., after a year's mysterious absence from his home, is again missing. He disappeared from Warren a few days before the arrival of a daughter to visit him.

AN INVALUABLE REMEDY.
Chas. Stephenson, Clintonville, Ky., says: "I cured my chickens of Cholera with Bourbon Poultry Cure and cannot speak too highly of it as an invaluable remedy for fowls." Sold by H. H. Bremerkamp, Decatur, Indiana.

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and land all over the country. A town lot and ten acres of land are selling for \$190 and in Richmond they made nearly two hundred such sales. This is the sort of booming they are doing, and during the remainder of the week opportunity will be presented to those who are inclined to look with favor upon this sort of investment. The gentlemen who are here are representative looking people and they no doubt bear the credentials of doing a square deal business.

A Religious Author's Statement

Rev. Joseph H. Fesperman, Salisbury, N. C., who is the author of several books, writes: "For several years I was afflicted with kidney trouble and last winter I was suddenly stricken with a severe pain in my kidneys and was confined to bed eight days unable to get up without assistance. My urine contained a thick white sediment and I passed same frequently day and night. I commenced taking Foley's Kidney Remedy, and the pain gradually abated and finally ceased and my urine became normal. I cheerfully recommend Foley's Kidney Remedy."

The HOLTHOUSE DRUG CO.

RECEPTION ROYAL

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slightly changed. Like Caesar, the speaker was not ambitious since he, too, resigned high office. Harold Wilcox spoke at length on the Holy Grail concerning what they were doing and the benefit derived from the organization by those who belong. Nine members were taken in the esquire degree of the order. They were Virgil Krick, Walter Wilkinson, Joe McConnell, Carl Beatty, Fred McConnell, George Mann, Roy Enos, Harold Graham, Harold Murray.

KILLS WOULD-BE SLAYER.

A merciless murderer is Appendixitis with many victims. But Dr. King's New Life Pills kill it by preventing. They gently stimulate stomach, liver and bowels, preventing that clogging that invites appendicitis, curing Constipation, Biliousness, Chills, Malaria, Headache and Indigestion 25c at all druggists.

HELPED CANNON

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Joe Cannon from becoming a mere figurehead. Among the Cannon men nothing is too good for Fitzgerald. He is free to stuff himself on all the choice edibles on the speaker's table. Today he got a big plum in the shape of an appointment over the head of Champ Clark, Democratic leader, on the committee on rules. The speaker had to pry Judge DeArmond of Missouri off the committee to make a place for him, but Fitzgerald's services entitled him to anything he wanted and as his desire was to go on the committee on rules he got his reward.

Washington, March 17.—The Payne tariff bill will be introduced in the house today soon after the house convened. In the meantime the bill will be reprinted. At a meeting of the subcommittee of Republican members held today after Speaker Cannon had appointed the committee on ways and means, several changes in the bill were agreed to. The meeting was for the purpose of obtaining the approval of the new Republican member, Representative Cushman of Washington, who had no knowledge of the provisions of the bill.

We further ask the Board to take all the necessary steps required by law, to have said improvement constructed and made, as prayed for herein, that the same be constructed without submitting the question of building the same to an election of the voters of said Washington township, and that they construct the same under the laws of the State of Indiana, now in force providing for the extension of free gravel or macadam roads.

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This petition will be presented to the Board of Commissioners on

APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR

Notice is hereby given, That the undersigned has been appointed executor of the estate of John Braun, late of Adams county deceased. The estate is probably solvent.

GEORGE D. BRAUN, Executor.
Heller & Son, Atty.
March 9, 1909.

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PETITION FOR STONE ROAD.

State of Indiana, County of Adams, ss: Before the Board of Commissioners of the county of Adams, April Term, 1909.

We, the undersigned, each and all of whom are resident freeholders and voters of Washington Township, and the City of Decatur, situated therein, in Adams county, Indiana, respectfully petition your honorable body that you construct a free macadamized stone road in said Washington Township, over and upon the public highway, situated on the following route, to-wit:

Commencing at the northeast corner of section 28, township 27, north range 14 east, in Adams county, Indiana; running thence west over and upon the public highway in said township, and terminating at the northwest corner of section 29, township and range of said section 29, township and range aforesaid.

Your petitioners further show that said improvement is less than three miles in length and connects at both ends with a free macadam road in said township, and that a United States Rural Mail Route passes over a part of said highway.

Your petitioners further ask that said highway above described be graded and that broken stone be placed upon the grade, and that upon such broken stone there be placed stone screenings, and that said highway be improved to the width now established in Washington township.

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We ask that said improvement be paid for by bonds issued by the county of Adams, in the State of Indiana, payable in twenty semi-annual installments or series, and for the payment of which we ask that a tax be levied upon the taxable property of said Washington Township, Adams County, Indiana, in a sufficient amount to pay the interest and principal of said bonds as they become due.

That said road be built and that said bonds be issued and said tax be levied upon said property, of said township, in accordance with the Acts of the legislature of the State of Indiana, passed in the year 1905, beginning on page 550, and as amended in the Acts of 1907, and as amended in the Acts of 1909, now in force, providing for the extension of free gravel or macadam roads, and any other or all amendments thereto.

We further ask the Board to take all the necessary steps required by law, to have said improvement constructed and made, as prayed for herein, that the same be constructed without submitting the question of building the same to an election of the voters of said Washington township, and that they construct the same under the laws of the State of Indiana, now in force providing for the extension of free gravel or macadam roads.

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