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PARDON ME, governor, says Howard Cerf as he prepares to evade that life sentence as an habitual criminal.

UNDER WHAT particular status does a medical college lay claim to dogs from the Indianapolis pound, anyhow?

NO MAN ever won a presidential nomination by permitting his "friends" to inject his name into state primaries indiscriminately.

MR. FEICK commanded a great deal more respect from Indiana democrats by his withdrawal of his name from the senatorial race than his friends created by entering him.

INDIANA ICE DEALERS held a session in this city, and conferred with Mr. Wyckoff. Said session and said conference promise to cost the consumer not more than 5 cents more a hundred.

MR. HAYS may not be a candidate for the republican nomination for president, but he is taking mighty good care to let nothing be said that would prevent him from accepting the nomination.

NOT EVERY MAYOR of Indianapolis has been able to afford a \$10,000 hog. Nor has every sanitary district in Indiana been able to purchase a \$10,000 garbage plant for \$175,000.

SENATOR NEW opposes the confirmation of Colby's appointment as secretary of state, thereby showing the world that there was nothing wrong with the president when he appointed Colby.

## McAdoo Not in Primary

The failure of the supporters of William G. McAdoo to file a petition to place his name on the democratic primary ballot in Indiana will be a distinct disappointment to thousands of admirers of the former secretary of the treasury who had hoped they would have the opportunity to show their preference for him, even at the cost of being accused of lack of pride in the vice president.

There were several reasons why the petition was not filed.

The most binding reason was that Mr. McAdoo had requested his friends not to enter him in the primary owing to his aversion to being regarded as a seeker for the presidency and his repeated declaration that he believed the San Francisco convention should be composed of "untrammeled delegates" free to vote in the best interests of the party and the country.

Another reason was afforded by the eleventh-hour and unauthorized injection of the name of Gov. Edwards of New Jersey into the primaries. If Edwards permits himself to remain in the race, the Indiana delegation must be instructed one. McAdoo supporters never regarded Edwards as a more desirable candidate than Marshall and between the two there is little doubt that Indiana would prefer Marshall. The addition of Mr. McAdoo to the list would have resulted in a three-way struggle in the state that would have been of no benefit to any one and might have resulted in real danger to the party.

The McAdoo supporters preferred to rely on the undoubted integrity of Vice President Marshall's declarations to avoid a pledged delegation. They would have welcomed a friendly contest with Mr. Marshall for the purpose of ascertaining the relative strength of the two men in the state, but they were too loyal to their state and their party to enter their favorite in a contest that might result in a pledged delegation such as neither Mr. McAdoo nor Mr. Marshall desires.

The McAdoo movement for president is too widespread to be checked by failure to take advantage of the primary laws of Indiana. It is a movement on the part of the people for the nomination of a presidential candidate by the people. Fair play is a fundamental. Fear of an opponent is wholly absent.

It is becoming more and more apparent every day that McAdoo sentiment will be overwhelming at the San Francisco convention and the McAdoo followers in Indiana are certain that the sentiment in this state will be so strong before the convention that it will be expressed at San Francisco without the necessity of instructions to delegates.

## Let's Forget It

Mr. James K. Risk's treatment of editorial comment on his entrance into the race for the democratic nomination for governor is novel, but it is not without merit. Mr. Risk invites criticism but insists that he should have the right to answer the critics and in one case at least he does so vigorously.

Care should be taken by both Mr. Risk and his readers that his attack on "machine methods" not be construed as attacks on the present state committee of the democratic party. We do not believe that Mr. Risk intends his remarks so to apply, and we are unable to find anything that will support such an application.

In fact, if criticism of the state committee under A. C. Sallie's direction is permissible at all, it could better be based on the theory that the committee has not taken sufficient of a hand in the contests between candidates than that it has taken too much of a hand. We agree with Mr. Risk that in times gone by there has been too much machine domination in the politics of Indiana democrats. Were it not so, we believe the republicans would not now be holding so many offices.

But we are also of the opinion that the democrats of Indiana have learned a lesson, that the greater part of the democratic voters will rise in wrath against any more "back room agreements," and that there are no leaders or others in the party who do not today realize that success can only be obtained by relegating such methods to the past.

In the meanwhile, the less of the late unpleasantness we recall and the more we look into the future, the better it will be for democracy.

## Grabbing Fees

In the course of human events it may be reasonably presumed that even the most hardened political bosses will awaken to the fact that the citizens of any community can be driven to extreme measures by repeated trespasses on their individual rights. Indeed, it is not unreasonable to believe that eventually the people of Marion county will refuse to sanction the pleasant little pastime that the county treasurer is indulging in for the purpose of increasing his office revenue.

Marion county people have had a rather hard time the last year. In addition to the legitimate expenses caused by the increased cost of living they have been asked to pay Jim Goodrich and his associates \$175,000 for a garbage plant that "worth less than \$10,000," according to the estimate of one of its owners. Then along came the assessors and insisted upon listing their holdings at unheard of high assessments for taxation. Next the state tax board added to the joys of the season by a few horizontal increases in the already preposterous assessments.

Now Ralph Lemcke insists on grabbing unearned fees in his collection of taxes which unfortunate citizens have permitted to go delinquent.

The laws of Indiana provide a penalty for delinquency in taxpaying. The penalty is severe enough to make delinquency unprofitable. It is neither necessary nor just for the treasurer to add to this burden by claiming fees that are not legal or earned. Warning against the practice has been issued by the state board of accounts and still the practice continues.

Eventually it will cause sufficient resentment to make it popular for some one to insist on the enforcement of the law against the claiming of illegal fees by a treasurer. The statute provides a way by which a citizen may bring this matter to the attention of the court.

Is there no man in Marion county with faith enough in the court to give it a chance to function in behalf of the poor man who must not only pay the statutory but an unauthorized penalty for tax delinquency?

## Pay Employees First

Louis F. Carnefix, chairman of the city welfare committee of the common council, has received the following letter from a business man of Indianapolis expressing his views relative to contemplated legislation before the council concerning the program of the Jewett administration:

"I am informed through the columns of your paper that the board of safety claims that it is impossible to increase the salary of the policemen and firemen. "It is truly an unfortunate condition if the board of safety can spend \$100,000 a month and yet have to better the city market," and can motorize the fire department, which is making all fires and getting there on time, yet is unable to pay these men enough money to meet their actual living expenses.

The policemen and firemen select this particular line of work for their chosen occupation the act itself is evidence of their patriotism. They will give their lives if necessary for the protection of our citizens, and in appreciation of their patriotic duty we fail to compensate them with even the mere necessities of life, even through strict economy.

"Every administration, no doubt, has a desire to leave a monument to his back to in later years. Tom Taggart left Riverside park, Charles Bookwater the city hall, Joe Bell the flood protection levee, of which are all good, but would not be a monument just as great as those we have said that through the reconstruction period we practiced strict economy and at the same time amply compensated our servants, who have dedicated their lives for the protection of our city."

"As chairman of the city welfare committee, that has the salary ordinance under consideration, I feel that you should call on the board of safety and tell it that if it is utterly impossible to pay the increase in salary we should oppose the remodeling of the market, the motorizing of the fire department or the expenditure of any amount of money on the fire department, until such time as we can properly compensate our employees for their work."

"I do not wish to be known as an obstructionist or in any manner stand in the way of the progress of our city, but am trying to look at this matter from a fair and impartial standpoint."

## McAdoo for President

The Indiana Daily Times is devoting considerable attention to the candidacy of William G. McAdoo for president. Although Mr. McAdoo has requested his friends in Georgia to refrain from placing his name on the ballot in that state, he has not yet withdrawn his name from consideration for the presidency.

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