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MAYBE Mayor Jewett has been so busy feeding that \$10,000 hog that he hasn't had a chance to revoke the Rufe Page poolroom license.

BETTER TELEPHONE SERVICE might result if it were not so easy for politicians to arrange a system of espionage over certain private lines.

THE LOGANSPORT PHAROS-JOURNAL says it isn't the cost but the subsequent upkeep of a hog that makes a dent in the owner's bank account.

BY THE SIMPLE EXPEDIENCY of assessing concurrent sentences, Judge Collins has solved the problem of how to appear severe and still hurt no one's feelings.

SOME DAY Mr. Wyckoff may learn to pay as much attention to complaints from consumers as he does to complaints from retailers and wholesalers, but until he does no one is going to credit him with any interest in the public.

## Taggart Remains Plain Tom

It would be folly to deny that the loss of Mr. Thomas Taggart as a candidate for the senatorship is a deep disappointment to the democrats of Indiana, who have so earnestly sought to impress upon Mr. Taggart the fact that the people of Indiana desired him, above all others, to represent them in the senate.

The disappointment is particularly distressing to The Times, which has urged Mr. Taggart's nomination in the firm belief that he could not refuse to make the race at the earnest behest of practically his entire party.

But Mr. Taggart has decided, and his decision is final. There are two outstanding reasons for this decision. Mr. Taggart's letter sets forth one in its comment on his health. The other is self-evident.

Mr. Taggart believes that he can best serve the people of Indiana from the position which he has so long held in the ranks of the democratic party. He makes it apparent that in his own opinion the pursuit of a life-long course of unselfish devotion to the best interests of democracy will be more productive of good to Hoosierdom than the pursuit of an office, even at the time when the people of the state are imploring him to seek the office.

Mr. Taggart is too pre-eminently qualified to pass on this point to permit us to dispute him. He is the best judge of his own abilities and knows best in what capacity he can contribute the most toward party success. We are sure that he was governed in his determination to withdraw from the primaries more by unselfish loyalty to his party than by disinclination to make all the sacrifices required of a candidate.

Since we can not have Mr. Taggart as our candidate for senator we must rejoice that we shall have him as an active participant in the affairs of the party and the campaign, free of restriction such as might be thrown around him as candidate, to do that which he feels is for the best interests of Hoosier democracy. Since we can not honor him with the senatorship, we can at least listen to his wise counsel in the full knowledge that a man who is unselfish enough to forego one of the highest honors that could be offered him is too devoid of selfishness to counsel otherwise than for the best.

## Evasion a Duty?

The time to show regard for the bravery of policemen is before as well as after they have sacrificed their lives to protect the community.

In the case of Maurice Murphy, it is too late for the members of this community to save a life by taking an interest in the enforcement of law, and the present movement to take care of the sergeant's family is highly commendable as being the least that this community can do to show its gratitude for his steadfast adherence to duty.

However, there are several hundred other policemen on duty in the city of Indianapolis. The same cowardly tolerance of immoral conditions that immediately preceded the shooting of Maurice Murphy exists today and forms just as much a menace to the lives of other policemen as it did to the dead sergeant.

It is very well for the people of Indianapolis to take care of Little Mary Murphy. Her care is a community duty and we have no doubt will be well performed.

But the obligation of the citizens of Indianapolis does not end with contributions to a fund for her support. There is another duty called to public attention by the death of four policemen at the hands of law-defying negroes.

What of the children of other policemen in Indianapolis?

Can we reconcile our consciences to a toleration of the open defiance of the law by the negro gamblers and politicians through the simple expediency of contributing to the support of this little girl?

Do we intend longer to permit the children of our policemen to risk being made orphans while we save our consciences by contributing to the care of Mary Murphy?

The same conditions that led to the shooting of Sergt. Murphy are still being tolerated by the republican administration of this city. The negro gamblers who shoot craps in open defiance of the law in poolrooms licensed by the city are continuing their illegal amusement with no apparent fear of punishment. The swashbuckling negro politicians who delight in swaggering through the colored districts with revolvers hanging on their hips are still swashbuckling. The republican political workers who encourage this sort of thing in the hopes that through it they may gain some political advantage are still holding forth their promises of "protection" to the negro law violators.

Mayor Jewett has done nothing toward revoking poolroom licenses of men he personally knows are unfit to be so licensed. The city court is still "passing the buck" to the criminal court and the criminal court is still issuing suspended and concurrent sentences to prisoners with political pull whom public sentiment makes it necessary to convict.

In short, Indianapolis is today inviting the killing of more policemen while it publicly expresses deep sorrow over the fate of Sergt. Murphy and the loss suffered by his daughter.

We repeat, it's well that Mary Murphy should receive our care and attention.

But we will not have done our duty to this little girl until we compel the spineless political bosses who control the law enforcement agencies of this city to forego their present practice of trading policemen's lives for political support and clean this city of the lawlessness that follows contempt for authority, superinduced by experience with the politically controlled courts and other officials.

## Secret Court Sessions

If the people of Marion county have no objection to John D. Robbins sitting as special judge in divorce cases and hearing the evidence in secret, there is probably no newspaper in the city that will object.

Of course it is the theory of our judicial system that all court sessions should be in the open and that no good purpose is served by locking the doors on the public, which includes newspaper men. But, as we said before, it is not likely that the newspapers of Indianapolis will protest if the practice meets with the approval of the public.

Under such a delightful program as Judge Robbins permitted in the Mussman case in superior court, evidently, it will soon be possible for those who are dissatisfied with the bonds of matrimony to engage a couple of lawyers, meet the judge in a secret session, obtain their divorce decrees and go about their business without any inconvenience in the way of publicity. Such ability will doubtless annoy those who believe in discouraging the resort to divorce suits.

And if, with the sanction of the public, it may hold secret sessions in divorce courts, why should they not do the same in criminal courts? Then such offenders as have political influence will be tried, convicted or released without prejudice.

## Two Suggestions

Editor The Times—Not so long ago a serious accident occurred which cost the lives of several city firemen. This accident occurred on a Sunday morning at Massachusetts avenue, Delaware and New York streets, when there was no traffic office on duty. One square from where this accident occurred there is a corner which is very prominent at the intersection of Massachusetts Avenue, Vermont and Alabama street. This corner is one square from a 100 school and school children are compelled to pass this corner. It is one square from the city fire department headquarters and two and one-half squares from the salvage corps headquarters.

The firemen, in answering alarms in the north part of the city, generally go north on Alabama street, crossing this unguarded corner. Also the emergency squad from police headquarters in answering calls in the north part of the city pass this corner at a great speed.

Crossing this corner are seven city cars on the Broad Ripple line and all interurban cars going northeast, including three or four interurban freight trains.

At one time there was a traffic officer at this corner, but for some time it has been unguarded. Surely the officer was not removed for the lack of traffic at this corner.

From the point of view of a citizen who lives within a half square of this corner I think our board of safety should investigate this particular corner before it is too late.

L. J. P. Indianapolis.

Editor The Times—I am relating an incident which occurred Saturday evening, Feb. 28.

My son, his wife and baby were coming in Illinois street from the south end. When he reached the railroad elevation at the Union station he stopped and inquired of a man whether or not we could drive through. He nodded his head and we went, driving inside the street car track.

Suddenly we found ourselves bumping and floundering over the bare crossties, with room enough between each tie to allow the wheels to drop down between. We tried to continue through, but found it was impossible, so we had to stop and wait.

Street car traffic was held up and by the assistance of the car crew a policeman and a few bystanders, we managed to get the car in between the two pairs of tracks and finished the trip without difficulty.

We were fully convinced that there should be a signal there to keep machines out. W. B. SCHREIBER, 802 Lexington avenue. Indianapolis.

## Purdue Needs Help

Gov. Goodrich is sounding sentiment among constituents members of the general assembly concerning a special investigation of the legislature to deal with a number of matters that are considered of more than passing importance and necessity at the present time.

The governor has itemized eighteen measures upon which the legislature will probably be asked to pass if the special session is called.

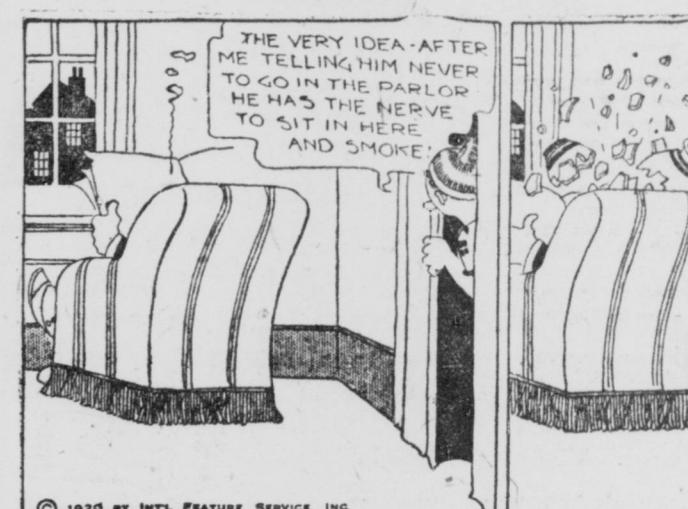
There is one vitally important matter that is not included in the list, one that is of more importance than some that are specifically mentioned, and that is the provision of additional funds for Purdue university. Presumably other institutions of learning are similarly handicapped, but as to Purdue there is no doubt.

It is probable that Purdue could worry along on its present appropriations, but it will only be at the expense of the usefulness of the university. The real estate and buildings will remain intact under any circumstances, but as much can not be said concerning the personnel of the faculty, and unless provision is made for additional compensation or expansion which increased attendance makes necessary a handicap will have been imposed that will require years to goes it right through them."

"A Clinton County Farmer" writes in protest over the proposed law, suggesting that if the city wishes to save daylight it do so by starting work one hour earlier than heretofore, leaving the clock as it is, "so we farmers can go on and not be disturbed with our work."

He says, "The farmers' pets depend upon hired men for labor on the farm and if the daylight law is used the farm hand will soon use it and will lose the day in the season the labor is most needed."

## BRINGING UP FATHER.



## ABIE THE AGENT.



## HOW DO THEY DO IT?



## SUCH IS LIFE



Autos are so ordinary. Every laborer and clerk. Every Tom and Dick and Harry. Motors down to go to work. Oswald Usbin's genius lurks in Steering from the common course. To the teamroom that he works in. Oswald always rides a horse.

Gentlemen interested in the latest fashions should make note of the fact that Mr. Babe Ruth, well-known baseballist, was "attired in a blue serge coat, pearl gray trousers, a soft shirt of fine texture, a silk collar and a scarf that was ultra in fashion."

But that is not what Mr. Ruth is paid such a fabulous salary.

W. B. Colver, head of the federal tax commission, tells this one: A good-looking guy comes to Colver's office.

"What's troubling you?" queried Colver.

"Airplanes," replied the dejected one. "Airplanes?" asked Colver. "I thought you was in the fish business."

"So I am, but airplanes have played you a mean trick."

Colver was all ears.

"It's this way," the fishman continued, "fresh water fish are very intelligent, but not strong; salt water fish are fools but have great strength."

"Yes, yes," said Colver.

"And since airplane manufacturers have been buying the best fish we have to use cotton string."

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