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DOES ANY ONE remember a week end when the thermometer didn't take a tumble?

HAVING PREVIOUSLY determined to suspend sentence, Judge Pritchard "threw the keys away" when he sentenced those five boys to 100 days in the penal farm.

HAVING SET THE TIME LIMITS far enough ahead to avoid all inconvenience, the county commissioners are growing real severe about the completion of those road contracts.

NOW that the telephone companies have been "benevolently merged" we can expect improved service—like we received following the gas company and street car company mergers.

THE SUSPENSE in which Mark Stoen is holding the public and the indicated coal men would not be so ridiculous if any of them expected run away, even were their names made public.

TWO NEWSPAPERS at Winchester that have supported the republican party since the early seventies have been consolidated. We knew something would happen to them if they kept it up.

DELAY in granting a bond issue for the improvement of the Manual Training school cost the school city of Indianapolis \$200,000 owing to the increases in the cost of building. That is as much as the state tax board ever will save the state.

OF ONE GANG of four auto thieves, only one got a suspended sentence from Judge Collins. The rest are no doubt looking forward to the return of Gov. Goodrich for the exercise of the pardon or parole the trial court will recommend on application.

## Fooling Voters?

We sometimes wonder if the republican leaders in this county really believe that the average voter is of such low mentality that he can be fooled, repeatedly, and at random by the pretenses that are made almost daily for no other purpose than to deceive him. For example:

Judge Collins sentences men to prison for a period on one charge and a period on another, the combination of which would be a severe sentence. Having attracted attention to the severity of the sentences, he enters judgment so that the sentences run concurrently and the maximum is the maximum of only one.

Judge Pritchard fines five boys \$1 each and sentences them to the state farm for 100 days. Then he suspends the days on payment of the fine and the sum of the "severe judgment" is \$1 and costs.

Mayor Jewett writes a letter to Judge Pritchard telling how he will suspend the poolroom license of any one who is not worthy to hold it, goes out to his hog farm and overlooks the fact that the police found a lot of negroes in Rufe Page's poolroom at 3 a. m. when the law requires that it be closed at midnight.

The county commissioners meet with a lot of road contractors, find out when they want to complete road contracts, set time limits to suit the contractors and then announce their intention of assessing penalties if such contracts are not completed within such limits.

The board of safety appoints a committee to inspect the city market and make recommendation as to how it can be improved. Then, because it can not carry out a recommendation that the market be rebuilt at a cost of \$300,000 it promptly forgets all the recommendations that could be completed with no expense.

The state tax board announces that it has no desire to usurp the functions of the school board, but if the school board doesn't borrow from next year's tuition fund to pay the teachers more money this year it intends to make it plain to the teachers that it ought to do so.

Gen. Leonard Wood comes here as the head of the military department to inspect Ft. Benjamin Harrison and delivers a sixteen-page address to the civilian Columbia club in the afternoon and a thirty-two-page address to the nonpartisan Masonic meeting in the evening.

Gov. Goodrich pledges a second special session of the legislature in order to get the suffrage amendment ratified and run no risks of impeachment, then fails to call the session and scurries to Florida for the same reasons.

Verily, all is not what it appears to be in Marion county.

## Movies and Life

Some day some wise old man, with chin whiskers and half the alphabet after his name, will write about ten volumes of psychological, philosophical stuff about the scientific and bachelord-degree sharp to see that, beyond the shadow of a doubt, the movies have had and are having a beneficial influence upon American life.

That sounds perhaps somewhat like a broad statement, but it is the truth. The movies may give exaggerated ideas about some things—the wild, tempestuous life of the cowboy, for instance, or the wiles of the virulent vampire—but, all these things aside, the movies have done and are doing immensely more good than they are doing harm.

Let's look into the matter for just a moment or two. The movies, we find, do their most good among families. Husbands who never used to take their wives anywhere in the days before screen entertainment, now take Friend Wife regularly once a week or more to the neighborhood playhouse. Parents who formerly had very little in common with their children now enjoy the pictures as much as their youngsters and frequently take the children to the theater with them. Grandmothers, who used to think their days were past, vie with their grandchildren in their admiration for the leading stars.

Never has there been anything which gave families such wholesome, pleasant entertainment and which has brought families such a delightful common interest. And if that isn't having a mighty beneficent influence upon American life, what is?

## A Value of Virtue

An English judge has placed a value on virtue. A husband, he decided, has a right to compensatory damages in money against a man who is responsible for wrecking his home. But, in order to claim such damages, the husband himself must be blameless.

It is a good doctrine. It establishes a single code of morals in divorce actions. It says that men must be held to the same strict definition of decency to which they hold women, and requires them to enter court with "clean hands."

But, curiously enough, this English judge—Justice McCardie—has gone a long way to place women on an equality with men in the basic law on divorce. And the English law says that a wife cannot bring a similar action against a woman who has lured her husband to misconduct or has submitted to his advances. The wife, it seems, has no such right of control or claim to a husband's services as is possessed by a husband with regard to the wife. Nor is she, by law, supposed to have the power of consent; husband's damages are based on "trespass."

It takes a long time to break down the barriers which man has erected for his own indulgence. The law yields slowly to the theory that a husband owes as much fidelity to a wife as to her husband. But it will finally yield.

## More Centralization

Henry Roberts, who formerly had charge of the state's free employment bureaus, used to operate them on an appropriation of \$9,000 a year, and he says the records will show more work done than now when Gov. Goodrich is threatening to abolish the service unless the city of Indianapolis contributes something to the \$38,000 appropriation which appears to have been exhausted in the first six months of the fiscal year.

Thus do the people of Indiana have another illustration of the benefits of "centralization" as it is practiced by the Goodrich gang.

## WOOD MUST WIN IN PRIMARY OR LOSE IN INDIANA

Watson Crowd Expects to Control State Convention and Get Delegates.

## MCRAY OUTRUNS RIVALS

The struggle between the two well-organized machines in the republican party for the national delegates to the Chicago convention has reached proportions which will strain their lungs in shouting for their candidates and leave very little to be done by the ranks and file of the voters.

Either the crowd that is supporting Leonard Wood for the presidential nomination will win in Indiana, or the primaries or the Indiana delegation will be controlled by the supporters of James E. Watson and will be carried to the convention in the west pocket of the old "standpat" bosses in the republican ranks.

Wood's candidacy represents the desire of that part of the Indiana bosses who are unwilling to allow the Watson crowd of bosses to control the state delegation. It has never been a personal bond for Leonard Wood. It has been, and now is, the vehicle on which the bosses who were left out when the campaign plans were made last spring hope to assert themselves. It now has the whole-souled support and is managed by the political opponents of Senator Watson, including the Indianapolis News.

The Watson hope of the anti-Watson crowd in the state is that Wood will receive a majority of the votes cast at the May primary. The hope is almost an impossibility, but it is being led with all the vigor that can be injected in it, and it will be accelerated by a tremendous amount of money spent in the way of organization and advertising.

Watson's supporters expect to defeat Wood through the injection into the primary of enough candidates to make it impossible for Wood to obtain a majority vote. Gov. Lowden of Illinois, Senator Hays of Ohio, and Senator Johnson of California are to be used by Wood, who is expected to be defeated. These three men will receive the support of the Watson crowd and as many votes as they will naturally attract to themselves in the state. The total of the three will be sufficient to prevent Wood from carrying a majority of the votes cast in the primary. As a result, the Indiana delegation will not be pledged to anyone when it goes to Chicago.

## CONVENTION TO SETTLE INDIANA PREFERENCE.

The selection of the Chicago delegation will be left to the republican state convention and the position of the delegation in the national convention will be the reflection of the political allegiance of the delegates chosen.

Watson's supporters will control the state convention and consequently the state delegation to the Chicago convention. It will be composed of men who will take the orders of the Watson bosses. They may stand first for Senator Hays. They may divide between Senator Harding and Gov. Lowden, but when the time comes to nominate they can be depended on to vote for the man whom the Watson supporters wish to be nominated.

In all probabilities that man will be Senator James E. Watson.

This plan to support Indiana's senator for the nomination for president was conceived only after it had been generally carried out that Watson had been only one hitch in it. That hitch was the fear that Will Hays, national chairman, would take advantage of the juggling to line up a considerable number of the delegates for himself. As evidence accumulated that Hays was not the man that the Indianapolis popularities began to wane, even the conservative versatile Carl Mote, who has given up his announced plans of moving to Washington with Gov. Goodrich and is now wondering whether he can retain his meal ticket in connection with the public service commission.

The News and the crowd that backs it with it.

Edward Toner is still regarded as the impossible. His indorsement of Goodrich as the "greatest war governor" has been the great stumbling block over which his candidacy can not be boosted.

The crowd will be a poor thing in the race, even with the assistance of the two men, and in the second place it will be roughly under the domination of the

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