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THE SAME CONTRACTORS bid the same price for the use of the same mules by the city. Does Mayor Jewett adhere to his same views about the mule contract being a "graft"?

ESCHBACH says the printing board saved nearly \$4,000 for the state last year. This will almost compensate the state for the cost of remodeling the rooms it occupies in the statehouse.

THE MOST REMARKABLE THING about that gassed soldier getting a job from Mayor Jewett is that he was able to find the mayor and get him to stand hatched long enough to hear what was wanted.

"WHILE THE CITY OFFICIALS work on plans to get more revenue they naturally will try to see that every dollar is expended to the best advantage and that the most rigid economy is practiced," says the News. Where do you get that "naturally," Louie?

## Delay and Death

A bed became vacant at Sunnyside sanitarium a few days ago and the authorities who control that institution turned to a waiting list on which were the names of approximately a hundred sufferers from tuberculosis and found that the "next up" was a woman whose address was given as Oaklawn.

A nurse was sent out to find the woman and arrange to bring her to the sanitarium. The agent went to Oaklawn and returned without a patient.

The woman died while waiting for a chance to get into the Marion county hospital for tubercular patients, the only place in the county that was open to her.

Yesterday, the county council of Marion county assembled at the courthouse and voted to delay a request for an appropriation of \$300,000 for the enlargement of Sunnyside.

Whether these councilmen knew it or not, they signed the death warrants of dozens of Marion county citizens when they voted to carry over this matter of enlarging Sunnyside.

For while they are dillydallying over this much needed improvement, waiting for the results of a "survey" and otherwise postponing their plan to the unfortunate of Marion county, dozens of citizens whose lives could be saved at Sunnyside will die one of the most terrible of all deaths.

The white plague waits for no man, whether he be a county official or a victim.

In the day and in the night it continues its relentless preying on the system of those in whose lungs it fastens its merciless tentacles.

Tuberculosis can not be stayed by "surveys." A successful fight against the curse can not be conducted in an inadequate hospital.

For more than a year the proposal to enlarge Sunnyside has been before the county council. For more than a year citizens of Marion county have been dying because the county council refused a place for them to receive proper treatment.

More citizens die in Indianapolis of tuberculosis in a month than lost their lives here in the flood of 1913. Millions have been spent in protecting the city against the recurrence of a flood.

Yesterday the county council refused to appropriate any part of \$300,000 to save the lives of tubercular sufferers.

While death stalks about the city, in the homes of the rich and in the homes of the poor is no time to "pussyfoot."

Either the county council intends to permit Sunnyside to be developed to a point where it can take care of the dozens of sufferers who are knocking at its doors in their one remaining plea for life, or it does not intend to help them live.

There is no middle ground. Delay is not only senseless but it is criminal. If the tubercular sufferers in this county are doomed to die because the council will not act, then its members should be merciful enough not to raise false hopes in the hearts of the doomed.

The issue is very plain and it should no longer be avoided.

Gentlemen of the county council, if you have determined to force hundreds of sufferers in Marion county to a horrible death, have the manhood to say so, at once and finally.

Cease holding out false hopes to these poor victims of life.

Either provide the money for the enlargement of the hospital and make it possible to treat these citizens humanely or stand up and admit that you care nothing for their lives, that you think more of a few paltry thousand dollars than you do of humanity.

The responsibility is yours. You sought it when you went into office. You can not avoid it now.

Are you or are you not going to enlarge Sunnyside and save your neighbor's life?

## Deceiving Indiana Women

We do not know whether Helen Benbridge, president of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana is on the pay roll of the republican organization or not, but it is very evident that if she were on the pay roll and under the directions of the republican state committee she could do no more good than she is now attempting to do it through her official connection with the presumably nonpartisan organization she heads.

When fear of the enactment of other legislation prevented Gov. Goodrich from calling a special session of the legislature until he had assurances that the session would be limited to the ratification of women's suffrage Helen Benbridge led the fight to obtain pledges from legislators to disregard the interests of the state and gag the session.

Now that Gov. Goodrich is seeking by every possible means to repudiate his pledge of another session of the legislature and the republican state committee has voted against such a session, Helen Benbridge comes to their assistance with a statement, issued as the president of the Woman's Franchise League of Indiana, which statement is designed to mislead the women of Indiana into believing that no change in election laws is necessary in order to give them the ballot even in event the federal suffrage amendment becomes operative before the election.

This last statement from Helen Benbridge, issued in a forlorn effort to make it appear that there is no necessity for a special session of the legislature, is a direct betrayal of the interests of the women of Indiana who hope to participate in the coming election.

It can be justified only on the grounds that there is no hope of ratification of the federal amendment in time to make it legal for women to vote next fall. If Helen Benbridge believes that the federal enactment will not become effective before next November, she owes it to the women who honored her by electing her president of their organization to say so. If she believes the ratification will be completed before that time, she has, by her recent statement, betrayed the women who trusted her.

The election laws of Indiana provide that new precincts shall be created by the county commissioners of the various counties to care for all voters in excess of 250 (or 600 where machines are used), who voted at the last general election. They also provide that these changes in precincts must be made before the end of the March term of the commissioners.

Women did not vote at the last election. If the suffrage amendment is ratified they will have the legal right to vote at the next election.

But it will be a physical impossibility for many of them to vote, for the number of voters in the precincts will be practically doubled and the machinery for handling the votes will not be enlarged.

The county commissioners have no right under the law as it now stands to create new precincts in anticipation of the coming of woman's suffrage. They will have no right under the law to create additional precincts after March 31, even if suffrage is general.

But Helen Benbridge issues a statement in which she declares it is not necessary to change this law at a special session of the legislature and hands out this bit of sophistry in support of that assertion: "The law provides that precincts be based on the vote of preceding elections, but whenever there have been sudden tremendous increases in population, due to the building of a large factory or a similar situation, the commissioners have always made the necessary changes."

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## What Others Say

WHAT'S THE USE? Reports are that G. O. P. leaders are making drifts of the next platform. What's the use? Did that party ever pay any attention to a platform of principles? The present administration of President Wilson has brought about more constructive legislation for the American people in seven years than the G. O. P. did in forty years.—Tipton Times.

## TEACHERS' WAGES.

Everybody, except "Goodrichism," knows that teachers are underpaid, and that their wages must be raised.

"Goodrichism" is absolutely responsible for the tuition and spending funds of Indiana's city schools having a deficit. Both of these funds are dead broke. That is, they have a deficit of about \$30,000 each. This is caused by Goodrich's state tax board cutting down the state levy from what the school board fixed it.

The school board can again fix the levy Sept. 1, 1920. But who can say that Goodrichism will let it stand? Many school units are short of funds. The state tax board is responsible.

There is only one way to obtain higher and just wages for teachers, and that is to wipe "Goodrichism" out of Indiana. "Goodrichism" is the "nigger" in the teachers' woodpile. Get rid of it and sufficient taxes can be levied to carry on the schools.—Anderson Bulletin.

## WITHOUT AN ISSUE.

Now that Edwards has withdrawn the republican leaders of the state will not have an issue in the democratic primary campaign.—Vincennes Sun.

## WAITED TOO LONG.

If we had gone into the League of nations when the majority of peace was lost, Europe would have been able to slow out her big armies and stop building big navies and have paid the interest on what she owes us. If the war had ended the year after the presidential election, instead of the year before one, there would have been no chance to make political capital out of the treaty and league.

Europe spent about one-half as much during a year of the war, and she can't pay us what she owes us, or the interest on it, or buy goods from us, because she can't pay.

This political game is a great game.—W. D. Boyce in the Saturday Blade, Chicago.

## Suggests Traveling Poll

Editor The Times—With the granting of suffrage to women it seems that a reform of our election methods should be effected whereby the inconvenience of voting in person can be avoided.

It is proposed to give each voter the right of citizenship with present custom may be avoided.

Considering that this inconvenience, which would be practically insufferable for many women, is of no slight concern to men, such arrangement as will eliminate it from our elections should be most universally welcomed.

It is proposed to give each voter the right of voting in person without requiring the disastrous journey to the polls and consequent loss of time thereby. Whether a voting machine can be placed in a motor conveyance and carried from house to house throughout a precinct safely and satisfactorily may be a debatable question, but it is within the range of possibility; at any rate, a ballot box could be so conveyed and used.

Two clerks and two sheriffs, as customary in elections, should accompany the voting machine or ballot boxes upon the round, while the regular officers of the election board, the inspector and judges, might sit at an unoccupied central point, located to receive the vote as gathered and supervise its count at the end of the election.

In any case where a voter might be unable to get out and deposit his ballot without help, the clerks and sheriffs could enter the home and prepare the instrument of voting, shewing due regard to his wish in the same spirit of fairness and fidelity as aid is extended the infirm coming to the polls at present. In order that all suspicious may be cleared from such ballots, they should be placed

in sealed envelopes, one voter's in each envelope, to be opened in the presence of the election board and judged of their regularity and validity. All ballots of challenged voters should likewise be sealed separately, the name of voter being written upon the envelope in ink, or, if that is not possible, the name deposited with other regular ballots unexposed, as the judgment of the board should decide the voter's right of vote.

To get the vote in speedily by this method it would be necessary to have a well-ordered system faithfully carried out—probably a time schedule for mak-

ing the rounds, full notification of voters regarding the same being given in due season prior to the day of election. However, additional election machinery would, most certainly, be required to get the vote on time, but doubtless the added expense would be cheerfully met by taxpayers for escape from the inconvenience of the old system.

I certainly think our reform should command the attention of those charged with the fitting of law to meet the needs of good government and good citizenship, and may reasonably be expected to be adopted upon the approaching special session of our general assembly.

LEE MITCHELL.  
Carson, Ind.

## DOG HILL PARAGRAFS



In speaking of bareback riders today, Sille Kildew says he reckons the reformers will soon be out agitating that all such pictures be posted around on the back side of the barn.

A lot of persons get up some mornings and begin to feel cloudy just because the weather is.

A circus is coming to Tuckville next month and some pictures have been posted in this vicinity. Cricket Hicks went out and looked them over and found photographs of the elephants, lions, tigers, giraffes and every other man and compelling feature except the snake charmer, who must of got left out through a typographical error.

## Spare the Birds

"Spare migrating birds," is a warning just issued to sportsmen by Frederick A. Eaton, assistant United States district attorney at Detroit. The message is also intended to reach the juvenile who is preparing to go forth this spring in search of wild birds.

The law has declared it a closed season for the shooting of migratory game birds, Mr. Eaton announces. Flocks even now are winging their way northward and in a few weeks there will be many more.

According to the assistant district attorney, the small boy who interferes with any of these birds will be liable to federal prosecution.

The migratory bird treaty act was framed by congress, following the convention between the United States and Great Britain, and it is a law that came within their northern borders during the summer months. The only persons exempted by the treaty are Eskimos and Indians on reservations who seek the birds for food.

Mr. Eaton has received reports from domestic anglers regarding recent destruction of wild birds in flocks traveling to their summer shelter, which has resulted in the complete extinction of many species and the thinning out of others. It may soon be necessary, he says, for the governments of the United States and Canada to deny the Eskimos and Indians the privilege they now hold—Christian Science Monitor.

NEEDN'T TURN TRACTOR.

A new French farm tractor is never turned around while at work. It is a double-end. The driver merely changes his seat and the machine proceeds in the other direction.

## Saturday Specials

OLD CROP SANTOS COFFEE, 40c a pound.  
MRS. BORER'S OWN BLEND COFFEE, 45c a pound.  
No Phone, C. O. D. or Mail Orders.

306-312 E. Washington St., Just East of Courthouse.

Store Closes Saturdays at 6 p. m.

## Bargain Table

TO HAND KERCHIEFS, for women and children, white or colored, embroidered corners, rolled edges. \$1.00, in white, pink and light blue, 1/2 inches wide; a yard. 25c

## Smartly Tailored Street Frocks That Lead the Spring Fashions

These are the suits that are leading the vogue everywhere with their smart tight fitted, full length sleeves, trim seam line models, graceful colors in reverie and directoire shaping. The materials include serges, tricotines, Polet twill and wool jersey.

**\$28.50 \$39.50**

up to **\$85.00**

## Fashion Decrees the Shorter Coat for Spring

Fortunately we are prepared to show the shorter coat in a large number of distinctly individual styles in fabrics of dependable quality. Long shawl collars, ample pockets and slender belts of leather or self material are notable characteristics of these showings. There's a wonderful array of new colorings in the fabrics.

## ALL ALTERATIONS FREE

This Means Another Saving of \$2 to \$5.

## Spring Yard Goods

CHIFFON SILK, in all wanted plain shades, for waists, dresses, linings, etc.; regular 59c value 39c

SILK TAFFETA, yard wide, in plain shades, chiffon finish, for waists, suits and dresses; a yard 2.98

ALL SILK SATIN, beautiful finish, in wanted spring shades, for suits, skirts and dresses; a yard 2.98

## In the Men's and Boys' Section

### His Suit for Spring

We've not lowered the standard of quality in our boys' spring suits despite the higher costs of making—we cling tenaciously to good old-fashioned ideals of value here—full value for price as we always have.

And in no uncertain way the styles speak loudly for themselves.

Not too high priced nor too low, but fairly priced to you and to us. Distinctively boyishly smart and ready for the coming man who wants to "help mother out" in these high cost of living days.

All-Wool Sarges \$12.75 to \$17.75

Fancy Wool Mixtures \$9.75 to \$19.75

BOYS' EASTER BLOUSES, tapeless style, attached collar, light or medium percales, standard sizes and excellent workmanship, each 98c

BOYS' WHITE, TAPELESS BLOUSES, attached collar or neckband style, in corded madras, suitable for confirmation, each. \$1.50

BOYS' EASTER SHIRTS, in white or fancy colors, made neckband or attached collar style, \$1.50 and. 98c

BOYS' EASTER NECKWEAR, in four-in-hand or Windsor style. Bright, snappy patterns that will appeal to the boy. Good selection at. 50c

SILK FOUR-IN-HANDS, made with slip bands and bar tacked, 75c to. \$2.00

SILK BAT WINGS OR CLUB BOWS, in neat patterns or plain colors, 50c and. 75c