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MUNICIPALITY is about to go to the penal farm and the governor is still in Florida. Verily, the bootleggers are growing less powerful every day.

NEWSPAPERS that fear he will be nominated for the presidency are still giving much attention to Mr. McAdoo's assertions that he will not seek the nomination.

A GOVERNOR of Indiana could easily find use for ability to prosecute, but it is difficult to see wherein that ability would help make a senator.

HERE'S the mayor's chance. The licensee of a poolroom was caught making crooked dice. That is almost immoral enough to justify revocation of license.

An Opportunity Begging

Announcement is made that when five of the new street cars which the local company is obtaining under so many difficulties have been received they will be run to the city hall for inspection by the members of the board of works.

And announcement might just as well be added that when these cars are brought to the city hall for inspection the "wise men" to whom the city is paying salaries for looking after its interests will gaze thereon, remark that the cars are well-painted or something equally as asinine and go about their private businesses much pleased with themselves and the world.

For that is about as broad a conception of duty to the public as any members of the Charles W. Jewett board of works appear to have.

The greatest opportunity to do something for Indianapolis that has ever confronted any administration has been booted about the city hall for more than a month, now, and the members of the administration have not only refused to recognize it as an opportunity, but are actually afraid they might possibly be forced into action on it. The opportunity is simply this:

The local street car company is at the end of its string. It is unable to furnish the service demanded by Indianapolis and necessary to its own financial success because it has no credit and can not obtain credit as long as its future gross revenue is limited as it is.

Being well aware of its predicament, the street car company is willing, almost anxious, to surrender anything it has for some assurances that it will not be allowed to go bankrupt in the next year.

Its representatives have appealed to the city administration to work out a "service-at-cost" plan or any other plan that will stabilize the investment of the street car stock and bondholders.

Instead of taking advantage of this situation to bring the street car system under some sort of real control and insure its growth with the city the members of the Jewett administration are contenting themselves with issuing a lot of meaningless orders and "inspecting" a lot of cars concerning which they know nothing and care to know nothing.

If we had a city administration with a single spark of constructive ability in it we might evolve a Cleveland plan of operation of street cars in Indianapolis. We might control, if not own, our own street car system. At any rate we could insure that the city will not longer be hampered by an inadequate system and we could do all this without compelling the street car patron to spend a single cent more for his ride.

But Mayor Jewett is raising hogs, Mark Miller is practicing law, Irving Lemoux is making brooms and Tommie Riley is trying to figure out whether he can earn another job through political favors to the Indianapolis News. They content themselves with "inspecting" new cars.

And in the meanwhile it doesn't make a bit of difference whether the company gets one new car or a hundred. It has not now and it can not hire at the present wage scale enough men to run sufficient cars to earn the revenue needed to keep itself alive.

Mr. Dailey's Victory

Frank Dailey has much more occasion to rejoice over the successful prosecution of Senator Newberry than the success of any prosecution he has conducted up to date.

Newberry was the most prominent and probably the wealthiest of any defendants Dailey has ever brought to trial. Further, he is not only the most prominent republican, but perhaps the only republican of any note that Mr. Dailey ever prosecuted.

The special prosecutor won fame by reason of his election fraud prosecutions in Indiana, notably against the Terre Haute crowd of election crooks. In these Indiana prosecutions he not only had the assistance of paid representatives of the Indianapolis News, who were selected for their skill in such work, but he also had as an asset a sentiment that had been carefully built up by that newspaper throughout a number of years. The extent to which Mr. Dailey was directed in his cleanup in Indiana by these influences has never been fully disclosed. However, these influences were such as to make many who saw him function in Michigan, wonder whether or not he could succeed without it.

In the conviction of Truman Newberry Mr. Dailey has proved that he can successfully prosecute republicans as well as democrats. He has demonstrated that the Indianapolis News is not essential to his success as a prosecutor, and that he has the ability to conduct government work without the close co-operation of the News satellites.

It is true, of course, that Denny Bush, the man to whose liberty the supreme court of Indiana seems unable to give consideration, was taken to Michigan to assist Dailey, and also that Dailey had the very able assistance of W. H. Eichhorn, a barrister of no mean ability. But to Dailey must go the credit for a wonderfully well prosecuted victory, if for no other reason than that he gathered to himself the necessary assistants and at their head won a legal battle against a great many odds.

Whether this victory in the courtroom indicates that he is the man who should represent Indiana in the senate is a question that will be settled next. The democratic state committee is to be asked to submit that question to the voters next fall.

If it is so submitted there will be the old question to consider again. Dailey, prosecuting Newberry in Michigan, was free of the influences of his client, Delavan Smith.

Would Dailey, running for senator in Indiana, or presenting Indiana in the senate, be free of the influences of the man who helped him achieve his early fame, employed him for his defense in federal court and today looks on him as "one of our men?"

And do the democrats of Indiana care for a senator who is any more, or as much, under the influence of the News crowd as our present twin misfits, Harry New and Jim Watson?

Klauss Takes No Chances

The refusal of Otto Klauss, republican state auditor, to issue warrants on the general funds of the state for the purpose of paying the deficits of the state's institutions ought not to be puzzling to any one.

The law forbids such a practice. Mr. Klauss took advantage of wartime emergencies to override this law and his action was promptly legalized by the legislature, to which it was presented as a wartime necessity.

Now Mr. Klauss has been depended upon to override the law again, not as a wartime measure, but as a political measure for the purpose of saving the republican party the necessity of admitting its incompetency.

Mr. Klauss has refused.

The refusal is not due to a lack of desire to serve the republican party, but to a well-grounded fear that what the legislature legalized as a wartime necessity it will not legalize as a political advantage.

Mr. Klauss knew, prior to the convening of the last legislature, that his plan for legalization of his acts would be made before a general assembly controlled by the leaders of his party in whose behalf he had acted.

He has no assurance that a repetition of his action, in the interest of the republican party, will be legalized by a legislature that will, in all probabilities, be controlled by the opponents of Goodrich.

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IN REPUDIATION OF HOOVER AS DEMOCRATIC POSSIBILITY

The folly of lending support to "fly-by-night booms" for this man and that man for public office without first measuring the man by a scale commensurate with the requirements of the office, has been well illustrated by the South Bend News.

The News-Times was about the only Indiana newspaper that "fell for" Herbert Hoover as a presidential candidate when an inflated boom for him on either old-line ticket was "sprung" in the east and wafted to the west.

The News-Times attempted to exploit Hoover as a possibility in the democratic party, it says.

"We have been practically the only, even semi-democratic newspaper—we say 'semi-democratic' out of deference to the local democratic machine—in Indiana, to countenance Mr. Hoover as in any sense deserving of democratic consideration, and we know of no republican newspaper that has thought him worthy of republican nomination."

"We have been, we say, the last to assess that we spoke too soon; that the New York World, the Saturday Evening Post, and a whole lot of papers who have thought of Mr. Hoover as above political edge-wising, spoke too soon. If he keeps on giving out interviews, he will have himself down before many days, probably before many weeks, as a political side-stepper, who stands for nothing—or rather for anything which the time-being might develop to his personal advantage. His word of yesterday is quite worthless today or tomorrow."

"Particular reference is made in this connection to the publicity given by Mr. Hoover's latest attitude toward the League of nations policy. It would seem for political effect, and he believed pretty much everything that he has said on the subject heretofore. That he should burst out with this new line of thought of his, so close on the heels of Mr. Bryan's appearance in Washington, to support the Lodge reservations, out-Bryan Bryan, and in some respects out-Bryan the Lodge, even going over to the almost irreconcilable side of Bob Penrose, might lead one to suspect that he has come to think better of both Bryan and Penrose since his recent stab at them, asserting that their opposition to him was giving him so much pleasure.

"Indeed, this is so apparent, that one

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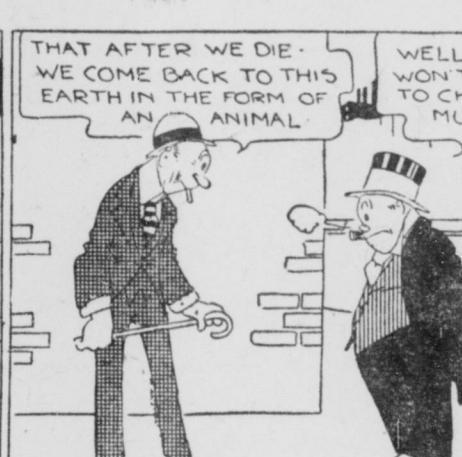
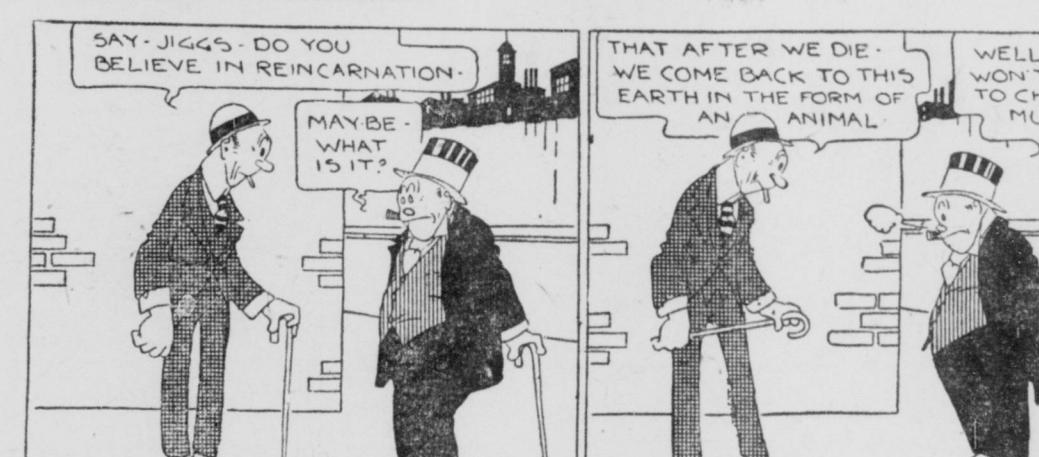
more, fearless, powerful and one with vision. I am interested in Dr. McCullough's candidacy for this reason. A man who has lived through his experiences, a man with a soul, must have been shorn of the artificial and superfluous things and be able to see life in something of its real intent, and the duty of man to his fellow men. Our souls have been so revolted at the smallness of the greater part of our present day statesmen (?) It seems impossible at times to see how good can come of so much evil. We want a man to state his principles and ideas of government instead of being addressed in the language of Abe Martin.

Another thing. I hope the women of Indiana will convince Senator New that private life and a becoming degree of modesty will be the thing for him, in the light of recent developments in California. We have hoped so long that when women got the vote they would help to rid the country of men who make a campaign on platitudes, who fear to express an idea for reason of this or that or the other vote. We still have to see, but I hope there are enough women with the love of God in their hearts to stand for right and righteousness and "have done all, to stand." MRS. L. E. Mooresville, Ind.

WHAT CHANCE HAS THIS POOR BIRD?



BRINGING UP FATHER.



ABIE THE AGENT.



JERRY ON THE JOB.



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