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"THIS IS THE YEAR"

MAYOR JEWETT'S PLAN for the use of Ft. Benjamin Harrison to solve the housing problems appears to be about as feasible as the coliseum stunt.

IT LOOKS LIKE INDIANAPOLIS might have to rely on some of the gas Wood campaign managers have been making before the coal begins to move again.

THOSE GENTLEMEN who propose to invest in a wholesale terminal market in Indianapolis appear finally to have lost all faith in Mayor Jewett's promise to have the city build one.

DICTATION
Some time ago it was the consensus of opinion among students of political activity that both the republican and the democratic parties were entering on a period of probation and the conduct of each would this year be subjected to the closest scrutiny that has ever prevailed.

Prophecies were made that either the political leaders of the old-line parties would give the rank and file an opportunity to be heard in this year's nominations or the old-line parties would crumble under the weight of their own corruption.

Regardless of the very evident trend of popular sentiment along the lines of this prophecy, the republican party bosses in Indiana are preparing to exert the same obnoxious control of nominations that once split the party and that now menaces the control of this government by party agency.

The republican voters of Indiana will have no more chance of expressing their desires at the next election than if the polls were not opened.

As has been the custom in Indiana for many years, the same political ring of office-holders and their associates will put republicans of this state on record as favoring a hand-picked candidate for president, will dictate on the nominee for governor and will carry that unholy dictation down to the last office on the ticket of the smallest unit.

There is today, in the republican ranks, a bitter fight, not for nomination at the hand of the voters, but for supremacy in the dictation of the candidates who will be reported as nominated by the people.

In other words the republican ticket will be boss-named ticket, regardless of any wish of the voters. The only question today is which set of bosses will name it.

In the presidential race, there is a gigantic struggle with what is known as the "old guard" fighting the efforts of a combination of disgruntled "old guard" bosses with an element that was once progressive but is now seeking control of the republican party in its own interests by "boring within," very much as the I. W. W. is operating in organized labor circles. This latter element is seeking to compel the nomination of Wood. The "old guard" is fighting the Wood candidacy with every weapon at hand and is now awakening to the fact that in lending assistance to Johnson it has developed a big menace to its own control in the person of the hard-hitting Californian, who is perfectly willing to use the "old guard" to whip Wood, but is unwilling to surrender the victory to any other candidate.

In the governorship race, the struggle to nominate a candidate is purely a fight between selfish interests without regard to the will of the people. Fesler is backed by the politicians who control the organization. They insist on his nomination in order to maintain their organization and they have forgotten what little they ever knew of decency in politics in their wild zeal to save to themselves their power over the party.

As a result of this struggle for domination in the republican party in Indiana it is apparent that no ticket nominated can in any way reflect the sentiment of the voters of the party.

Men who are enlightened enough to believe that party nominees should be chosen in accordance with the wishes of the rank and file of the party must turn to the democratic party for exemplification of that theory of honest politics.

No attempt has been made to dictate nominations in the democratic party to date. This very fact has been mistaken for apathy by the politicians who regard it as too altruistic to be possible. But it is not apathy.

Rather the democratic leaders have come to a realization that no machine-made ticket can hope to attract the support necessary to win the forthcoming election.

Republican dictators will realize the futility of dictating candidates that can not be successful before the May primaries or the voters will prove it to them in November.

HOW ABOUT IT?

Warren T. McCray made a campaign speech in South Bend a few days ago.

He talked a long time and he pretended in the course of his talk to give his audience an outline of the policies he would pursue if he were governor of Indiana. He said:

"If I am elected to office I shall try to solve the problems of government in a businesslike way. I shall insist and see to it that men of qualified business training are placed in offices, and my appointees will be measured only from the standpoint of efficiency. My last pledge is that in the event of a successful determination of my candidacy I promise the cleanest business administration possible within my power to give it."

Fine, high-sounding statements from the most aristocratic of the "aristocracy of intellect and culture" that is said to constitute the republican party in Indiana!

But does it mean anything?

Is it any different from the campaign pledges of James P. Goodrich, who shouted:

"I want the power. You hold me responsible," and then fails to call a session of the legislature for fear it will impeach him?

It is all very well for Mr. McCray to promise a "businesslike" administration, but will he, if elected:

1. Parole more convicts than Goodrich?

2. Build more cement roads at an excess cost of \$6,000 a mile than Goodrich?

3. Work state convicts on mines in which his friends and relatives control?

4. Sell garbage plants worth \$10,000 to municipalities for \$175,000?

5. Let coal contracts to his relatives and their coal companies?

6. Plug gas lines and buy up the stock in companies such as the Rock Oil Company?

7. Allow members of his family to hold a state license for an automobile that is not listed for taxation?

8. Have the state tax board allow his companies one valuation for taxes and the public service commission another for rates?

9. Permit the state board of charities and the state board of health to insult complainants concerning jail conditions while they loll in luxurious offices, too indolent to make inspections required by law?

In fact, will McCray give us any different sort of an administration than the "businesslike" administration of James P. Goodrich?

McCray, nor Fesler, nor Toner have made any promises of real reform to date.

SHORTSIGHTED

Whatever degree of want and hunger is produced by the tieup of railroad facilities through this unorganized and consequently irresponsible strike of switchmen will be suffered alike by the various elements of this community.

If there is no food for the railroad official there will be no food for the striker.

If the public utilities fail to get coal to keep the light plants going the darkness will cover the homes of the trainmen as well as the homes of the millionaires.

It will be just as cold in the cottage as in the mansion.

Money ceases to have value when there is nothing for money to buy. And what is more useless than money when it has no value?

None of these things appear yet to have impressed themselves on the minds of the men who are now refusing to work in the railroad yards.

Stage and Screen



Reckless Talk

"America is in such danger from radicalism as the alarmists would have us believe. I do not think a Bolshevik revolution in the United States is possible, as impossible. I have too much faith in the stirring patriotism of the American people and too much confidence in their love of law and orderly processes to be frightened by the reckless talk of an insignificant element of our people." —William Gibbs McAdoo.

G. O. P. DISRUPTED BY ORGANIZATION

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to coerce him into supporting McCray in which he says.

"I voted for Roosevelt in 1912 and against Wood in 1916, and am proud of both votes."

"I am asking the nomination for state representative from Marion county on the republican ticket 'because I have often supported that party in the past, and not because it is a whit better than the democratic party.'

"As a candidate I refused to sign an endorsement of James F. Fife for governor because he was a socialist, a progressive lawyer whose candidacy is being promoted by the Columbia club, the Merchants' association, the light, water, heat, street railway and utility companies of the state.

"The plain people of this county are about 'fed up' on electing governors, who, under our law, appoint the public service commissioners, who in turn nominate the men to be appointed to the various commissions of the state. I am asking the young men of Marion county to make a little more certain calls and make a little more noise."

"Mr. Fesler is the crown prince among the young men of Marion county, who, if not elected, will be a great asset to the public service commission so appointed (and not elected) will give the great unorganized public the worst of it on rates."

"They always have." "They always will."

"The commission is deaf on that side of the house." —WALTER HOME RULE.

FOR FIRST-CLASS CITIES.

"If elected I will present a bill for passage giving cities of the first-class home rule."

"The great city of Indianapolis should be reduced to the necessity of asking 135 members outside of Marion county, and whose only interest in Indianapolis is to be a place to rob in the interest of the governor's water, heat, light, power, gas, garbage, coal mining and cement mill properties."

"He has been on the stage fifty years. Many of those present, if they are old enough, have seen me, and if they have not, their fathers and mothers probably have, and if not their grandfathers, and I have given them about me."

"By mathematical deduction you can arrive at my age and I am not ashamed of it," she said, as she bowed again her appreciation to the audience.

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ENGLISH'S.

The Fanson and Marco Revue, which opened a three-day engagement at England's last night, is as near nothing in the entertainment line that has ever struck this town.

The jokes are crude and often of bad taste, the dancing is only fair and the scenery even worse, the dancing of Fanson is not so bad, but the singing of Marco is very poor.

The chorus girls revel in an exposure of their limbs; Nelson and Chain make an attempt to get their stuff over even with the aid of an undershirt.

The whole show lacks the class of a \$250 attraction and how they ever got out of San Francisco is a wonder.

It pretends to be jazz entertainment and turns out to be a mess of noisy and cheap vaudeville.

Opening at English's Thursday night will be a comedy, "Three Wise Fools," which is considered splendid entertainment in the larger cities.

Bethel and Bayne, movie stars, will appear in person in the drama, "The Millionaire," at the Murat beginning Thursday night.

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MOSTLY GIRLS.

Seven out of eight performers in "Tag Day Girls" are the feminine variety while Bert and Mabelle are the principals of the act.

Wells and Teats appear in "The Singing Paradise," Weber and Woodward, Ernest Hall, a comedian, and the Gordon sisters complete the vaudeville bill.

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THE BROADWAY.

Girls are not always girls, you know. That is true at the Broadway this week when returned soldiers and sailors don't like girls.

The remainder of the bill consists of Bert and Weiss in "You Can't Do It," Marion and Howland in melody, Bert Ford in another novelty, Basak and Yoni, Japanese acrobats, and a serial, "Dare Devil Jack."

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MORE JAZZ.

Mabel Whitman believes in giving the people what they want and she has decided that jazz singing and dancing is the demand of the hours and that when she was received at the Lyric yesterday proves she is right.

A shivering, shimmering man staging a shimmy dance is the knock-out of the act.

The Orpheus comedy four, a standard act, and the serial performers; Maurice Dowdy and company in a sketch, the Four Lyons, Vernon and Rogers complete the bill.

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PARK.

Michelle Pennett is a snappy little person who takes the Long Delivery in "The French Frolle," now at the Park, and she lands in a jazz dance number right in the first applause honors.

Harry Fields is as usual the comedian of the show and his Hebrew character scores.

The chorus is well dressed and does a lot of dancing.

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THE MOVIES.

Circle—Norma Talmadge in "The Woman Gives," Our—Clara Kimball Young in "The Flirtation Woman," Alabama—Theda Bara in "Lure of the Gods," Colonial—Olive Thomas in "Youthful Folly."

Mr. Smith's—"The Sagebrusher."

Iris—"My Lady's Garter."

Regent—James J. Corbett in "Prince of Avenue A."

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Child Leaves State Prison With Parents

MALESTON, Okla., April 13.—Thelma Clark, 2, the other day left the only home she has ever known—the women's ward of the state prison here. The child was freed when her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Clark, were released from sentences of four years for the killing of a physician over a matter involving Thelma's mother.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

SPokane, April 13.—"I guess I'll just send her my love," said the young man hero to the florist's clerk after he had priced American beauties.

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PERFECTION NEEDED WHEN MAGGIE STARTS.

BY GOLLY, YOUR JUGGIN'S GETTIN' PERFECT—YOU ONLY NEED A FEW MORE LESSONS

GIVE ME THE REST OF THE LESSONS NOW I WANT TO BE PERFECT BEFORE I GO HOME!

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The Young Lady Across the Way

FESLER'S CALLED HOPE OF G. O. P.

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organization intends to see to it that they vote for machine-picked delegates who go to the convention and vote for Fesler.

In the presidential campaign, Senator Hiram W. Johnson is the only candidate who is being seriously considered on the republican side.

The majority of the population of the Indiana district voted for Wood, and those who believe does not favor liquid refreshment of a variety that possesses a strong and decided "kick."

The republicans are working on the theory that Johnson, who has "liberal" views on so many questions, will take a "liberal" view of the booze question.

The Culver district is made up of men of all classes and descriptions and a "liberal" candidate is their natural choice.

LOOK FOR ANOTHER JOHNSON RUNAWAY.

In fact, it appears that the voting in this particular section of the state, at least, will be almost in the same proportions as in Michigan, where Johnson ran away ahead of Wood.

In the first place Gen. Wood was too active in the steel strike.

It is true that he avoided union men as much as possible and turned his attention to "reds," seizing an enormous quantity of "literature" and thereby creating quite a stir, which resulted in a great deal of publicity and nothing else.

But still the steel workers are not exactly for him.

And, by the way, the mere mention of the name of Gov. Goodrich, who sent the state troops here, is enough to start a riot.

Mr. Hodges of Gary, who figured so largely in the Wood publicity stories concerning the steel strike, is the general's campaign manager.

It was Mayor Hodges who asked that the state and federal troops be sent here.

Further, Gen. Wood, or rather his wife, owns considerable property here, including the home of the state trooper who sent the state troops here.

This puts them in the "plutocratic class," and the \$20,000 steel workers don't like plutocrats.