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"THIS IS THE YEAR"

DO INDIANAPOLIS ATTORNEYS who advertise to "practice before all courts" include or imply practice before the grand jury?

IN DEFENSE of the county board of charities that failed to inspect the jail, it can at least be said no one expected them to do so.

AS BETWEEN FESLER and the prospects of democratic success, the Republicans of Marion county ought to make an easy choice.

HOW ED BUSH' OF SALEM must chuckle when he hears Fesler and McCray saying the things for the origination of which his republican brethren undertook to read him out of the party.

WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT that the switchmen's strike is broken in Chicago and spreading in the east, Gen. Leonard Wood hurries from Boston to Chicago and holds up his thumb like Little Jack Horner.

THE SAME REPRESENTATIVES of the city of Indianapolis who violently opposed an increase of street car fares from 4 to 5 cents are now "pointing out" a method of establishing a higher schedule. Why?

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

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A new court has been established in the county of Marion, state of Indiana.

It is known as the grand jury division of the criminal court of Marion county.

It meets in secret and conducts its sessions under the direction of Claris Adams, prosecuting attorney, rendering its decisions on criminal cases alone, through the medium of the criminal court, over which Judge James A. Collins presides.

There is no authority under the constitution or the statutes of Indiana for this court. It derives its jurisdiction from expediency and political pull and the cases assigned to it are only such as the political powers that be do not want tried in the open in accordance with the statutes of the state.

Charles W. Rollinson, an attorney, says that he personally appeared before this court and "made a defense of two clients" with the full knowledge and permission of Prosecutor Adams. He further says that he succeeded in "clearing" one client and a faulty indictment was returned against the other.

Rollinson is now confronting a criminal charge in which the question of the fee paid him for his appearance in this court is vital.

How much may an attorney receive for conducting a defense in this "grand jury court," without subjecting himself to a charge of extortion?

ADAMS ADMITS IT!

Claris Adams, prosecuting attorney of Marion county, is the county manager of the candidacy of James W. Fesler for the republican nomination for governor.

As prosecutor of Marion county he is charged with the enforcement of the laws of the state of Indiana.

As manager of J. W. Fesler he is hoping to force the county to support his candidate.

In his zeal for Fesler he writes to the taxpayers who placed him in office as follows:

"These are times when spineless enforcement of law is destructive to labor, to business, and to every force in the community."

There isn't much room for dispute over that statement.

The truth of it as applied to Marion county has long been admitted by everyone except Mr. Adams, who is entrusted with the enforcement of the law.

Now that the prosecutor himself has admitted the spinelessness of his own administration, the opinion is unanimous.

Men are measured by the company they keep.

Does Fesler approve of the "spineless enforcement of law" which his manager, Mr. Adams, admits?

POLITICAL CORRUPTION

More than three months ago Gov. Cox of Ohio charged that the republican party was attempting to auction off the presidency of the United States to the highest bidder.

He told how the money was to be raised and he told how it was to be spent. He told who was raising it and who was spending it.

To date there has been nothing develop that would indicate he was mistaken and there has been much dragged into the open that indicated he was correct in his predictions.

No one will be foolish enough now to argue that the Truman Newberry campaign in Michigan was not a gigantic conspiracy to corrupt the electorate. The federal court has not only decided that it was, but has pointed out who did it and has fixed the penalty.

What has been done in Michigan can be done elsewhere and the real question is whether or not it is being done.

Perhaps the success that Frank C. Dailey has had in prosecuting the Newberry corruptionists could be duplicated were he turned loose by the department of justice to investigate the manner in which the republican party is conducting this campaign. Dailey could be of greater value to his country in this capacity.

There are three things that stand out as in support of the charges that the republican party is endeavoring to corrupt the whole electorate of this country. They are:

1. The thousands of dollars that are being spent to create the impression that the Wood-for-president boom "comes from the people."

2. The thousands of dollars that are being spent by Will H. Hays under the guise of perfecting a republican national organization.

3. The thousands of dollars that are being spent by republicans in nearly every state of the union in an ill-concealed effort to influence democratic organizations and workers.

Of the three divisions of this corruption the last is the most pernicious.

No public protest is likely to follow the release of thousands of dollars by Will Hays in the perfection of the machine by which he hopes to control the republican convention. Only a regret that political party has sunk so low as to sanction such a course will be noticeable.

But with the influence and influence of republican dollars in democratic ranks there is considerable concern. With both parties corrupted the decent people of the country can have no choice.

And when rotten politics reaches a point in the United States where the number of dollars spent is the measure by which a president is selected it is well to hunt a storm cellar.

INDIFFERENCE

The Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette expresses our sentiments exactly when it says:

"It is a crime against decency that the probe into the horrible conditions at the Marion county jail has been so long delayed by the republican county officials who are thus trying to save something from the wreck of republican incompetency and worse. The longer the delay, the more the juggling, the worse matters will appear in the eyes of the decent citizens of Marion county."

But we wish to carry this just a little bit further and say:

Not a single candidate for governor on either the republican or democratic ticket has as yet expressed any disposition to pledge himself to clean out the state board of charities and corrections that made this jail condition possible by its failure to investigate complaints.

We hardly expected the republican courthouse ring of Marion county to take action. It is too deeply in the mire to be capable of cleaning up anything.

But we are considerably disappointed at a lack of interest in the failure of the state to do its duty by the unfortunate who are incarcerated in penal institutions.

And we sincerely believe that no candidate who does not realize that here is an intolerable wrong that he can right is fit to be governor of Indiana.

Stage and Screen

is the chief funmaker with "The French Follies" at the Park this week.

THE MURAT. Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne will appear in person at the Murat on Saturday night. The Master Thief, a melodrama in "The Master Thief" at the Murat will be the Adolph Bolm ballet with Bolm and Miss Ruth Page of this city, and this attraction comes indorsed as the highest class dance and musical offering on the stage.

Opening next Monday is a whale of a show, "The Shubert Gaieties" with Jack Norworth and Harry Watson in the lead.

ENGLISH'S. Closing tonight at English's is the French & Marco Revue.

Opening Thursday night will be the John Golden success, "Three Wise Fools," and this department does not hesitate in indorsing this attraction, as the reports from all of the cities stamp this show with approval.

THE ALHAMBRA. Tom Mix escapes from a train, rides through a waterfall to elude bandits and rescues his sweetheart from a train going thirty miles an hour—all this happens in "The Daredevil," to be at the Alhambra Thursday.

Theda Bara closes at the Alhambra today in "Lure of Ambition" and moves Thursday to the Isis.

THE MOVIES. Clara Kimball Young in "The Forbidden Woman," has a dramatic love making scene at the Ohio this week. It's won while Olive Thomas is acting in her own movie, "Youthful Folly," now at the Colonial and the fans think she is good as a writer and an actress.

James Corbett is attracting fight fans with the "Regent" in "The Prince of Assassins."

Mr. Smith's is offering "The Sagebrush," adapted from the novel of the same name. "My Lady's Garter" closes tonight at the Isis.

REAL COMEDIES.

Beth Tarkington is able to write the soul of a boy into a story.

Goldwyn is now putting Tarkington's stories on the screen under the caption of "Edgar Comedies" and the first one of the series is at the Circle this week.

Edgar is a real boy, gets into trouble and receives a spanking by his father.

Real comedy and such pictures mark a new day in motion pictures.

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SEÑOR FRISCO.

At Keith's this week is Señor Frisco, a xylophone player, who is famous on the stage and on Edison records.

During his act an Edison plays a selection, while Frisco is playing, and it is difficult to tell when Frisco stops and the machine takes up the melody, so perfect are both.

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Harry Fields, known as "Hello Jake,"

Free from her triumphs in New York and Chicago, Elsie Janis comes to English's next Monday night in "A Peach of a Show." She is surrounded by members of her gang, lads who saw service during the war. From all reports it is a real show.

How Will Hays Lost a Woman's Vote

The New York World is ungraciously casting slurs on our own Will Hays, the man who "harmonized" the republican party of Indiana and is not "harmonized" the nation.

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