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"THIS IS THE YEAR"—

MR. WICKOFF is referred to in his favorite newspaper as a fine "historian" of high prices. Sort of an "autobiographer," we presume.

IT IS INTERESTING to note that Governor Goodrich has called for an investigation of the penal farm by the same board that so efficiently white-washed the complaints against the Marion county jail.

IT MAY BE TRUE, as Mr. Talkington says, that complaints about the penal farm come from prisoners with "I. W. W. spirit," but, if that is true, will someone kindly explain why the pardon board and the governor released McNulty?

THE REPUBLICAN SLATE

The republican organization in Marion county has selected its candidates for the coming primary and is exerting its every effort to nominate them regardless of their record in office and regardless of the desire of the majority of the voters of the county for a change in the generally inefficient government of the county.

Interwoven with the organization are the officeholders of the city and county who are seeking to perpetuate themselves in control of the county government, either by re-election or the substitution of men who will do their bidding.

Election of the organization candidates would be a complete endorsement of probably the rottenest and certainly the most inefficient administration this county has ever had.

Yet the republican organization is showing scant courtesy to those in its own ranks who insist that a change in the personnel of the county government is essential to a change in the type of administration that will follow the present thoroughly discredited regime.

In the four years that the republican party has had control of Marion county the affairs of the county have been conducted in a manner that no voter who really has the welfare of the community at heart can tolerate.

The organization knows this. Yet the organization is insisting on the nomination of its own pets and protégés at the primary. In fact, with unmitigated gall, it is calling on the party for an endorsement of its practices and policies.

A vote for William P. Evans for prosecutor is a vote for a deputy of Clark's Adams, whose spineless administration of the prosecutor's office has made a mockery of justice in the community.

A vote for Ralph Lemcke is a vote to endorse a policy of illegal fee grabbing of four-flushing regarding interest on public money and exemption from taxes for officeholders.

A vote for George Snider for sheriff is a vote for a man who started a race in opposition to the things that Sheriff Miller tolerated and then forgot his opposition when a chance came to corral the support of Miller's crowd.

A vote for Paul F. Robinson for coroner is a vote to place in an important investigating arm of the government a tool of the crowd that does not want anything that might touch on its conduct investigated.

A vote for John J. Griffith for county surveyor is a vote of approval of the "granite surface" road scandal.

A vote for Albert Hoffman for county commissioner is a vote for a man who takes his cue from Leo K. Fesler and opposes such badly needed public improvements as the Sunnyside tuberculosis sanitarium.

A vote for William E. English is a vote of approval for the Goodrich controlled legislature.

A vote for any of the present members of the legislature who are seeking renomination is a vote to endorse the Goodrich tax law, the Goodrich highway commission, the Goodrich method of remodeling the statehouse, the Goodrich method of dealing with public utilities in which he owns an interest, the Goodrich method of purchasing the state's coal from favorite relatives and friends and the dozens of other practices that have so thoroughly disgusted Indiana with its government.

There are men in the republican party who do not condone these things.

There are republicans who do not approve of permitting lawyers to enter the grand jury room with their clients, of taxing illegal fees in the treasurer's office, of starving prisoners in the jail, of suppressing coroner's findings, of favoring road-supply agents, of seeking to handicap health institutions, of Goodrich, centralization and Goodrichism.

But these republicans do not constitute the republican organization.

They form the group of protestants who have been referred to as the "sinister influences" that opposed the "good government of George Coffin, Ote Dodson and 'Honest Bob' Miller."

According to the republican organization, they and their candidates have no business in the republican party.

And in this, for once, the republican organization is right.

THE GRAND JURY REPORT

The most remarkable thing about the grand jury investigation of the conditions at the Marion county jail, as conducted personally by Clark Adams, prosecutor, is the report which was made to the criminal court to supplement the indictment of Miller and his deputies.

This report assumes the character of an apology and attempts, by recommendations, to shift at least a part of the responsibility for jail conditions to the laws of the state from the shoulders of the men who conducted the jail.

The report explains that no impeachment of Sheriff Miller was attempted because it could be delayed until Miller's term expired and thus fall in its purpose.

Nothing is said of the probability of delaying the judgment of Miller on the indictment for years, but perhaps nothing is necessary to remind the public that Marion county indictments do not necessarily result in speedy administration of justice. There is, it will be remembered, a case against one Dennis Bush still pending in the supreme court of Indiana which was originated by a Marion county grand jury in 1916.

We are advised by the grand jury report that it is not an offense to pay jailers for "special privileges in the jail," nor is it an offense to extort unreasonable sums from prisoners in return for bringing things from the outside for them. The report urges that laws be passed to make these practices offenses against the state, but it gives no assurance that such special laws would be enforced if they were passed.

The report serves to call attention again to the lack of sanitary arrangements in the jail, to the filth that there accumulates to menace the health of those who are incarcerated and the failure to segregate diseased prisoners from those who are well.

These things, it would appear, are rightful subjects of attention for our boards of health which have recently called on the public to bring to their attention instances of insanitary housing conditions. It is true that the city health board did not disclose its purpose when it recently requested such complaints, but it did give the impression that it had the power and the inclination to right such conditions.

On the whole, the Marion county grand jury's report on the jail can not be regarded as anything else than disappointing to those citizens who hoped that the community's disgust and disgrace would be wiped out by vigorous prosecution of those who have, by their malfeasance, disgusted and disgraced it. The report, prepared under the direction of Mr. Adams, is disappointing in many ways:

1. It names Sheriff Miller in only one indictment, which is based on a statute that provides for a very light punishment.

2. It fails to point out any method by which the public can assure itself of the impossibilities of a repetition of the horrors of the jail.

3. It takes no account of the more serious offenses committed in the jail, such as the burning of the feet of a prisoner and the use of formaldehyde as an agent of punishment.

4. It does not even touch on the negligence of the other county and state officials whose neglect of proper inspections resulted in the tolerance of such unspeakable conditions as are now known to have existed for months in the heart of this civilized community.

However, the report of the grand jury is a step in the right direction and the grand jurors are rather to be congratulated than censured.

Considering the fact that they were directed by a prosecutor whose inability to "see criminal intent" in things as culpable as the stuffing of the jury box is notorious they did remarkably well when they succeeded in returning a true bill against "Honest Bob" Miller.

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CHAPTER XIII.
"This is Shelly's party—let's go the limit," cried Miss Mason, when we were puzzling over the order. She looked at me and the baby, when I said it, and even I laughed when she asked the waiter whether Russian caviar or lobster cocktails would do more to set the proprietor up in business. Jim looked uneasy. He frowned when he heard Miss Mason call me Anne. I wondered why? Sally Royce and Evelyn made a lion of Jim and rallied the other men on their citizen's clothes. I wondered if my husband had a magnetism that all could resist—and if he enjoyed his power. I felt uneasy, but Jim's own air of reserve and unrest reassured me a bit.

There was dancing, but Jim was informed that heroes weren't required to be dance partners. Evelyn Mason got out a great many dances with him and insisted that Sheldon Blake show me all the new steps. Mr. Blake was very slim, perfectly groomed, and his skin, eyes and hair were in shades of rich brown. He was handsome in a vivid, compelling way. The Dick Royces were like a pair of little reddish brown Pomeranians, snub-nosed, pert, independent—altogether sure of themselves. With the coffee, Mr. Royce had an inspiration:

"Salikins, I must get you one of those monkey dolls they have here." He called the waiter and slipped a ten-cent bill over to him. "I'll pay for it as he asked for the doll. Presently it was brought—an ugly image of a sadly ugly little monkey dressed in green and capped in scarlet.

Evelyn opened wide her wistful eyes and stared at the doll and then at the men.

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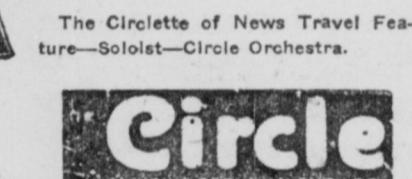


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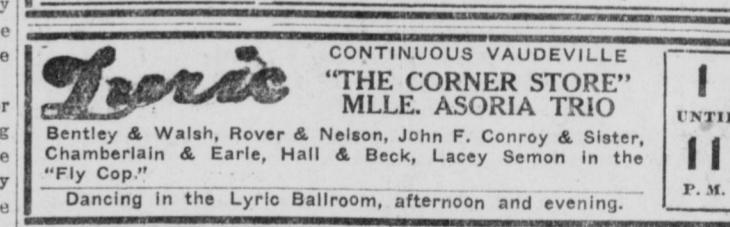
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