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"THIS IS THE YEAR"

WHAT HAS BECOME of the man who used to assure us that there would be plenty of sugar if the government permitted a higher price?

INDIANAPOLIS should not forget that other communities have found it both economical and efficient business to motorize horse-drawn fire apparatus rather than to discard it.

THE "SKIP-STOP" METHOD of highway building adopted by the state commission in the interest of Goodrichism is unequal to the strain put on it by the attempted organization of truck lines.

WHILE THE CITY is investigating the failure of the sewers to carry off flood water it might also ascertain what has become of the east flood wall along White river which Mayor Jewett promised to build if elected.

WE HAVE LITTLE PATIENCE with the propaganda designed to show that the death of Martha Huff was not due so much to the presence of a negro friend in Indianapolis as to the failure of parents to instruct their daughters not to "take up" with strangers.

Before His Own Party

Yesterday The Times printed in this column an editorial from the Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette in which that newspaper advocated an investigation by a non-political committee of the stench that arises from the rotten conduct of the state penal farm under the direction of Gov. James P. Goodrich.

While the Ft. Wayne paper's comment was timely and its suggestion proper, we do not agree with it as to the agency that should make the investigation.

This investigator ought to be made by the general assembly of the state of Indiana and it ought to be in the nature of impeachment proceedings against James P. Goodrich, governor.

Such an overwhelming mass of evidence of Goodrich's inefficient and improper conduct as governor of Indiana could be brought to light in such an investigation that even a republican and Goodrich controlled legislature would not dare do anything else than impeach Goodrich.

Certainly the disclosures of C. O. McNulty, himself a favorite of the Goodrich administration, should be investigated.

Certainly the working of convicts on the Globe mine, where Goodrich's son and business associates were in control of the property, ought to be investigated.

Certainly the remodeling of the state house on the "cost plus" system should be investigated.

Certainly the sale of the garbage plant to the sanitary district of Indianapolis by Goodrich and his associates should be investigated.

Certainly the scheme by which hundreds of prisoners have been released from prison illegally should be investigated.

Certainly the building of highways at an excess cost of \$6,191 a mile should be investigated.

But why have a committee investigate?

Goodrich has never dared deny a single one of the exposes which this newspaper has made of his official misconduct. By this very silence he has admitted their truth.

Let him call the legislature in special session and stand or fall by the judgment of his own political associates.

Ends Prohibition 'Jokes'

Several weeks ago there was pointed out in these columns the impropriety of the many stage "jokes" having as their basis the prohibition amendment. For a long time this subject constituted about the only thing the stage comedians were able to conceive as capable of provoking a laugh. It was a disgusting spectacle to the majority of the theatergoers and was not without offense to those persons who regard the constitution of the United States as entirely too sacred to be the butt of burlesque and cheap comedy.

A realization of this lack of respect for the constitution of the United States appears now to have permeated the managerial offices, for Variety of April 16 contains the following announcement:

"The Columbia Amusement Company has issued an order barring all references to prohibition or woman suffrage in any of the shows playing the Columbia Wheel next season. It also includes an edict forbidding 'audience' working in any form, and suggestiveness in action or dialog. The latter order states no 'blue' matter, no matter how indirectly put over or handled, will be tolerated."

The Columbia directors took the stand the prohibition law was now the law of the land and as such must be respected, no matter what individual opinions they (Columbia directors) might have on the subject."

Hits the Nail Squarely

Paul G. Davis is a candidate for the democratic nomination for prosecuting attorney. He is one of several candidates, any one of whom would fill the office with far more satisfaction to the taxpayers than has ever been given under the administration of Claris Adams, present prosecutor.

Mr. Davis has a faculty of going to the bottom of a situation and a fearless way of telling what is the matter with it. In a recent speech he not only pledged himself to a course of action when elected, but he also showed the people of Marion county what alls their government.

Without desiring to prejudice any voter against any of the other estimable candidates, we feel that a man who has had the courage to declare himself as Davis has is entitled to be heard in these columns. Davis said:

"If I am elected prosecuting attorney I will endeavor to rid this county of the corruption and inefficiency that now exists in the republican administration of our affairs, and I will see that the federal court, which is busy with important matters, is not bothered with seeing that our public servants perform their duties."

The people of this community do not want 'Honest Bob' Miller prosecuted by his intimate friends and political associates. We need a democrat for prosecutor and if you elect me you may depend upon it that there will be a thorough house cleaning.

"I will enforce all the laws upon our statute books, but promise you that if I am elected there will be fewer indictments or more convictions, and I will not call upon the taxpayers to advance money to employ other lawyers and investigators to assist in the prosecution of cases."

"I will not tolerate the institution of unwarranted prosecutions in order to enrich the office at the expense of the public."

"I charge it to be a fact that the promiscuous arrests in the justice of the peace courts in this county have been occasioned, not in order to enforce the law, but for the sole purpose of collecting fees and I will not tolerate this practice."

Can't See You, Claris

We have never particularly cared about either the respect or the favorable estimation of Claris Adams, our "good government" prosecutor.

Mr. Adams has been so utterly mistaken in his estimates of men in the past and so thoroughly unable to discern good motives from bad in his administration of the office of prosecutor that we can not help believing that to be held in high esteem by him is rather an empty honor.

However, we do not wish to overlook any chances to make known our standing in the community and for that reason we quote here from a letter that recently reached us asking our support for James W. Fesler. In this letter Mr. Adams says:

"A word from you as a man of standing in the community will help wonderfully . . . Mr. Fesler can and will be nominated and elected if you will do your part."

Confidentially, however, we wish to say that if Jim Fesler's chances of nomination and election depend upon our doing our part we will not fail—to do all we can to prevent either.

For we know of no qualification that entitles Mr. Fesler to nomination for governor, and we never heard of any that entitled him to election.

On the contrary, the fact that he is supported by Mr. Adams, "Honest Bob" Miller, Charles W. Jewett and the rest of the "good government" league of this county is enough for us.

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GOODRICH SITS IN HIS TENT

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the treasurer could collect some easy money off me for his own use.

"I have heard of a lot of cases of this kind, particularly when women were not entitled under the law to collect taxes."

"I think that a treasurer who, either deliberately, or through carelessness, forced a taxpayer to become delinquent, is more responsible for the delinquency than the taxpayer and ought not only to be deprived of the fees for collecting such a delinquency, but also ought to be compelled to pay the state the fees that the law makes it necessary to collect."

"I think the treasurer receives enough for his services to make it a crime to impose on a taxpayer in this or any other manner."

MENTION BEVERIDGE TO UNITE G.O.P.

CHICAGO, April 22.—Republican presidential candidates, dislocated in a struggle to have their man selected for the temporary chairman at the G. O. P. convention here in June, are preparing to sacrifice their ambitions and adopt a neutral candidate, it was learned at national republican headquarters here today.

To avoid discord within the party an attempt has been made by peacemakers to bring the opposing candidates together.

The mediators have proposed the name of Albert J. Beveridge, former United States senator from Indiana, as temporary chairman.

HI MISSED TRAIN, THAT'S THE REASON

Zell C. Swain, Indiana manager of Senator Hiram W. Johnson's campaign, has explained that Senator Johnson did not refuse to appear on the same platform with Senator Warren G. Harding at Richmond Monday night.

Mr. Swain said Senator Johnson canceled his speaking engagement because he had missed a train after his Columbia club speech.

Senator Johnson has arranged to speak at Richmond on the night of April 28.

SPAAN ARRAIGNS HIDDEN GOVERNMENT

"We believe in local self-government and not government behind closed doors," Henry N. Spaan, candidate for the democratic nomination for congress from the 11th district, declared in a speech at a meeting in McLain's hall, Hoyt and State avenues, last night.

Mr. Spaan declared that Gov. Goodrich sought to bring about political control of the state through the enactment of the tax law.

There are now only two people who are defending the tax law—Gov. Goodrich and Philip Zaercher," Mr. Spaan said.

"Zaercher is talking to hold his job," Mr. Spaan went into considerable detail in the discussion of the new assessment sheets, in which each item of household goods must be listed separately, and of the new "supplementary information" sheets, in which the details of business organizations must be set out.

GIVES BRIEF ANSWER FOR INSURANCE QUESTION.

In answer to a question asked by the tax bureau concerning the insurance carried on the goods listed.

"There is no law which compels you to answer that question," he said.

"If you have not already filled out your assessment sheet just write in that space. 'It's none of your d— business.'

The horizontal increases were characterized by Mr. Spaan as ridiculous.

Mr. Spaan discussed at some length the failure in office of the state, county and city administrations.

In referring to the county administration, he told of the Whiteside case, in which the county undertaker buried bodies in pine boxes within one foot of the surface of the earth and buried the body of a dog with the body of a man.

He also told of the mismanagement

and law violations at the county jail and of mismanagement at the county hospital for the insane at Julietta.

Mr. Spaan criticized the legislature for appropriating money for military services and declared that if he is elected to congress he will vote against any such measure.

Candidates for the various county offices and the legislature made brief speeches.

Albert A. Henry and Walter McNamara, candidates for the state house of representatives, declared they favored the return of beer.

James E. Berry and Thomas B. Carroll, candidates for county chairman, spoke briefly, telling of the need of organization.

Others who spoke were Edgar A. Brown, Blythe Q. Hendricks and Chalmers Schlosser, candidates for judge of the circuit court; William Clay Battelder, Edward P. Brennan, Paul G. Davis, John G. Geck, Earl E. Ferren and Jacob L. Stahlman, candidates for prosecuting attorney; George M. Spleen and Fred Wooling, candidates for county treasurer; Edward A. McBride and William P. Sindlinger, candidates for county sheriff; Heyden W. Buchanan, Dr. Frederick E. Crum and Dr. Albert W. Miller, candidates for county coroner; James Keween, candidate for county commissioners; Owen S. Hock, Frank Brinkman, candidate for the senate; Andy Donlan, William A. Gibson, Humphrey C. Harrington, Don H. Herr, John B. Parsons, Russell J. Ryan and J. Olin VanNier, candidates for the house.

NEWBERRY CLASS.

Mr. Spaan is the first Indiana congressional candidate to announce publicly the details of an expense account filed at Washington under the federal law.

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