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—"THIS IS THE YEAR"—

THE DEMOCRATIC state platform might have been written in three words—"Down with Goodrichism."

HOW can the republicans, by "proper legislation," remedy the admitted defects in the "best tax law that could be devised under the constitution as it now stands?"

THERE is some consolation in not having democratic representatives in the house. The democrats of Indiana do not have to apologize for the treasonable vote on the Knox resolution.

The Truth That Hurts

As was to be expected, the republican press, led by the Indianapolis Star, finds much fault with the terrific arraignment of the republican state administration by Claude G. Bowers of Ft. Wayne in his keynote speech and much to praise in the weak-kneed address of Vice President Marshall.

Therein lies the cue for the democrats of Indiana this campaign.

It is, as usual, the truth that hurts. For the next few months democrats must expect that all which is said or done that hurts the republican cause will be offensive to the republican press and all that is said or done that discloses weakness of purpose or difference of opinion among democrats will receive great laudation from the same source.

The measure of the effectiveness of the democratic campaign efforts may well be taken from the criticisms of the republican press. Its purpose is the re-election of the republican candidates.

That which goes to defeat that purpose will be denounced as highly improper.

That which helps will be designated as sane doctrine.

He who can provoke the largest number of "squawks" from the republican press of Indiana in this campaign is the most able of democratic campaign speakers.

The Tax Law Issue

The republican state platform says: "We commend the last general assembly for its action in revising the tax law of Indiana. The virtues of this law commend themselves; the defects have been made apparent through its enforcement. We pledge ourselves to immediately correct these defects through proper legislation."

The democratic state platform says: "We believe that 'taxation without representation' is practiced by the so-called Goodrich tax law, and assert that the democratic party believes in local self-government. . . . We pledge the state legislature, if democratic, to repeal this law, to restore to the taxing units local self-government, to enact such a law as will bring about a fair valuation of all property in Indiana, and under which all classes of property will pay their proportionate share of taxes."

Here, then, is the plainly defined issue that should govern the election of Indiana's next legislature, almost to the exclusion of all others. The republican party pledges itself to the preservation of the most obnoxious tax law that has ever been on the statute books of this state.

The democratic party pledges itself to the repeal of this measure. As a concession to the vast number of republican taxpayers who have suffered under the administration of this tax law, the republican platform concedes that in the operation of the law there are defects which it promises to correct through proper legislation.

The platform does not state what these defects are nor does it tell how they are to be corrected. The subject is "safely" handled, in a manner that compels the reader to seek elsewhere for an interpretation of the meanings.

Fortunately the interpretation is not difficult to find. It is contained in a pamphlet published and circulated by the republican state committee which says:

"The legislature of 1917 having failed in its immediate purpose of making possible, by change in our constitution, a thorough revision of our system of taxation, the legislature of 1919 did the next best thing. It provided the best tax law that could be devised under the constitution as it now stands."

Having previously declared that the Goodrich tax law is the "best tax law that could be devised under our constitution," the republican party now admits it is defective and proposes to cure the defects without constitutional changes!

There is only one answer to the inconsistencies herein disclosed.

The republican party can not see a method of changing the present tax law so as to remedy its defects, and it has no intention of attempting such changes.

Its suggestion of "proper legislation" for that purpose is the purest kind of humbuggery.

Contrasting the meaningless phrases of the republican platform with the concise pledges of the democratic platform ought to be sufficient to disclose to the taxpayer in which party lies his hope of relief from unjust taxation.

The democrats have pledged the repeal of the Goodrich tax law and the enactment of a law that will prevent taxation without representation, restore taxing power to local tax units, bring about a fair valuation of property and compel all classes of property to pay their proportionate share of taxes.

There can be no question of the constitutionality of the law the democrats propose to enact, for the constitution of Indiana says:

"The general assembly shall provide, by law, for a uniform and equal rate of assessment and taxation; and shall prescribe such regulations as shall secure a just valuation for taxation of all property."

In a word, the campaign situation in Indiana this fall is this:

The republican party admits the defects of the tax law after having declared it the best law possible under the constitution and it proposes by "proper legislation" to remedy those defects, knowing full well that the constitution must govern all "proper legislation."

The democratic party recognizes that the tax law is bad and proposes to enact in its stead a tax law that will carry out the letter and the meaning of the constitution.

Party Loyalty or Decency

There are fourteen different reasons why the republicans of Marion county are not bound to accept the ticket that the bosses evolved from the crooked primaries, but, as in the case of the man who had no money, it is unnecessary to point out more than one.

The pluralities officially recorded in Marion county are crooked. Investigation of the election returns shows that there was manipulation of hundreds of votes in the interests of the machine slaves.

Investigation of one precinct alone shows ninety fictitious voters, some of whom were voted from vacant lots, others from impossible addresses, and many of whom do not exist except in the minds of the election officials who illegally entered their names on the poll sheets and illegally cast votes for them.

But if this fraud were not sufficient to release any self-respecting republican from the obligation to support his ticket, the fact that the ticket stands for nothing except a continuation of the present misgovernment would justify any boy.

For example, we have presented to us for indorsement the same legislators who passed the tax law, the same treasurer who began his term of office by collecting illegal fees from delinquents, the deputy prosecutor who has for more than a year assisted in "seeing no criminal intent" in the law violations of republican scoundrel office holders.

Bossing the whole ticket is Mayor Jewett, the head of the city administration that today has not carried out a single pre-election promise and whose principal bid to fame was the infamous garbage plant swindle by which \$175,000 of the people's money was paid to Jim Goodrich et al. for a garbage plant that one of its owners swore was not worth the cost of junking it.

Thus, the republican voter in Marion county is confronted with the necessity of swallowing as a whole Goodrichism and Jewett incompetency, or voting the ticket.

The question, then, is one of party loyalty or decency.

McCORMICK'S 'PAGAN PURPLE' A TRIUMPH

'Everywoman' Is a Beauty of the Shadow Art—Viola Dana at Ohio

A triumph of beauty. That expresses in four words the critical opinion of "Pagan Purple," an oriental fantasy created and presented by S. Barret McCormick at the Circle.

Old China in days gone by is depicted in a wealth of color and scenic grandeur; dream boats filled with beautiful maidens, warriors in battle attire, the charm of a Chinese magician who makes a wish and it is fulfilled, all aid in making "Pagan Purple" a triumph of melodious pageantry.

The charm of the picture grabs one as the curtain rises on Evil Eye, played by Harry Wilson, as he peers into a magic flame.

Evil Eye sings, the spirits do his slightest command and he is soon attired in raiment fit for a king.

THEN TO PALACE OF DREAMLAND.

He waves his magic hand and is carried to a Chinese dreamland of days long past.

A sail boat glides majestically on to the stage, carrying Lotus Blossom, an idol of Old China.

Normal Cross, who composed the musical score of the spectacle, appears as the beautiful Lotus Blossom.

She sings and her Prince Charming is brought to her under guard.

It is then that her lover, played by Jackson Murray, sings "My Lotus Blossom," which is one of those haunting, dainty melodies that makes one want to pucker up his mouth and whistle it.

The writer predicts that every fellow in Indianapolis will either be humming or whistling "My Lotus Blossom," this melody triumph, before the week is over.

To present "Pagan Purple," more than thirty-five professional singers and dancers are used.

Frank Zimmerer, art director, assisted Mr. McCormick in presenting this dream of old China.

In the writer's belief, "Pagan Purple" is by far the most beautiful and inspiring spectacle which Mr. McCormick has ever presented at the Circle.

PROTECTOR. Franklin Farnum in "The Punter and the Pup," "The Pendleton Round-Up" and a Snub Pollard comedy makes up the triple bill at the Regent.

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HE IS SHE



P. M. ALLEN.

This is a view of "Scheherazade" doing "The Dance of the Seventeen Vells" in "Arabia," the big dancers show which will be presented for the first of three times at the Regent tonight.

"She" is P. M. Allen of Lafayette, Ind., and he is said to be some "dancin' queen."

Assisting him will be six dancing "girls." Don A. Morrison, W. I. McCullough, H. C. Ent, D. R. Gallahue, G. W. Richards and Paul G. Singleton, all Surinames.

"Arabia" will be repeated Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

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Bargain Table

15c RE-NU WALL PA-
FEL CLEANER (limit 1
dozen), a
can... 7 1/2c
10c HOUSEHOLD
NIA, near quart
(limit 2), each... 7 1/2c
10c TAPEY SHOPPING
BAGS, strong twine
handle (limit 2)... 5c

INDIANA
DRY GOODS Co.
Wash. and Alabama Sts., Just East of Courthouse.

Threads

150 Yards Basting Thread,
white, sizes 40 and
50, special... 4c
300 Yards Basting or
Machine Thread, white,
size 40, 50, 60... 7c
50 Yards Silk Thread, black
and col-
ors... 7 1/2c

The "Indiana's" May Sale

10 to 30 Per Cent. Reductions in All Departments in the Store



Children's New Dresses

The new spring styles present some of the most winsome we have ever seen. Clever models, in fine plaid gingham, wash crepe and chambray—

\$2.50 kind... \$1.48
\$2.98 kind... \$1.98
\$3.48 kind... \$2.48
\$3.98 kind... \$2.98
\$4.98 kind... \$3.98

May Sale of Ready-to-Wear

Women who appreciate materials of the finest texture, style of a distinctive character and tailoring that compares with the finest custom work, will be interested in these fashionable tailors for the late spring and summer wear.

Up to \$65.00 Values **\$39.00**

The Popular Dress of the Season

Their new weaves, colorings and styles are proving very attractive to all who see them.

Up to \$55.00 Values **\$33.50**

Clever Sport Coats

A showing of the new season's most wanted sport coats in several patterns that are fast gaining popularity among women who enjoy the air and freedom of the great outdoors.

Values Up to \$26.50 **\$18.50** All Alterations FREE

This Means Another Saving of \$2.00 to \$5.00



Boys' All-Wool Blue Serge Suits for Graduation or Confirmation

Up to \$21.50 Value

Special, **\$13.75**

Boys' Suits that follow the rule of school and win out by their good deportment—errors in the making have been studiously avoided. Effectively smart. All wool and altogether better suits than critical mothers would expect to get at the asking price.

Boys' \$11.75 Suits **\$1.25** Pants **79c**

An assortment of splendidly tailored suits in blue, green, brown and gray mixtures, in ages up to 17 years.

Knickerbocker style wash pants, in assorted, medium and dark colors.

Great May Sale of Muslin Underwear and Corsets

At Prices Which Are Very Low, Indeed

And all of these possess, in spite of their economy, the twin virtues of utility and charm. Undergarments in simple and frilly styles—undershirts of clinging, gracefulness; soft tissues—sturdy fabrics—bedecked with lace, embroidery and ribbon.

\$1.75 Gowns, \$1.39
Muslin slipper gowns or envelope chemise, white or pink, lace or embroidery trimmed, some with smoking or embroidered in French knots, special... **\$1.39**
\$1.98 Gowns and Chemise, \$1.48
Slipper gowns or envelope chemise, lace or embroidery trimmed, some trimmed back and front, white or flesh, special... **\$1.48**
\$2.25 Chemise or Gowns, \$1.89
Envelope chemise or slipper gowns, in flesh or white, lace or embroidery trimmed, also some with smoking, special... **\$1.89**
\$2.25 Crepe Gowns, \$1.69
Windor crepe slipper gowns, several styles, round or V-neck, hemstitch all, some with lace... **\$1.69**
Edge neck and sleeves, special... **\$1.69**
\$1.50 and \$2.00 Corsets
Medium or low bust, in white or pink; special... **\$1.25**
75c Brassieres
Embroidery trimmed, in regular sizes; special... **59c**
Blue stripes and checks with bluebird or fan design; special... **\$1.48**

\$1.50 Coutil Waistline Corset
Elastic top, in white or pink, special... **\$1.15**
\$2.98 Crepe Gowns, \$2.25
Windor crepe slipper gowns in plain white or pink; also figured crepe gowns in pink, in several styles... **\$2.25**
\$2.25 Skirts and Gowns, \$1.89
V-neck muslin gowns trimmed with embroidery and insertion, also muslin skirts with embroidery flounce, special... **\$1.89**
\$2.98 Gowns and Chemise, \$2.25
Muslin gowns, in regular and extra sizes; also muslin envelope chemise, in white or flesh, special... **\$2.25**
\$1.98 Chemise and Covers, \$1.69
Extra size envelope chemise, lace trimmed; also silk corset cover, in flesh or white, lace trimmed, special... **\$1.69**
\$1.98 Crepe Bloomers, \$1.48
Crepe bloomers, in pink or orchid, hand embroidered, also Bluebird crepe bloomers; extra special... **\$1.48**
\$2.50 Corsets
White coutil, medium or high bust; special... **\$1.69**

BOMB WRECKS TWO BUILDINGS

Several Missing After Blast in Pittsburgh.

PITTSBURGH, May 24.—Several persons are reported missing and a number of others were injured, when two buildings were blown up and others damaged in a bomb explosion in the produce district here today.

The buildings destroyed were at 2025 and 2027 Pennsylvania avenue, and the police have not determined in which building the explosion occurred.

The latter place was occupied by an Italian barber. A street car crowded with passengers was passing the building when the explosion occurred.

Bricks were hurled toward the car and practically every window was broken. In the panic that followed the pas-