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ALL RIGHT, Jim. It's your legislature. Make it do whatever you want done.

YES, SHERIFF MILLER is having his troubles, but then there is compensation for all burdens.

THE WOMEN having gotten what they want, who cares what this session of the legislature does, anyhow?

THE ONLY TWO JOBS that one man can hold down satisfactorily are political jobs as Mr. Eschbach can testify.

THESE DISTRICTS that have no representatives in the general assembly need not worry. Jim Goodrich will see that they are fully represented.

WE TRUST Mr. New will be better able to "keep in touch with the situation in Indiana" as the head of Will Hays's speaking bureau than he has been as senator from Indiana.

IT IS OUR CANDID OPINION, however, that if the republican candidates for office do ostracize Mr. Davies, he should be congratulated. Anyhow, he has never been arrested for seditious utterances.

Goodrich Legislature Meets

Jim Goodrich's legislature meets today in its second special session for the purpose of rectifying, if possible, the sins of commission and omission that it committed in its last regular session.

The spectacle is unusual, if not unique.

Within less than two years of the conclusion of a legislative sitting that Gov. Goodrich declared was the "best ever," the work of the legislators under his unqualified control has been found so defective that an emergency exists of sufficient moment to the state to justify the reassembling of the legislature.

Nothing could be more thoroughly demonstrative of the complete breakdown of the Goodrich idea of centralized government than this spectacle of a one-man legislature, recalled to do that which it might easily have done in its first session had its purpose been to legislate in the interest of the state of Indiana instead of in the interest of Goodrichism.

It should not be forgotten that at the time the Goodrich legislature was regularly convened Jim Goodrich was an active candidate for nomination to the presidency.

He had in mind a showing of wonderful economy in the management of state institutions and the establishment of a great record for reduction of taxation.

Just as his pretentious aspirations for political honor faded so have his administration objects failed.

Goodrich has neither established a record for economical administration of the state institutions nor has he made a record for the reduction of taxation.

Instead, he has brought the state institutions to a point where a special session of the legislature was necessary to enable them to obtain the funds on which to continue in operation.

He has so muddled the taxes of Indiana that it will take years to straighten them out and as a result of this muddle one taxing unit after another has discovered its institutions crippled, its local government disrupted.

Goodrich's plan for economical administration of state institutions failed because the public would not countenance his scheme of making penal farm inmates work as peons for private corporations and thereby supply funds for the maintenance of other state institutions.

Goodrich's plan to deceive the public into thinking that taxes were reduced when lower levies were established on higher valuations failed and now it appears that even the method of the plan's execution was contrary to law.

If there still lingers in the mind of any Indianian the slightest approval for the Goodrich centralized system of state government it ought to fade when the state treasury settles for this second extraordinary session of the "best legislature, ever."

The Real Issue

No matter how great an effort may be made in this campaign to make it appear that the most vital issue before the people of this community pertains to national affairs the fact will remain that right here in Marion county is the one issue of real importance to the citizens of Indianapolis.

That one issue is not our relationship to the people of Europe, is not the endorsement of the Wilson policies, nor the reformation of our system of taxation, nor the centralization of power, nor any one of the subjects that national platform writers required more than six thousand words to express.

It is so simple that it may be summed up in one sentence, understood in one instant and settled in one single day at the polls. The issue is: "Shall we or shall we not have decency in local government?"

The United States might accept the treaty of Versailles "without the dotted of an 'I' or the crossing of a 't'" and except for the avenues of public information thousands of Indianapolis families would never learn of that action.

Our entire method of federal taxation might be reformed and the effect on the family pocketbook be so slight as scarcely to be noticeable.

Jim Cox might be elected president, or Bill Harding skin the life out of him without creating a ripple in the smooth and placid pool of the home of thousands of Indiana citizens.

But there can, in Marion county, be no more concessions to political corruption and inefficient administration without developing to a very grave degree the rapidly growing menace that now exists against property, individual liberty and even life itself.

Illustrative of this fact is the shame of this community that from three to twenty-five automobile owners are daily impressed with insecurity of their right to hold property through the thefts of their cars.

Further proof lies in the fact that the school children of the majority of the school districts of the city of Indianapolis are housed in inadequate, insanitary and in many instances uncomfortable buildings by a government that has no money with which to build proper structures for children, but has the ability and the willingness to donate large sums to politicians for such worthless property as the junk garbage plant that Indianapolis bought for \$175,000.

Whether Cox or Harding becomes president of the United States will not affect the condition of the streets of Indianapolis.

Neither will provide bathing pools for the recreation and comfort of Indianapolis citizens.

Neither will be interested in whether or not the everpresent menace of insanitary sewage disposal continues or is eradicated.

Neither Cox nor Harding will influence in the least the question of how long Indianapolis tolerates its open Indiana avenue gambling joints, or its wood alcohol dispensary in the shadow of the city hall.

No national question is involved or can be settled in such a manner as to put an end to the infamous mule contract that Mayor Jewett once denounced publicly as a "graft" and later signed as a political expedient.

These, and the endless list of other indictments of a community's ability to govern itself, are the subjects that vitally affect the citizen in his relation to this government.

They are the issues the determination of which are reflected in the home, in the every day life of the citizens of Marion county.

The candidates for office on whose election depends the settlement of these issues are neither isolated by distance nor pomp.

They are among the voters who will elect them. They are accessible to those who would inquire their intent. Their lives, their abilities, their records are a part of the knowledge of most of us.

When so much so intimately connected with the security and betterment of our homes, our children and our daily lives depends so completely on the intelligence with which we exercise our ballots in our local affairs why should we permit the issues to be interwoven with those so remote as to be almost without effect upon us?

In other words, Are we so blinded to our own interests as to allow partisan favor to interfere with accomplishment of decency in local government?

WILL ROGERS NEEDS NO ROPE TO LASSO SMILES

Minter's Smile Cures All—Locke Story on the Screen—DeMille Movie Returns

Will Rogers is now a big time movie actor.

There is no doubt about that any longer.

The writer has seen Rogers gather in much of the applause in "The Folies."

We have seen him in his early movie attempts, but it was not until seeing Rogers in "Jes Call Me Jim" that we were ready to admit that he was of the big movie league.

Fans have longed for the day when Rogers would land a real story, one in which he had to fight a little of his rugged personality.

Such a character is Jim, the man who lives way up in the mountains with his dog, in the movie story, "Jes Call Me Jim."

And yesterday, while seeing this picture on the screen at the Circle, it was evident that Rogers could bring the tears to one's eyes as well as the smiles to one's face.

You may not agree with the movie producer injecting the prayer episode into the picture, but you are bound to agree that it was most honestly handled.

The prayer was done by Rogers himself and before you know it, young Rogers is tugging at your heart strings.

The elder Rogers and the young Rogers have the most to do in this picture and everything they do is well done.

Rogers has at last realized that movie pictures respond to acting that is real and to a story that has some real people in the story.

Movie fans are getting disgusted with the cheap movie drawing room scenes, and welcome every attempt at naturalness.

Naturalness is the great asset of this new Rogers' movie, and Rogers plays a real man role.

"Jes Call Me Jim" has the stuff which we all run up against in the real world.

Opinion—Here is a movie story that has backbone and at least two real, breathing, honest characters.

At the Circle all week, in addition to Harold Lloyd in "High and Dizzy."

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SECONDS THOUGHTS ON "WHY CHANGE YOUR WIFE?"

Things do not just happen in the movie industry.

It's not just luck that makes a picture a great box office attraction these days.

The days have passed when a movie can draw hundreds of people on a mere title founded on recent public scandal.

Pictures must have the real goods and doctor along with them.

The wife, believe it or not, is the reason which has made DeMille's "Why Change Your Wife?" of such tremendous appeal.

This movie is now in its fourth week at English's and its return yesterday met with satisfactory patronage.

DeMille has handled a domestic problem which generally must be solved by the average wife and the question is:

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What can be done for chigger bites? This department of The Times tells you. If you have a question to ask, send it with a 2-cent stamp to The Indiana Daily Times information bureau, Frederic J. Haskin, director, Washington D. C., and the answer will be mailed direct to you.

CHIGGER BITES.

Q. What can be done for chigger bites?

A. Chiggers, also called liggers and red bugs, bore directly into the skin and therefore to remove the insect it is necessary to dig it out with a hot needle which has been sterilized by passing it through a flame. After exposure to chiggers the body should be lathered and washed. This often prevents further bites.

WHAT "IA" SIGNIFIES.

Q. What does the name Nichola signify?

A. Presumably, such a town was named for a person named Nichola or Nichole. "Ia" is a suffix which has been used since the time of the Romans to indicate a place.

WRIT OF ERROR.

Q. What is a writ of error?

A. A writ of error is a common law process for redressing an erroneous judgment. This has been superseded to a great extent in the United States and in England. The process will be error is the appropriate process for carrying case from the highest appellate court of a state to the supreme court of the United States.

THE DOCTOR WHO HAS TO MAKE THE GREAT DECISION.

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THERE IS SHRINE AND SORROW FOR MARY.

Our own sweet Mary Miles Minter has a dreadfully hard time of it in "Jennie Be Good," her latest movie.

In this movie, Mary is a poor little orphan girl, who first supports an invalid relative, secretly marries one of those rich fellas, who is always handing around the writer of a movie story, and then her troubles begin.

The mother of Mary's husband is one of those would-be social aristocrats who

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RIVER STYX.

Q. What is the River Styx?

A. According to Greek mythology, this river separates the land of the heavy from the land of the dead, and it is necessary for every one to cross the River Styx in order to reach the realm of death.

LARGE PINEAPPLES.

Q. How large do pineapples grow?

A. Some very large specimens may weigh from fifteen to twenty pounds each.

CIMMERIAN.

Q. What does "Cimmerian" mean?

A. "Cimmerian" refers to a mythical people described by Homer in his works as "dwelling in a realm of mist and gloom."

BIBLE IN VERSES.

Q. Who first divided the Bible into verses?

A. The author of the division of the Old Testament into verses is not known.

Robert Stephen (or Estienne), a French printer, first divided the New Testament into verses in an edition printed at Geneva in 1531.

BASEBALL RULE.

Q. If a ball is bunted on the third and rolls foul, should the ball merely be called a foul?

A. According to rule 51, section 9, of the 1920 baseball rules, the batsman is out on a bunt that rolls foul, if the attempted bunt is made on the third strike.

IRISH DONATION.

Q. What was the "Irish Donation?"

A. The Irish donation is the name given to the donation of supplies sent by the lord mayor of Dublin to the colonists' headquarters at Boston, Mass., for the relief of the colonists after their dreadful troubles during King Philip's war. It is said that Ireland was the only European country which sent relief at that time. Action was taken

YOU SAID IT—WHO WOULDNT BE SICK?



WALLACE REID and BEBE DANIELS.

What happens when Cupid dons a nurse's uniform is illustrated in the Paramount picture, "Sick Abed," now to be seen at the Alhambra.

How can the wife maintain the love of her husband?

DeMille tackles the problem in an honest and straightforward way and some of his scenes might be startling, but they are honestly decent because they are true to life.

Every married couple who sees this movie can at least appreciate the troubles of the doctor's wife in "Sick Abed."

We class this picture at the head of the present movies and say for it that it is good entertainment.

On view all week at English's.

ONE OF LOCKE'S NOVELS TO BE SEEN AT OHIO.

Some time ago William J. Locke wrote a story called "The White Dove" and was built around the idea of a physician

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