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BETTER to insure political preference, John W. Davis should have taken that leave of absence before the San Francisco convention.

WE WERE JUST THINKING how Warren G. Harding would look were his eyebrows plucked according to the prevailing feminine style.

THAT "INNOCENT VICTIM" who reports two "twenty-five dollar bills" stolen from his cache must have been attempting to compete with the police in their estimate of the value of stolen property recovered.

GOODRICH has paroled a Brown county farmer so that he may go home and tend to his crops. It's a dull criminal indeed who can not find an excuse for avoiding his sentence that meets with the approval of our pardoning governor.

THE REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN can now proceed in perfect harmony. Our esteemed contemporary informs us that Fred E. Schortemeyer, secretary of the state republican committee, is "pleased" with Senator Harding's speech of acceptance.

A CORRESPONDENT wishes to know why editors and others take such delight in writing sarcastic things about William Jennings Bryan. There seems to be no better reason than that Mr. Bryan doesn't care and the editors and others have to write about someone.

GEOLOGIST LOGAN declares the water companies of Indiana might save money by manufacturing alum from kaolin deposits in the state. We respectfully refer his proposition to James P. Goodrich, who undoubtedly has a friend or a relative who might be useful as a director of a new corporation.

THE STORY of the woman from Louisville, Ky., who ran off with her son-in-law, and gave as excuse therefore the mere statement "because I love him," leaves in doubt the excuse that might have been given by the son-in-law. In fact, it doesn't quote him as saying anything, and perhaps in this lies the true psychology of the elopement.

## Some Fine Day

All of this palaver between Dr. Jameson for the street car company and Mr. Lemaux for the city of Indianapolis is interesting, if not constructive.

It is interesting for the reason that it proves to the average reader that there are at least ninety-nine different kinds of street car bunk and neither the company nor the board of works appears willing to forego the pleasure of passing it out to the public.

The latest conference between Dr. Jameson and the board appears to have been no more productive of results than its many predecessors.

Having in mind a lot of orders issued under pains and penalties by the high and mighty board of works Dr. Jameson appears before that august body and informs it that while he had the utmost respect for its mandates he does not have the ability to carry them out and would the board please explain why the board continued to issue orders when it knows obedience is impossible?

Registering almost as much surprise as Senator Harding at his notification the board of works assures Dr. Jameson of its utmost willingness to "co-operate" with the street car company and adjourns for lunch and other more pleasant pursuits than listening to the demands of a very foolish populace.

All of which is entertaining but utterly devoid of any possibilities of helping the street car situation in Indianapolis.

It can now be assumed with absolute assurance:

1. That the street car company is at present still unable to carry out any orders that the board of works may issue to it for extensions.

2. That the members of board of works know this, have known it for months and will not forget it in the immediate future.

Therefore it follows as the day the night that when the board of works assures petitioners that it will order the street car company to build extensions and does write such orders it is simply playing to the grandstand.

Dr. Jameson's repeated presentations of the fact that the street car company is unable to carry out these orders have become wholly unnecessary.

The board doesn't expect the company to carry them out, the public doesn't expect the company to comply with them and the company knows full well that neither the board nor the public expects compliance.

Some day Indianapolis may have a board of works that will have sufficient interest in the welfare of the city to attempt to bring about a situation by which orders will be issued in earnest and performed in earnest by a company that has been made capable of performing them.

But first the city will have to get another board of works.

## Beating Democrats to It

In transferring the final word on tax levies and bond issues from the state board of taxation to the several circuit courts of Indiana the senate yesterday exhibited the first evidence of deference to public opinion that has yet marked its third session.

This action was an indication that after many months of denial, the republican leaders of this state have finally determined to admit that "centralization" is no longer a safe hobby on which to base a campaign.

The greatest fault that has been found with the Goodrich administration to date is that it has been just exactly what it was represented it would be by the republicans themselves.

It has been an administration in which the whole government of the whole state has been conducted by one man over whom the people of the state had absolutely no control.

Shearing the tax board of final judgment on tax levies and bond issues shears Gov. Goodrich of the ability to control, though his self-appointed board, the tax levies and the bond issues of every taxing unit in the state.

It is an admission on the part of the senate that "centralization" of power in the hands of the governor has been a mistake and it is significant that the shearing was done by unanimous vote.

Politically speaking, the enactment of a tax bill with this feature will be of vast benefit to the republicans of the state.

The democratic party is pledged to repeal this law and to restore to the people of Indiana home control.

The republican senate has taken the first step toward beating the democrats to it.

All of which demonstrates that common sense will eventually triumph over political bunk.

## What We Lack

If this epidemic of jail breaking in Indiana continues it might be well for whatever persons are interested in keeping criminals in confinement to organize an association having for its purpose the surveillance of those who are presumed to guard prisoners.

Twenty-four men walked out of the Marion county jail and did about everything except call on the sheriff and the chief of police to advertise the fact without in any way disturbing the placidity of either office.

Howard Cerf, a life prisoner, escaped from the Shelbyville jail without having been missed until meal time.

Neither event disturbed in the slightest the routine of the state board of charities which has among its other duties that of supervision over jail conditions and attempts in its benighted way to prescribe rules for the conduct of county jails.

It is becoming manifest that there is something wrong about the system used by the authorities in Indiana to carry out the judgments of the criminal courts.

Either the officials to whom are entrusted the confinement of criminals are unfit for the trust or the facilities with which they are provided are inadequate.

We have prosecutors whose duties include the determination of whether officials are fit and we have a state board of charities whose duties include determination of whether or not the jails are fit.

What we seem to lack more than anything else is the disposition on the part of the officials to perform their obvious duties.

## What's What In Indianapolis

Know Your Own Home Town

(By the Reference Department, Indianapolis Public Library, C. E. Rush, Librarian)

What was served at the first fashionable wedding dinner in Indianapolis?

This dinner was to celebrate the marriage of Miss Patsy Chin to Uriah Gates early in the year 1822. On either end of the table was a large fowl with turkey, hot and steaming as when taken from the clay oven in which it was roasted. The middle of the table was a large saddle of venison. The spaces in between were filled with pumpkin, chicken and various other kinds of fowl. From a side table the women served coffee and delicious cream out of a gallon pitcher. Guests also were helped bountifully to maple sugar out of a large tin pan.

What does D.T. on the telegraph poles around the city designate?

The Dandy Trail of eighty-eight miles around the city, mapped out by the Hoosier Motor Club. It has attractions and advantages offered by no other day's drive. Never more than ten miles from the motorist, it winds through Indian towns and villages, Indiana Point, Bear Den, Glen Valley, Southport, Five Points, Millersville, Castleton and Broad Ripple, passing the Country club, Indiana Gris' school and many points of interest.

Does Shortridge encourage higher education among pupils?

Of the 2,024 students now enrolled, 40 per cent are preparing for college.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

How tall are Senator Harding and Gov. Cox? This department of The Times tells you. If you have a question to ask send it with a 2-cent stamp to The Daily Times Information Bureau, Frederick J. Haskin, Director, Washington, D. C. The answer will be mailed direct to you.

HARDING AND COX. Q. How tall are Harding and Cox? H. U. W. A. Senator Harding is an inch over six feet, while Gov. Cox is five feet eight inches in height.

GETTING INTO MAJOR LEAGUES. Q. How can a person get in the major baseball leagues? D. V. H.

A. Usually these teams are recruited from minor league teams. Some few may come from college ball teams. Each ball club in the major leagues has scouts who make business of going through the country watching the working out of ball players and studying their records.

CANADIAN NORTHWEST. Q. Where is the Canadian northwest? W. L. A. The Canadian Northwest is generally meant to include Saskatchewan, Alberta, British Columbia and Yukon. Vancouver, B. C., is the western port for the Canadian northwest.

WASPS. Q. Are there many kinds of wasps? M. A. R.

A. In North America there are about 1,500 known species, arranged in seven families.

"I'M FROM MISSOURI!" Q. What is the origin of the expression "I'm from Missouri"? W. S.

A. The phrase "I am from Missouri" was first used by W. D. Vandiver, a representative in congress from Missouri, in the sense "I am not easily taken in" or "you will have to show me."

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UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

Q. I desire to know why "M" is used by the University of Vermont, thus, "M. M."

A. The "M" is added to the initials for the University of Vermont to distinguish from the University of Virginia.

CHRISTIAN FILIPINOS.

Q. Are Filipinos Christians? L. W. K.

A. The Filipino people number 10,250,640, of whom 9,405,272 are Christians, only 9 per cent being non-Christians.

"MOTHER OF AMERICA."

Q. What country is called the "Egypt of America"? L. P. D.

A. This name has been given to Central America, because it was in this country that once the greatest culture of the world would have produced.

The influence of civilization in this hemisphere, but the Mayas, the civilized natives found by Cortes and his contemporaries in Central America.

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