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IS THERE any officeholder in the courthouse whose office is conducted on the same high plane of "efficiency" as that of Leo K. Fesler?

NOW that we have a comparison as to the cost of courthouse janitorial with that of an office building, what will be done about the \$9,200 waste?

EVIDENTLY the duties of "inspecting" for the city do not interfere materially with the occupation of soliciting for an illicit liquor manufacturer.

HAVING ACTED as state examiner, state representative and speaker of the house at the same time, Jesse Eschbach is reported to be willing to take on a fourth job as fuel director.

## Where the Money Goes

No one who has had occasion to transact business within its portals will be particularly surprised by publication of the fact that it cost the taxpayers of Marion county \$9,200 a year more for janitor service in the courthouse than it costs the owners of an office building containing 210 office rooms for far better service.

The explanation lies in the fact that the janitors employed by the owners of the office building are engaged to do janitor's work, not for their political influence among the negroes of Indianapolis on whose votes depends the political destiny of the republican party.

The obvious fact is that the taxpayers of Marion county are, in this one instance, paying \$9,200 for the doubtful privilege of permitting their government to remain in the hands of officeholders whose administration is no better than the janitor service in the courthouse.

The wonder is that a community composed of men and women, with the business acumen that has made this a great city, is so indifferent to its pocketbook as to permit this kind of waste when it could be so easily stopped.

The excess cost of janitor service in the courthouse is only an incident in the reign of inefficiency that has marked the incumbency of the "good government and clean politics" advocates who swept into office seven years ago and have devoted most of their time to the perpetuation of their dynasty.

It is, however, a rather sad example of indifference, gullibility and actual foolishness on the part of the taxpayers.

No stockholder in a corporation would tolerate such waste of money as this.

No corporation that permitted its managers to dissipate its revenues with such reckless abandon would long survive in the keen competition of this community.

It becomes daily more and more of a wonder that the taxpayers of Marion county, stockholders in the largest corporation in the county, are so insensitive to their financial interests as to tolerate the waste that political plunder demands of public money.

## The Days of Robinson Crusoe

Maybe it was ten, twenty, forty, or more, years ago, but of course you can remember of the boy day dreams you had of being a second Robinson Crusoe—even now you probably can visualize just the sort of raggedy suit he wore, and his queer cap, and his man Friday.

Remember how, lying in the cool shade of the trees fringing the creek "back home," with your fishin' pole lying in the grass beside you, weighted down with a rock, and the "bob," almost forgotten, swinging lightly in the slight current of the stream, you dreamed of the day when you, too, would be shipwrecked on a desert isle.

## Starve?

Sure you wouldn't, for there'd be plenty of coconuts and bananas and birds and fish—and you'd cast a rather drowsy eye toward the "bob" in the stream—and all sorts of shells with things in them a fellow could eat in a pinch.

Maybe you even had the temerity to run away some time, on your way to the sea, and didn't have time to get much beyond the curve in the road, way past Jud Parker's yellow barn, when darkness overtook you and with it the strange sounds of the night and a sort of fullness in your throat, the ache of which could be quieted only by mother—and then you turned and fairly beat it back for home, with your bare feet patterning swiftly in the warm dust of the road, regardless of ruts or possible stone bruises, for you were going home.

And all this comes back vividly through the story of the visit of Dr. William Alanson Bryan, professor of zoology and geology of the University of Hawaii, to the island of Robinson Crusoe, and the cave on the island, in which Defoe's hero lived for four years and which is still habitable and unchanged.

## Patriotic, Isn't It?

"The Brightwood Gazette," a handbill bearing the name of E. C. Boyden as editor, in its issue of Aug. 14, prints the following example of the high-class political arguments to which the party of "intellectual aristocracy and culture" has been forced to resort so early in the campaign:

The Indianapolis Times; that lying democratic sheet that can't tell the truth when it comes to politics, keeps harping about high taxes in this city and county, and never says a word about the millions and billions of indebtedness heaped upon the people by "he who kept us out of war"—the late war with Germany—which was all uncalled for, and which we could have kept out of only for the bull-headedness of the "Country School Teacher."

It is all right what he does in the eyes of The Times, and should be endorsed by the people, which will not be in November. Put a pin there.

If our taxes have increased, which they do not have, the increase has been caused by putting "John Barley Corn" out of business, which was done by democrats and republicans, and not by the mismanagement of affairs by the republican party.

Change the national administration at Washington and the taxes will be reduced and we'll get back to normal once more and have better times, and the only way to do this is to elect Harding and Coolidge. Hurrah.

## Why, Mr. Tucker!

On Aug. 12, The Indiana Daily Times duly chronicled the fact that the Lenoir Coal Company, in which Gov. Goodrich's son has a \$10,000 interest, has been allotted the privilege of furnishing \$10,400 worth of coal to a state institution under the control of Gov. Goodrich.

On Aug. 13, under an Indianapolis date line, the Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette and the Evansville courier both reprinted the story as it appeared in The Times the day before, both crediting it to their "bureaus" in the Star building at Indianapolis.

Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery and The Times is glad it was able to produce so desirable a story for these newspapers.

But what we do not understand is why Bert Tucker, who dictates the political policies of the Star league and is employed by the Journal-Gazette and the Courier as their special correspondent in Indianapolis, did not cause the same story to be printed in the Indianapolis Star, the Muncie Star and the Terre Haute Star.

If the story was good enough to send to Ft. Wayne and Evansville surely it was good enough to be printed in the Star.

Is the Star league intentionally depriving its readers of the truth about the Goodrich administration?

## Unusual, but Usual

The reversal of the position of the city court relative to the legality of passing a street car on the left hand side was a very unusual proceeding and sufficient to break the routine for all court attaches and others.

But it was also quite passe in one respect.

The defendant who escaped a fine at the time the court ruled it was legal to pass a street car on its left was a negro.

The defendant who paid a fine at the time the court ruled it was illegal to pass a street car on the left was a white man.

Perusal of the records of the city court throughout the present republican administration reveal that there is nothing unusual about this feature.

## WHAT THE NEWS DID NOT QUOTE!

It having become the fashion of our more or less literary contemporaries to quote for the edification of its readers the products of the New York Times, usually with such comment as would indicate that great minds run together, we can only interpret the failure to reproduce the following as an oversight:

## UNPARAMOUNTING PARAMOUNTY.

"It's a fine day," an indiscreet acquaintance once ventured to remark to Martin VanBuren. "It appears to be, so far," replied that model of caution and moderation. Our republican friends now find that they have been too rash. They welcomed joyfully "the great and solemn referendum" on the league of nations. That was the cardinal, the "clear-cut" issue, roared by a hundred organs. Only last Monday the Chicago Tribune was saying:

Gov. Cox accepts the covenant of the league of nations as the paramount issue in this election and republicans will be glad that he has done it.

Evidently the republican mail collections of republican opinion have been unsatisfactory. The issue on which the Lodgeites and Borahites and Johnnites planted their firm feet, swearing to prevail or perish, is suddenly whisked away by a conference of republican sages. Mr. Chairman Will Hays, who has been at Marion, absorbing wisdom and corrupting his style, has confabulated with Mr. Harding. The cardinal issue, like Mr. Hays's earlier manner of speech, is suddenly unhinged. In a wild word spout that will surprise and pain Mr. Meredith Nicholson and all other admirers of Indiana literature, the chairman cries:

It is squarely up to the electorate to indorse or repudiate the last seven years of democratic maladministration in Washington, which to the vast majority of the citizenry of this country stands for a simple squandering of our great resources, a saturnalia of extravagance, a cataclysm of perverted purposes and broken promises, and, finally, an absolute betrayal of American rights and American interests.

Such is Mr. Hays's agitation that, in giving the order to right-about-face, he mixes Swinburne and Sir Boyle Roche and that once famous document of doom, the Ocala Platform, in a fearful and wonderful compound. He even so far forgets himself as to speak the word "citizenry," once used by the abhorred Mr. Wilson, to the irritation of all the republican faithful. The Hoosier literati may be trusted to remonstrate with Mr. Hays and ask him not to expose himself too often to the dangers of Marion phraseology. Meanwhile, it is clear that something like a panic has seized the gods of the republican campaign. In less nervous moments they must know that issues are made by the voters, not the candidates or the managers. Mr. Bryan's unhappy experience in paramount issues still leaves open to laborers in the political vineyard.

Moreover, this lightning change proves that the senatorial grandees are finding that they misread badly the republican mind. The republican friends of the league of nations are discovered to be so numerous that the issue of issues must be put in the background, veiled. The Harding-Hays prime policy and hoped-for watchword of harmony is merely, in effect, a republican adaptation of Mr. Charles A. Dana's "Turn the Rascals Out." It is an effort to unite a wrangling and divided party on the noble platform of "Give the republicans the offices," at least such of them as civil service reform, that evil work of Mr. Simon Cameron's "damned literary fellers," still leaves open to laborers in the political vineyard.

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And how about the "bitter-enders"? Who is going to make the harmful necessary Hiram Johnson relent his rage against the league as the sum of all villainies? Who is going to put a hook in the jaw of that Leviathan? Who will call the thunders of Borah, Brandegee, Moses, Knox, Lodge, and the whole corps of implacable anti-covenanters? Trying to heat division, the Marion doctors have only inflamed it more. Wisdom seems to have departed from the republican machinists. They are uncertain, weak, fussy, quick to put on rooseflesh. As for that republican Benjamin, Mr. Hays, the same fatal day shows him playing a queer political game and clothing his once engaging style in fustian.—New York Times.

## T. P. A. Holds Picnic Broad Ripple Aug. 21

Indianapolis traveling men, together with their wives and families, will attend the annual picnic and outing of Post B. Travelers' Protective association, at Broad Ripple park Aug. 21.

About 1,500 traveling men and their families are expected to attend the outing.

## Creds Club to Meet at Chamber Tonight

A meeting of the Creds club, a junior organization affiliated with the Indianapolis Association of Credit Men, will be held this evening at 6:30 at the Chamber of Commerce.

The club is just being organized and is for men who are interested in the study of credits and collections.

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## MANY CITIES GO TO HIGHER CLASS

Hammond and Muncie Now in Second Division.

Indiana now has one first-class, eight second-class, seven third-class, twenty-one fourth-class and sixty-one fifth-class cities, as a result of the 1920 census, according to announcement of the Indiana legislative reference bureau.

Two cities, Hammond and Muncie, moved from the third-class to second-class cities, and one municipality, East Chicago, leaped from fourth-class to second-class.

Four cities, Elkhart, Logansport, Kokomo and Marion, went from the fourth-class rating to cities of the third class, while fifteen cities went from the fifth to fourth class.

Under a law passed in 1918 the state's seven new first-class cities, Anderson, Elkhart, Marion, Lafayette, Logansport, Kokomo and Richmond, may become cities of the second class by reason of property valuation, provided the citizens of those cities vote for such change.

Several transitions of cities into higher classes are made possible through property valuation.

The date of transition into the higher class has not been determined, although state officials have been using the new classifications in determining the status of cities of the state.

Indiana cities are divided by law into five classes on the following basis:

Cities of the first class, cities having a population of 100,000 or more; cities of the second class, cities having a population of 35,000 or more and less than 100,000; cities of the third class, cities having a population of 10,000 or more and less than 35,000; cities of the fourth class, cities having a population of 10,000 or more and less than 20,000 and having taxable property to the amount of \$5,000,000 or more, also all cities having a population of less than 10,000, and having taxable property of not less than \$7,500,000; cities of the fifth class, cities having a population of 10,000 or more and less than 20,000, whose taxable property is less than \$5,000,000, also all cities having a population of less than 10,000.

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## Methodist Meeting Will Begin Tonight

Orville B. Roberts of Forest, Ind., will deliver the sermon opening the eighty-first annual conference of the Methodist Protestant church of Indiana tonight at the Victory Memorial church.

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HOROSCOPE  
"The stars incline, but do not compel."

TUESDAY, AUG. 17, 1920.

The planets rule for good this day, according to astrology.

This is a very most favorable for all who project altruistic or progressive ideas, since it makes for practical development.

It is a lucky day for commercial en-

terprises and for whatever depends on navigation.

There is a peculiarly fortunate direction this day for all who seek preferment. Political candidates should benefit by planetary forces that stimulate energy and encourage right efforts.

Speech is subject to influences that seem to press a return to popularity of orators and all who use the power of spoken argument.

Lawyers should benefit greatly during this rule which is most helpful to women as well as men.

Education now will assume a great importance and will be of concern to millionaires and leaders of thought in the United States.

Persons whose birthday it is should not speculate or go to law. Business may be rather perplexing and should be carefully watched.

Children born on this day are likely to be quick and well balanced in mind. These persons do not take kindly to business.—Copyright, 1920.

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