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NOBODY is going to be able to accuse Senator Harding of speeding.

The second special session of the Goodrich legislature cost Indiana taxpayers \$29,035, according to the auditor's report. But that only represents a small part of it.

NOR was the recent meeting between Gov. Coolidge and Judge Collier the first time the attention of Massachusetts' governor had been called to Marion county's judge.

SODA FOUNTAIN CLERKS are said to be so good at psychology that they can tell by looking at a customer what he is about to order. So if one of them makes up a nut sundae—

SEVENTY-FIVE-CENT GASOLINE is a possibility within two years, predicts a Cleveland scientist. If that comes true it may safely be predicted that a lot of people will pay 75 cents for gasoline.

We Have and We Will

Indicative of the very real menace to the peace of Indianapolis which has been fostered and developed by the police of the Charles W. Jewett administration in petting and pampering the lawless negroes of Indianapolis is the open defiance of police interference with gambling on Indiana avenue, as publicly expressed by one Goosie Lee, a negro, who has come into prominence recently by the brazen manner in which he has done as he pleased.

Goosie has been arrested several times, but it is not of record that his arrests have interfered any with his business nor with his qualifications as a bondsman for other administration pets who happen to be caught in nefarious traffic by politically careless policemen.

The assertion of Goosie Lee that "we will gamble on the avenue in spite of anything the police can do" might be regarded as the idle mouth of a frittered negro were it not so remarkably true. There is much to indicate that Goosie frankly spoke the truth, for until the present administration ceases to afford soft berths in the city hall and courthouse to Goosie's class of negroes and the state courts cease to treat them with such leniency and consideration as has in the past few years been accorded to them, no more respect for the law than Goosie expressed can be expected.

This condition of affairs, reflected by the police slate daily and the city court blotter almost as often, is very unfortunate for the negro race as a whole.

Goosie Lee has nothing in common with the better class of negroes in Indianapolis. His personally defined attitude and his record stamp him as a man who is doing more harm to his race than can be overcome by law-abiding negroes in years.

Yet, it is the negro of the Goosie Lee type who is recognized by the administration as representative of the colored race in Indianapolis.

The administration ought to be able to see that its continued pampering of the lawless negroes in this city is causing anti-negro sentiment to reach a dangerous point. It ought to see that in selecting negroes of the Goosie Lee type for special favors and political recognition it is classifying all negroes in the same category and turning public indignation that should naturally be directed toward the lawless negro against the race as a whole.

No man, either white or black, ought to be permitted to exhibit such complete contempt for the law and its enforcement agencies as Goosie Lee exhibited in front of the police station, in the hearing of a group of policemen.

Goosie would never dare to give vent to his contempt for the courts and the police force had he not, by actual happenings, learned that it is possible for an administration negro to "get away" with anything he chooses just previously to an election.

Let's Have Fair Play

Merely in the interest of fair play, to which every candidate for office is entitled, The Times is impelled to ask the voters of Marion county not to judge the candidacy of James Eli Watson for re-election to the senate by the scanty newspaper reports accorded his speech in Irvington recently.

Mr. Watson is campaigning under a grave handicap. He has not as yet made satisfactory arrangements with Mr. Tucker of the Indianapolis Star for the reporting of his speeches in the Star, Evansville Courier, Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette and Cincinnati Enquirer. He is suffering from a lack of consideration at the hands of the Indianapolis News because, long ago, he had the courage to refuse to truckle to Delavan Smith, the controlling factor in the management of that institution.

As a result of these "sins" of omission and commission, Mr. Watson is not enjoying the privilege of setting himself squarely before the people of Indiana through the press and is being subjected to a certain amount of political hazing, such as any candidate in whose candidacy there is not a personal interest, suffers at the hands of the republican press.

We do not believe that Senator Watson is openly advocating a "separate peace with Germany," as is declared by the News.

Perusal of a more complete report of his Irvington speech than appeared in either of the republican papers in Indianapolis does not justify such an assertion. We rather get the impression that Mr. Watson sought to define his position as one of advocating immediate peace, and/or justifying the senate peace resolution as a movement toward immediate peace.

The Times can hardly be expected to agree with Mr. Watson's position as a candidate for United States senator. Its conception of the type of a representative the people of Indiana want in the senate differs widely from Mr. Watson's conception or qualifications.

But this should be a campaign waged to elect to office men who are favored by the voters of Indiana rather than to defeat men who are not the personal choice of a few bipartisan politicians, and it can not be a campaign of a type fit for the participation of our women voters unless the candidates are allowed opportunity to present their views without being subjected to the handicaps of personal rancor or commercial advantages.

Mr. Watson is entitled to the opportunity to be judged by the voters of Indiana after a full and complete exposition of his candidacy.

Certainly the democrats of Indiana do not fear such a test of his popularity.

Certainly the republicans who do not personally admire him should be prevented from injuring his chances of election by failing to understand him.

Automatic Policemen

At 9:30 Tuesday morning a woman was struck by a street car within fifty feet of the traffic policeman at Meridian and Maryland streets.

She was painfully, but not seriously, injured.

The motorman and conductor of the street car took her name and address, an inspector of the street car company appeared and assisted.

While this woman was standing in a safety zone, evidently suffering considerable pain, a second street car turned east in Maryland street, blocking the north-bound traffic and the pedestrians' crossing. It stood there exactly six minutes, while the crew of the car ahead of it completed the accident report.

The injury of the woman, the blockade of the crossing, the delay of all traffic at a busy corner, did not interest the traffic policeman in the least. He never took his hand off the standard nor ceased to blow his whistle.

If a traffic policeman, under the regulations that appear to be in vogue in Indianapolis, has no more important duties to perform than turn a semaphore and blow a whistle, why not install an automatic device and reduce the force?

If the injury of a woman and the subsequent blockade of the crossing are not of sufficient importance to disturb the routine of a traffic policeman, wherein does he differ from an automaton?

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

What race of people produces the best mothers? What is the "celestial marriage" of the Mormon church? If you have a question to ask, send it with a 2-cent stamp to The Indiana Daily Times Information Bureau, Frederick J. Haskin, Director, Washington, D. C. The answer will be sent direct to you.

THE BEST MOTHERS.

Q. What race of people produces the best mothers? A. N. M. N.

A. Dr. C. W. Salby of the British national birth rate commission states that the Jewish mother ranks first, with the Irish mother second, and the English third.

BELGIAN POSSESSIONS IN AFRICA.

Q. How much land does Belgium own in Africa? A. E. W.

A. With the 18,000 square miles of German colonies, over which Belgium was given a mandate in March by the supreme council, Belgium rules over 17,000,000 square miles in tropical Africa.

LARGEST BODY OF FRESH WATER.

Q. Which is the largest body of fresh water in the world? T. T.

A. Lake Superior has this distinction. This lake has an area of 31,200 square miles.

DEATHS FROM INFLUENZA.

Q. How many people actually died of influenza in the recent epidemic? H. S. C.

A. According to a summary made by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, a total of 15,000,000, or practically 1 per cent of the entire population of the globe died of this disease previous to 1919.

WORLD'S OLDEST CITY.

Q. Where is the oldest city in the world? A. E. M.

A. Damascus, Syria, is the oldest city extant. Other cities were built before it, but they have perished or have been destroyed.

SIZE OF FOX LITTERS.

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