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ANYHOW, it was a fine fight, wasn't it?

INDIANA CITIZENS can now give some attention to getting in their coal.

HERE'S HOPING we get a breathing space before the city campaign gets under way.

INDIANA'S ELECTORATE, the greatest society in the State, initiated a powerful lot of new members when the women voted today.

ONLY A GREAT COUNTRY populated by the best people in the world could survive a campaign of this type every four years.

WE KNOW some candidates, and others, who are going to have a chance to renew acquaintances with the various members of their families after today.

Issues That Are Ever Present

However desirable the contrary may be, the fact remains that this election, today, will not determine a great many questions in which the citizens of Indiana are vitally interested.

No matter which party wins, there will remain the increasingly important problem of what is to be done about Indiana's tax laws.

And the equally important problem of how the citizens may obtain better law enforcement.

Certain specific pledges relative to taxation and law enforcement have been made in the campaign.

There will still be the necessity of seeing that these pledges are kept after those who made them have entered office.

Campaign promises, made in all sincerity, have not infrequently been forgotten when the enthusiasm of election has faded.

Indiana citizens owe it to themselves to see that pledges made relative to taxes and law enforcement are not forgotten.

Democrats and Republicans alike agree that the present tax laws under which taxes have been increased so tremendously the last two years are not satisfactory for the reason that they are not equitable nor just.

There may have been differences of opinion as to what changes were most desirable, but there was and still is a unity of opinion that some changes are necessary.

Regardless of party lines, the electorate of this State must continue to urge two things—tax law revision and better law enforcement.

In Marion County the question of law enforcement is particularly vital.

While it is a matter of pride to the citizens of Indianapolis that the city is one of the cleanest in the country, there nevertheless must be a zealous regard for the law in order that this highly desirable condition may be maintained.

Then, too, Marion County citizens are confronted with enormous taxes and many necessities of improvement calling for additional outlays of the taxpayers' money.

There is no wealth in Marion County that the citizens can afford to see dissipated. Every dollar that is carelessly or extravagantly expended means a dollar less for proper and desired improvements. The pocket-book of the taxpayer is not inexhaustible.

Hence, the two big problems confronting the citizens of the county will continue to be big problems when this election is forgotten.

The struggle for a better Indianapolis will not end with the closing of the polls. The election will make merely one stage in a continuous journey toward better government.

A Fitting Memorial

The plans of the executive committee of the American War Mothers, to erect a memorial consisting of several figures, in the headquarters of the American Legion appeals very strongly to a tender cord in the heart of every American. The intention is to make this a work of art, but aside from any merit of that kind, some fitting recognition is in order, to express the gratitude due those who stayed at home and waited.

Perhaps with the view of the war yet so vivid there is a tendency, true to human nature, to consider its trials just a little more severe than any previous wars, for one always considers one's own trials just a trifle different from those of his neighbors and one solicits just a little more sympathy or palliation for one's own troubles.

It is so true that they also serve who sit and wait, especially in war and in great movements, that due honor and thanks should be extended to the war mothers at all times. A break in the morale of the mothers would at any time simply crush the morale of any American troops. Men can boast and bluster, fight and die, but the truth is that they do it all with the help of the mothers at home.

Every hospital experience is the same; those in agony, and those about to make the supreme sacrifice carry the name of mother on their lips, either consciously or in fancy when tired nature is about to close the career.

So far as America was concerned, during the world war, the mothers were prepared to endure all, to hope for all and to cling to all that was needed for victory. They never faltered. Indeed, the same is true of many other countries, suffering more than did America.

Mother endures and is silent where no one else will carry the burden. So the erection of a memorial to show appreciation is a small reward to patient merit.

Figures

Now comes the State board of health and asserts that Ft. Wayne is the second healthiest city in the United States for babies. The infantile death rate there is only fifty-one in 1,000. Berkeley, Cal., is lowest with only forty-four, while Gary is 102, Indianapolis eighty, and Kokomo ninety-one.

It makes the Hoosier proud to realize that the State approaches the finest record in the United States as a place in which to be born, even if it be the second best. The demonstration of the figures is undisputable.

California is far distant from here and railroad fares have been raised hence it is safe to advise posterity to go to Ft. Wayne for birth. Although not first in health, the possibility of reaching that goal may create a better condition than would have been found if it had been attained as an ambitious city will often accomplish wonders in a short time.

The chances of infantile life are twice as good there as in Gary and much better than in Kokomo.

It must be concluded that Ft. Wayne is a very sanitary place, with a fine milk supply and an excellent climate.

Ft. Wayne is located in the northeast part of Indiana, at the head of the Maumee River, which is formed by a junction of the St. Joseph and St. Marys Rivers. It is about thirty miles east of Columbia City, the former home of Vice President Thomas R. Marshall and about the same distance north of Geneva, where Jean Stratton Porter wrote so interestingly of the Limerlost.

The place may eventually be reached by train or trolley from Indianapolis.

The Sorrows of Holidays

The burning to death of an 18-year-old girl at Fountain City by her Halloween costume catching fire from a piece of burnt cork sickens the heart beyond expression.

Just a happy girl engaged in innocent fun pays such a dreadful penalty that the world should notice the incident.

It seems that every day and each celebration is marked by the sacrifice of life, when there is no necessity for it. The safe and sane Fourth of July has come to stay. It follows a disgraceful record of casualties.

There is no reason why the first ice on the river should cause some one to be drowned nor why the rocking of a canoe should occasion at least one tragedy a season. A beautiful day should not presage numerous automobile accidents.

Human life cannot be restored. It is owing to every one that more prevention and care against the loss of life be observed. The approach of any extraordinary occasions should not be heralded by grievesome stories of injuries, accidents and deaths.

PUSS IN BOOTS JR.

By David Cory.

Now let me see. In the last story we left off just as Puss saw a great big tremendous hobby horse full of warriors, for it was hollow inside you know. Well, pretty soon a long procession of people came out of the city which was near by and dragged that wooden horse inside the gates.

And oh, dear me, when night came those armed warriors inside crept out through a little door in the side of the big wooden horse and opened the city's gates and let in their comrades, who took the city for themselves.

"Gracious me," thought Puss to himself, "I'd better be on my way," so off he went, and by and by came to a huge cave where lived a rubber giant.

And off Puss stood outside a little yellow bird, the same little yellow bird whose name I shall tell you when I begin to sing:

"Have a care, have a care.

A rubber giant lives in there. Venture not within the cave.

Notwithstanding you are brave."

So Puss went on a little way until he almost stumbled over a man lying asleep under a tree. And near at hand was a herd of oxen grazing on the meadow. And as suddenly, out of his cave came the great giant, and he seized hold of two of the oxen and dragged them into his cave.

And he was a very unusual sort of giant, for he had dragged the oxen backward by their tails, so that their footprints on the soft ground looked as if they had gone in the opposite direction. And all this was done so quickly that Puss was too surprised to speak. Put after a little while he walked over to where the sleeping man lay.

"Wake up, Mr. Hercules!"—for that was the man's name; but how Puss knew it puzzled me, unless the little yellow bird told him while I was writing the story—and then Hercules jumped up, goodness me, he was a strong man! He looked to be as strong as the giant, only of course he wasn't so big.

And when he learned who had stolen his oxen he ran straight to the cave

and in a loud voice called to the giant to come out. And pretty soon the giant did, and if he hadn't I guess Mr. Hercules would have dragged him out.

And then there was a dreadful fight took place, and the giant struck his blow, and his voice and ran out of the cave. And Mr. Hercules led them back to the others.

"Come with me," he said to Puss and I will show you some wonderful things, for I see you are a traveler and in search of adventure." So Puss went with Mr. Hercules. And in the next story you shall hear what happened after that.

—Continued.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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POULTRY PESTS.

Q. What are insects harmful to poultry?

B. B. M.

A. The Department of Agriculture says that fleas, mites, ticks, and also mosquitoes are the special pests of poultry.

A DIFFERENCE.

Q. What is the difference between an interstate railway and an intrastate one?

J. H. G.

A. An interstate railway is one which passes through more than one State, while an intrastate railway is one whose lines do not extend beyond the borders of the State.

ATHEIST DEFINED.

Q. What is an atheist?

R. G. H.

A. Lord Gladstone's definition of the

GOLD AND MERCURY.

Q. Does gold weigh more than mercury?

M. R. G.

A. The Bureau of Standards says a cubic centimeter of gold weighs more than a cubic centimeter of mercury at ordinary temperature. The former weighs 242.889 pounds and the latter

2.999 pounds.

MEANING OF "PAJAMA."

Q. What is the derivation of the word "pajama"?

H. H. L.

A. The Hindustani word, "pajama," means literally, "leg clothing," and is applied to the thin, loose trousers tied around the waist, which are worn by Mohammedan men and women. The English adaptation, spelled "pyjamas" (pronounced "pajamas") in the United States, is applied only to the trousers but to a suit made up of trousers and blouse, worn in the dressing room or as a sleeping garment.

TY COBB.

Q. Who was Ty Cobb on the retired

list for about two years?

J. J. B.

A. Ty Cobb has never been on the retired list since he began his major league career.

QUOTATION FROM HAMLET.

Q. Where is the expression "funeral baked meats" found?

E. V. R.

A. A notable example occurs in Hamlet, when Hamlet says "the funeral baked meats did coldly furnish for the marriage table," the reference being to the fact that his mother married for a second time very shortly after the death of her first husband.

A "SILVER THAW."

Q. What is a "silver thaw?"

L. M. C.

A. This is a climatic curiosity occasionally experienced in Oregon when a freezing misty rain sometimes tears down trees and wires by coating them with ice during cold night.

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