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WHY NOT nominate a woman for mayor of Indianapolis? There are many who feel that no woman could do any worse.

SHINER MIDDAGH appears to have paid his craps shooting assessment to the prosecutor's office rather early this month.

CHAIRMAN BOSSE doubtless realizes that in carrying on the party effort it can be carried to no more disagreeable ends than it has been.

NO WOMAN in the Attorney General's office will ever be guilty of changing her mind as many times as Ele Stansbury.

THE NEW YORK WORLD'S charges that the Wall street explosion was due to a labor war are fully as plausible as the other explanations that have been offered.

THE DEPARTURE of Mr. Taggart from the French Lick conference indicates that all has been arranged or that it hasn't. The guessing contest will now be carried on by the rival special writers.

The Pap-Suckers' Complaint

Public criticism of Mr. McCray's desire for an entirely new tax board is prompted more by a personal desire to see Fred Sims retained on the board than by concern for the public welfare.

All doubt as to this is wiped away by the energetic manner in which the Indianapolis News proceeds with a senseless criticism of the Governor-elect because, forsooth, he expresses a desire to conduct his administration without the hampering influences of appointees of James P. Goodrich.

To date Mr. McCray has adopted an attitude toward the affairs of state which is displeasing to no one except the office holders who hoped he would adopt them into his official family without a single change.

Mr. McCray has announced that he will not continue the gold braided staff of "heroes" that Governor Goodrich appointed.

He has announced that he believes the public desires a new deal in the tax board.

He has announced that he is having personal and private investigation made of various departments of the State government, such as the highway commission, and most properly he declines to tell who is making these investigations on the theory that the investigators should not be hampered in their work.

In these three things Mr. McCray has exhibited a sound judgment that merits approval.

It is not difficult to understand why Mr. McCray's course does not meet with approval of the friends of Governor Goodrich and such active supporters of the Goodrich regime as the Indianapolis News.

Announcement of the abolition of the Governor's military staff is an implied rebuke of a Goodrich institution.

Recognition of the public demand for the removal of such unpopular officials as Phil Zoercher and Fred Sims is, of course, distasteful to Governor Goodrich and the News because never, in the whole of their public lives did either of these gentlemen express a thought that was not incubated either at the round table in the Claypool presided over by Dick Smith or in the executive offices where Governor Goodrich practiced "centralization of power."

The personal and private investigations started by Mr. McCray are, however, the most serious phase of the whole change in administration.

These investigators, unknown and therefore unapproachable to the Goodrich satellites, are very likely to uncover some of the most reprehensible things about the Goodrich administration. There are many things they might learn to the great advantage of the incoming Governor and there is a very grave possibility that they will learn them.

How, then, are the Goodrich appointees to retain their jobs?

Their best hopes now appear to lie in the discrediting of the McCray methods before they are carried out.

As we said before, Mr. McCray is entitled to put his ideas of State government into effect without handicaps.

We hope he will assert himself to the extent of not being handicapped by the retention of such burdens as the Zoerchers that Goodrich may seek to impose upon him.

The Remarkable Mr. Bush

Mayor Jewett's statement that he has in his possession, un-inspected, missing papers pertaining to the period when Dennis J. Bush, alias J. J. Casey, was street commissioner of Indianapolis, serves to remind the public of one of the greatest miscarriages of justice that Indianapolis has ever had.

When it was discovered that the city of Indianapolis had been robbed of thousands of dollars through the padding of the street commissioner's pay rolls there was much indignation and many promises of vigorous prosecution by a "reform" administration.

Indeed, there were prosecutions and later litigation designed to recover the missing money.

But for some strangely unaccountable reason none of these prosecutions were ever directed against Bush, alias Casey, although he was the street commissioner and was charged with having padded the pay rolls.

The whole hue and cry of the time appears to have been skillfully diverted against others, better known and more formidable in political circles, with the result that no one was ever punished for padding the pay rolls.

Bush, whose connection with the fraud was admitted and who appears to have been more responsible for the loss to the city treasury than any one else, appears to have annexed special privileges by reason of his predatory prowess.

At any rate, he has been permitted for a long time to practice, unmolested, the illegal sale of horse race pools, which he finally admitted in police court the other day.

In all probability, the discovery of the missing pay rolls which were recently turned over to the mayor is a matter of no importance at this late date.

But it is indeed remarkable that there should be pay roll frauds, that public documents should disappear and reappear, that there should be no prosecution of an admitted participant in the frauds, and finally that the confessed lawbreaker should be granted the privilege of conducting a wholly illegal business without molestation almost throughout the administration of Mayor Jewett.

The Plight of Roumania

It was difficult to believe the prediction when our war was on that it would take another generation to overcome the evil effects of it. A little later when the high prices continued, the prediction came home better, but it is only necessary now, after two years of peace, to look at certain European countries and realize the desolation caused by the terrible upheaval.

In Roumania railroad traffic now is so crowded that passengers ride on the roofs of the trains by the hundred and even crowd the running boards of the cars.

The fare is the same whether the passenger rides in a compartment or on the roof. Naturally accidents of all kinds happen. Roumania has 8,000,000 people with 10,000 miles of railroad and there is only half the necessary equipment to carry on the traffic. How many years it will take to rebuild and refurbish this industry of the country is a question. We know how long it takes America, little touched by war, and as yet we are not back to normal conditions. How much more must it be in a country war ravished as was Roumania!

If the conditions of transportation are so bad the generation can begin to picture the desperate situation in man power for the loss of a husband or a brother or a father cannot be mechanically restored and indeed in those war-stricken countries the loss of every child from malnutrition and hardships, which were incidents of war, is an economic disaster irretrievable.

It is surprising indeed that the war lords with their pomp and glory should exist with the civilization of hundreds of years, and still not see the disastrous effects of their trade. It sometimes appears as though civilization had been forgotten when the desperate effects of war are shown and brought home to those who live in a land of peace and plenty.

WHEN A GIRL MARRIES
A New Serial of Young Married Life

By Ann Lise

CHAPTER XCVI. (Continued)
"I can't tell you how grateful I am—or how much I like being your 'partner.' I was miserable when you came into the room—all over something stupid I'd done," I exclaimed with spontaneous honesty. "And now I forgive myself, because I've been lucky enough to interest you in my work."

"I'll always be interested in your work, Mrs. Harrison," said Anthony Norreys, in his deep, kind voice. "You will always be finding good work to do in the world. And I want you to feel that I'll always believe in it and stand ready to aid. That seems to establish us as friends, doesn't it?"

There was a quick catch of pain in his voice. I felt a sudden sense of pity—and then the ludicrousness of it came over me. Why should pity Anthony Norreys—rich, prominent and powerful?

"Well, he's not a bad man—nor is he shattered health. He made the most of what he had saved from the holocaust of war—and gave and took help with the same unself-conscious generosity."

He seemed to sense my thoughts. "Are you—pitying me?" he asked gently. "I don't want you to. I don't want you to be my friend because you're sorry for me. The privilege I had of fighting for the cause was a privilege, and it did a lot too for good measure. What it did to my body doesn't matter. It gave me my soul. And now the after-war work is giving you to me—as a friend, isn't it, Mrs. Harrison?"

"I'm so proud. So proud," I said happily and contentedly. "To think that you should be asking for my friendship! Why—I'm only an untried, unproved girl—and you're a big man. Having you believe in me makes me believe in Barbara Anne."

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BILLS PRESENTED.

Q. How many bills were presented to the last Congress? I. M. C.

A. The Sixty-Sixth Congress has had 41,460 bills and joint resolutions presented to it. The total of bills actually passed by both Houses was 503.

CHOP SUEY.

Q. Is chop suey a native Chinese dish? H. F.

A. This dish, popular in Chinese restaurants in America, was apparently formed by English-speaking Chinese-restaurant-keepers in this country. English "chop" plus Chinese "sui," meaning piles of fragments chopped into small pieces and cooked.

ALL AMERICANS.

Q. Please tell me the meaning of the words placed over each paragraph of the 119th psalm. J. S. S.

A. These words are the English equivalent of the letters of the Hebrew alphabet, and divide the psalm into its different parts.

LATIN DERIVATION.

Q. What does the word "avuncular" mean? A. M. P.

A. "Avuncular" is derived from "avunculus," a Latin word, meaning "uncle." Its primary meaning is "of or pertaining to an uncle." In a humorous way, a pawnbroker is sometimes spoken of as an avuncular relative.

SONGS OF THE MOCKING BIRD.

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A. The ordinary song noted by the mocking bird is easily learned. They sing during the night, as do nightingales, and appear to begin their song with the rising of the moon. Their imitative notes are, however, even more varied than their natural tones. They mimic successfully many other birds and when kept in confinement all sounds of the household, as well as the mewing of cats, barking of dogs, etc., are imitated.

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