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SPECULATION as to appointees to State jobs has been adjourned for the holidays.

NO POLICE LIEUTENANT appears yet to have heard of the Birk-Held race pool selling combination!

PERCHANCE the mayor forgot to tell "his" police plan to any one except his genial secretary from Peoria!

WHY is a city market in which the standholders admit inability to compete with the prices charged by grocery stores?

STRANGE, isn't it, that throughout the years of their existence the fire hazards presented by our best known gambling houses have never before come to the attention of the city administration?

IF we had a grand jury it could learn some interesting things about the lot of the workhouse, if it wasn't too busy exonerating men who confess assaulting little girls.

Better Late Than Never

The post-election attempts of the Ft. Wayne Journal-Gazette to express its disapproval of the Goodrich administration are indeed amusing to those Democrats of Indiana who struggled persistently if ineffectually to get Goodrichism as an issue before the public in the last election.

Reading those papers which "stood by their guns in defense of the splendid Wilson administration," now leads one to wonder where they were published prior to Nov. 2.

For example, the Journal-Gazette says, "We charged for months that these institutions (State institutions) were being slowly crippled and destroyed," but we remember distinctly that the Journal-Gazette failed to publish the original story of the depopulation of the penal farm by paroles and contracts with mining companies when the story was offered to it.

The Ft. Wayne paper now declares that it "charged for many months" that the relation of Goodrichism toward the schools was beyond defense, but we distinctly remember that it failed to publish facts submitted to it when the Indiana school for the deaf was operated for months without sufficient funds to provide teachers.

The Journal-Gazette also says of the Goodrich attitude toward the convicts in the penal institutions, "we have many times dwelt upon this scandal and have been roundly abused for doing so."

It fails, however, to explain why it refused to publish the facts concerning Goodrich's parole record when these facts were offered to it in 1918.

The truth of the matter is that the Journal-Gazette, in common with the other Democratic newspapers of Indiana that are the playthings of the gentlemen who aspire to boss the Democratic party in Indiana, refused to follow a campaign program that might have led to success in Indiana.

They substituted for it a defensive strategy that failed so utterly in the last election that they now dislike to be associated with its memory.

Goodrich is dead in Indiana.

It expired shortly after Governor Goodrich announced the "withdrawal" of his presidential aspirations.

That was long before the Journal-Gazette trailed with the charges of which it now boasts.

And with its expiration, the Journal-Gazette had about as much to do as Ed Hoffman had with the organization of Indiana Democrats while he was spending the early part of the campaign at a Michigan summer resort.

Market Gougers

It might be pertinent to inquire of those city market stand holders who so blithely admit their inability to compete with groceries why they are in the city market at all.

Of course there is no justification for their presence, if, indeed there is any real justification for the city market as it is now conducted.

When grocers who pay high rents and even maintain delivery systems can undersell market stand holders whose rentals are nominal, whose investment is practically nil and whose possible customers are brought to them without solicitation there is something "rotten in Denmark."

The consumers of Indianapolis realize that there is something wrong with the city market long ago. It still remains, however, for those politicians who control it to find anything wrong with the system by which they are enabled to pass out profitable stand sites in return either for contributions to political funds or for political support.

Certainly the mere fact that the consumer for whose benefit the market is operated pays in exorbitant prices for food does not worry the administration.

Why should we have a market house if the standowners therein cannot compete with the grocers?

Why should we spend thousands of dollars in the improvement of a market house if the standowners cannot compete with dealers who are not subsidized with practically free rent?

The consumer desires to purchase at the lowest possible price consistent with a reasonable return to the dealers.

Since it has been demonstrated that the independent grocer can supply his wants at lower cost than the market standholder, the market standholder becomes only a parasite, and an expensive one at that.

The way to reduce the cost of living is to purchase from the dealer who sells at the lowest price.

Must Indianapolis boycott its city market in order to stop the gouging therein that has been practiced so long the gougers believe themselves privileged?

Question of Sentiment

Charles W. Jewett, whom we remember as the mayor of Indianapolis who was elected on his campaign pledges of "good government and clean politics," remarks that the Times appears to be the only part of this community that does not think law enforcement is being too vigorously carried on in Indianapolis.

We are not willing to concede to Mr. Jewett that law enforcement can be carried on too vigorously in this community, but overlooking that point we wish to suggest to him that W. T. Meyers, who was held up as he was closing his grocery; Joe Levinson, who was bound, gagged and robbed in his tailor shop, and Mrs. Ruth Noman, who discovered the theft of her Liberty bonds, are among a host that has suffered at the hands of marauders recently and will hardly concur with the theory that law enforcement in Indianapolis is too vigorous.

Hence we must modestly decline the honor the mayor would thrust upon us.

On the other hand, Denny Bush and Dan Smith and the Stegmeier Bros., who have recently been compelled to appear in court on gaming charges, doubtless feel that interference with them by other agencies than the police who have blind staggers in their vicinity is "too vigorous" enforcement of the law.

The position of the mayor lends support to a theory that he has become subject to influences that will not assist in maintaining his standing as a "clean young man of great ability." Through no other source can we imagine he could obtain the impression that the citizens of this city think the lid is on "too tight."

There are, in Indianapolis, approximately 285,000 white citizens who are not trying to prolong their stay at the public trough. Not all of them have as yet been visited by burglars or held up in the streets. Not all of them desire to make a living by conducting gambling pools or the sale of intoxicating liquors.

Among these citizens there is an ardent desire for the safety of themselves and their property.

If Mayor Jewett spent a little more time among them and paid a little more attention to their wishes he would not form the impression that all Indianapolis wishes a liberal administration of moral laws.

WHEN A GIRL MARRIES

A New Serial of Young Married Life

By Ann List

CHAPTER CIII (Continued)

"No, Amanda—just tell Mr. Blake that I am busy."

Virginia turned again to me: "You were telling me about the party Betty and Terry gave at the Blue Dragon Inn. Do go on, Anne."

"Why, yes, we were motoring with them—and Terry stopped to phone and—my brother Neal came flying out to ask us to join him." I said awkwardly, a little tired about too many details.

Virginia raised her fine brows in pretty puzzlement.

"Was Pat with your brother? Where did they meet?"

"Through Evvy," I replied, still more uneasily. The conversation was threatening getting away from me, and I didn't quite see where it was going to land us both.

"Kind-hearted—oh, yes! Isn't it queer, Anne, the havoc kind-hearted people create? I've a phone message to tell off at once; will you excuse me while I attend to that?"

"With her old queenly dignity and aloofness, Virginia rose and left me to face the mystery of how I met my husband?" Was he—with another smile?

As Virginia spoke her hands began twisting in her lap again, and her nostrils quivered a bit, like those of a sensitive racehorse.

"He wasn't really with any one special, but in a party with Neal and Evvy and Miss Sturges, I_parallel. "When we all joined forces, and the very first thing he did was to ask Jim: 'How's Jeannie?'"

Virginia ignored that.

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floundering on:

"Miss Sturges is in my unit at the

canteen—a big, red-headed girl, a little

crude, but completely kind-hearted. She

saved me from an ugly scrape at the

cafe on duty at the canteen."

"Kind-hearted—oh, yes! Isn't it queer,

Anne, the havoc kind-hearted people

create? I've a phone message to tell off

at once; will you excuse me while I attend to that?"

(To be continued)

PUSS IN BOOTS JR.

By David Cow.

One day as Puss was traveling through the Country of the Gods he saw a maiden sorting out a great quantity of grain. And it was no easy task, for there was wheat, barley, millet and beans which the Goddess Venus had stored away for her pigeons. And this goddess had commanded the maiden to separate the grains and had then departed, leaving the maiden to fulfill her commands.

"Ah, well," said Puss, "I see that she did not see little Puss Junior approach, but kept diligently at her task."

Now, Puss felt very sorry for her, and he looked about him for means to help her, and just then a little ant appeared, so Puss asked her to assist. So this little ant went into her ant hill and summoned all her little friends, and by and by, after awhile, they had separated each heap, and piled the different kinds into heaps, and then the ants vanished no choice but to obey.

"How can I ever repay you for helping me?" said the maiden to Puss, but before he could reply the Goddess Venus arrived and, seeing the work all neatly done, exclaimed:

"This is no work of yours, wicked one," and commanded the poor girl to perform another task. Neither did she angry gods deign to notice Puss, but he swept away, leaving the unhappy maiden no choice but to obey.

Now there was a grove nearby where there were sheep feeding without a shepherd, with gold, shining fleece upon their backs, and the task was to shear a sample of wool from each.

But when the maiden tried to cut off the fleece, the sheep ran away, and she was in despair. So little Puss Junior leaned over the river and asked the King of the Waters to help her. And in a little while the reeds along the river bank whispered, "Wait until the noontime sun drives the sheep to the shade, and then you will find the golden fleece sticking to the thorns and brambles." And pretty soon the reeds sang a song:

SHRINERS IN UNITED STATES.

Q. How many Shriners are there in the United States? R. W. K.

A. The membership of the Mystic Shrine up to Nov. 1, 1920, is slightly over 385,000.

HOROSCOPE

The stars incline, but do not compel."

TUESDAY, NOV. 30.

The Sun dominates today in benevolent aspect, according to astrology. Uranus, Neptune and Saturn are adverse.

All the signs seem to encourage the seeking of positions or patronage under this sway of the stars.

It is time when men who hold important places like to use their powers in the bestowal of favors.

The stars today seem to forecast financial vicissitudes to indicate that the money market will be steady after the first of December.

Persons whose birthdate it is may have the menace of thieves or loss during the coming year. Business will be successful in all probability.

Children born on this day are likely to be independent in spirit, quick-tempered and courageous. They should succeed early in life and attain to all their heart's desires.

PAPER SHELL PECANS.

Q. Are paper shell pecans a particular variety? R. W. K.

A. The Department of Agriculture says that the term was not originally applied to any particular variety, but to

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HARVARD AND PRINCETON.

Q. How long has Harvard played football with Princeton? A. L. L.

A. The first games were played between these colleges in 1877. In all twenty-three games have been played; Harvard winning eight, Princeton twelve, and three being tie games.

TRIAL BY COURT-MARTIAL.

Q. A says that when a man is court-martialed he is sentenced to be shot; when he is not sentenced to be shot he is only tried by a court-martial. Is this correct? A. D.

A. The War Department says that the fact that a man is court-martialed means that he is tried by a military court and does not mean that he must be sentenced to be shot.

THE BUFFALO NICKEL.

Q. What was the Indian's name who posed for the head on the buffalo nickel?

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