

Indiana Daily Times

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

Daily Except Sunday, 25-29 South Meridian Street.
Telephones—Main 3500, New 28-351

MEMBERS OF AUDIT BUREAU OF CIRCULATIONS.

Advertising offices { Chicago, Detroit, St. Louis, G. Logan Payne Co.
New York, Boston, Payne, Burns & Smith, Inc.

INCIDENTALLY, does any one remember why the curves in Brookside avenue were eliminated?

IF MATERIAL MEN are to frame specifications for the building of roads, why shouldn't bondsmen be permitted to frame specifications for the bonding of contractors?

THE QUESTION appears to be whether Sam Ashby knows more about electrical power questions than Robert I. Todd and the public service commission is to be the referee!

IT APPEARS that the local street car company has committed the unpardonable sin of losing a little money on freight terminals in order to make considerable money on passenger terminals.

Parasites of the Court

The best possible justification for the order of Judge Walter Pritchard eliminating four professional bondsmen from his court lies in the "grand squawk" that has followed it.

Political pressure of every kind has been marshalled for the reinstatement of Bull Moose Walker and Kinney Hlatt, the two administration pets who were accorded bonding privileges in return for the unsavory political work they did in the last primary and election.

These two professional bondsmen are plainly showing that they regard the right to sign bonds in the city court as a valuable privilege. That attitude alone is sufficient grounds on which to bar them from the practice and the judge is to be congratulated on his order.

Furnishing bonds for persons arrested in city court never should be permitted to become a profession. Bonds furnished for a consideration such as is charged by these bondsmen are generally of no value and are always extortionate. More recently they have become a part of a combination by which defendants are duped into thinking they are buying influence with the court through the payment of large fees to be taken out of jail.

The next step is a vicious combination with officials by which prisoners are refused opportunity to communicate with friends and forced in desperation to disgorge to these tricksters and shysters.

Thus the whole system becomes as corrupt as it is vicious.

Not long ago it was discovered that professional bondsmen were sleeping in the courtroom waiting opportunity to seize their victims. It has also been found that bondsmen were circumventing the order against soliciting by ascertaining the names of incarcerated prisoners from the officers before the prisoners were locked up and then seeking audience with them through the turnkey. A patrol wagon bringing in prisoners was besieged by these parasites almost before it reached the station.

If we must have such unnecessary disgraces to our administration as are typified by ward heelers of the Walker-Hlatt type it is far better that they be maintained on the city pay roll than afforded opportunities to gather dollars from the weak and unfortunate whom they may be able to frighten into buying their services as bondsmen.

Where to Save

All of this talk about the "necessity" of curtailing local public improvements because of the high burden of taxation and public debt is selfish buncombe manufactured for the sole purpose of diverting public attention from the opportunities of real savings to the taxpayers.

Neither Indiana nor Marion County needs to forego a single necessary improvement in order to reduce the present high tax levies.

All that is necessary to relieve the taxpayers is to stop the tremendous waste in the administration, cast off the political pap-suckers who are bleeding the treasury and demand that there be less special privilege and more common sense in contracts for improvements.

For example, the waste of the county administration in the janitor service that disgraces the courthouse is sufficient to pay the bond interest on at least one much needed improved road.

The waste of the city administration in its senseless effort to cover up the garbage plant swindle is sufficient to build a good school building each year.

The stabilizing effect of public improvements necessary and eventually unavoidable in the present era of depression should not be overlooked in any consideration of whether now is the time to build.

Honesty and economy of administration will save sufficient money to care for all the improvements that are contemplated in this community for years.

Those who are benefited by the lack of honesty and economy in public affairs will, of course, urge that improvements be stopped.

That Fire Equipment

It is difficult for the layman to understand just why there should be a dispute between the board of safety and the national fire underwriters such as has come to light recently in reference to the number of fire wagons needed by the local department.

The underwriters' interests all lie in the maintenance of the best possible fire protection for property in Indianapolis. Inasmuch as the underwriters are the judges as to the risks and are able by classification of risks to establish the rate of insurance it would appear that the more nearly the underwriters' desires are followed, the more likely the city is to benefit in the way of reduced insurance premiums.

When the purchase of a large amount of additional fire equipment was proposed it was stated in justification of the expenditures that through these purchases the city would receive a better classification from the underwriters and the cost of the new equipment would be recovered through the reduction of insurance premiums.

It develops now, however, that the amount of equipment purchased was far in excess of that recommended by the underwriters and other recommendations necessary to reclassification were ignored.

Perhaps the members of the board of safety can explain why they purchased more fire equipment on a high market than was recommended by the underwriters.

These purchases are hardly to be justified on the grounds that they were bargains and the board will have some difficulty in making the public believe that it knows more about fire prevention than the national underwriters.

Equality of Manhood

The burial of the body of an unknown British soldier in Westminster abbey in London and the interment of that of an unknown French poilu beneath the great arch of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris constitute a beautiful service but after all it is simply a tardy recognition. This occurred on Armistice day.

In America in our smaller cities may be found monuments to the unknown dead of different wars, while our national cemeteries, where care of all dead soldiers is alike, are models for the whole world. Love for every soldier is always manifest.

One of the disappointments in visiting any battle field in Europe heretofore, has been the failure to mark the grave of the common soldier. Apparently a soldier dead meant nothing to the ruling classes there. Indeed throughout all the literature of the whole civilization in Europe, nothing comparable with the letter of Abraham Lincoln to the widow who had lost her five sons may be found. The tender sentiment for the common soldier has never heretofore appeared; he was no hero in Europe.

So the placing of a body of some unknown boy to rest among England's greatest heroes or to find place on ground sacred to every Frenchman means a great deal in those countries. It is an awakening.

Slowly ideas travel and slowly do great truths become recognized. Here in America where every one is born with equal opportunities and every American is esteemed the peer of every other one, such a ceremony as was witnessed in Europe is unnecessary. The love of the American people for the lowest drummer boy who gives up his life in the service is equal to the love of the highest general. This is civilization.

Slow indeed has the recognition of manhood permeated the European mind. It was the task of America to teach this and happy indeed is America if she has brought home the truth of equality of manhood to every individual to the old European civilization.

WHEN A GIRL MARRIES

A New Serial of Young Married Life

By Ann Lisle

CHAPTER CV.

With the malicious smile still twisting her mouth corners, and the key-ring jangling as she swung it from her finger, Evvy tossed the checker-board to Phoebe and turned to me.

"You seem to be so fond of 'chaperoning' that you apply your talents even to inanimate things, Donna Anna," she said, her voice lingering almost caressingly on the name her cousin Tom applied to me. "Here we have a homeless blue robe—and a gentleman's keys. Really, I can see that I'd better win the game from Phoebe, and secure your specialty for you-to-wit, the chance to chaperon two indiscreet girls to dinner."

Poisoned barbs these barbs—every one of them. And every little arrow found its mark.

On several occasions I had thought of the keys Tom Mason had hung into the secret compartment of the carved chest on that horrible night when I came home from the Canteen and found him in possession of my apartment. But I didn't know how to open the secret compartment and I found refuge in hoping that those keys might repose undisturbed until the happy if far day when we left the Mason apartment forever.

"Oh, not indiscreet!" I said snively, forcing my eyes to meet and hold Evvy's. "Just young—you two. Why not play

checkers until Jim comes in and then take us along to your charming French restaurant?"

Evvy flung up her hands and then dropped them again, jangling the keys anew as she did so. She shrugged her shoulders and turned to Phoebe. "Shall we accept the excellent chaperone the fates have thrust on us?" she exclaimed. "Shall we do that—and postpone our getting acquainted until another night? Or shall we play it off on the checker-board? If I win, we admit Anne and Jim to our tiny circle. You win and we two bachelor maids have our fling!" Phoebe's eyes began to sparkle mischievously and delight. The silliness went out of her.

"Let's play for it. It's fun leaving things to chance—and we won't even let me toss a penny. I like betting on things and matching pennies, too."

Evvy turned to me, smiling with evident enjoyment. Then she came close and opening the hand that hung at her side, she tucked into it Tom's key-ring, and closed my fingers over it.

"For safe-keeping," she murmured in a low voice, watching through narrowed eyes to see if I would flinch.

But I only looked at the keys indifferently and said:

"You found these in the chest. Copy-right, 1920."

(To be continued)

PUSS IN BOOTS JR.

By David Corp.

As little Puss Junior traveled day by day through the Country of the Gods, he met with many strange sights, but one day as he climbed a high mountain he met a giant with a huge hammer, which had the magic power of coming back to his hand after it was hurled at the enemy.

And around the giant's waist was a belt that gave him great strength and last, but not least, he wore a pair of iron gloves. And as soon as he saw Puss, he called out in a voice of thunder, "We dare to invade my mountain kingdom!"

"I am a traveler in your country," replied little Puss, "and I would see all the strange sights," and then he looked at the great hammer, and the wonderful belt and the iron gloves.

"So you like my weapons," said the giant, nodding how the eyes of our little traveler glistened at the sight of them.

And then the great giant took up the hammer and threw it at a big oak tree, and it cracked in two and fell down the mountainside, and then the hammer came back to his hand. And after that the giant lifted up a huge rock and hurled it high into the air, but first he tightened his belt around his waist to give him strength to do it.

And just then an immense big mountain bear rushed out of a cave and ran at the giant. But he took hold of the bear with his iron gloves and squeezed him so hard that the bear begged for mercy. So the giant said, "If you'll promise to be my servant and obey me, I'll spare you." And the bear didn't waste any time in saying he would, let me tell you.

"Come along with me now," said the

giant, so Puss and the bear went with him until they came to a great rocky castle near a mountain stream that flowed down into the valley and wandered through green fields where the cattle grazed and the fairies danced at night.

"There is where I live," said the giant, and he took out of his pocket a great key and opened the door. "And this is where I eat," he said, showing Puss a great dining hall, while the bear stood up on his hind legs and opened a jar of honey which was standing on the sideboard. And the giant was so good-natured that he didn't stop him, and this made Puss feel very much at home, and he looked around for a mouse, but there weren't any, I guess, way up there on the tip of the mountain. And then the giant sat down and sang a song:

"Way up on the mountain, tip top, tip top, I have my castle and iron shop. Where I make iron mittens for big, strong men."

And hammers that turn to your hand again. And belts of strength that will never break.

Oh, I am a giant, strong and great. And the bear laughed so loud that the honey jar toppled off the sideboard and broke all to smithereens, but he didn't care, for he had a million bees to make honey for him. And these bees he kept in a great glass house full of lovely sweet flowers, so that they could get all the sweet juice out of them to fill the little wax bees in which a bee stores away the honey after it is made, you know. And in the next story you shall hear of Puss Junior's next adventure.—Copyright, 1920.

(To Be Continued.)

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

(Any reader can get the answer to any question by writing to the Indiana Daily Times Information Bureau, Frederic J. Haskin, Director, Washington, D. C. This office applies strictly to information. The bureau cannot give advice on legal, medical and financial matters. It does not attempt to settle domestic troubles, nor to undertake extensive research on any subject. Write your question plainly and briefly. Give full name and address and enclose 2 cents in stamps for return postage. All replies are sent direct to the inquirer.)

"TOPE OF GENEVA." Q. Who was known as "The Pope of Geneva"? A. This was a name sometimes given to John Calvin.

PIN MONEY. Q. What is the origin of the term pin money? A. A. A. In English law, a sum of money paid periodically by a husband to his wife for clothes and other personal expenses is designated as pin money.

MONTENEGRO NOW ATTACHED. Q. Is Montenegro now a separate country? B. J. S. A. Montenegro is now a part of Yugoslavia.

IRELAND IN PARLIAMENT. Q. Have the Irish members of Parliament the right to vote in the House of Commons? R. G. A. Since the act of union of 1800 Ireland has been represented in the British Parliament by twenty-eight temporal peers and 103 members in the House of Commons. These members have the same privilege of voting upon all measures as have the other members of Parliament.

THEY THIRST NOT. Q. Is it true that a snake does not drink water? H. W. A. The bureau of biological survey says that snakes do drink water.

AUTHOR OF OLD STORY. Q. Who wrote "Ten Nights in a Bar Room"? E. S. Timothy S. Arthur is the author of the story mentioned.

MARKETING SQUADS. Q. What sized squad should be marketed? M. R. E. A. The Department of Agriculture says that squads should be sold when from three and one-half to four and one-half weeks of age. Squads are in good market condition when full feather under the wings, about the time they begin to leave their nest. If not marketed promptly they soon lose their baby fat and the flesh begins to get hard.

ACCORDING TO HOYLE. Q. What is the game of "one hundred" do the winners at the head table change partners? B. R. A. According to Hoyle, the winning partners progress at the various tables, and any preferred style of progression may be used. At present the first table is used for the winners to progress from the head to the foot table and change partners.

BRINGING UP FATHER.

Huh! So that is Maggie's new scheme to keep me from getting out.

I've got to get out to see Dinty but I don't want to get in any fuss with this pud!

JUST BE QUIET FIDO OR TESSIE OR WHAT EVER YOUR NAME IS.

TA-TA! JUST HANG AROUND UNTIL I GET BACK-I WON'T BE GONE LONG!

© 1920 BY INTL. FEATURE SERVICE, INC.

12-2

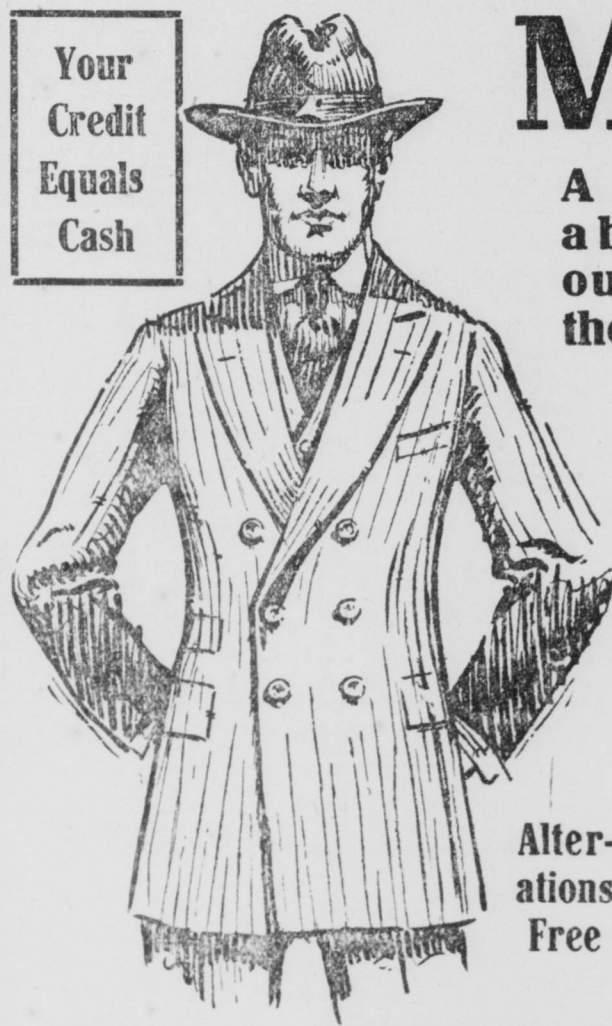
The Menter Co.

42 Stores

Established 1891

Price Reductions

Your Credit Equals Cash



Men's Suits

A less than cost purchase from a big Roches'er manufacturer and our own stock reduced make these offerings possible.

Manufacturers have cut prices to the quick, and we are on the spot getting rock-bottom prices on big purchases for 42 stores.

Use Your Credit

Values you have been waiting for—No cheap Suits—but good Suits cheap—And every Suit guaranteed by Menter—All necessary alterations free—Don't buy till you see them.

Important Notice

Every purchaser of one of these big value Suits is entitled to generous credit—Read the terms and remember that Cash or Menter's Generous Terms our prices are the same—Welcome!

Men Living in Suburban Towns Are Invited.

Good Suits at

\$30

\$2 DOWN

Previous to today these Suits were good values up to \$45. They are all guaranteed Suits we stand back of.

\$2 A WEEK

Big Value at

\$35

\$3 DOWN

See these Suits. Such sterling values are offered to win more friends for Menter—Values up to \$52.50.

\$3 A WEEK

42 Stores--WE DO AS WE ADVERTISE--42 Cities

Fine Suits

These are splendid Suits—Cheviots, Flannels and Blue Serges—Values up to \$60 go at

\$40

\$3 Down \$3 a Week

Extra Fine

At this price you get Suits, including Blue Serges that were good values up to \$65.

\$45

\$4 Down \$4 a Week

Top Notchers

Suits that are good enough for any man—Fine Blue Serges included. Values up to \$75 for

\$50

\$4 Down \$4 a Week

SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTIONS on ALL BOYS' SUITS

Men

Married or single—all welcome to credit.

MENTER

Alterations Free

111 South Illinois Street

Entire 1st and 2d floors. Open Saturday night until 9. 3d door south of Maryland St. We gladly open accounts with out-of-town customers.

We

Gladly open accounts with men living in nearby towns.

MENTER

Alterations Free

HOROSCOPE

"The stars incline, but do not compel."

FRIDAY, DEC. 3.

Venus and Mercury rule strongly for good this day, according to astrology. Mars and Saturn are adverse.

It is a very most fortunate to women, especially to those who earn their living by writing or in clerical work.

Theaters should benefit from this rule, which makes for appreciation and enthusiasm.

Merchants should profit from the sway of stars that incline women to buy generously and even extravagantly.

Persons whose birthdate it is may have a year of ups and downs that will lead to good results. Speculation should be avoided. The young will fall in love.

Children born on this day will be generally successful in whatever they undertake. Those born in the morning will be luckier than those born later.—Copyright, 1920.

Legislative Band Makes Rounds of State

Special to The Times. LAFAYETTE, Ind., Dec. 2.—Headed by State Senator Estes Duncan of Cloverdale, a legislative committee visited the Indiana State Soldiers' Home and Purdue University here Tuesday.

The morning was spent at the home and the afternoon at the university. The needs of both institutions were brought before the committee and President Stone, at a conference in the afternoon, emphasized the need of new buildings and increased income for Purdue.

The legislative committee was in Logansport today to visit Longcliff Hospital.

WHAT A HOWL THERE'LL BE.