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MAYBE the board of safety could rent one of those superfluous fire trucks to Greenwood.

THE INEVITABLE MISTAKE made by the man who stole bonds in Indianapolis appears to have been in going elsewhere to market them.

THE CONSUMER has now become sufficiently familiar with war taxes not to be disturbed by prospects of an additional 1 per cent on all purchases.

THE HEADLINE WRITER who attempted to tell where Senators would be found when the Legislature opens isn't as unsophisticated as is indicated.

SENATOR WATSON is to confer with Senator Penrose before the opening of Congress. Thereafter they will be in a better position to tell Senator Harding what to do.

UNFORTUNATELY, the suspicion arises that there was something other than a desire for justice that prompted the fixing of responsibility for the manual school disaster on three men.

THERE SEEMS TO BE considerable difference of opinion as to the amount saved by the joint purchasing committee, but there is no dispute over the impropriety of some of its coal contracts.

Cut the Bunk

Senator Estes Duncan, member of the legislative Visiting Committee, completed his tour of the State institutions with the time-honored announcement that the State institutions are "well-managed," but are in need of repairs; that they are not in exceptionally poor condition but owing to "lack of funds" have been allowed to deteriorate.

The pronouncement about the management is, of course, conceded. No administration ever succeeded itself in office and found fault with its previous conduct of the office. To do so would be self-criticism and if there is anything in the world that a politician is not it is self-critical.

Deterioration because of "lack of funds" is another time-honored bit of sophistry that has been so oft repeated that it ceases to be of much value. "Lack of funds" implies lenity with the taxpayer, safeguarding of the treasury, and all that sort of thing. It sounds impressive but it fools few.

"Deterioration" is a term that covers a multitude of sins.

The truth about our State institutions is that they have been so shamefully neglected under the Goodrich regime that they have fallen to a point where errors of management are too minor to be deemed.

Senator Duncan knows they are a disgrace to the State.

Every one else who has visited them in the last four years knows it.

What the McCray administration needs most right now is an expose of the condition in which State institutions are as it takes responsibility for them.

How will it make a record for improvement if its starts on the assumption that there is nothing about the State institutions that needs improvement?

What's Behind the Whiteside Plea?

Prior to pleading guilty in the Criminal Court, Arthur Whiteside, county undertaker who defrauded the county and defamed the dead, sought a suspended sentence. Relatives and friends endeavored to enlist support for a clemency plea on the ground that Whiteside was only a dupe and had been dividing the proceeds of his frauds with certain officials in Marion County.

One member of his family declared that Whiteside had canceled checks to show that part of the proceeds of his frauds had been paid over to county officials.

Whiteside was reported to the Times to be anxious to make public the offenses of others in order to shift the burden of entire responsibility for his crimes against the law and against decency.

Unexpectedly, and almost secretly, Whiteside was hurried into the Criminal Court, permitted to plead guilty to one of several pending charges and rushed to the State reformatory.

In explanation of his failure to expose those whom it was asserted had been involved with him, a close relative of Whiteside said that Whiteside had been promised immediate parole if he would keep still and accept prison sentence.

Whiteside did not squeal.

Next week an application for his parole will be considered by the State board of pardons and paroles.

His parole has been recommended by John Castor, county recorder; Robert Miller, indicted county sheriff, and G. A. H. Shideler, superintendent of the State reformatory.

Is this attempt to free Whiteside in conformance with a promise made him before he took his sentence in the Marion Criminal Court?

Is it fostered by a sense of gratitude for silence or is it in the interest of society?

The State board of pardons and paroles could doubtless ascertain the motive if it desired.

Crap

The Times is indebted to an unknown editorial writer for the following, which expresses the truth too well to be overlooked:

A correspondent who evidently feels that the Senegambian should be allowed to "roll dem bones" without molestation as an innocent sort of amusement, wants the editor to explain why the police spend so much of their time in raiding crap games.

Well, in the first place, not much of the police time is spent in raiding crap games. It might be, but isn't.

Secondly, the evil of crap is like the evil of other forms of gambling. It is not in the gambling itself, and the shifting of a few pennies from one pocket to another. The psychology of crime proves that along with gambling goes robberies, burglaries, petty and major thieving, for the gambler is the victim of a mania that leads him to rob and steal and pilfer and murder in order to get money to place on the "bones" or shove across the table or bet on the horse race or other things.

The law enforcing powers know this well, and whenever a bold hold-up or robbery or burglary occurs, they immediately begin a hunt of the gambling joints, and in many cases they find the malefactor betting the stolen gains on the various gambling devices in operation.

The crap shooter develops into the petty thief and pilfer who gradually increases his field of operation until highway robbery and murder are committed.

Dope fiends and gamblers are actuated by the same mania. The excitement and the "sensation," while being different, have the same perverting, degenerating tendencies.

So in order to reduce the crop of robbers and eventual murderers, the crap games and gambling games are placed under the ban. The old veterans may not be prohibited from continuing their habits, but the young fellows may be kept from recruiting the ranks.

Gambling, dope, robbery, murder are linked together like beads on a string.

Had You Noticed It?

The Kokomo Dispatch, a newspaper that was once congratulated by Governor Goodrich for its faithfulness to the highway commission, prints some interesting editorial comment on the manner in which the State highways are now being "maintained."

The experiences of those who ride over these State highways makes the Dispatch's comment exceedingly trite. It says:

"A system of highway maintenance similar to that employed by the big railroads in inspecting and caring for their properties is urged by one student of road problems. This is similar to the system being worked out by the State highway department and Howard County people are already seeing some of the beneficial results."

WHEN A GIRL MARRIES

A New Serial of Young Married Life

By Ann Little

CHAPTER CV (Continued.)

"Clever!" cried Evvy almost admiringly when she added in a confidential whisper,

"So our little Phoebe likes matching pennies—and that foolish 'Vee' of hers won't permit it Funny how blood will tell, isn't it, Donna Anna? This child is so like Jim. That's why I understand her."

"I don't know if it's a declaration of war between us. But this didn't trouble me in any way. What wrung my heart was little Phoebe crouching over the checker board with the intent eagerness I'd first seen Jim show the night he was playing dice with Neal.

Tom was a gambler, too! But when a woman is a gambler she's very young—counters things more vital than money. And Phoebe looked so young—pointing, pertulant, eager to throw off authority, bitter against Virginia and me, wild for life, lonely for Neal, palpitating with eagerness for games of chance—that it frightened me to watch her.

From Phoebe my thoughts wandered over to Evvy. After a series of shuffles, had Evvy come managing back into my life as matter-of-factly as if I'd seen her only yesterday?

I hadn't made up my mind to leave them there alone while I went to wash and freshen up for the evening—so I sat watching them push the red and black counters over the square of the checker board.

Evvy was very gay. She played as if

the game were a lark to her. But Phoebe fairly crouched over the board and seemed to become one with the game.

"You've got me!" laughed Evvy in great amusement at last. "No trick to that. I'm such a mediocre player—so we shake the chaperon and go out larking alone."

"Goodby! Goodby!" cried Phoebe, straightening up in her chair and relaxing with a long, lazy sigh. "I'll be off for all I want to do. I'll be winnning and I don't want to go—larking tonight."

There was no stopping them then—and ten minutes later they went trooping out together with a great air of delight in each other's society. I gathered up the board and counters and carried them over to the chest.

The secret compartment was closed now, and I didn't know how to open it. So I tumbled the checker game and Tom Mason's duplicate keys in with the blue ribbon.

When I straightened up and glanced over at the table where the girls had been playing a sudden memory assailed me—Evvy playing with Jim, Evvy with a pile of winnings before her. Just now she had said that she wasn't a good player—she had let Phoebe have the joy of defeating her. She had let Phoebe win her way about going out unchaperoned to dine.

Everybody—Miss Evelyn Mason had a place for Phoebe in her scheme of things. What was it?—Copyright, 1920.

(To Be Continued.)

PUSS IN BOOTS JR.

By David Cory.

Now let me see. In the last story we left little Puss Junior in the castle of the great mountain giant who made iron mallets and hammers and kept a million sheep in a great glass house full of lovely flowers. Well, Puss didn't stay there very long, for he wanted to see the world, and a traveler must be ever on the go if he wants to go anywhere.

So off Puss started down the mountain side and by and by he saw a maiden standing on the meadow. Her face was stained toward the sun and as the golden god traveled through the high heavens the maiden's eyes followed his flaming chariot. But Puss didn't know that for many days she had stood in that one spot with out food and drink. Nor did she seem to see him, as he drew near. And then, all of a sudden, he noticed that a golden stem and limbs changed into a green stem and her face into a face which still followed the sun. And then from a bush near by that little yellow bird whose name I shall tell you some day began to sing:

"Hereafter you shall be a spider and spin your web upon the bushes." And at once the maiden became a little black spider and spun a silver web and a big spider and winged by flew by and caught him on the head with a pool ball and relieved him of \$300 as he entered a poolroom at Vernon and Indiana avenue at 10:30 o'clock last night. The police were told by a man in the neighborhood that Krasnick tried to borrow 50 cents about a half hour before he was robbed.

She loved the great sun in his wagon of flame As swift through the sky every morning he came.

But he turned not to look on the maid in despair.

Standing lone on the meadow with wind-tossed gold hair,

But swift through the heavens he rolled in his cart.

Two friendly stars dominate this day.

Jupiter and Mars are both in benefic aspect, while Saturn and Mercury are adverse.

It is a day when buying and selling should be most lucky, especially will trades made in the afternoon be successful.

Trade and commerce are subject to conditions that should be very fortunate.

There is a sign that seems to indicate extraordinary success from investments in Mexico and South America.

News that is disturbing seems to be foreshadowed and it may concern mines and mining.

Persons whose birthday it is may expect a busy and successful year in business.

The day is good for travel with all their might.

Children born on this day are likely to be quick, active and persevering. They will probably save money and progress rapidly.—Copyright, 1920.

(To be continued.)

Stories Don't Jibe

Joe Kilkenny, 512 West Washington street, told the police that a man hit him on the head with a pool ball and relieved him of \$300 as he entered a poolroom at Vernon and Indiana avenue at 10:30 o'clock last night. The police were told by a man in the neighborhood that Krasnick tried to borrow 50 cents about a half hour before he was robbed.

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May I look at your work? asked Puss politely. And the maiden answered yes,

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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any question by writing the Indiana Daily Times Information Bureau, 25-29 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis, Ind.

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to be the portrait of James, Duke of York, the youngest child of Charles I of England.

The child was about 1 year old at the time the painting was made.

He was born Oct. 14, 1633.

The picture was originally one of the group of the three children of the King.

The other two were Charles, Prince of Wales, who

was 4 years old at the time the picture was made, and Mary, who later became

the Princess of Orange, who was a little over 3 years of age at that time.

RAILROAD LABOR BOARD.

What is the address of the Railroad Labor Board, created under the Esch-Cummins Act?

M. A. This board has offices at 55 Wabash avenue, Chicago, Ill. C. P. Carrithers is the secretary of the board.

passed over in a given time is exactly the same, whether the needle is near the edge or near the center.

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