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WOULD IT NOT be possible for Greentown to extend its limits to take in the Kokomo Country Club?

IF THERE IS any organization in the world that has utter contempt for consistency, it is the Citizens' Gas Company!

IF CHIEF KINNEY can uncover \$312 by shaking up one station of the Police Department, might it not be a good time for a general shake-up?

UNFORTUNATELY, the public will not know what Gene Williams of Muncie, told the Federal grand jury, but it is a safe bet that it was interesting.

CURIOSITY over expense accounts in the fire marshal's office is in direct contradiction of the policy pursued in the oil inspection department of the State.

INCIDENTALLY, an institution that pays county taxes on a lower valuation than the amount of its dividends, can be expected to approve the administration of the State Board of Tax Commissioners.

Modesty and Gas!

On Aug. 30 Mr. J. D. Forrest, the manager of the Citizens Gas Company, addressed the public service commission as follows:

"I will not take your time to go further into our problem of construction and finances except to say that to meet these we will require revenue of at least \$500,000 a year more than we can now hope to secure."

On Dec. 15 the Citizens Gas Company petitioned the public service commission for an increase of 50 per cent, or 30 cents a thousand cubic feet of gas. In a statement issued with the filing of the petition the Citizens Gas Company reported its sales of gas for the year ending Dec. 1, 1920, as 3,041,327 thousand feet of gas.

An increase of 30 cents a thousand feet of gas would mean a theoretical increase in the revenue of the company of \$912,398.10.

The difference of more than \$400,000 between the sum Mr. Forrest suggested as needed in August and the sum the gas company asked in December is sufficient to pay 10 per cent dividends on \$2,000,000 and the significant thing is that \$2,000,000 is the amount of the capital stock on which the Citizens Gas Company has consistently paid 10 per cent dividends.

All of which goes to confirm the generally accepted opinion that the "emergency" which the gas company sets up is more closely related to its dividends than to anything else.

Indeed, it would appear that in addition to asking the gas consumers of Indianapolis to pay 10 per cent dividends immediately on the costs of improvements which it says cannot be completed for three years, the company is modestly asking the consumers to pay an additional 10 per cent on the capital stock on which the consumers have been paying 10 per cent dividends for 10 these many years!

What Did They Initiate?

In his recent letter to the Times exploiting the law enforcement work he represents the Anti-Saloon League as accomplishing in Indiana, Mr. Shumaker says:

"I will say that the most important clean-ups which have been made by the Federal authorities in Indiana are the results of activities initiated by the Anti-Saloon League. I need only instance such places as Evansville, Vermillion County, South Bend and Richmond, where clean-ups have taken place or are now in process."

This is indeed a surprising statement to the people of Indianapolis and will no doubt be a surprise to the residents of Evansville, South Bend and Richmond.

If we are not badly mistaken the Federal clean-up of Evansville, which happened so long ago that its effect has been fully discounted, was initiated long before the Anti-Saloon League pretended to be a law enforcement agency.

As to Vermillion County, the Federal authorities have already admitted their inability to clean it up either with or without Mr. Shumaker's assistance.

Stories of wholesale Federal action at both South Bend and Richmond have been denied absolutely by Federal authorities and nothing has transpired recently to show that the Anti-Saloon League "initiated" anything in this territory, unless it was a drive for funds with which to maintain the league.

Misplaced Trust

New York is very much surprised that a little boy between 14 and 15 named Michner, who was employed as an office boy in Philadelphia, recently stole \$4,300 from the Baldwin Locomotive Works, and has been riding around and living at choice hotels and spending the money.

The surprising part of this matter and the part which is unexcusable may not be in the act of the small boy, but it is in the trusting of large sums of money to immature youths.

A boy is a boy until he becomes a man and to hand over large amounts of money to him and subject him to the temptation of spending it before his ideals are formed, before he is thought capable of voting, is a crime against the boy greater than the boy commits by taking it.

Examples of this are multiplied in banks and other places. We have on trial messenger boys from New York who have stolen millions. Cashiers at the age of 19 are found to be defaulters. In the scarcity of labor it is often overlooked that a boy must mature and that he is not as strong as a boy physically nor mentally as he is as a man. The sad part of this is that this should be overlooked by people who have large means to handle.

Behind the Times

A dispatch from Vienna tells how four men, posing as state officials, went to a town called Gyula in the Rumanian Province of Transylvania and stole a state railroad. They dismantled the track, took it up, took everything valuable and departed.

The funny part of this is that these men after they stole the railroad, took it. In America when railroads have been stolen, the public still has the benefit of them and only the ownership seems to change hands, but over in Europe, either the iron was so valuable or the railroad so small, that it was necessary to get away with the entire physical property.

Of course, we cannot expect Europe to be as far along as America where we have State Public Utility Commissioners and Interstate Commerce Commissions and all kinds of committees to run a railroad. If Europe had been blessed as we have been blessed, there probably would have been no theft of that railroad because one of the commissioners or one of the various committees would have discovered the theft in time to have made a loud noise over it.

Again, in this country, where the railroads are being practically subsidized by the Government, it is a big question whether any one would ever want to steal one. The tendency of the time seems to be to get away from them. However, the results of war some times are very strange.

Whisky and Ships

A matter which has been overlooked heretofore seems to have reached the revenue officers in Washington and soon there will be an order prohibiting the sale of liquor on all American ships wherever they may be. To people inland, it would seem a little strange that such an order be issued, but after all it is right and there is no reason why liquor should be sold on American ships when all the rest of America is under prohibition law.

An American ship is to all intents and purposes and must necessarily be, the same as American land. A child born on an American ship is an American, no matter where the ship is situated, and American laws govern the American ship every place. It could not be otherwise. Therefore, it is not difficult to see why American ships should be as dry as anything else in America.

This presents a little peculiarity, for if an American ship goes to England, where whisky is freely used, or to the north, it still must be dry, and if it goes down to the tropics, where the thermometer never gets below boiling point, dryness must reign. There is no reason under heaven why it should be so. The ship, when wet abroad, under the same flag.

PUSS IN BOOTS JR.

By David Cory.

CHAPTER 21.
Now, in the last story we left little Puss Junior and the handsome prince driving away in a coach with four spanking horses. Well, by and by, after a while, or maybe three, one of the horses lost a shoe, so the driver stopped and got down from his seat and ran back to pick it up.

But just as he stooped over, a big giant jumped out of the bushes and swung his great club in the air, and that poor driver was so frightened that he dropped the horseshoe on his toe, and then he raced back to the coach, with the giant after him. And when the handsome prince looked out of the window he grew as pale as a lily.

"Well, here's another giant," said little Puss Junior. "I never met so many giants in my life as I have lately," and he jumped out of the coach and said: "Stop, you great big two-legged nuisance."

"What's that," cried the giant, and he swung his club at Puss, and if it had hit him I guess this would have been the last of the Puss Junior stories. But Puss Junior, who was as quick as a flash, jumped to the side and tucked the little magic ring which the Fairy Queen had given him so many stories ago that I've forgotten which one, and

so have you, and so has the printer-man, and up came the little black man, and before that giant could do another thing, he was sprawling on the ground. For the little black man tripped him up as neatly as you please.

"Ugh! ugh!" cried the ugly giant, and he tried to get up, but he couldn't, for the little black man threw a big net over him and the giant was caught just like a fish.

"What shall I do with him, little master?" asked the little black man, turning to Puss.

"Oh, leave him here," replied Puss, with a grin. By tomorrow morning, or the Fourth of July maybe, he'll untangle himself. And then the little black man disappeared, for Puss didn't need him any longer, you see. And after that Puss jumped into the coach and away they went, and the horse who had lost a shoe ran on three legs, for he didn't want to wear out his stocking, you see, and by and by they came to the castle, where the handsome prince lived.

And as they drove up the long road that led to the castle steps a pretty white dove flew down to the coach and gave a letter to the prince. And from whom do you suppose it was? Why, it was from the princess, and inside was

WHEN A GIRL MARRIES

A New Serial of Young Married Life

By Ann Lisle

CHAPTER XXI (Continued).
"Jim, will you let me have twenty dollars?" I asked—trying to break the silence with a request for money.

"Haven't it," he muttered. "I turned back to the boy."

"We don't seem to have the money," this morning, son. I'll have to rush round to the bank and cash a check. Can you come back later?"

"Not today, Ma'am. Against the rules. Be back tomorrow. Better have the cash then—because we only make two stops like this," said the boy, his wizened young face wrinkling into a worldly wise grin.

"I wouldn't have asked for the money," I explained closing the door and turning to Jim with an effort at dignity. "But the Haldane check doesn't seem to reach as well as it used to and I've only a dollar or two left till the fifteenth of the month when the next one is due."

Jim laughed in cutting fashion. "Sure, I know," he twisted out of the side of his mouth. "The minute a man begins to earn a bit of money his women folk blow it in. I suppose you expect me to make good your bluff to that bid about having a check cashed. Well—I haven't any spare change myself. And eighteen seventy-five for uniforms to wear to that silly canteen is sheer nonsense."

"But what can I do, Jim?" I cried in a sort of panic.

Jamming his hat down on his head with a gesture of nervous ferocity, Jim laughed toward the door, crying as he strode past me:

"Do anything you jolly well like, only don't nag me any more. I can't spare

the money, I tell you. It's just like a woman to go whimpering around about some fool clothes she doesn't even need when her husband's all tired out and has his mind full of really important things."

This Jim who was snarling and snapping at me didn't seem any one I knew. I gathered myself for an effort to banish him and to bring back my own husband. Forcing myself to forget for the moment our ugly scene of the night before, banishing my own haunting suspicions, I hurried across the room, placed myself between Jim and the door and laid my hand on his coat sleeve.

"Jim—I'll phone and tell them I don't need the uniforms. I can make the one I have do by washing it myself between my days of service. Don't go without your breakfast. And don't dash into business ventures without consulting your partner."

Jim stared at me for a moment sulky. Then the old look came into his eyes. But he smiled, and flung down his overcoat.

"You're a pretty good scout, Anne—about some things. Now we'll drink a peace-cup of coffee—and keep off ticklish subjects. I'll put you wise to my business plans in good time—be working on 'em again tonight while you're canteen. Only remember one thing: I'll stand for no gallivanting with Norrey."

A lump came into my throat. Anthony Norrey was coming to the canteen that very day. Must I renew the quarrel I had just glossed over? Must I tell Jim?

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(To Be Continued.)

a little pink piece of paper on which was written:

I have waited long for you, Handsome prince with eyes of blue; I am made a captive here, In a dungeon cold and dread. If this little snow-white dove Reaches you whom I so love, Hasten, rescue me I pray—I shall die if you delay.

"Faster! faster!" cried the prince, and the driver cracked him whip and the horse who had lost a shoe didn't care even if he wore a hole in his stocking, but galloped along on four feet, and in less than 500 short seconds they came to the castle door and the prince jumped out and drew his sword, and next time I'll tell you what happened after that.—Copyright, 1920.
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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BURIAL PLACE OF JEFF DAVIS.
Q. Where is Jefferson Davis buried?
R. K.

A. Jefferson Davis died on Dec. 6, 1889, and was buried in New Orleans. In 1893 the body was moved to Richmond, Va.

WOMEN LEGISLATORS.
Q. Which State elected the most women to its Legislature?
R. E. C. D.

A. The National American Woman Suffrage Association says that Connecticut stood first in this respect, electing five women to its general assembly. Kansas

HOROSCOPE

"The stars incline, but do not compel."
SATURDAY, DEC. 18.

This is not a lucky day, according to astrology. The sun and Saturn are both in malefic aspect.

Under this way it is well to delay decisions and all efforts toward any sort of initiative.

The stars foreshadow disappointments to persons ambitious for high place in the government. All the signs seem to indicate surprise owing to the setting of new standards of choice for important offices.

Persons who seek employment even though it be in the humblest vocation, should postpone effort.

Persons whose birthdate it is should watch the health as well as business during the coming year. Those who are employed should be very diligent.

Children born on this day may have many vicissitudes in their lives. They should be taught to save money as well as to earn it.

came next with four, California, Utah, three and New Hampshire, New Jersey and Oklahoma, two each. Several States elected one woman, twenty-nine women being entitled to serve in the Legislatures of fifteen States.

CORDOVAN LEATHER.
Q. What is Cordovan leather?
R. J. P.

A. Cordovan leather is a soft, fine-grained, colored leather, for a long time chiefly manufactured at Cordova of goat-skins tanned and dressed. It is now made of pigskin and fine horsehides.

NUMBER WORDS IN BIBLE.
Q. How many different words are used in the Bible?
R. A. M.

A. The fact that the Bible has had such great influence upon literature led to the supposition that it had a large vocabulary. A tabulation of the words in the King James version shows that about 6,000 words are used, while Mil-

ton used about 13,000 and Shakespeare 21,000.

GOVERNMENT INSURANCE.
Q. Will the Government sell life insurance to all classes of people?
R. S. P.

A. Citizens are not permitted to take out Government insurance.

HUMAN VOICE PITCH.
Q. What determines the pitch of the voice?
R. D. B. M.

A. The pitch of voices is determined by the length of the vocal cords. These cords are shorter in women than in men, therefore the former have higher voices.

BLEACHING FORMULA.
Q. Can you tell me what chemical preparation is used for bleaching to a straw color ornamental grasses?
R. A. H.

A. The following is a formula for bleaching grasses: Pulverize stick sulphur and make a paste with water;

plaster thickly on the grasses and put in the air to dry; when dry, brush off the sulphur.

ST. MARY'S COLLEGES.
Q. How many St. Mary's Colleges are there in the United States?
R. B. B.

A. While there are only eight St. Mary's Colleges, there are 117 educational institutions, including seminaries and schools of various designations, which are named for St. Mary.

HELLGOLAND DEPOPULATED.
Q. What became of the native population of Hellgoland during the war?
R. J. C. M. D.

A. The natives of the island of Hellgoland at the beginning of the war were expelled at six hours notice and sent to Hamburg and Altona. They were kept under police supervision. These people have since been permitted to return to their homes.

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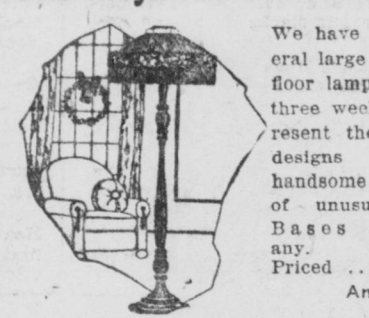
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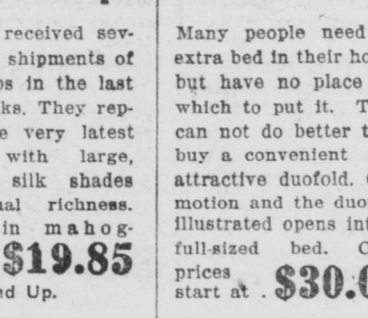
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