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INCREASING city taxes sufficiently to increase the city's revenue more than \$3,000,000 ought to be sufficient to produce an increased balance at the end of the year.

MAYOR JEWETT now denies that he promised the south side representation on his boards. Perhaps the News misquoted him in its exploitations of his campaign!

Mr. Howe's Candidacy

Citizens of Indianapolis generally have the utmost respect for Mr. Thomas C. Howe, former president of Butler College, whose formal announcement as a candidate for mayor has been made.

Mr. Howe is an educator of note, a successful business man and a gentleman possessed of a most winning personality. In a limited circle he is well-known as a man of integrity and lofty purpose.

Standing alone, his announcement that he will seek nomination and election as mayor could only be regarded as the entrance into the political field of a man of the type that seldom is willing to give of his time, comfort and energy to the interests of a community.

But Mr. Howe's announcement does not stand alone.

Back of it is the story of a deal made between the administration forces led by Mayor Jewett and the management of the Indianapolis News by which the administration agrees to elect Mr. Howe mayor and the News agrees to give to Mr. Jewett the complete support which it has been steadily withdrawing as the Jewett administration approached its end with its promises unfulfilled and its popularity steadily waning.

Mr. Howe is the long-time personal and business friend of Hilton U. Brown, general manager of the News, who would have this community believe that in all the years of his management of the News he did not know that its ownership was vested in Charles Warren Fairbanks instead of Delavan Smith, as Mr. Brown repeatedly swore—before a notary.

The forcing of the Jewett administration to accept Mr. Howe as its candidate for mayor indicates more than any other one thing that Mr. Brown has finally determined to assert the control of the News, which he has long possessed, and use it in the promulgation of his own conceptions of what Indianapolis should have, rather than furtherance of the dreams of that come to Richard Smith.

The time worn scheme by which it was sought to make it appear that the candidacy of Mr. Howe was "forced" by a popular demand from the people of Indianapolis collapsed in its first stages. Perhaps, if Mr. Howe were generally known in the community there might be a popular demand for his candidacy, but as it is, the demand is confined entirely to the office of the News and its puny efforts to obtain detached demonstrations of this demand have so far been less effective than it obtained several years ago with a carefully staged meeting at the Grand Hotel for the bringing out of John W. Holtzman, its counsel, as a candidate against Joseph E. Bell.

Mr. Howe's candidacy, therefore, must be contemplated as the candidacy of the News faction of the Republican party. By acceptance of the invitation to be its candidate for mayor, Mr. Howe lends his approval to the Jewett administration. By responding to the News-made call for him, Mr. Howe puts upon his candidacy the stamp of the News approval.

And the stamp of the News approval is the same badge worn by Alvah Rucker when his deal with the notorious bootlegger, Bob Sloan, was exposed in Federal Court; by George V. Coffin when he chose to resign from the police force rather than face a canceled check; by Claris Adams when he compromised judgments with the notorious booze vendor, Pop Leppert, and by Jim Collins when his leniency toward criminals caused the Legislature to contemplate extending the number of offenses in which suspended sentences are forbidden.

In short, the circumstances under which Mr. Thomas C. Howe's candidacy for mayor is launched are in themselves sufficient justification for opposition to a candidate against whom nothing of a personal nature has or is likely to be said.

"By their friends shall ye know them" is an adage that always holds good in Indianapolis politics.

Mr. Thomas C. Howe's candidacy is backed by an administration that has failed to carry out its promises, by a newspaper that for years deceived the public as to its ownership, and by a number of personal friends who are being used by these two agencies to mask their attempts to continue in control of the affairs of the city.

If these two agencies are powerful enough to nominate and elect Mr. Thomas C. Howe they will certainly be powerful enough to control him.

Therefore, the sole question involved in the candidacy of Mr. Howe is whether or not the people of Indianapolis wish a four-year continuance of the News-Jewett domination of their affairs.

Is This Detraction

Controller Bryson made public a financial statement of the city of Indianapolis last week.

The statement disclosed that in 1920 the city administration actually expended \$3,354,372 more than it did in 1919; that the income of the city from all sources, including direct taxation, was \$3,873,842.50 greater than in 1919; that the balance left in the various funds at the end of the year exceeded the balance left in 1919 by \$519,470.10.

The two evening newspapers in Indianapolis gave rather voluminous expositions of the report.

One newspaper emphasized the fact that it cost the people of Indianapolis 68 per cent more to operate the city government in 1920 than in 1919.

The other newspaper laid stress on the fact that after spending 68 per cent more in 1920 than in 1919 the city administration still had approximately half a million dollars more left in its various funds than it had left at the end of the year 1919. In no part of its report did that newspaper explain to its readers that this balance in the funds was due, not to decrease in expenses, but to an INCREASE in the amount of taxes taken from the citizens.

And now the newspaper that makes a specialty of misleading its readers, even to the extent of concealing its ownership, is attempting to class those persons who refuse to accept its deceit as "full time detractors" of the city of Indianapolis.

It is a long way from detraction of the city of Indianapolis to show that its financial strength is such that it can stand an annual increase in the cost of government of \$3,354,372.

In fact, it is a fine compliment to the forbearance of the property owners of this city that they have not arisen in open rebellion at an unnecessary increase in expenses which they must pay of 68 per cent a year, and far from being a detraction it is high praise of the financial ability of the community that this enormous increase in the amount of taxes taken from its citizens has not pinched its property owners to a point of rebellion.

The attempt to designate as "full time detractors" those persons who had the honesty to set forth the facts concerning the financial affairs of the city without distortion is, of course, a continuation of the dishonest effort to discredit the Jewett administration with economy where economy does not exist.

The differences in the treatment of the Bryson report by the two newspapers is due wholly to the fact that one of them is bound to a continuous defense of the city administration regardless of its acts and the other is free to present the truth to its readers.

We do not believe that the people of Indianapolis are so benighted as to prefer propaganda to plain truths.

Sacrificing Lives to Propaganda

A little boy in Indianapolis under the care of a physician who opposes prohibition lay in a very critical condition. The physician, who knew better, declared to the members of his family that only whisky would save the boy's life. Then he told the relatives that he knew of no way for them to obtain whisky since prohibition was being enforced in Indiana.

As this physician very well knows, the only medicinal property of whisky is the stimulating effect of alcohol. As he also very well knows this stimulation may be produced in other ways than through the prescription of whisky, which is illegal.

When this physician failed to accept for relief of this boy any one of the many stimulants that the majority of his profession in this city are now using successfully, he failed to do his duty to his patient.

If this physician did not know how to practice medicine without whisky his ignorance should bar him from practice.

It, knowing how to practice without whisky he failed to exercise that knowledge in the case of this little boy, in order to discredit prohibition, he showed himself a traitor to his profession and to his country.

The sooner this community is rid of physicians and others who preach that whisky is necessary to medicine the better for the community it will be in which to live.



Fighting the Rabbit in Australia



TOP—SKINNING RABBITS. Note the line of stretched skins in the background. These hunters are far from a packing house and therefore they are interested only in preserving the skins. Before rabbit skins became valuable they hunted only to get the liberal bounty which the government offered for extermination of the "vermin."

RABBIT HUNTERS' CAMP. Rabbits multiply rapidly, as everybody knows, and in Australia they set a new record. Australia had no rabbits until a man imported three pairs and turned them loose. Soon there was a plague of rabbits. The fertile parts of the country were overrun, crops and pastures destroyed. For a time it looked as if many districts would have to be abandoned to the rabbits. Now, however, rabbit-proof fences and bounties hold the plague in check. The rabbits have been driven largely to the poor lands bordering the desert country, where professional hunters and trappers keep up the fight against them.

BOTTOM—GOING TO THE PACKING HOUSE. The rabbit is killed as a pest, but in recent years the sale of rabbit meat and skins has brought considerable revenue. Wagons go along the country roads collecting rabbits that have been trapped and killed and take them to the packing houses to be prepared for shipment as frozen meat and hides. In one year frozen rabbit to the value of \$1,400,000 and skins to the value of \$3,000,000 were exported by Australia.

(Continued from Saturday.)

WHEN A GIRL MARRIES
A New Serial of Young Married Life

By Ann Lisle

CHAPTER CXL.

By the time the famous black velvet curtains had fallen on the first act of the most brilliant musical success of the season I was as miserable, bored and disgusted as a woman could be.

Now and then, for fear people would notice how out of it I was, I made some comment to Phoebe or Mr. West. A brief answer and then they returned to their interest in the stage and each other. No one spoke to me undressed. I felt as if everyone in the theater must be noticing, and, noticing, must be saying to every one else:

"What a dull, stupid, unattractive woman that one in gray chiffon seems to be. The people in her party don't notice her if they can help it. They must be bored to death by her."

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