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AFTER ALL, the coal man is entitled to a little winter weather this season.

AT SPRINGFIELD a judge installed "ankle curtains" for a woman jury. Temporary only, and not to be worn outside of court till styles permit longer skirts.

SIGNS of spring are here. Iron is ready to be laid in the extension of some car lines. All this extension may mean more homes and a solution of the housing problem. By all means let it go on.

THAT STORY about the cherry tree may be doubted, but Washington was the daddy of a nation, anyhow, which celebrated his birthday with a more earnest purpose of national life than any other nation on this earth.

A PURDUE JERSEY cow named Golden Estelle 267570 produced the equivalent of about 900 pounds of butter last year. The cow was 9 years of age, and a grandmother and established a new Indiana record for production. All the gentle sex wants is a chance.

ANDERSON club women universally condemn the traveling carnivals, of which they had four last year, together with all the gambling and immorality incident thereto. The cheap amusement was long since outgrown and the women are acting along the right line.

THE CORNER STONE laying of a new building as a unit of the Indiana Masonic Home at Franklin, to be a memorial of 573 ex-service members of the Indianapolis Scottish Rite, on Washington's birthday was a fitting ceremony, on an appropriate day, for a very worthy object, at a proper and useful place.

Democracy Awakens!

The overwhelming defeat of the candidacy of Will Feeney for city chairman of the Democratic committee is a gratifying indication that the majority of the Democrats of Indianapolis are not content to see their party become a tail to the News-Jewett kite.

Mr. Feeney is not without his friends, made by a pleasing personality and his long residence in the city, and there are among the Democrats of Indianapolis many who would be glad to see him in a position of party trust.

Their opposition to his election as city chairman was not based on opposition to Mr. Feeney, but opposition to the element in the party that was attempting to seize control of it through Mr. Feeney.

This element suffered an overwhelming rebuke at the hands of the committee who served fair notice on the unholy alliance of Thomas Riley, Mayor Jewett and the Indianapolis News that they would not be a party to any manipulation of the primaries in the interest of any candidate.

That there existed a scheme by which the Republican machine organization hoped to have the support of the Democratic organization in the nomination of its favorite candidate at the primaries cannot be successfully disputed. That the scheme was nipped in the bud is proof that the Democrats of the city will not knowingly rake chestnuts out of the fire for the Jewett organization.

We said a few days ago that on the outcome of the fight against this organization of bipartisan politicians depended the future of the Democratic party in Indianapolis.

There is great satisfaction in the knowledge that the outcome was overwhelmingly against allowing the News-Jewett crowd to wreck the Democratic party in Indianapolis.

Let the People Know

We think Governor McCray is making a serious mistake in shielding the Goodrich administration from criticism for its failures, whether such results are brought about intentionally or unintentionally.

The people of Indiana are gradually realizing the truths of criticisms that they refused to believe last fall. They know now that statements which they sometimes regarded as partisan exaggerations were in fact only incomplete arraignments of an administration that was deceptive and rightfully subject to harsh criticisms.

Having found the charges made against the Goodrich highway commission to be borne out by the expert examination of the State board of accounts, the voters are naturally suspicious of other branches of the administration.

This suspicion will not be allayed by any failure to bring forth promptly reports on the administration of other offices. On the contrary, it will only be increased by every incident that indicates a disposition to shield the Goodrich administration.

Governor McCray is under no obligations to protect the Goodrich administration from the effects of its own acts, either as a State official or as a party leader. The Republican party was thoroughly disgusted with Goodrichism long before it ceased.

The Governor's reluctance to permit State board of accounts reports to reach the public at this time is probably due more to the fact that he is swamped with the duties of a newly acquired office and the press of legislative efforts rather than to a desire to withhold facts. But it is nevertheless a reluctance that may easily be misinterpreted.

Above all things, public confidence is necessary to a successful administration of the affairs of the State. Public confidence in the Goodrich administration was shaken long before it ended. Now official examinations are destroying whatever doubt existed of the charges of maladministration.

Suppression, or reluctant release of these public reports, can only have the effect of connecting up the McCray administration with the Goodrich administration. This, we think, is unjust. Certainly it is neither necessary nor desirable.

Wright's Explanation

That "explanation" by L. H. Wright, director of the highway commission, of the charges of incompetency and extravagance in his department compares well with the plea of the small boy caught in mischief—he did it because some one else told him to do it.

And having so pleaded, in a statement remarkable principally for its reiteration of falsities that have been exposed, Mr. Wright pleads with the Legislature to give him \$13,000,000 more of the taxpayers' money to squander next year!

He does not openly promise that with \$13,000,000 more in his possession he will open special accounts in other banks, possibly with a view to becoming a director in each of them, but he does openly admit that he placed States funds in one bank because he was a director in that bank and expected special favors. Banks are not generally given to extending greater favors than they receive.

Mr. Wright ought to know by this time that one of the first requisites to the appropriation of \$13,000,000 for highways in Indiana is absolute assurance that he has been completely divorced from the spending of it. His continuation in the highway department will forever be sufficient to destroy public confidence in its conduct.

During the period in which his free reign in the department was subjected only to the approval of his fellow director, J. P. Goodrich, he carried on a riotous spending orgy in which the spirit, if not the letter, of the law was completely forgotten.

When efforts were made to lay before the public the facts concerning his administration of his office he suppressed public records, issued false statements and even condoned assault and battery as a proper method of keeping the public in ignorance concerning public affairs.

Now that another branch of the same administration of which he was a part has stripped him of his mask and exposed him to the public as a failure in a position of great trust he reveals a skin without puncture, and, like his friend, Claris Adams, is unable to see any "criminal intent" in the profligate waste of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

There is, today, in the Legislature, a strong sentiment for the abolition of the highway commission, which sentiment is due entirely to the misconduct of the commission's affairs by Mr. Wright and J. P. Goodrich. The latter has been eliminated and now, if Mr. Wright can also be forgotten, this sentiment may be overcome.

But if the taxpayers of Indiana must choose between the roads that exist today and the placing of \$13,000,000 in the "rotary fund" for the use of L. H. Wright, bank and commission director, there is no question as to the choice.

DRESSED UP AND NO PLACE TO GO



MISS LILLIAN GISH.

This picture shows Miss Gishall dressed up and no place to go, although she is in the home of her wealthy aunt during a ball. The aunt does not favor the idea of having her country cousin visit her when she is entertaining. Not that Anna's manners are bad, but because Anna is such a natural beauty and she does not have the powder and perfume that Miss Gishall has. This picture of Miss Gish is taken from one of the scenes in D. W. Griffith's film version of "Way Down East," now in its second week at the Murat.

ICEMAN DOES NOT CALL AT THE MURAT THIS WEEK.

Although there are miles of real ice shown in Griffith's movie, "Way Down East," now at the Murat, the iceman does not call at the theater.

Real ice, an honest-to-goodness blizzard and real snow was used by Mr. Griffith in staging the blizzard and ice scenes for his movie. After taking these scenes Griffith then decided that he must have some effects when his storm scenes were flashed on the screen.

To obtain the sound of rushing water, the breaking of the ice, the sound of the winds, Griffith has a crew of twelve men who work like giants making the effects during the blizzard and ice scenes in "Way Down East."

After seeing this picture twice out in front, I asked Mr. Nelson Trawbridge to take me back stage when they "made the ice."

When I landed back stage I saw twelve men, who had been waiting nearly two hours to do fifteen minutes' work, come out of a property room.

One of these men, who is said to be 70 years old and is the "youngest" stage employee in this city, took his place at something which looked like a big piece of tin. Griffith was grasping something which looked like cloth-coated drum sticks in each hand. There he stood ready to "beat" up a storm. Ten other men took their places at "instruments" which looked like washing machines, whisks and a table containing glass and broken crockery.

The chief electrician took his place at a "keyboard" from which are flashed electrical signals to the other men. The blue light means for some one to do a certain thing at a certain time. The yellow light was the sign for a man at a desk, arms to grind, to get up and go to the "end" of the blizzard, when little Lillian Gish becomes lost. All the time "Barney" was pounding like mad. He never stopped for fifteen minutes.

Other men worked big wheels which produced the sound of rushing water. Others worked over a washing machine looking thing which produced the "swishing" sound of the ice. One man produced a "rumble" sound from a box with a handle. Another man pounded a big piece of steel over some cloth, under which were pieces of glass and crockery.

When the water gets rushing over a cliff some one turns loose some gas from a tank.

All of these sounds under the instructions arranged by Mr. Griffith months ago and carried out by chief electrician result in producing some wonderful scenes which make the blizzard and the ice scenes the most realistic ever presented in a theater.

I wouldn't mind being the ice man at the Murat this week.—W. D. H.

HOROSCOPE

"The stars incline, but do not compel!"

THURSDAY, FEB. 28.

This is an unlucky day, according to astrology, for Mars and Saturn rule particularly for men.

All the lazier instincts of mankind may be awakened at this time, so that crimes of extraordinary heinousness may be committed.

Dissensions and quarrels are easily precipitated while this configuration prevails.

Persons whose birthdate it is should be careful in all their undertakings this year.

Children born on this day may be quick tempered and high strung. These subjects of places who have Neptune as their principal ruler probably will rise to high positions.

BRINGING UP FATHER.



WHEN A GIRL MARRIES

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By Ann Lisle

CHAPTER CXL (Continued.)
Jim's name for me—the name scarcely ever heard now! Yet it seemed to me that I was glad to hear it now from any lips, although I am sure that I would not have thought it sacrilege for Tom Mason to use it so short a while as an hour before.

"Glad to see me, little Ilac lady?" he asked, again closing closer. Then I noticed a woman in the audience looking at me with interest—as if I were a person to be reckoned with. A minute or two before in sending her eyes across her box they had ignored me.

There was a serious note under all his lightness of tone. I was sorry for myself, sitting there ignored by my Jim, when he bade good night to Evvy.

Suddenly, I was also a little sorry for Tom Mason.—Copyright, 1921.

(To be continued.)

SCHOOL NOTES

MANUAL NOTES.

A meeting of all the committees of the June '21 class took place in the Library Monday at roll call. It was announced that Miss Izor would work with the band committee, Miss Brady with the girls' manual and historical, and Miss Wheeler with the girls' patriotic committee. Miss Knox, sponsor, instructed the banner and motto committee chairmen to make a report of their work....A meeting was held in room 12 at the close of school Monday to formulate a club of senior girls....A meeting of the entire cast of the operetta was held in the auditorium tomorrow at roll call.

The meeting was from the science department. Those shown are by Elmer Elder, Louis Wides, Lowden Mowry, Mary Gleason, Robert Dittrich, Carolyn Richeson, Mildred Hauninger, Viola Winterhoff and Ruth Fehr....The candidates for the rifle team shot on the school range yesterday from 10 to 12 o'clock.

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