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THE EFFORT to lay the abolition of Pike Township by the county commissioners to Samuel Lewis Shank looks like an attempt to rob Leo K. Fesler of his glory!

THOSE VISITORS who ran over the silent policeman at Thirty-Eighth and Meridian streets simply followed out the inclinations of a lot of Indianapolis residents!

AS WAS EXPECTED, the street car company showed no inclination to place its neck in the same noose afforded by the surrendered franchise!

STRANGE, isn't it, that the chairman of the Republican party should have formed such an unfavorable opinion of the party's nominee for mayor without ever having met him?

BUT, would the county commissioners be sufficiently familiar with what constitutes a proper discharge of official duties to be able to tell whether the judges are entitled to higher salaries or not?

Mr. Lynn's Inconsistency

Charles J. Lynn, who classes himself as a Republican, has declined to participate in the drafting of a municipal platform for his party except on the condition that the platform contain a plank repudiating Samuel Lewis Shank, the duly selected party nominee for mayor.

Mr. Lynn takes the position that the municipal election is a struggle between two Democrats and that Republicans should not be subjected to criticism if they decide to vote for Boyd M. Ralston, the nominee of the Democratic party. Mr. Lynn also expresses a personal leaning toward the candidacy of Mr. Ralston.

There is considerable food for thought in the statement made public by Mr. Lynn and as his participation in the drafting of a platform was requested by others than Mr. Shank it appears possible to comment on his practical inclination without undue reference to Shank.

There is, in Indianapolis, a growing feeling that municipal elections are not party elections after all. Throughout the whole of the primary fight party loyalty was a moot question. Mr. Thomas C. Howe was accused of being "irregular" by Caleb S. Denny and he never denied the accusation. Mr. Shank openly admitted having bolted the party and defended his bolt on the grounds that it was entirely justified. Mr. Robinson, the only candidate whose regularity was not questioned, proved to be third in popularity with his party. Hence, it would appear that in municipal affairs party regularity is neither general nor does it command a reward.

Mr. Lynn now suggested that the same disregard of party lines which he and those who are associated with him found satisfaction in denouncing when it contributed to the defeat of their favorite in the primaries be continued in the election. The inconsistency of those who denounce party irregularity in one breath and advocate it in another continues to be an outstanding future of the local political situation.

We rather question whether Mr. Lynn's statement can be construed to the advantage of Mr. Ralston, whom he says he advocates for mayor of Indianapolis.

If Republicans should not be subjected to criticism for deserting their party nominee, then certainly Democrats should not be subjected to criticism for the same action.

If there are in reality two Democrats nominated for mayor as Mr. Lynn would have us believe, then Democrats cannot be censured for exercising their personal choice at the polls in November, as Mr. Lynn declares Republicans must do.

Mr. Lynn seems to think should be defeated in November, will gather his election strength from his personal following, from "regular" Republicans and from the Democratic party. If it is true, as Mr. Lynn asserts, that Shank was nominated by Democratic votes, then it is evident that the strategy of Mr. Lynn's campaign against him involves the alienation from him of a sufficient number of "regular" Republican voters to offset Mr. Shank's Democratic support. Just how this is to be accomplished by advancing an argument that makes it as easy for a Democrat to vote for Shank as for a Republican to vote for Ralston is difficult to discern.

Neither Mr. Irving Lemaux nor Mr. Charles Lynn, nor any of the other Republicans who advocate a repudiation of the choice of the primary in which they participated have as yet advanced any theory for the campaign to defeat Shank that takes into consideration the personal following of the man. Yet, Shank's pledge cards were signed before the primaries by almost as many voters as eventually were counted as having voted for Mr. Thomas C. Howe.

Again, it is difficult to discern just how these public rebukes of the Republican party for having nominated Shank are going to be of benefit to Mr. Ralston as long as they are coupled with public invitations to the Democratic supporters of Mr. Ralston to desert him.

Community Effort

The winter activities of community centers and the recreational department of the city closed Friday and soon the summer work will be taken up.

This activity, under direction of R. Walter Jarvis, assisted by Miss Alice Mescall, is a unique part of the city's development and has grown into a very important branch of government. In fact, it is a civic appeal to the intelligence of citizens. It tends to a better citizenship.

The various entertainments, pageants and recreational features which this department conducts, summer and winter, bring citizens together as nothing else will. They enable a cooperation to exist or to be learned where it is sure to produce excellent results, for the spirit of unity and working together is but a development of the best that is in man.

Recently New York City staged the biggest folk-dance party in the world in Central Park, where 8,000 little girls in white, all about the same age and size, participated. Members of the school board and distinguished visitors were present and the children had a half holiday through permission of school authorities. This kind of work contrasts markedly with 4 day parades by those seeking to overthrow the Government. It is directly in line with the activities, on a smaller scale, here.

Years ago each cave dweller was unsocial. He did not care to associate with his neighbor until danger taught him to confederate with those about him. Even today, those who can mix, can give and take and can meet others really handicap the average citizen.

It is of value to a city to have people gather together in summer or winter, and to foster enterprise in them, for the joy of participating in something beautiful or entertaining.

After all, clubs are organized for the same purpose, some rich and others poor. The work of Mr. Jarvis is to give to the citizens who desire it the benefit of all a city can bestow in amusement and recreation and the department gives this the year around.

A Fair Offer!

Even the most bitter opponents of the Citizens Gas Company will find something to admire in the frank challenge of the gas company to any one to take over and improve its outlet for coke in the domestic market of Indianapolis. The company says:

"If any friend of this company or well-wisher for the community thinks he could distribute our domestic coke better than some sixty-five dealers are now doing—if he can show that he is able to provide the capital and the organization to carry on the retail fuel business as he thinks we should do it, and furnish us a better local outlet for our coke than we now have—we will give him the exclusive agency to handle our product in this city for the benefit of the inhabitants and his own profit."

This is, in effect, a challenge to the citizens of Indianapolis to take over the domestic coke business and operate it themselves if they believe it can be operated to better advantage than the company is now operating.

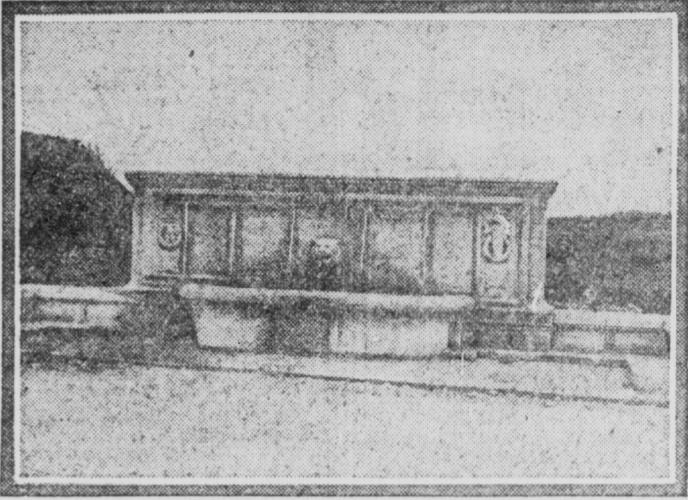
It is a fair proposition, fairly made.

And it has the added advantage of being susceptible to successful execution.

There are a great many people in Indianapolis who believe that more than 40,000 tons of coke a year could be used to advantage by Indianapolis citizens. There are those who believe that this coke could be delivered to the consumer at a profit to the dealer and a price to the consumer that would be attractive.

Here is the opportunity to demonstrate that belief. And if none elects to avail himself of this chance none has a reasonable basis for complaint against the methods the gas company may pursue in the future.

Honor Quentin Roosevelt



The Roosevelt family has erected a fountain at Chancery Aisne, the nearest village to the spot where Quentin Roosevelt, the youngest son of the late Theodore Roosevelt, fell during the world war.

ALICE BRADY HAS IMMIGRANT ROLE

In 'The Land of Hope' Now on View

Frederick and Fanny Hatton wrote "The Land of Hope" in which Alice Brady is appearing at the Alhambra today, Friday and Saturday. The picture presents Miss Brady in the role of a Polish immigrant girl, who with a group of humble folks from her native village, seeks her fortune in America.

The girl Mary, and her lover Sascha, are both quiet figures. The pathetic youngsters think all their poverty and hardships will be at an end once they reach this country.

They learn that the Statue of Liberty is not made of solid gold, and that the bustling new world neither needs nor feeds them. In the swift currents of life in which they find themselves struggling they are soon swept apart, and almost submerged. Several of the most interesting scenes in the production were taken at Ellis Island, at the Ohio: "The Fighting Stranger," at the Regent; "The Man of the Forest," at the Circle, and "The Miracle of Manhattan," at the Colonial.

KEEPING HOUSE WITH THE HOOPERS

(The Hoopers, an average American family of five living in a small town on a hillside, become, with the readers of the Daily Times, how the many present-day problems of the home are solved. It is a picture of a budget that Mrs. Hooper has evolved and found practical. Follow them daily in an interesting review of their home life, and you will learn to meet the conditions of the high cost of living with them.)

THURSDAY.

When Mrs. Hooper had started out to find Helen when she failed to return from school at her usual time, she had to make a hasty start. She had let the matter of the child's deceit run along until what seemed to be the psychological moment for correction and punishment. The lecturer who had spoken on the subject of children's natural tendency to tell untrue stories had given her a good lesson.

"Did you happen to meet Helen anywhere since you left town?" asked Mrs. Hooper, feeling embarrassed at having to put such a question to her young neighbor.

"Helen," exclaimed the bride, "why, of course I did. I just stopped at the library to turn in my book that was a week overdue, and I saw her sitting in one of the alcoves."

"Thank you," said Mrs. Hooper with great relief. "I'll go on and get her."

"I suppose she is interested in something she is reading and doesn't realize it is so late. Can't I go back for you, Mrs. Hooper?"

"No, thank you," replied Mrs. Hooper. "I'll walk up to the library, now that I am out. I hope you are coming to the church tomorrow."

The young girl had been trying to do this, and she had put off her talk with Helen waiting for an opportune time for several days after she had known positively that the girl was not telling the truth when she said that she had spent two afternoons with Edna Jackson. The little girl, whose name is not mentioned in the story, was home on the hill and was the greater part of the year. As the anxious mother hurried along the street, she wondered again for the hundredth time what in the world could possess the child that she should go to such strange lengths as to be described as her worst moment. This was where she had sought for Helen. Her information had been positive that the Jacksons were not at home. The dancing school teacher had told her on Saturday that Mrs. Jackson was in Europe, and that Edna was in boarding school. She decided to go to the Briggs' residence in the next block and see if there were play with Alice. As she was about to turn the corner she met the bride hurrying toward home. She stopped for a moment to greet her.

"I thought I'd get back in time to step in for a cup of tea," Mrs. Hooper said, smiling, "but it took me such endless ages to decide whether I'd have my lamb chops cut straight or on the bias, that the rest of my shopping was finished."

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