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ONE WOULD naturally suspect something like that of a man named G. Brewster Bradford.

IT WAS at least appropriate that the police should find those twenty-nine gallons of white mule in a livery stable.

DO THE UNIONS which are demanding Government control of industries also desire Government control of wages?

THE PULL that Willie Carey has exercised with our law enforcement officials for several years has certainly created a nosome record!

HARDING'S association still in ideal stage, says a headline. Let's see, how long has it been since a President was persecuted for having ideals?

ONE of the penalties Henry Fleming seems to have lost when he broke with the News-Jewett gang, was the privilege of keeping obstreperous negroes out of jail!

SOME FIEND for figures has discovered that every citizen of the United States will be taxed \$82 next year. Wonder how many expect to get their money's worth.

SIX DIED from heat in Minnesota and the thermometer showed 2 degrees below freezing in Arizona at the same time, but, according to latest reports, the climate in California was still "ideal."

WHAT CONSIDERATION is being given Superintendent Talkington's statement that the Jeffersonville reformatory could be erected on the site of the penal farm at a cost not to exceed \$300,000?

'Honest and Fair Basis'

Elsewhere on this page appears today a reader's comment on an editorial recently printed in these columns. The letter is either a willful misrepresentation of facts, or a result of misinformation and lack of information that leads to erroneous conclusions.

The writer accepts at its face value the cry of the demagogue that there is water in the street car company's capitalization" that should be squeezed out. As a matter of fact the property of the street car company totals millions more than its capitalization, and the company has been paying taxes on a valuation several million dollars higher than the combined value of its stocks and bonds.

The writer says that "thousands upon thousands of dollars have been paid on the watered stock of this company since the franchise was entered into with the city." As a matter of fact the stockholders of the several local street car companies have not, in all the years of their investment, received the ordinary rate of interest on the money which they actually put into the stock of the companies.

The writer cannot understand why sufficient consideration should be shown owners of street car stock, to save them from complete loss of their whole investment, when such consideration is not shown to individuals who have invested in other than public utilities. He overlooks the fact that an investor in a private business is not subjected to public regulation and may stop his losses by closing up the business, but a public utility must continue to serve the public, no matter what the loss, at a rate fixed by a public agency.

The writer says he is in favor of giving the street car company everything that is coming to it, but does not think it is entitled to pay interest on watered stock. He ignores the fact that the company is not now, and has not been for years, obtaining sufficient revenue to pay interest on any money invested in any of its stock.

In conclusion, the writer says that "it is a pity our local company could not have been run as was the company in Washington, D. C., which has never had occasion to ask for an increase in its rates for passenger service for the reason that it never watered its stock." The answer to this statement is merely that the company in Washington, D. C., to which the writer refers, is today enjoying a basic fare of 8 cents, with four tickets for 30 cents and a 2-cent transfer charge for transfer to the rival line, on whose demand the Washington fares were increased.

This newspaper is also "in favor of giving the street car company all that is coming to it on an honest and fair basis." That is why there is set out here the facts and fallacies that have apparently led H. A. J. to the conclusion that the street car company is getting what it has coming to it.

Why?

Jacob P. Dunn discussed the proposed amendments to the constitution before the Indiana Democratic Club last week, and a great part of his speech was devoted to an argument against three proposed amendments.

Both the Republican newspapers of Indianapolis presented to their readers what purported to be reports of his speech.

Neither of the Republican papers referred in any way to Mr. Dunn's opposition to that constitutional amendment which opens the doors of the state militia to negroes.

Why?

The framers of Indiana's constitution made provision for the discussion throughout a period of two years of any proposed amendments. Here is an amendment of vital importance to the people of Indiana before them for discussion, and actually discussed in public.

Here are two great newspapers, presumably published for the benefit of their subscribers, that deliberately refuse to report truthfully a public speech in which this amendment is discussed.

Are the negro subscribers of each of these newspapers so powerful that they control the newspapers' news columns?

Have the negro voters of Indianapolis extended their control of the Republican party to control of the Republican papers?

This constitutional amendment, opening the state militia to the negroes of Indiana, was included in the list framed by James P. Goodrich et al., for the purpose of inducing the negro voters to vote for the amendments on. Already negro voters have been advised that they must vote on all the constitutional amendments in order to insure the passage of this one amendment.

Now, in addition to this bit of political trickery, there is demonstrated a determination on the part of Republican papers to ignore public discussion of this negro question, even if it be necessary to misrepresent public speakers in order to accomplish that bit of suppression.

Again we ask, why are the Republican papers of Indianapolis afraid to report discussions of the negro problem?

'A Poor Remedy!'

The attorney for the Indiana Hotel Keepers' Association expresses surprise that there should be any opposition to a proposed ordinance offered by the association to the city council, with a view to keeping hotels free from immoral associations.

There can be no opposition to the purpose of the ordinance, but, without some changes, there should be opposition to its text.

The responsibility for keeping women of immoral character out of hotels rests on the management of the hotel itself. It requires constant vigilance and considerable ingenuity. The proposed ordinance seeks to shift this responsibility, by making it an offense for any man guest to allow any woman other than his wife, mother, sister or daughter, to enter his hotel bedroom, or for any woman guest to allow other than her husband, father, son or brother to enter her bedroom. It is also proposed to inflict a penalty on any man or woman who enters the bedroom of a guest of the opposite sex, under these conditions.

As drafted the proposed ordinance would make it unlawful for a nurse to attend a sick man in a hotel room. It would make it unlawful for the wife or the sister of a male hotel guest to be accompanied by a female friend on a visit to her husband or father in his room at a hotel. It would make it unlawful for a husband to entertain a male friend in a room occupied jointly by himself and wife.

What opposition develops to this ordinance may rightfully be based on the theory that it is an ill-conceived remedy for an evil that every one wishes to see overcome.

Ye TOWNE GOSSIP

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By K. C. B.

TO BABE Ruth.

POLO GROUNDS.

NEW YORK City.

MY DEAR Babe.

OUT IN the West.

I KNOW three boys.

WHO LIVE on a ranch.

AND THEY'RE miles away.

FROM ANY town.

BUT THEY'RE all bright boys.

AND THEY read a lot.

AND THEY know Babe Ruth.

AND IN spite of the fact.

IT'S TWO days old.

WHEN THE paper comes.

THEY'RE JUST as excited.

WHEN YOU make a home run.

AS IS the crowd.

AT THE Polo Grounds.

AND WHEN I said.

THAT I had seen.

YOU SWAT the ball.

CLEAN OVER the stand.

AND THAT once on a time.

I HAD shaken your hand.

AND THEY WON'T believe me.

TILL I crossed my heart.

AND HOPED to die.

AND AFTER that.

I LOOMED as big as.

ON THEIR horizon.

AS THE mountain top.

THAT SHELTERED them.

AND, ANYWAY, Babe.

THEY THINK you're grand.

AND I said you were.

AND FURTHERMORE.

THAT YOU hadn't been spoiled.

AND NOW I'm worried.

FOR THEY will have read.

OF YOUR day in jail.

AND THEY won't understand.

AND THE pedestal.

THEY HAVE you on.

WILL HAVE weakened a little.

AND I ask you, Babe.

IF YOU won't please stop.

GETTING YOURSELF arrested.

IF FOR no other reason.

IT WOULD be too bad.

IF WORD should come.

OR A shattered idol.

ON THAT faraway ranch.

HOROSCOPE

"The stars incline, but do not compel!"

TUESDAY, JUNE 21.

Friendly stars rule today, according to astrology. Uranus, Jupiter and Venus are all in beneficial aspect.

It is above all a rule under which love affairs should prosper, making for financial success as well as harmony and happiness.

This is a very lucky wedding day and engagements made under this direction of the stars should be most fortunate.

Persons whose birthday is at a high angle are for the most part money and business should increase rapidly. The young will court and marry.

Children born on this day will be successful in whatever they undertake seriously. These subjects of Cancer usually rise rapidly in life.—Copyright, 1921.

Aroused From Nap to Face Tiger Charge

"Charles Ray, 336 South New Jersey street," was the name given by a man arrested in a shed in the rear of 438 South East street by Motor Policemen Morarity and Harrington at about 2 a. m. today. Ray, who was sailing on an automobile, was charged with drunkenness. The police went to the shed on the report that they would find a man selling liquor. No liquor was found.

Sergeant Sheridan saw "Charles Ray" the sergeant declared the prisoner's name was Roy Householder, 304 South New Jersey street. He changed the name to Householder on the turnkey's slate and put the additional charge of operating a blind tiger against the prisoner. The sergeant, who had raided Householder's home a few days ago and found 125 quarts of home-made beer, 120 empty beer bottles and thirty-six gallons of beer in process of brewing. Householder was not at home at that time, but six men found in the house were arrested on vagrancy charges.

Boy Scouts Given \$6,000 'Kiwanis Hut'

The "Kiwanis hut," a \$6,000 building on the Boy Scout reservation, to be used as headquarters of the scouts, was formally presented to the boys by the Indianapolis Kiwanis Club yesterday afternoon.

The building, which was dedicated some time ago, was erected by the Kiwanis Club at its own expense.

A delegation of local Kiwanians will leave tonight for Cleveland to attend the international convention of the Kiwanis.

H. A. J.

Indianapolis.

Rush Farmer Shoots Sister, Kills Himself

Special to The Times.

KUSHLINVILLE, Ind., June 20.—Angered

at his sister because she "kept company"

with Russell Wykoff, Carry Jones, 26,

farmer, took his old shotgun from the rack

and shot her in the head.

The shot extinguished the gas light and in

the darkness, Jones took her own life.

Miss Jones, who is 22, has a poor

chance of recovering, physician said to

develop this kind of pell-mell when so

much was at stake.

"I had no thought of usurping your

privilege," said Mrs. Hooper. "It was

merely Mr. Jackson's suggestion that I

should ask one of the club members to

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from the city. I thought of course that

you would be the one to come," she

concluded, "but if you think a committee

should be appointed for that purpose

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MONDAY.

Mrs. Hooper had telephoned at once to

the president of the Woman's Club that

Mr. Jackson had promised them the nat-

ure of beautiful grounds for their garden

on July 4, and that he had also

accepted with pleasure their invitation

that he be the speaker of the day. She

told her further that he had invited an

other member of the club and herself to

meet him next Saturday so that he could

tell them all about the arrangement that

he had made with Mr. Jackson.

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"That seems very irregular," said Mrs. Hooper, "but the president loftily.

"I think you should have suggested that I

should appoint a committee to call on him for that purpose." I think it should

have been made very formal."