

DE VALERA RESIGNS, THEN WITHDRAWS IT

HAYS REPORT STARTS WILD SPECULATION

What Will Happen if Postal Head Resigns.

NEW IN CABINET

Arthur R. Robinson Mentioned for Senate.

Reports from Washington that Postmaster General Will H. Hays is contemplating the acceptance of an offer to head a moving picture syndicate at a princely salary has lead to some interesting speculation among Indianapolis politicians relative to a possible realignment of the political situation in this State.

Gossip largely prevalent is that United States Senator Harry S. New may be called upon to accept the postmaster generalship in the event Mr. Hays quits the portfolio.

Controversy the local gossip, however, is the fact that Charles A. Bookwalter has taken over the management of the New campaign in Marion County and is actively engaged in organizing for the primaries. Fred L. King, State manager, has opened headquarters in the Hotel Sevier.

The transfer of the Indiana Senator to a place in the Cabinet would, of course, leave a vacancy that would have to be filled by an appointment of Governor Warren T. McCrary.

VACANCY FILLED BY GOVERNOR.

The appointed, however, would have to participate in the next election before that change would be made and that time, and would have to enter the election lists next fall inasmuch as the term of Senator New expires this year. Some of the speculators, taking these two changes for granted, are looking

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BELL COMPANY IS OPTIMISTIC IN RATE PLEA

Doesn't Expect One Phone to Be Removed.

Not a single subscriber is expected to have his telephone taken out as a result of the increased rates proposed in the emergency petition of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company, C. L. Romine, rate engineer of the company, testified in the hearing on the petition before the public service commission today.

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WEATHER

Forecast for Indianapolis and vicinity for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 p.m., Jan. 7, 1922:

Fair, tonight; lowest temperature about 20 degrees. Saturday fair, with rising temperature.

HOURLY TEMPERATURE.

6 a. m. 21

7 a. m. 22

8 a. m. 21

9 a. m. 24

10 a. m. 26

11 a. m. 26

12 (noon) 28

1 p. m. 28

2 p. m. 31

Hays' Contract in Movies Is at \$150,000 a Year

Holds Signature Until Jan. 14 for President to Name Successor.

Special to Indiana Daily Times and Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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Suggestions as to a possible successor already are being heard in Washington, and it is understood that Senator Harry New of Indiana, close personal friend of President Harding, and high up in the councils of the Republican party, can have the post if he wants it. Senator New will be forced to stand for re-election next fall. Copyright, 1922, by Public Ledger Company.

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SHANK LEADS HUNT FOR CITY BELONGINGS

Equipment of Departments Reported Missing.

AUTOS IN LIST

One Car Said to Have Been in Hands of Former Employee.

With rumors and reports coming to him that some city departments are almost bereft of minor equipment, running all the way from a monkey wrench to automobiles, Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank took the board of public works on an inspection trip today to see if there are as many things missing as he has been told.

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