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SAVING the patrons of bucket shops from financial losses is our idea of an unpopular job.

THE DISADVANTAGES of a "rule or ruin" policy in politics usually are measured by the friendliness of those who "rule or ruin."

WHAT has become of the old-fashioned correspondence between friends that caused no embarrassment when others read it?

A Spirit of Cooperation

When Mayor Shank went into office he recognized two pressing necessities—a new traffic ordinance and a rerouting of the street cars.

Two citizen committees were appointed, one to deal with each of these problems. Gentlemen whose time is extremely valuable and whose good judgment has a market value that is appreciated in the commercial world were requested to and did serve on these committees. They spent hours in their sessions and formulated reports to the mayor which could not have been obtained otherwise except at great cost to the taxpayers of the city. These gentlemen were, in numerous instances, men who were in no way concerned with the personal fortunes of Mr. Shank, as they had demonstrated by opposition to his candidacy both in the primary and the election.

These men gave of their time and ability on the call of the mayor because they were interested unselfishly in the betterment of Indianapolis and regarded a call for help from the mayor as a demand on their loyalty to the city of Indianapolis.

Almost six weeks have elapsed since Mayor Shank took office and several weeks have elapsed since the street car rerouting and the traffic congestion reports were delivered to him. Neither of these reports has been accepted nor rejected. No effort has been made by the Shank administration to carry out their provisions or to explain why they have not been carried out.

Apparently, the reports of both of these committees have been pigeonholed by the administration while a series of orders that are not coordinated with any real program is being issued only to be rescinded in a few days when their shortcomings develop into nuisances.

Men of good judgment in this community recognize that the municipal election is over; that no matter what their personal preference might have been, Samuel Lewis Shank was elected mayor and in all probabilities will be mayor for four years. They want to cooperate with Mr. Shank in the advancement of Indianapolis. They are willing and anxious to give their time and their very best efforts toward the advancement of Indianapolis.

These men recognize that we have before us some acute problems that are growing more acute as the administration postpones the day of grappling with them. It is difficult for these gentlemen to understand why there should be so much delay and such a lack of a constructive program of municipal betterment.

Manifestly, the present contains the opportunity for the municipality to avail itself of the willingness of its citizens to cooperate in the solution of municipal problems. Manifestly, now is the time for Mayor Shank to take advantage of the assistance offered him in the modeling of a good administration.

Ignoring the recommendations of business men whom he has asked to assist him only has the effect of lessening his opportunity to obtain the assistance he needs now and will continue to need throughout his administration. Capable men will not repeatedly give their efforts to no avail.

In the press of minor matters Mayor Shank has possibly not realized that he is, by failure to give proper consideration to the work of those men he asked to help him, showing a lack of appreciation that will soon overcome a splendid spirit of co-operation which could be made the most valuable asset of the Shank administration.

Just Enough of Beans

The Washington end of the disarmament and Far Eastern question is over. Of course, the United States will have to accept the results. However, there are many hurdles to jump before it is accepted by the other countries.

Since the commissioners were appointed the governments in France and Italy have changed, and the Mikado has not acted officially. There will be a lot of negotiations and exceptions and explanations. All that has happened so far is a lot of delegates got together and compromised on a lot of questions, and even if treaties are made, they are only "scraps of paper." So long as the British and United States governments work together, and the white governments of the world let each other alone, no danger can come to old mother earth. The naval agreement amounts to this: The British keep 600,000 tons of capital ships, we keep 500,000 tons and the colored Japs 300,000 tons. The United States, on account of calling the conference, generously gave up the most and scrap more ships than any other country.

The Constitution of the United States gives Congress the sole power to declare war, also to end war. It is believed by many that the size of our Army and Navy can only be limited or increased by the same body, and no treaty, although indorsed by the Senate is constitutionally sound, is of that opinion.

The British government gets out of its treaty with Japan and gets us in, and Japan is made boss of the Pacific Ocean islands, and the Far East north of the equator.

Poor old China, our friend, gets nothing but promises. In which I am reminded of the fellow who agreed to take his girl to the circus but had to leave town. He called her up and told her he was sorry, but would make her another promise just as good. That is all China gets, or rather we get skinned. China never had a look-in.

Of course, there will be a lot of things said by political papers, about the results which are not true. But good will finally come out of the conference through the education of the American people, who will begin to learn that we do not and never will understand the colored Oriental mind.

The self-satisfied position taken by the American members of the conference reminds me of the old lady who kept the boarding house in Boston. She had Boston baked beans for dinner. They were all eaten. She had all she wanted, although the boarders got only about one-half a supply.

Looking around at the close of the meal she said, "What good judgment I used. I cooked just enough beans." Moral: "Always be satisfied with the results you get." However, this conference has started something.—W. D. Boyce, in the Saturday Blade, Chicago.

Fine Courtesy!

The disavowals of both the New and the Beveridge factions of the Republican party of any intention to attack the personal reputation of either of the candidates for the senatorial nomination has created a chuckle in the ranks of the Democrats of Indiana.

For the Democrats realize that there is no prospect of their party nominating a candidate for Senator whose personal reputation is in any danger of being assailed. And, of course, there are those who reason that where such fine courtesy as is being displayed in the Republican ranks exists there must be a reason for it.

However, the managers of the Republican candidates are to be congratulated on their determination to keep the campaign free of personalities, even though they do turn public thought to personalities by their repeated assertions of determination not to indulge in them.

In many respects they resemble the man who was determined to have peace even if he had to fight for it.

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'FOREVER' WILL BE THE SCREEN'S SWEETEST MEMORY

Theodore Roberts Wears a Beard—Lloyd Is a Sailor—Bebe Daniels on View

There are a very few things that one desires to put in his memory box to keep the dust of time away.

"Forever," a movie version of "Peter Ibbetson."

Personally, I will treasure "Forever" as the screen's sweetest memory.

There is something so wonderfully fine, big and sweet about "Forever" that it creeps into one's memory box before one is conscious of it.

The story is of the tender and gentle sort with a symbolic and spiritual ending which impresses one that a wonderful symphony has just been played.

The cast includes Edward Sutherland, Vera Lewis, Myrtle Steadman, James Gordon and others.

At the Alhambra all week—W. D. H.

CONCERNING 'HORSEMAN'

"THE FOUR HORSEMEN."

In my selection of the ten best movies for 1921, I included "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" as one of the ten best.

The Ohio this week is presenting "The Four Horsemen" for the first time in Indianapolis at popular prices.

The theater management has not spared expense in this movie.

It is an expensive undertaking for the Ohio or any theater to present this movie at popular prices. It will mean packed houses at every performance for the theater to break even. I am told.

And I will repeat again that "The Four Horsemen" is a great movie. Its appeal is varied, but we all must admit that a well-produced and acting standpoint this picture is one of few really great ones.

Wallace Reid. Credit must be given to George Fitzmaurice who produced "Forever" under the Paramount banner.

In "Forever" we have the blending of the material with the dream world or the supernatural. Its message of love, beauty and devotion of Peter Ibbetson and Mimsi will haunt your memory as a beautiful experience.

So you will no longer misunderstand; you will see a different Wallace Reid in "Forever" than you have been accustomed to. He is not speeding over a dusty road in a motor. He is a man and a lover of yesterday, a yesterday that you never yesterday a yesterday that you never yesterday a yesterday that you never yesterday a yesterday that you never

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