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THERE SEEM TO BE about as many claimants of that trust money today as there were friends of Sipe who were anxious to borrow it!

ANYHOW, Mr. Elliott has succeeded in convincing every one that the bids for paving in Indianapolis were unreasonably high!

THAT MAN who is in doubt as to whether he killed another may have to submit the question to a jury which knows less about it than he does!

WILL HAYS is now advocating the use of films in every school and church and getting free publicity on the subject regardless of the obvious purpose!

FORTY brokerage firms have closed their doors and not a ripple has been created, thus demonstrating again that brokering is not necessarily financing!

THE LONDON Herald's opinion that President Harding will ask George Harvey to resign possesses the merit of being based on the fact that Harding certainly must wish to silence Harvey.

The Double-Cross

Republican leaders generally are beginning to feel the reaction from the appointment by Commissioners Tutewiler and Shank of George V. Coffin as county clerk to succeed Richard V. Sipe.

Even those who adhere to the theory that Mr. Coffin is qualified to take the position deplore the "double-cross" by which he obtained it and regret the alienation of the support of prominent Republicans which that "double-cross" has provoked.

Henry Cochrane was chosen for the appointment at a conference between Carlin Shank, Tutewiler, Mayor Shank and others. The two commissioners, both of whom are candidates for re-election, pledged themselves to name Cochrane when Sipe resigned. The next day, with Sipe's resignation before them, these two commissioners repudiated their pledge and named Coffin. In explanation, one of the commissioners said that the naming of Cochrane would not "help us get any votes for ourselves."

The question that is now worrying the two commissioners who are candidates for election is whether the breaking of their agreement will not cost them more votes for themselves than the appointment of Coffin can bring them. Among business men of the city there is a rapidly growing opinion that officials who cannot keep a solemn agreement for twenty-four hours are not particularly fitted to have control of the affairs of Marion County for four years.

The result of this episode is likely to be a complete alignment of the forces of Mayor Shank against Carlin Shank and Tutewiler. Candidates against these two men are expected to enter the race for commissioner and it is not unlikely that instead of being in a position to control other nominations, the two commissioners will be hard put to effect their own renominations.

Steadily the impression is gaining ground that the Republican machine in this county has become so thoroughly bad that its own members cannot trust each other over night.

Obnoxious Tactics

In Ft. Wayne last week prohibition agents broke into the home of the superintendent of parks in an attempt to find liquor based on an alleged anonymous communication. The raid was conducted without the knowledge of local officials and is being denounced as a part of a political use of the prohibition enforcement agents.

Such incidents as this are to be expected in the next few months and unquestionably they will result in considerable misdirected sentiment against the enforcement of prohibition.

The prohibition enforcement agencies in Indiana are a part of the political machine built up by the Administration's candidate for Senator. The head of the department in Indiana is an active supporter of the Senator who named him. The men under him are selected with a view to the benefit they can be to his candidacy. A recent ruling issued by the department under which the identity of the agents is not to be disclosed when they are appointed comes at an opportune time to allow of politically prompted selections without public criticism.

Everything is set for the use of the prohibition enforcement bureau to compel active work along political lines under the penalty of prosecution. Nothing stands in the way of subjecting political opponents to annoyance such as might dampen their ardor, except a ruling which is now in effect in Indiana and ought to be effective all over the State.

Here, the courts are refusing to accept evidence obtained by illegal methods and are viewing with displeasure raids conducted with search warrants and in violation of constitutional rights.

Seeking a Chairman

The first of a series of attempts that will be made to get the Democrats of Marion County together did not result in any more progress to that end than had been anticipated. The suggestion that the party unite on the candidacy of John Barrett for county chairman was not received with anything like general acclaim.

But, it was nevertheless a suggestion of considerable benefit to the party inasmuch as it disclosed the necessity for more harmonious relations among the Democrats. Joseph E. Bell took occasion to tell the Democrats that he regarded the old "Joe Bell machine" as scrapped. But, in suggesting Mr. Barrett as an acceptable chairman, Mr. Bell indicated that he and his political friends felt that they were entitled to consideration in the selection of a chairman. Probably no one, not even Mr. Barrett, was particularly annoyed by opposition to him as chairman. As was said at the meeting, no one could hope to escape some opposition.

The result of the gathering of the Democrats was the establishment that James D. Moriarity is seeking the chairmanship and a large number of Democrats who are opposed to him have not as yet been lined up behind any one man.

Sooner or later a candidate for chairman must be found who will command the support of these Democrats, and meetings in which the matter is frankly discussed will hasten the selection.

Newberryism an Indiana Issue

True words were spoken by B. B. Shively in the opening of his campaign for the Democratic nomination for Senator when he said:

"Newberryism is an issue in Indiana and no amount of sophistry will be able to blind the people to the facts."

The votes of Senators New and Watson for the seating of Truman Newberry in the United States Senate did not represent the sentiment of their constituents in Indiana and neither has offered a satisfactory explanation. Throughout this campaign the subject will arise to trouble Harry S. New and no Democratic meeting will be complete without its reference to the Michigan, senatorial scandal.

Try as they do, the Republicans cannot avoid this subject, and whether he desires it or not Albert J. Beveridge will be forced to discuss his views on the sanctity of senatorial seats.

The Newberry scandal is of keen interest in Indiana in its details as well as principles. The case against Newberry was prosecuted by an Indiana man, Frank Dailey, along a theory of law that originated in Indiana and was first established in the Terre Haute poll fraud cases. Indiana has had, on some previous occasions, affairs that were not unlike the Newberry campaign. There has been, however, to the effect that the coming primaries in the Repub-

THE CROCODILES NEARLY HAD OUR HERO FOR SUPPER

Rodolfo Is a Tango Hound—Movie With a Moral Here—Connor's Story Screened

Our hero was nearly food for the crocodiles.

Isn't it just too "terrible" for words to lose a hero to a bunch of big-mouthed crocodiles.

That's just about what happens to that good-looking Conrad Nagel in Cecil B. De Mille's latest extravaganza on the movie screen, "Fool's Paradise."

Nagel as Arthur Phelps, a love sick poet, had followed Rose, Duchess of Mildred Harris, to Siam on some other country where they were "sacred," but hungry crocodiles. Although Rosa was only a poor damsel, the poet had a Prince of crocodile land were madly in love with Rosa. The Prince invited Rosa to witness the ceremony of sacrificing a lamb to the crocodiles.

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