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BETTER PUT markers on the onion sets.

"WHAT girls wear matters not," says Pavlava. Very little, anyhow.

THE ALLIES, it seems, thought the watch on the Rhine was an ingersoll.

IT SOON will be time for the fellow with the oversize Adam's Apple to don his sport shirt.

AN INDIANAPOLIS undertaker is a candidate for coroner. Sort of a grim political joke.

BANKERS complain the new peace dollars won't stack. Wasn't that the chief objection to the old ones?

## Mayor Shank's 'Blacklist'

Mayor Shank's impulsive proposal to keep a "black-list" of property owners who fail to recognize the feasibility of his street paving program so that the city in turn can retaliate when the citizens themselves ask for improvements, is a rather unusual and even startling application of punitive methods of government.

It is to be hoped, in the interests of a bigger and better Indianapolis, that the plan of paving all of the streets and alleys can be brought to a successful conclusion, and the mayor's desire for improvement is laudable both from a civic standpoint and from the fact that such an undertaking will afford work for the unemployed.

But when the mayor publicly announces that he wants the board of public works "to keep a list of everybody who remonstrates and whenever any of these people petition for any improvement, gas, lights, water, sewers, anything, I want the board to deny it," he is sponsoring a most unusual procedure.

When the candidate becomes the official his vision oftentimes undergoes decided changes. When Mr. Shank was campaigning and appealing to popular support one of his reiterated pledges was that he was not going to "crim improvements down anybody's throat," but now after having surveyed the city's most urgent needs he has come to the conclusion that above all things Indianapolis needs decent streets. He, perhaps, is unmindful that a former mayor bore the sobriquet of "Chuck-hole Charlie" because of the multitudes of pits and holes in the streets that laid in wait for the unwary autoist, and undoubtedly he has no desire for a similar title.

The improvement program will appeal to many citizens who are interested in civic progress and there is every reason to believe that whenever it is practical no opposition will be encountered. The trouble will come, however, if the administration attempts to override the opinions of property owners who may have good reasons for not approving of the plan at this time.

Then it will be interesting to watch the developments if the mayor adheres to his newly promulgated governmental doctrine.

## April Fool Jokes

Practical jokers gleefully watch the approach of April Fool's day. When and why did man first set aside April 1 as a festival of pranks and laughs? No one knows. Its origin is lost in the mists of antiquity. Romans of two thousand years ago had a similar yearly celebration.

April Fool's day is a monument to man's sense of humor—which has carried individuals, nations and whole civilizations through many a crisis. Man endures nerve strain and conquers economic problems that would kill the strongest beast. When the burden is heaviest it is his ability to relax and laugh that refreshes him for the next round of the battle. Humor is a stimulant, an intoxicant. Humorists make life interesting, keep us from taking the daily grind too seriously. Wherefore, the men who draw the funny pictures and figure out new twists to old jokes are as important as the ones who furnish food, clothing and fuel.

Humor is philosophy, presented as a farce. One of the greatest humorists that ever lived was the slave, Aesop. He also was one of the greatest philosophers. Halfway between wholesome fun and cynicism there is a stage of humor known as ridicule. It has wrecked political parties and their candidates. It is the one thing that office seekers dread above all else. For truth, mighty in all forms, is a dead shot when presented by a philosopher-humorist.

You watch April Fool pranks. They seem very funny at the time. Try to analyze them and you realize that humor is a baffling mystery. Nothing harder to explain than a joke.

Charles M. Newcomb, industrial psychologist, says: "Laughter is caused by lapses from the established order, and it is an escape from social rigors and inhibitions, back to the freedom of primeval instincts."

Laughter is man's gleeful way of greeting anything that temporarily defies the natural laws and social regulations which make civilized life a mechanical existence. Our subconscious minds resent the fact that we have to be in a perpendicular position, with more or less dignity, when we walk. We laugh when a fat man slips on the ice because of the satisfaction it gives us that we are able to keep our feet. If the fat man hurts himself laughs stop, all rush to his assistance. This gives the lie to the cynic's contention that humor is closely allied to cruelty.

Take the April Fool jokes good naturally. They are merely reminders that man hasn't lost his valuable asset, sense of humor.

## Public Fed Up on Strikes

A few years ago the prospect of "the biggest strike in history," as the coming strike of union coal miners has been termed, would have brought the public to the highest pitch of excitement. That time is past. Today such a prospect causes only the slightest ripple. Concerns burning a large amount of coal and concerns which depend on shipments of merchandise for their existence are calmly laying in supplies. The public generally is refusing to become excited.

Both sides in every labor controversy bend most of their efforts toward creating public sentiment. They issue innumerable statements, all at great length and all for the consumption of the public generally. The forthcoming unpleasantness is no exception. Hardly a day passes without a statement or two or a half dozen, all made in an effort to mold public opinion.

The public is bored with strikes and rumors of strikes and with all other similar disturbances. The fact of the matter is that the populace generally has been scared so many times by threats of difficulties and suffering that never materialized that it is going about its business and letting the other fellow fight it out. The man in the street has come to such a state that he doesn't believe anything is going to happen until it actually happens.

And nine times out of ten the man in the street is correct in his attitude.

## Dwindling Gasoline Supply

With the automobile constantly increasing in popularity a rather cheerless note is struck by Harrison E. Howe, who predicts in a bulletin of the American Chemical Society that by 1925 gasoline will be selling at from 40 to 50 cents a gallon. Mr. Howe sees the only remedy in what promises to become a serious situation the development of alcohol to such a quality and quantity that it can be substituted for the dwindling supply of gasoline.

He shows that the alcohol industry has been allowed to drop to such a low point commercially, after having been built up during the war, that the annual output is now only 1 per cent of the amount of gasoline refined in this country. He believes that corn can be utilized to produce alcohol and declares that once it comes into general demand for engine fuel the stimulus given it as an article of commerce would be great enough to insure a production capable of meeting the demands of the motorizing public.

Mr. Howe quotes from a recognized authority on motor fuels the conclusion that the blending of alcohol with such hydrocarbons as benzol, gasoline or kerosene so as to enable its application direct to existing motors without material changes either in carburetor or engine design, offers the most practical solution of the problem.

EAT'NG PEACHES MAY NOT BE ACTING  
But Movie Players Enjoy the Fruit Between Scenes

This picture shows Alice Terry, leading woman; Rex Ingram, director of "Turn to the Right," George Cooper and Harry Myers, the two comedy crooks in the peach jam comedy, sampling a few of the peaches used in the production. "Turn to the Right" is on view all week at the Ohio.

## STAGE AND SCREEN.

On Friday night at the Masonic Temple and on Saturday afternoon, the Little Turn to the Right will present as a special Lenten attraction an old morality play, "Everyman."

The following attraction are on view today: Bea Welch, blind comedian, at the B. Keith's; "Roger Bean," at the Rialto; "Straight," a crook sketch, at the Lyric; "Big Wonder Show," at the Park; "Turn to the Right," at the Ohio; "The Cradle," at the Alhambra; "School Days," at the Circle; "Bought and Paid For," at Loew's State; "Iron to Gold," at the Isis, and

J. C. Shortwell is in charge of the show and Floyd Starkey is interceptor. Margaret McLean and Paul Candell are members of the orchestra.

Highways and By-Ways  
of Lil' Ol' New York

By RAYMOND CARROLL

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NEW YORK, March 29—Grand opera in New York City is without question a rich man's game. That is the opinion, anyhow, of Toney, the barber, who stood upon a marble floor shaving the males of

## Ye TOWNE GOSSIP

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By K. C. B.

I READ in the paper.

A LOT of excitement.

BECAUSE OUR Congress.

SLIPPED UP on a bill.

AND MAYBE the Navy.

WOULD RUN out of coal.

FOR TWO or three months.

WHICH, of course, it won't.

BUT IF it did.

IT'D BE very glad.

FOR I never could see.

JUST WHY it is.

THAT in the summer.

WHEN IT'S nice and warm.

THAT A battleship.

COULDN'T TIE itself up.

NEAR A summer resort.

SO THAT officers.

AND THE sailor boys.

MIGHT ENJOY themselves.

AND STAY right there.

WITH THE flies out.

AND SAVING coal.

TILL THE cold weather came.

AND OF course I know.

THAT THIS suggestion.

IS VERY silly.

BUT IT isn't any sillier.

THAN SAYING to ourselves.

HERE'S A battleship.

AND IT cost a lot of money.

THAN SOME newspapers.

THAT ARE crying out.

FOR REAPPOINTMENT.

OF THE House of Congress.

AND MAKING demand.

FOR ANOTHER member.

AND MORE than likely.

THE VERY same papers.

ARE PANING the members.

THEY ALREADY have.

WHICH, of course, I know.

HASN'T ANYTHING to do.

AND NOW we have it.

WE OUGHT to use it.

AND IT isn't any sillier.

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THEY ALREADY have.

WHICH, of course, I know.

HASN'T ANYTHING to do.

WITH A shortage of coal.

FOR BATTLESHIPS.

BUT ALL last night.

A CROWING rooster.

KEPT ME awake.

AND I'VE got to pan something.

I THANK you.

BOARD NEEDS  
HIGHER TAXES  
FOR BUILDINGS

School Congestion Can Be Relieved Only in This Manner.

## EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGN

Increase in the school tax levy, in order to meet the demands for new buildings, to relieve congested conditions now existing, undoubtedly will be asked by the board of school commissioners, when the budget for the coming year is prepared, this summer.

It was suggested by remarks of members of the board at their regular meeting last night, after they had found themselves face to face with a large and determined delegation from the neighborhood of school No. 38, Winter and Boyd avenues; a delegation which declined to be put off with the customary platitudes about a building being "as our financial condition permits." "We must first make a careful study of the matter," the board will go into the matter carefully, and the stock phrases, with which delegations from other schools have been soothed and sent away during the three months the present board has been in office.

TO PREPARE PUBLIC THROUGH EDUCATION.

John D. Alford, a board member, said that at a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce educational committee yesterday, a campaign of education had been decided upon, to bring the public to a realization of the necessity of a higher tax levy. Other board members admitted that to properly house the school children of Indianapolis do away with the present tax levy would be difficult, if not impossible, to abolish half-day classes. It will be necessary to raise more money for building purposes than is available under the present levy.

This was taken by many persons as an admission on the part of the new members of the board of the correctness of the position taken by the old board that new buildings must be erected primarily by the neighborhood members of the present board made their campaign last fall largely on the platform that the old board was "running wild" in the erection of new buildings and that the new members could operate the school city on the present revenues.

After three months in office, during which time little progress has been made in the building of new buildings, a little more definite steps taken toward rectifying the crowded condition of the schools, the present board seems about ready to fall back, substantially, on the program of the old board, which will require more money than is available under present taxation rates.

NOT SLOW in MAKING THEIR DEMANDS KNOWN.

Not less than one hundred men and women wearing No. 38 badges cited the room where the meeting opened and were asked to state their demands known.

They said they were tired of promises and had come to "demand" a new building and "not to request one." They pointed out that the present plant consists of a four-room building, almost thirty years old, two old portables and two cottages.

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