

# DEMOCRATS WILL DEMAND WHOLESALE SAVING BY STATE

Republican Aid Expected in Attempt to Cut Yearly Expenditure of Indiana Government From \$36,000,000 to \$26,000,000.

Wholesale retrenchment in the operation of the State government will be demanded by Democrats in the coming session of the Legislature. In this they expect to be assisted by a number of Republicans.

Some measures along this line already have been drafted and others were discussed informally by members of the committee of assemblymen who met yesterday to consider details of carrying out platform pledges.

One legislator who has spent years studying the State government expressed the opinion that through judicious reorganization and curtailment of State affairs \$10,000,000 of the approximately \$36,000,000 spent annually by the State could be saved. He pointed out that State expenses have increased from \$14,000,000 annually since before the war.

#### List of Proposals

Some of the proposals which have been discussed informally include:

Abolition of the conservation commission, going back to the old system of separate departments with the addition of a department of public parks and the limitation of the number of employees in each department.

Abolition of the oil inspection department and the placing of all inspection duties in the hands of high-way department district superintendents.

Placing the insurance and banking departments under the direction of the Auditor of State.

Limiting the expenditures of numerous other departments.

The department of conservation was created under the Goodrich administration. Since that time it has grown considerably. The 1921 year book gives its expenditures for that year as \$2,847,444 and its receipts, \$172,527. The receipts are an exclusive of appropriations. The department includes the divisions of entomology, geology, fish and game and engineering.

The banking and insurance departments were originally a part of the auditor's office but were made separate departments under the Goodrich administration.

The oil inspection department has long been an eyesore to legislators bent on reform, but it has also been a political power. Many have argued that such a department is unnecessary.

#### In Striking Distance

The Democrats at the next session will find themselves in a more powerful position than previously because of increased numbers and thus will be better able to attempt to carry out their plans than in previous years.

Although they have not gone on record officially, many Democratic members have expressed opposition to the proposed tax on gasoline. Some have argued that the collection of the tax would cost so much as to make it unprofitable.

The outright repeal of the State tax law and the enactment of an entirely new law probably will not be attempted. It is certain, however, that an effort will be made to shear the tax board of some of its powers.

One of the questions which has been discussed is whether the board should be allowed to retain its appellate powers over bond issues or whether power over bond issues should be entirely with officials of taxing units affected. It is almost certain that an effort will be made to take away from the board the power to fix any tax levies.

In considering road legislation, the committee drafting bills has considered the repeal either of the three-mile road law or the county unit road law. Both are not needed, it is held, and the expense of operating both is too great.

## M'CRAY ESTIMATE MAY BE OPPOSED

The proposal of Governor McCray that the Legislature appropriate \$2,000,000 toward the construction of the new reformatory at Pendleton met with opposition from some members of the assembly. The Governor announced some time ago that he would ask for an appropriation of only \$1,000,000, but upon investigation he doubled his figures.

The measure to remove the reformatory from Jeffersonville when it was presented at the 1921 session met with considerable opposition, although it was enacted. At that time the statement was made as coming from administration sources that with the amount appropriated then and the sale price, amounting to some \$900,000 in all, the institution could be built.

If the appropriation bill should not be enacted the State might find itself in a position of having a large number of prisoners to keep and no place to keep them. The State is under contract to deliver the old reformatory property to Colgate and Company, to which it already has been sold. Without additional money the new plant could not be finished.

## BAD MAN IS TAKEN AFTER DESPERATE BATTLE

Home Is Bombarded With Machine Gun by Sheriff's Posse.

WELLSBURG, W. Va., Dec. 28.—Follansbee's "bad man" was safely behind the bars in the Brooke County jail here today.

Joe Jones, who waged a desperate battle with a sheriff's posse in the hills near Follansbee in which his house was bombarded with machine gun fire, was finally captured with a bullet in his leg.

#### HELD AS FUGITIVE

Charles F. Wheeler, 29, of 2162 N. Pennsylvania St., charged with being a fugitive from justice, is wanted in Montezuma, Ill., to answer a charge involving a check transaction, detectives say.

## Tale of Pathos and Misery Is Being Written in Thracian Modern 'Evangeline'



The Christian population of this Turk ridden country is being ruthlessly driven out. Families are being separated. Lover ones are lost in the haste and scramble as the epic of Longfellow's "Evangeline" is re-enacted in modern times.

Under the Mudania armistice the Christians must quit the country.

Their personal effects are loaded into ox carts and pitiful scenes of suffering are enacted along the trail to the frontier. Box cars are being used for homes and the American Red Cross is doing all in its power to alleviate the suffering. These scenes are typical along the route of the evicted Thracians.



## DEMOCRATS MAKE PLANS FOR FEAST

Annual Editorial Banquet to Be Held Feb. 8.

The annual mid-winter banquet of the Indiana Democratic Editorial Association will be held at the Riley room of the Claypool Hotel the night of Feb. 8. The following speakers were selected by the executive committee, which met at the Hotel Denison today: Samuel M. Ralston, United States Senator-elect; Thomas Taggart, Mrs. John W. Kern and Meredith Nicholson. John Heller of Ft. Wayne, president of the association, will act as toastmaster.

Two committees were named with instructions to report at the business session the morning of Feb. 9. The committee on resolutions was composed of Lew Ellingham, Ft. Wayne; Oscar Cravens, Bloomington, and Thomas McCullough, Anderson. The committee on entertainment was composed of Dale Crittenden, Anderson; Oden Baker, Noblesville, and M. M. McStoops, Petersburg, were named on the nominating committee.

## BOARD TO BAR PRODUCE STANDS

Commissioners Determine to Beautify Courthouse.

Of the ninety stands in the courthouse yard supposed to be operated by county producers, only two ever were run by farmers, and all will have to go Jan. 1, County Commissioners Harry Tutewiler and Albert Hoffman said again today. The edict was brought in response to the clamor raised by the peddlers of bananas and other warehouse goods who have been enjoying a lucrative trade on practically rent-free sites, said John Carlisle, chief deputy for the board, who instigated the fight to keep the yard free from stands after Jan. 1.

"This is a county courthouse, but you might never guess it by the gabbling and yelling going on out there," said Carlisle. "Why, it's got so that people cannot find a place to park their cars when they come down to pay taxes or get a marriage license or attend court."

**Merchants Complain**  
The decision of the commissioners, made yesterday in spite of the stand merchants' threats to line up their "political influence" against the commissioners, was final, said Tutewiler. "Most of them aren't naturalized and they cannot vote, so what's the difference?" said one of the commissioners.

"Just look at that lawn, there," said Leo K. Fessler, county auditor, as he surveyed the wreckage left by Christmas tree vendors. "We paid \$700 to improve that lawn last summer, and a man watered it all the time. Now it is trampled in the mud with banana peelings, broken boxes and paper."

The commissioners and Fessler expressed their determination to beautify the place, in spite of the peddlers' belief that it couldn't be true.

**"City's Disgrace"**  
"What'll we do with our business?" indignantly demanded one of the stand merchants.  
"What's that to us?" countered Tutewiler.

"You might rent a store and go in to business where you could pay a few taxes and a little rent towards the support of the community," was one suggestion made the peddler.

"Here we are, with the National Road passing the building and thousands of outsiders viewing the city's disgrace each year," said Carlisle. "It looks like a hog pen, and we are going to make a park of it if the people of the city and county want it done."

## STANDARD OIL BOOSTS CAPITAL

Directors Meet to Declare Stock Dividend.

The capital stock of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana has been increased from \$140,000,000 to \$250,000,000, according to notice filed in the office of the secretary of State here today. The shares have a par value of \$25 each.

Directors of the company were expected to meet at Chicago today for the purpose of declaring a 100 per cent stock dividend. Of the \$140,000,000 authorized stock only \$109,000,000 is outstanding, making possible such a dividend. It has been announced that the surplus of the company as of Sept. 30 was \$170,000,000.

About two years ago the capitalization of the company was increased from \$100,000,000 to \$140,000,000.

## SPECIAL JURY IS CALLED AT GARY

Lake County and Federal Bodies Will Probe Liquor Traffic.

GARY, Ind., Dec. 28.—A special grand jury for the investigation of Lake County liquor violations has been ordered, Judge Martin Smith of the Criminal Court announced today. Smith said the investigation would be more thorough than any yet undertaken. The Federal grand jury at Indianapolis has proposed a special investigation of liquor conspiracy cases in Lake County also.

The special grand jury will begin its investigation Jan. 3.

## Mary Wants to Play in Kitchen and Give Parties

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—Mary Miles Minter, youthful screen beauty, has written a declaration of independence, cut the maternal apron strings which bound her and has moved into a house of her own, where she can "do funny little things." And, "have a kitchen to play with."

Mary has left her mother, Mrs. Charlotte Shelby, and is now to be found all alone in a big house on the side of Hollywood hill.

"I just wanted a place of my own, where I can do funny little things and have a kitchen and bathroom to play with and give parties and plan dinners," said Mary, whose name is really Juliette O'Reilly.

Once again the magnificent tan leather couch is missing from the office of the auditor of State.

Just before William G. Oliver took office as auditor two years ago the couch disappeared. He demanded it back and it was found in a basement office.

When Robert Bracken succeeded Oliver a few days ago the couch was gone again. A complaint was made and another and inferior couch appeared in its place.

Rumor had it that the much sought couch was in the office of the treasurer of State, Ora G. Davies, treasurer, smilingly confirmed the story and asked what was to be done about it.



**Holiday Bride**  
—Bretzman Photo.  
MRS. WILLIAM H. CALLISS  
Mr. and Mrs. William H. Calliss are visiting in the East and will be at home after Jan. 15 in Buffalo, N. Y. Before her marriage, which took place yesterday, Mrs. Calliss was Miss Marjorie Mercer. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Mercer of N. Pennsylvania St.

## Hunters' Stories Tire Gun Clerks—They Know

Boom! Bam! Squawk!  
A duck falls splashing into the water of a lake.

Repetition of above disturbance.



A rabbit tumbles head over heels. Silence.

A few long puffs on a pipe. "Yessir, that's the way I did it. Thirty ducks in one hour and a half. Pretty good, eh?"

Scene of above is laid in any local sporting goods store.

Dramatis personae—a group of local "Bennies," doled up in elaborate hunting suits.

This little drama is enacted so frequently in sporting goods stores that

clerks have long since lost interest in the repetition of the above drama. In fact, one gun clerk confessed today that he didn't even listen to the tales of the local hunters.

"We sold 35,000 shells on the day before Christmas," he said. "There ought to be a few less rabbits than before the holidays. But not more than one out of six could shoot the side of a brick barn if he was inside and had all the doors shut."



Yarns are many. Actual game caught is very little. The Bennies go out of town, have a good time, buy a rabbit from some farmer boy, and come home with a huge appetite and a good line of yarns, according to one of the salesmen.

## BAN ON DIRTY LICENSE PLATES

Police Will Begin Arrests of Drivers on Jan. 1.

Orders to start arresting motorists who have dirty tail lights and license plates the night of Jan. 1 were issued to Traffic Captain Michael J. Glenn today by Police Chief Herman F. Rikhoof.

The department has been warning the public to comply with the State law requiring license plates to be visible at a distance of 100 feet at night for several days.

"Due consideration will be given persons who have the lights and plates clean, even if the figures are not visible 100 feet away," said Rikhoof, and special attention will be given those with dirty equipment.

"We are after the bootleggers and bandits who keep their lights dim and license plates dirty so police can not get their numbers."

## STREET CLEANING COST DECREASES

City Departments Prepare Annual Reports.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—In twenty-seven years of hard work Henry A. Dix built up a business here with four plants and 400 employees with an annual turnover of \$1,000,000.

The business was turned over to the employees Wednesday, to run for their own profit, Dix retaining control and remaining, without any remuneration, as the advisory head in order that the employees might profit by his business ability.

Six of the most experienced and capable employees were given active control of the firm's affairs and about 115 of the workers who have been with the concern three years or more were given part of the stock. The rest will be given shares as they complete their three year's service.

M. H. Dix, a son of the philanthropist, and his associate in the business, said the father had recently turned down three opportunities to sell. The company manufactures dresses and uniforms.

Streets were cleaned in 1922 at a lower cost a mile than the cost in any other year in the history of the city street cleaning department, according to an announcement today by John Walker, superintendent. The cost in 1922 was \$393.80 a mile, as compared with \$587.69 in 1921, he said.

Reports from other departments showing the work done in the past year are being prepared. The general fund received \$84,777 less in the past year than in 1921, and \$275,911 will be left in the fund at the end of the year, according to Taylor Groninger, city corporation counsel, who is preparing the reports.

Property loss from fire in 1922 was less by \$405,307 in 1922 than in 1921, although there were 768 more fires reported. Due to the fact that firemen have been making their own repairs on the engine houses and also on the fire-fighting apparatus, the labor bill was cut.

In the last year 32.4 miles of paved streets and alleys have been added to the street system of Indianapolis. Money spent in repairing the streets amounted to \$120,568 as compared with \$17,386 spent in 1921. No accurate report on the extent of the repairs has been made as yet. The total spent by the department was \$806,498.84.

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## Uncle Sam's Cook Book Cakes and Cookies

Our Washington bureau has finished the compilation of a section of Uncle Sam's Cook Book. It is devoted to recipes for cakes and

cookies; taken from tested recipes in Government laboratories. If you want this bulletin, fill out and mail the coupon below.

Washington Bureau, Indianapolis Times, 1322 N. Y. Ave., Wash., D. C.  
I want Uncle Sam's Cook Book on CAKES AND COOKIES, and enclose herewith 4 cents in stamps to cover postage and mailing.

Name .....  
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On the crags of the San Bernardino Mountains Prof. Albert A. Michelson (inset) has set up his tower—to catch light. He's trying to determine light's speed so it may be utilized in man's conquest of universal energies.

CURINE HAIR GROWER grows the hair and you can prove it. 50c. at Drugstore. Agents wanted. Manufactured by The Apollo Toilet Concern, P. O. Box 192, INDIANAPOLIS

## COUNTY FARMERS DISCUSS BILLS

Proposed Legislation Affects Rural Residents.

Representative farmers of Marion County met at the Chamber of Commerce today to discuss proposed legislation, such as the county unit school system, the gasoline tax, interborough bus regulation and limitation of the weight of motor trucks.

The meeting was called by Royal L. W. McClain, county agricultural agent, and William Bosson, chairman of the Marion County Farm Bureau. Interest in the bureau was to be aroused by the gathering. Invitations were sent to 150 rural citizens.

**BOY AUTOIST HELD**  
John Dithmer, 16, of 2130 N. Capitol Ave., was arrested last night on a charge of speeding. The arrest was made by Sgt. Harris and a squad of nightriders.

**FIRE LOSS IS \$75,000**  
BRIAR, Pa., Dec. 28.—A theater and two adjacent buildings were destroyed by fire today with a loss of \$75,000.

**CAR THIEF BOLD**  
Nellie Starrett, 822 Beville Ave., parked her automobile in front of the police headquarters last night. A thief stole the car.

## FRIDAY MORNING

Doors Open at 8 o'Clock



—will be your last chance to take advantage of a final clean-up price on "Walk-Over Boots"

—The lot includes \$8 to \$12 qualities, and you'll find military and Cuban heels, as well as kid or calf leathers, in black or brown.

—Corrective Shoes Not Included

Walk-Over  
28 N. Pennsylvania St.