

**STRIKING AT THE PRIMARY** Do the people of Indiana wish to name their own public officials, or do they prefer to have them named by a group of machine politicians sitting in Indianapolis? This question must be settled before the Legislature adjourns sixty days hence.

Another effort is being made to repeal the primary law. The movement has behind it the powerful influence of a number of politicians thinking more of personal gain than of public good. A bill already has been prepared providing that State officials and United States Senators be named in convention, and making the convention or the primary optional as applied to local officials.

The public should not be deceived by this proposal. It is a direct attempt to destroy the primary system—to deprive the voters of the right to name and control their public officials.

Governor McCray is opposed to the primary. He has been one of the prime movers in seeking its destruction. His argument is that it should not be necessary for a candidate to make a canvass of the State seeking nomination.

The Governor is wrong. It should be necessary for the candidate to make the voters acquainted with him. It is not necessary for him to spend enormous sums of money in order to do this. Many successful primary campaigns have been conducted for nominal sums. The expenditures of candidates should be rigidly limited.

For a number of years up until last year a Republican nomination for a State office in Indiana has been equivalent to election. This means that if the Governor or a United States Senator, for instance, had been nominated in a convention, the convention and not the people would have chosen these officials.

One of the best arguments for the primary was the last Republican nominating election. Senator Harry S. New and Albert J. Beveridge were opposing candidates. The Republican voters wanted Beveridge and they nominated him.

What would have happened if the candidate for United States Senator had been chosen in a convention meeting in Tomlinson Hall?

Senator New would have had a walk-away. The organization was for him. Republican office holders knew he was responsible for their jobs. The vote in the convention would have been nearly unanimous for New. Beveridge would hardly have had a look-in if any one had displayed sufficient nerve to present his name. The rank and file of the Republican voters would have been given no more consideration than if they did not exist.

Any one who has attended political conventions and has been to any extent at all on the inside knows how much the choice of the public is considered. The nomination of a candidate is brought about largely through trading.

Let us cite a hypothetical situation. Suppose the Sixth District has a candidate for Auditor and the Tenth District has a candidate for Secretary of State. The boss of the Tenth District will go to the boss of the Sixth District and propose to him that if the Sixth District will vote for the candidate for Secretary of State the Tenth District will vote for the candidate for Auditor. An agreement is reached and the votes are cast accordingly. The Sixth District delegation does not give a whoop who is Secretary of State so long as its candidate for Auditor is nominated. The Tenth District delegation does not give a whoop who is Auditor so long as its candidate for Secretary of State is named. Obviously, under the circumstances, neither gives a whoop for the public.

This sort of thing happens in every State convention. It would happen if candidates for Governor and Senator were to be named.

The voters have absolutely not a chance in the world to express a choice. They must in the ultimate election choose between candidates who are the choice of two groups of party bosses.

Indiana does not want to go back to such a system. It wishes to continue as a self-governing commonwealth. The voters should awaken to the danger that such a system will be forced on them. But it will not be forced on them if they will right now make it plain to their representatives that they will tolerate no such move.

Admittedly, the primary has been abused to some extent, but these abuses can be and are being prevented. The convention system is rotten clear through and it always will be from its very nature.

**YELLOW BACK STUFF** ONCE more the old adage about truth being stranger than fiction has been vindicated. Reports that \$3,000,000 worth of Russian crown jewels, once the pride of the Romanoffs, lie hidden in a sailor's grave in the National Cemetery at Brooklyn, N. Y., have been under investigation for several weeks by government agents.

According to the story the gems were placed in charge of a messenger to be brought from Russia to this country and sold. The messenger decided to keep them for himself and placed them in the coffin of the dead sailor, intending to recover them after they had reached the United States. He was unable to do this and the gems were buried with the body.

Here is sufficient material for a dozen ten-cent thrillers of the old yellow back type or melodramatic movie serial. However, were a story of this kind to be printed as fiction the average reader would yawn and toss it aside with the remark that "things like this never happen in real life."

**Saccharine, Coal Tar Product, 300 Times Sweeter Than Sugar**

QUESTIONS ANSWERED  
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Is there any substance sweeter than sugar? Saccharine, a coal tar product is 300 times sweeter than sugar.

Who was the first woman, according to Greek legend? Pandora.

When did Jack London die? Nov. 22, 1916.

How many British battleships were captured by the Germans during the World War? No warships. British warships were torpedoed, sunk and lost in other ways, but none captured.

In the poem "John Gilpin" these words occur: "A trainband captain eke he, of famous London town." What do they mean? "A trainband" is a militia organization, especially one in London which was organized in the Stuart period, abolished and later reorganized. Evidently John Gilpin held the rank of captain in this organization.

## Is Mrs. Lillian Knox, Texas Lumber Queen, Woman Counterpart of 'Jekyll and Hyde' Story of Fiction?

Spent Thousands for Betterment of Community and of Her Employees.

By NEA Service  
**H**EMPILL, Texas, Jan. 8.—Is Mrs. Lillian Knox, widow of Hiram Knox, millionaire lumberman, a feminine counterpart of the famous Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde of fiction?

Did one of two personalities draw her up toward humanitarian work, spending of thousands in the betterment of her community, generous gifts to charity, which gained her the title of "Lady Bountiful"?

While the other—the evil—personality drew her downward to conspiring against her husband's life and finally to firing the shot from an automatic pistol that caused his death as he lay sleeping?

That question is on every lip in this little Texas lumbering town while Mrs. Knox, to the astonishment of those she has benefited by her lavish gifts, is behind the bars of the Hemphill jail charged with the murder of her husband, shot to death Nov. 26.

**Her Strange Career**

Here is the story of Mrs. Knox's remarkable career as it will be told in court if Mrs. Knox is brought to trial on a murder charge:

Mrs. Knox, known before her marriage as Lillian Marshall, was the eldest of five. Shortly after her birth, her mother died. Her father moved to Houston while she was still a young girl.

There the girl met Knox, head of a vast lumbering concern and heir to a fortune estimated at between \$7,000,000 and \$10,000,000. They loved and were wed. That was ten years ago.

The young wife immediately after her marriage was initiated into the secrets of her husband's widespread business interests. She began to

dominate them through him and was known throughout the southwest as "Texas lumber queen."

But Mrs. Knox soon tried domaining her husband's affairs, vast though they were. She became interested in charity and civic betterment.

She set out to make beautiful and better the rough region which in those days surrounded the site of the Knox mills here. She started building a fairyland in a number camp.

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to the Indian appropriation bill that

passed the House the other day puts

them in the class with "intoxicating liquors and deleterious drugs."

A number of feathered chiefs from Oklahoma, paying their own expenses, are coming to Washington soon to make a protest.

"Throughout the Indian country," explained Representative Charles Carter of Oklahoma, "the Indians who do not worship the white man's God have their round peyote temples—or

well as creates desire."

Jesus prophesied of this in Luke 21:24, when He told the Jews they would go into captivity to all nations "until the Gentiles' time be fulfilled," then would immediately follow unrest upon the earth, distress of nations, with perplexity, men's hearts failing them for fear of looking after the things coming on the earth, for the powers will be shaken (now falling); then shall you know that the Son of Man is in the clouds (unseen or mysteriously hidden), with power and great glory (Matthew 24:21-22; Rev. 22:27). When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, lift up your heads; your redemption draweth nigh."

Jesus also taught but one prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as in Heaven."

I will shake all nations. The desire of all nations shall come, saith Jehovah (Haggai 2:7).

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What America Needs

To the Editor of The Times

What America needs is Christ's Kingdom on earth, and to know that the day of God's vengeance against Satan's empire, visible and invisible, is here and that the re-establishment of the old world is an impossibility and that the establishment of the Kingdom of God through Christ Jesus is here, and that all powers and organizations that do not willingly submit to the righteous reign of the Lord will be destroyed.

What America needs is for big business to cease exploiting the people, the politician to faithfully represent the people and the clergy to tell the people the truth concerning God's plan and arrangements, and by obeying God's law of love, we could have his will done on earth as it is in Heaven, and Messiah's kingdom would be established by him without further trouble or distress; but failing thus to do, greater trouble must shortly follow.

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