

WHAT'S
THE LAW
ON IT?

VIEWING what the Indiana Legislature does every two years, don't you wish you lived in the time of Moses? Then you could jot down all the commandments you had to obey on a post card. As it is now, no person in Indiana can tell off-hand what the statutes require that he should or should not do and even the lawyers are hard pressed to find out.

You may have to wade through several pages of legal phrasing to find out that you must not go fishing without a license. Again, many thousands of Indiana citizens have no way of finding out what they must or must not do except by hearsay or until arrested for some offense that may have been committed unwittingly. The average good citizen sooner or later oversteps some law without intent. Such condition weakens the effect of all law.

In Ohio the lawyers have awakened to what the man on the street is up against. They have just petitioned their Legislature to put the laws of Ohio in simple form so the average person will know what they mean.

The Indiana Legislature which takes steps to codify the laws for the layman in the way that has been suggested in Ohio will render the citizens of this State a most important and constructive service. This service could be made of even greater benefit by empowering the commission on re-codification to cull out and recommend for repeal the large mass of dead letter laws which now clutter the statute books.

WASTING
ENERGY
ON IDEALS

THOUSANDS of Mexican working men and women have pledged themselves not to buy any more products from the United States until our government releases "the sixty-one men still held in prison for refusing to support the World War. They will no longer go to see moving pictures from the United States, will refrain from wearing clothing made in that country, and will eat nothing that is prepared there." * * * So reports Defense News Service.

The net result of this will be a lot of discomfort for the boycotting Mexicans, a pleasing gratification of their vanity, but their boycott will have no effect whatever on the fate of the sixty-one prisoners.

It is a fine thing to have ideals and to live up to them. But too many of us, emotionally intoxicated by "ideals," waste time and effort on futile doings. Better to conserve the time and effort for attempting something within possibility.

BLACK
GOLD,
HOORAY!

THIS little old United States isn't all discovered yet. Not when you can still find the richest sort of gold mines way down east in Pennsylvania. At Pottsville, while prospecting just the other day, they located a vein of the goldlike thing called anthracite coal that is seventy feet thick and carrying nobody knows how many millions of tons. The vein is so close to the surface that all they have to do is to remove the dirt, chuck in the shots of dynamite from the top and shovel the broken-up debris into the cars. Then off to market with it.

Some twenty miles from Pottsville, a second vein, but even larger, has been found by the Philadelphia & Reading Company. Another case of easy, inexpensive quarrying.

Of course, all this means cheaper hard coal for our furnaces, doesn't it?

Oh yes, when water runs up hill!

MAKING
LAWS
A JOKE

ESTERS introduce these bills in the New Hampshire Legislature: One would make eight hours' sleep compulsory. Another would prevent any woman from marrying her grandmother's son. The third calls for a commission to investigate homes and see if they're happy.

The Speaker, presiding over the Legislature, reprimands the members who introduced the bills, for their levity.

A few, but not many, freak measures have been thrust upon public attention by Indiana legislators, now in session. Perhaps Governor McCray's warning that anything but strict attention to serious business would be unpopular may have had something to do with eliminating horseplay this year. The introducer of such legislation is usually a mere seeker for cheap notoriety.

144 Bridges Span Mississippi River; Last Finished in 1918

QUESTIONS ANSWERED
You can get an answer to any question of information by writing to the Indiana Times Company, Postage Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in postage. Medical, legal and marriage advice cannot be given. Unsigned letters cannot be answered, but let me assure you that personal replies, although the bureau does not require it, will assure promptness if readers will enclose questions to a single subject, writing more than one letter if answers on various subjects are desired. EDITOR.

How many bridges are there across the Mississippi River? There are 144 bridges across the Mississippi River. The last one was completed in 1918. This is the highest bridge at Minneapolis, Minn.

How are finger-prints obtained from paper, books, etc.? In order to get finger prints from paper or books, a photograph is taken of them. Powdered chemicals are put on different finger print marks, depending on the material the print is made on, to make it clearer for photography.

What is Caracal? Caracal (Caracal) is a fur from the Persian lynx which are mostly found in southwestern Asia and in the greater part of Africa. This animal is somewhat larger than a fox, and uniformly reddish-brown above, with long, upright ears tipped with black hairs.

How was the Liberty Bell cracked? The Liberty Bell was cast in London in 1752 by order of the Assembly of Pennsylvania, at a cost of one hundred pounds, sterling. It was brought to Philadelphia in that year and at the first trial was "cracked by a stroke of the clapper without any other violence."

What is the Grange organization and what is its purpose? The Grange organization was formed many years ago for the mutual benefit of their members. This is an organization of farmers and no one but farmers are admitted. They have a password, and allow no one but members to attend their meetings. They have both business and social meetings, and in these meetings discuss production, marketing, poli-

JOURNALS ISSUED AS PART OF PLAN TO BILK PUBLIC

Big Dividends Is Bait That Lures Gullible to Invest.

By EDWARD A. SCHWAB, Chief Investigator, National Vigilance Committee, and Better Business Bureau for Eleven Years With Postoffice Inspection Service.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—Big dividends! That is the bait that lures millions to sink an aggregate or half a billion dollars annually in humbug stock schemes. In more comprehensible figures that is 500,000 times \$1,000, in my years of investigation I have watched a vast army of gullible people—mostly the poor, the wage-earner, the widow— surrender their savings in spite of repeated warnings.

E. A. SCHWAB

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Just before his retirement was officially announced, Day was appointed

There is always something new in the game of fleecing the public. In this and succeeding articles I am describing some of the newest schemes.

Texas is proving the birthplace of up-to-date ideas in high finance. One of the new get-rich-quick schemes, born of the fact that it is increasingly difficult for promoters to secure advertising space in reputable newspapers, is publication by promoters themselves of "independent oil journals."

The Sucker List

By printing and circulating his own papers publication a promoter builds up a sucker list. Then, by resorting to the United States mails, he drives home the stock sale appeals of one promotion after another.

These papers pose as frank-fighting organs of public welfare, but while they condemn other oil company promotions, they try to deceive their readers into believing their own promotions are honest and legitimate.

Sometimes they offer to give shares of stock and acreage to those subscribing to the paper.

Another offer subscribers an assignment of five acres of land for each \$5 sent him in subscriptions. Investigation showed leases on the land for drilling could be bought in the open market for 10 cents an acre.

NEXT: Blind Pools.

Public Opinion

Keeping the Speedway
To the Editor of The Times

Where is the foot killer? I was born and reared on a hotbed of Knights of the Golden Circle, and every one of this organization was a Democrat. I learned to hate the name Democrat almost before I left the cradle, and have hated it ever since. Until the last Legislature met two years ago, I had always been a pure pure Republican, but after that Legislature met—and about the first thing they did was to doubt their salaries and create a lot of new offices for blood suckers—it gave my Republicanism such a jar that I haven't got over it yet, as it was at a time when they should have practiced the most rigid economy. The whole Nation was staggering under the load of taxation they had to carry.

Now it looks as if there is going to be enough soft brains in the Legislature to abolish the greatest institution this State and city has ever turned out to put the city and State on the map—that is the Speedway. And if they do that there is one Republican that will do something he never did before, and that is to vote the straight Democratic ticket from head to tail at the next election.

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What is Viola Dana's home address?

7070 Franklin Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

O. B. Iles Named Councillor

O. B. Iles, president of the International Tool Company, and John R. Welch have been chosen national councillor and vice councillor, respectively to represent the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce in the Chamber of Commerce of the United States.

Monogamy

By BERTON BRALEY

HOWEVER man may phialander With women from Maine to Peru, However unstable and fickle he seems to the casual view, Yet finds his desire in his fastness, The heart of a true masculine breast. Holds dear one woman, One fondly loved woman, Who reigns in his innermost heart.

YES, whether he's fickle or faithful, And whether he's craven or brave, A Gerald, Lancelot or Arthur, A knight or a thief, a thieve; There's one face means more than all others. One image alone and apart, One heart, one soul, one brain, One dearly loved woman, Who reigns in his innermost heart.

SHIE may be a queen or a wanton, A creature of ice or of flame, The mate of his home and his fireide, The light—love sharing his shame; There's a heart that's a true heart, When into the depths he is buried, There's always one woman, One fondly loved woman, Who reigns in his innermost heart.

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Son of Jurist Worked His Way Up to Supreme Court Despite Ill Health

By NEA Service

WASHINGON, Feb. 1.—Former Associate Justice William R. Day is resting at a Florida resort in an effort to recover his health. He has been in poor health for several years.

William Rufus Day, former associate justice of the United States Supreme Court, took to the law profession almost by heredity. He was born in Ravenna, Ohio, April 17, 1849, when his father, Luther Day, was chief justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. He naturally turned to law for his life work and in 1872 was admitted to the Ohio bar.

After practicing at Canton, Ohio, for fourteen years, Day became judge of the court of common pleas there, which office he held for four years. Falling health kept him from filling his appointment as United States district judge in 1889, but on his recovery he became assistant Secretary of State under McKinley in 1897. McKinley and he were warm personal friends.

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In spite of his frail physique, Day established a reputation as an indefatigable worker. On his retirement from the Supreme Court, his associates paid him the following tribute, which summarized his character and devotion to his work:

"We shall miss your loyalty to the court and its traditions, your affectionate fellowship, your wit and humor and your unfailing tranquility and good sense."



WILLIAM R. DAY

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HALF MILLION BOY SCOUTS ON BIRTHDAY PARTY

Fourteenth Anniversary Celebrated This Week.

By NEA Service

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—The 400,000 Boy Scouts in America are beginning the celebration of their fourteenth birthday, this week, with the addition of another 100,000 to their membership.

This is the culmination of an intensive "anniversary round-up," which started last November and had the object of raising the membership of this famous boys' organization to the half-million mark.

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TOM SIMS SAYS:

THE old man can't work your way through the school of experience.

Betty Gulick is only 10. She writes popular songs. We think we have heard many written by Betty.

Kissing her until you are red in the face isn't much kissing now.

Don't cuss winter too much. You will take it all back next summer.

There is a cat in Desmet, S. D., over twenty-five years old, so seven or eight of her lives must be gone.

Soup is a popular dish, according to our clothes cleaner.

Sidewalks are hard on the head.

It takes a good movie publicity agent to make us see stars.

The fellow who never takes a long shot seldom shoots very far.

A live wire is a much nicer thing to be than to fool with.

Hunt for the brighter side. The present never lasts.

You don't have to be bald to be coming out on top.

Longer winter lasts the longer before we have to cut weeds.

You can't wake up and find yourself famous unless you wake up.

The hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that shoots the hubby.

There are more things to save money for than things to spend it for.

Love makes the world go round foolish.

Where there's a still some one will show you a way.



Tom Sims

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