

TAKING COUNTY INTO CITY **M**AYOR SHANK proposes to include nearly all of Marion County in the city of Indianapolis. Most of the territory he proposes to include is platted. Some of it is farm land. All of it is extremely valuable because it is close to Indianapolis.

There is no one in Marion County who does not benefit by his proximity to the city. In a few cases persons living outside the city derive nearly all the benefits of city life without paying city taxes. These persons should be in the city. On the other hand, should a farmer be compelled to pay city taxes because the city wishes to annex him? There is room for argument. One of the arguments against the farmer is the fact that he probably owns the farm because he expects some day to turn it into city lots. His argument would be that profitable operation of a farm would be impossible if there were city taxes to be paid. It is a problem that must be solved.

There is another problem. That is the duplication of county and city governments. This problem already is present because the population of Marion County outside the city is comparatively small. Still, every taxpayer in the city is paying county taxes. There is as much argument on their side as on the side of the farmer who would object to paying city taxes.

The combining of governmental activities in Marion County and Indianapolis is a subject the next Legislature should take up. It might start by amending the Constitution to do away with the numerous justice of the peace courts, which threaten to become a nuisance in Indianapolis, and establishing a central court for petty civil pleas, letting the other courts take care of misdemeanors now handled by justices of the peace.

WHEN THE CROWD GATHERS **O**NE of the great unsolved mysteries of our big cities is why people like to gather in a crowd and watch the pick-and-shovel brigade dig a hole in the ground. It's a curiosity that isn't limited to cities. Go out into the country, start digging, and it'll be just a matter of minutes until the farmer will climb down off his tractor or desert his plow and hurry across the field to watch.

It is one man's theory that the lure of digging into the earth is inherited from boyhood when all of us were firmly convinced that that's where we'll return.

On second thought, he suggests: "The soil down under the surface attracts us because we realize, that's where we came from, and that's where we'll return."

Have you a better explanation?

Mark this: The crowd that gladly gathers to watch the ditch digger is also ready to stop and gaze, semi-trance fashion, at the safe being hoisted out of a building, the fallen horse, the bootleg victim sleeping in the gutter, or similar unimportant sights.

It lures them all—from rushing business man to corner loafer, rich, poor, highbrow, simpleton. Afraid they'll miss something Never too busy to waste time.

However, let's keep on gathering in crowds to watch. Thereby we express the insatiable curiosity that is back of all progress. Curiosity, which drove Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden, is the guiding force of most of their descendants.

THOSE PLUCKED BROWS **A**RTIFICIAL eyebrows, for women who plucked theirs out with tweezers, are displayed at the national convention of hairdressers in New York. They also demonstrate how any woman with the price can get a new set of eyelashes, long and seductive like a movie vamp's. Men will wonder how they're attached—glued or stitched?

Ah, life might lose its glamor for men if they knew too much about feminine wiles. For life is an illusion, and all is futile and dismal when our illusions are destroyed. So, with you, we pass on to the less important things of life, chivalry forbidding us intruding on the secrets of the fair sex.

A TIME TO LOOK AHEAD **T**IMES are going to be good, for the rest of the year at least, predicts the conservative and able Harvard Economic Service. Its economic "background" is the last word in scientific statistics.

Another wise authority is Benjamin M. Anderson, economist of the Chase National Bank of New York. He says the sound and prudent business man "will be very conservative in paying out dividends or in taking profits out of the business. He will seek to conserve profits and to enlarge surplus as a buffer against future shocks."

A good lead to be followed by the average man.

Questions

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Was Austin, Texas, ever a world capital?

Yes, between 1836 and 1846, Austin was the seat of government of the independent republic of Texas, which for ten years existed as the fellow nation of the United States.

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BLACKMAIL IS RAPIDLY GROWING MENACE

Radio Magic

Mute Is Taught to Use Voice.



HOW LEO KUEHN LOOKED WHEN RADIO TAUGHT HIM TO TALK.

DETROIT, April 4.—Radio already has enabled many, deaf through birth or accident, to hear.

But for the first time radio has taught a deaf-mute to speak—and in one lesson.

This new radio marvel took place at the WDXO broadcasting station here, Leo Kuehn, 28, deaf-mute was the subject of the experiment.

Receivers were clamped on Kuehn's ears. The radio frequency was amplified twenty times.

A strange light came into Kuehn's face. He heard! Not only music but voices!

Then he spoke—the first words he had ever spoken. The words were: "Holy, holy, holy!"

And before the evening had passed Kuehn had mastered half a dozen words.

Physicians looked on amazed.

"Kuehn never will regain his hearing," they said. "But radio will teach him to speak."

Kuehn has ordered a powerful radio set.

U.S. LIBERTY BOND OWNERS CARELESS ABOUT INTEREST

Americans Failing to Collect Money Due Them, Treasury Reports.

By JOHN CARSON, Times Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—If J. Plerpont or John W. cared as little for the dollars as do thousands of Liberty bond owners—

Well, they just wouldn't be the Morgans and Rockefellers of today.

Such is the opinion of treasury officials, who have been convinced that a great many Americans care little about collecting money due them. As exhibits, the treasury officials today produced the following:

Now outstanding, \$70,082,500. In original and temporary Liberty bonds. These bonds had four interest coupons. When the four coupons were cashed, no more interest could be collected until the bonds were exchanged. Any bank would handle the exchange. But owners of \$70,000,000 worth have not exchanged them and have collected no interest for several years. The Government owes this but is not being forced to pay.

Now outstanding, approximately \$80,000,000 of Victory notes called for payment last December. The Government has written some owners of registered Victories but has gotten no responses. The Victory note owners are losing about \$10,000 each day in interest.

Now outstanding, approximately \$25,250,880 in old bonds and notes which are producing no interest. Some date back to 1850 and beyond, but the owners are not presenting them for payment.

Now outstanding, approximately \$36,000,000 of old currency dating back fifty years and more. That includes some old "shin-plasters." The Government counts on not more than \$2,000,000 being presented.

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How fast do light, sound and electricity travel?

At 32 degrees Fahrenheit, light and electricity travel approximately 186,000 miles a second; sound, 1,099 feet a second.

When was the first negro brought to this country? Who brought him?

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Five Famous Unsolved Crimes Linked by Startling Coincidences, With Extortion of Money as Probable Motive of Crooks.

By EDWARD THIERRY
NEA Service Staff Writer

NEW YORK, April 4.—Organized blackmail, perhaps the weapon of a single gang, is considered a possible solution to a series of crimes having startling coincidences and culminating in the murder of Dorothy King, Broadway model.

Millions of dollars are secretly extorted, crime experts say, in blackmail plots that have wealthy men and women as victims. These conspirators are known sometimes as "crime scavengers."

Analysis of the possibilities of a series of notorious crimes having been in the hands of one organized band of blackmailers shows these cases as links in the chain:

MYSTERIOUS slaying of William Desmond Taylor, movie director, in Los Angeles a year ago last February.

KILLING of a sailor by Walter S. Ward, millionaire baker's son, near White Plains, N. Y., last May.

UNSOLOVED double murder of Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor Mills at New Brunswick, N. J., last September.

CHLOROFORMING of Mrs. Irene Schoellkopf, wealthy Buffal' woman, and \$520,000 jewel robbery in New York New Year's eve.

MURDER by chloroform of Dorothy King and theft of \$15,000 worth of jewels in supposed plot to blackmail J. Kearsley Mitchell, son-in-law of E. T. Stotesbury, millionaire Morgan partner.

Blackmail persisted as an explanation of Taylor's murder. Walter Ward, whose release has been the subject of an investigation by Governor Smith, declared he killed his victim to save himself from a gang of three blackmailers who had already obtained \$30,000 and demanded \$75,000 more. In the New Brunswick case the Hall family's theory was that Rev. Hall and Mrs. Mills met death at the hands of a band of blackmailers and robbers.

The Schoellkopf robbery case, the only one that did not end in murder, is linked with both the Hall-Mills and the King cases. Chloroform was used to subdue both Mrs. Schoellkopf and Miss King; in the latter case it came from New Brunswick, scene of the Hall-Mills murders.

"I have had a theory that the same gang of blackmailers might have been involved in other crimes previous to the King murder," said Assistant District Attorney Ferdinand Pecora.

Edward S. Schwab, for eleven years postoffice inspector says: "Many blackmail cases hinge on letters through the mail, and post office inspectors have investigated some that run into amazing figures."

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Leaves Bride

They induced him to go to Minnesota. Then it was sought to bring about a divorce between him and his young wife. Meanwhile, Thelma became a mother.

Three Automobiles Missing

Three automobiles were reported stolen today. The owners: R. D. Wilmer, of Frankfort, Ind., John W. Shroyer, 4001 Broadway, and R. F. Hilder, 1341 W. Michigan St.

Little Rover, Don't Forget to Come Back Home

Barney Google, Out, There the West Begins

My Buddy, You're Gonna See Mamma Every Night

Pil Take You Home Again Pal of Mine

Crinoline Days, I'm in Maryland

Honey Moon, Honey Moon

Who Cares, Sweet Melinda Home

I'm Just a Little Blue for You

Agricatina Papa

Blue, When the Leaves Come Tumbling Down

Red Moon, Red Moon

Rodolph Valentino Blues

Many Others to Choose From

The Baldwin Piano Co.

of Indiana

18 N. Pennsylvania St.

69c Each 2 for \$1.25

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In January, 1850, the Legislature issued a charter to the Northwestern Christian University, which was the first college institution founded in the city, and the first in the world which admitted women on the same basis as men. It was located at Fourteenth and College, until 1873, when it was removed to Irvington.

Because of the generous gifts of land and money from Ovid Butler it was renamed Butler College in 1877.

For 38 years previous to this Fletcher's Bank had been educating the people of Indianapolis in financial matters, and today its successor, the Fletcher American National Bank, is regarded as an authority on every question of finance.

Fletcher American National Bank

1839 1923

Capital and Surplus, \$3,000,000

1923

Surplus, \$3,000,000

TOM SIMS SAYS:

WO men married the same nurse in New Jersey. They both need one.