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### AS TO PAINTING AUTOS

TAXPAYERS of Marion County will be much interested in those bills the State highway commission says it is going to render to Congressman Fred Purnell and Highway Commissioner Earl Crawford for the painting of their private automobiles in the State highway garage.

Aside from why the great State of Indiana has to borrow a Congressman's automobile while he is in Washington, as the commission says was the case with Purnell, the taxpayers very likely would like to know:

Is it going to cost Purnell and Crawford as much to have had their cars painted with State materials on State time in a State garage as it does the less fortunate car owner who goes to a private paint shop?

Are the bills to include a charge for garage overhead, such as light, heat, rent, bookkeeping, etc.?

If the answers are "no" the taxpayers might conclude they are on the losing end of the game. If one official has a right to do it, so have others.

There are a lot of officials in those seventy-two State departments.

### THE NEGRO MOVES NORTH

EVERY year half a million negroes cross the Mason and Dixon line going north to stay. A certain proportion comes to Indianapolis. Migration of peoples are nothing new. History records many of them. We have had a fair share in our short history. Each has had its underlying political, religious or economic causes.

And results, too.

Not forgetting that, the Government is studying this negro movement north. It finds that the negroes are migrating to the north for the same reasons that sons and daughters of farmers have been leaving the farms for the cities during the past decade.

The negro wants life, better wages, amusements, bright lights and more independence than the South has been inclined to grant him. He finds all those in northern cities, where many big employers, their supply of cheap labor from Europe cut off by immigration laws, welcome him into the factories.

In some States the negro is a person of some importance politically. His vote may switch a State from one party to another. Politicians are always trying to do that. So the negro is welcomed to the North by certain Republican district bosses.

That is significant. It takes Republicans from the South, where they cannot be spared, and makes for a more solid Democratic South and a still more preponderantly Republican North.

That's politics. Consider the economics of the negro migration. Behind him the negro leaves a deserted farm, in a district where white men generally do not labor with their hands. In some States there are thousands of these farms.

Does that mean a lapse in agriculture for the South? Maybe not. It may mean a new land of opportunity for white settlers, with farm machinery, looking for cheap lands out west. Ultimately, it may mean a new, modernized rural South, rivaling the great Northwest.

Then there is the social problem. As the negro families by train loads pour into northern cities, great city blocks of white families will leave their homes to avoid mingling too closely with folks of another race. Some of those white families may even go South.

Yes, the negro may change our whole map with his move north.

### LEAGUE OF NATIONS ALIVE

PRESIDENT HARDING says "the issue of the League of Nations is as dead as slavery." Let's think it over.

The trouble with a lot of us is we think of the league idea as something new. We treat it as a political issue begot by ourselves, born at Versailles in 1919 and strangled at Washington in 1920.

How silly! The idea was at least 700 years old when Christ was born at Bethlehem. Does anybody really think that an idea so vital that it has a definite place in history for more than 2,600 years, would shrivel up and die just because a little fellow like Henry Cabot Lodge of Nahant, Mass., doesn't like it?

Micah, the Morashite, writing in the days of Hezekiah, King of Judah, about 725 years before Christ, was a better judge of what would be going on in our world today than many of us now living.

Micah saw a time when "many nations shall come" and unite for peace.

"And He shall \* \* \* rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

"But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

If that is not a definite promise of peace to the plain men of all the world then it is nothing. And all the Lodges from creation until doomsday could not change a jot of it.

**SALARIES**—Teachers' salaries in Mexico have doubled in the past ten years. Is it the hazard or progress of civilization?

**LECTURERS**—Early in July, 15,000 lecturers will arrive in this country from England. Gosh! What if all of them turned out to be lecturers? Wouldn't some of our Indiana Chautauqua speakers have competition?

**NOISE**—Indianapolis police always are starting some new kind of crusade, but we haven't heard of them going after noise. New York police are. Probably the thirsty have become boisterous in their protests since Governor Al Smith has returned from his little jaunt at French Lick Springs with Col. Tom Taggart.

**PISTOLS**—Recently The Times commented that firearms could be purchased too easily and recommended strict enforcement of a measure requiring issuance of permits. Now we read that Oklahoma had 238 homicides last year, showing that the "baby State" is having difficulty in getting away from the sanguinary rule of the gun.

## LIGHT ON GOUGERS REFUSED

Harding Declines to Answer Queries Regarding Sugar Status.

### CENSUS REPORTS HELD UP

Cuban Crop Is Much Larger Than Manipulators' High Estimate.

BY JOHN CARSON, Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, June 28.—President Harding declined to reveal the true and complete story of the sugar gouge and gougers before he left Washington.

Specific questions asked by the Baltimore Housewives' League, questions which went right to the vitals of the gouge remain unanswered. They could have been answered with the information the Government investigators have, but they were not. Unless Congress forces a real investigation, the gougers are going to get away clean.

The Department of Commerce has closed up like a clam on all discussions of sugar news or the sugar gouge. The department is not even issuing its monthly census reports on sugar.

The tariff commission has continued its investigation. The commission sent out a questionnaire of some thousand or more questions. Sugar authorities say it gets nowhere and if answered would only add to the public confusion.

**Hooted by Gougers**

When the gougers together they cried "sugar shortage" and announced that the Cuban sugar crop would not be more than 3,700,000 tons. Their estimates were as low as 3,500,000 tons. Although other authorities insisted the crop would be 4,000,000 tons, a considerable increase over last year's crop, the gougers hooted.

Eight centrals in Cuba are still grinding sugar cane. When they complete operations the Cuban crop will be beyond the gougers' estimates. The lowest estimate now fixed is 3,850,000 tons or 150,000 tons more than the highest estimate of the gougers.

There are now more than 1,300,000 tons of sugar in ports, more than enough for any demand in the next three months or until beet sugar arrives on the market. Instead of a "shortage," there will be a "surplus" of sugar.

**"Book Transactions"**

Charges are now made that a real investigation will show the gougers paid not more than 3 1/2 cents a pound for any sugar they had to purchase from independent growers in Cuba. The prices of more than 5 cents quoted for raw sugar are declared to be "book transactions" to justify the high prices charged consumers.

If this charge is substantiated, the gougers will have reaped a profiteer's profit of from 3 to 5 cents on every pound of sugar they sold and their half-billion dollar gouge will have been put over on the consumers.

## Straw Wisp Chewers Are Warned of Their Peril

By United Press

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., June 28.—Getting back to first principles is the keynote at sessions of various sections of the American Medical Society convention.

Lovers of bathing were told that nature's garb is the best bathing suit.

If this charge is substantiated, the gougers will have reaped a profiteer's profit of from 3 to 5 cents on every pound of sugar they sold and their half-billion dollar gouge will have been put over on the consumers.

In addition, the world in general—and the upper Mississippi valley in particular—was warned against sitting on a cracker box in front of

## Indiana Sunshine

"Come on kids, let's go to the park," is the shout in Seymour kiddom today. A merry-go-round and a Ferris wheel have just been unloaded at Shields Park.

Yes. Actually. Bathers at Delphi were shocked—men and women alike. A lightning bolt struck the water of the Tippecanoe River and was felt slightly by the water fangs.

A bronze memorial tablet will be erected at Cannonsburg bearing names of about 200 boys from the city who served in the World War.

Washington had a molarless burglar. He broke into the window of a dental establishment and took a pair of "store teeth." Police are expecting to hear of a meat market robbery now.

Only \$3,000 is lacking of the \$20,000 goal for the new tuberculosis hospital to be erected in Bloomington.

John Doe had better be on his guard. Warrants have been made out for three unidentified men who took a confederated still away from truckmen hauling it to the police station at Corydon.

Cherry picking has started at Hartford City. Growers report an unusually good crop.

## Heard in Smoking Room

Considerable talk had gone round in the Pullman smoker about the characteristics of great American Presidents, when a gent over in the corner seat, who looked for all the world like Theodore Price, asked if any one had seen that skit about Presidents in Commerce and Finance. It seems, he went on, that there were

## 'Indiana Is Driest'

By United Press  
WESTERVILLE, Ohio, June 28.—Indiana is the "driest" State in the Union; New Jersey is the "wettest."

This conclusion was drawn by dry leaders in executive session here after Anti-Saloon League supporters from forty States had reported their local conditions.

The Hoosier situation is due largely, it was said, to the efficiency of the Federal Courts. Seaboard rum running as made an oasis of New Jersey.

## TOM SIMS SAYS:

NATIONAL Dancing Institute has a new step, "Prince of Wales." Easy as falling off a horse.

Besides taking a day off for July Fourth, those with fireworks take a few fingers off.

These are the days the boss gets mad when he learns things went better while he was away.

Terrible news from Turkey. It has gone dry. Just imagine what Turkish bootleggers will sell.

Maybe our world's champion heavyweight scrapper could even whip a mad railroad conductor.

The big picture hats are returning. They fit like parachutes.

The movies are popular because actions speak louder than words.

Forecasts of this year's peach crop indicate it will be a peach.

British have launched the X-1, largest submarine. French wonder what the X stands for.

A good pedestrian once meant a good walker. Now it means a good dodger and jumper.

It is hard on a girl to marry a man whose mother was a good cook.

French helicopter went straight up staying up nine minutes; possibly after hearing of the new German note.

Wouldn't it be great if you could send the baby to the laundry?

Let a locust working only every seventeen years makes an ant mad.

## 'LEASING' ON JOBS IS ISSUE

Death of Youth in Florida Convict Camp Stirs Fight in South.

### ALABAMA STORM CENTER

'Anti-Slavery' Forces Are Opposed by Administration Forces.

By E. T. LEECH, Editor Birmingham Post

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., June 28.—The spirit of a Dakota farm boy, who died penniless and a prisoner following a beating in a Florida convict camp, is marching through the South, leading a new battle against slavery.

The body of Martin Tabert lies in a swamp-soaked grave in Florida, but the memory of his death, which recently resulted in abolition of convict leasing in Florida, promises to wipe out the system in Alabama, the State where it is most widely practiced.

Inspired by the Tabert revelations in Florida, Alabama's anti-leasing forces have organized a State-wide campaign, with chairmen in every congressional district, in preparation for one of the bitterest legislative fights in the State's history when the assembly reconvenes next month. The anti-leasing forces have the support of the League of Women Voters, the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs and practically every newspaper in the State.

**Opposed by Administration**

They are opposed by administration forces led by Governor W. W. Brandon. Behind the scenes will be the power and influence of great coal companies who have reaped tremendous profits from cheap convict labor. Governor Brandon, in a recent defense of leasing, declared the State could not afford the loss in revenue which would come from abolishing it—more than \$500,000 a year.

Opposing Brandon is Ex-Governor Thomas E. Kilby, whose last official act was to send a special message to the Legislature, declaring:

"There are 3,000 men and women in the penitentiary; there are two and a half million persons out of it. The suggestion that this half million is dependent upon a handful of unfortunate convicts to earn the money for the support of their government is an insult to the law-abiding, self-supporting and self-respecting citizens of the State."

**Plea by Governor**

Four years ago the Legislature passed a bill abolishing leasing in January, 1923. Two years later the Assembly extended the system till 1924, with assurance that it would end then. Believing the question settled, leasing opponents made no issue of it in the last campaign and were therefore stunned when, as his first official act, Governor Brandon issued a plea for its continuance and pushed through a bill extending the system to January.

The way legislators are "hopping aboard the band wagon" has caused widespread hope of success of the repeal movement, though the patronage power of the Governor and the influence of the coal companies will be thrown into the fight in an effort to continue penal slavery.

## What Editors Are Saying

Public Job

Franklin Evening Star.

There isn't a single municipal job in Franklin that a recognized business man would have as far as monetary remuneration is concerned. High-grade citizens accept election or appointment to these posts purely as a matter of civic duty and community pride. Everybody knows this and yet how utterly the community falls in showing deserved appreciation!

If we are going to let George do our municipal tasks let's at least be decent enough to tell George when he does a good job of it.

—J. J. J.

**Experiment**

(Rushville Republican)

Is it not more chance that two Indiana counties are to be the beneficiaries of \$40,000 to be spent by the General Educational Board of New York in the next two years to improve the methods of rural education? Of course, the work is to be experimental, and accordingly should be watched by every school patron in the State. And that means every taxpayer, for from the experiment may come the lesson of saving money in the schools, and the schools are the big item of the tax dollar.

**Churches**

(Sullivan Daily Times)

Our friends, the Methodists, should be congratulated upon their decision to appoint of a postmaster at Huntington and indications are that the middle man who up-to-date didn't appear to have a chance may be the lucky guy. There will be some intense inside politics between now and next May in the old Hoosier State, and if you enjoy the game, get ready to have the best time you ever had in your life.

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**Politics**

(Decatur Daily Democrat)

Senator Watson and Postmaster General New, representing two distinct factions of the Republican party in Indiana, are in a clash over the appointment of a postmaster at Huntington and indications are that the middle man who up-to-date didn't appear to have a chance may be the lucky guy. There will be some intense inside politics between now and next May in the old Hoosier State, and if you enjoy the game, get ready to have the best time you ever had in your life.

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## Making the Trip for His Health



## Questions Ask The Times Answers

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1322 N. Y. Avenue, Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps. Medical, legal, love and marriage advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be undertaken, or papers, speeches, etc., be prepared. Unsigned letters cannot be answered, but all letters are confidential, and receive personal replies.—Editor

**What is the reward for apprehending a draft dodger?**

Fifty dollars.

**When was Solomon's Temple built?**

It was begun in 1047, the second month of the fourth year of Solomon's reign; in seven years it was completed (in the month of Bul, November); eleven months later Solomon offered the dedication prayer. Solomon lived from 993 to 953 B. C.

**How many people were executed during the French Revolution?**

During the reign of Terror in Paris—if this is what you mean—the Revolutionary Tribunal sent about 2,600 persons to the guillotine.

**Can you give me some information about the Lucin Cut-Off at Ogden, Utah?**

This was originally 27.5 miles long, but 8.03 miles of this have been filled in, making 19.47 miles of trestle at present—the longest bridge ever constructed. It was opened Nov. 26, 1903, and cost nearly \$9,000,000. The cut-off is only 2-1/2 of a mile longer than the airline.

**Has the Barnum and Bailey Circus ever been in England?**

P. T. Barnum took the circus to London and opened at Earl's Court.

**How much less wood is used in building a brick house than in building a frame house of the same size?**

The Department of Agriculture estimates that for a six-room house, three-fifths as much lumber is required for a brick as for a frame building of similar size.

**Is it true that tortoises can live after decapitation?**

A headless tortoise has been observed to walk 200 yards twenty-four hours after decapitation. It is also known that the heart of a tortoise, or turtle, removed from the body, will, if carefully suspended in a moist chamber, continue to beat for two or three days.

**A reader of this column asks for information on ridding a house of bedbugs, roaches and ants. Any other reader interested may obtain a bulletin on the eradication of household pests by writing to our Washington Bureau, enclosing a two-cent postage stamp.**

**What is the population of Berlin?**

3,804,000.

**How can I make paper temporarily transparent?**

A liquid will render paper transparent if it has the same index of refraction as the fibers of the paper. Use an organic solvent which gives by test the best effect with the specific paper in question. Kerosene, gasoline, chloroform, benzine and carbon tetrachloride all have same effect, and evaporate rapidly, leaving the paper practically unchanged.

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## BUFFALOES COME CLOSE TO TOURISTS

(Special to The Times)

YELLOWSTONE PARK, June 28.

Seventeen huge buffalo bulls have just been driven from the Buffalo Ranch in the Lamar Valley to a corral near Mammoth Hot Springs, where they may be conveniently seen by tourists. They were driven over thirty miles of road by "Bob" Lacombe, chief buffalo herder, his assistant, "Jimmy" Dupuis, and "Scotty" Bauman, ranger at Tower Falls. The animals showed no fear of automobiles. The monarch of the corral herd is "Straight Shot," a magnificent bull whose horns turn up at right angles instead of curving over as with most buffalo.

Sticker collecting has become a favorite pastime with the Sage Brushers, as the automobile campers are called here. Some of the cars arriving here have windshields nearly plastered over with the insignia of western national parks and cities. The red buffalo label of Yellowstone is added here. "You sing America. Why Not See It?" is a popular slogan.

**Alcohol Lights**

You've heard of alcohol lighting up somebody's nose. They use alcohol to light the streets in Buenos Aires—not all, of course, but some. It's a standing joke down there that alcohol lamps would never do in the United States. Pedestrians would climb the poles and suck the wicks dry.

**Your Flivver Tires**

The best rubber for automobile tires comes from British possessions in the Far East. About 200 trees grow to the acre and 600 pounds of rubber per acre per year is a good yield. In British Malaya, Ceylon and Sarawak, the government restricts exports to between 400 and 530 pounds per acre. This tends to protect the trees and keep up the price.

**Erin Go Borrow**

Ireland's deficit for 1923-24 will be about \$100,000,000 as compared with a deficit of some \$20,000,000 last year. It is largely the result of her civil war, and will probably be met by borrowing at home.

**Science**

Latest observations show that the New Star—one of the recent astronomical wonders—is so far away that it takes eighty years for its light to reach the earth. Light travels at the rate of 186,000 miles per second.

Distance, time and size are things the mind can grasp only in a limited degree.

The earth that appears so large to its inhabitants, is so small that many millions of such earths could be trotted out of the universe and not be missed. The age of this tiny speck in the universe is so great, as we reckon time, that it is measured in billions of years. The age of other bodies of the universe is so vastly greater, that the earth is an infant, while the age of matter that slowly formed these bodies is beyond the powers of human imagination.

In rather recent times man had only a vague idea of the immediate planets. He now knows there are three billion suns and he has definite knowledge of many of them.

**Sister Edith's Father**

"Her father is rather close, isn't he?"

"Yes, so darn close, Edith, and I have to whisper most of the time."—Boston Transcript.

**Mother Sizes Up Father**

Daughter: "Something seems to be gnawing on father's mind."

Mother: "Don't worry, it'll soon starve."—Gold and Brown.

**Pa Names the Baby**

"What did you name your baby, old man?"

"Why, at first she was so good and quiet we called her 'Serena.'"

"How do you mean 'at first'?"

"Well, since she began crying all night with teething we changed her name to 'Tuscararora.'"—Boston Transcript.

**Ma's Neighbor Lady**

"My husband is a man of letters."

"I'll wager that most of them contain bills."—Ansonia Herald.

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It Being June, Mullally Suggests

Rings to Symbolize Engagements