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INDIANA'S HEAVY TAX BURDEN

THE tax-burdened people of Indiana probably have little time or patience for any suggested improvements involving greater expenditures and greater taxes. Just now, the Indiana taxpayer is carrying one of the heaviest tax burdens in the entire country and what he has to show for it is a question.

But there is the matter of Indiana roads. There was a time when we had a reputation for our fine gravel roads. That was in the days of horse and wagon transportation. Today, with the motor and the hard-surface roads, we suffer by comparison with other States. We have to look to the future, because some day we'll have to improve our roads and pay good money for them.

Let's look, for a few minutes, at the road history of Maryland, the most progressive State in the country in the matter of road building. Every tourist will tell you of Maryland's roads. There is nothing to equal them, considering them as a whole.

Not many years ago, Maryland had worse roads than Indiana. Then the State deliberately started out on a road improvement program. O. E. Weller, now senator from Maryland, was chosen to direct the job. He had been a Wall street banker before he retired.

Weller took the job. He was a Republican and it was a Republican State administration. The first man he discharged was a Republican and the first man he hired, for the most important work, was a Democrat. That was the chief engineer. Then he put in a real merit system. Employees were advanced, fired, or demoted, as they showed ability and interest. Roads were built for the State as a whole and not for any politician. Weller, today as the boss of the State Republican organization, has more than one political enemy in his party, because he refused to build a road near the politician's farm or home. The roads were built, however, for the entire State.

It is noted now, that Maryland not only has the best road system in the country, but also that the roads were built with less extravagance and less graft than in any other State.

The answer? They were built in complete disregard of politics and political influence and political machinery.

The further answer? Maryland, normally Democratic, gave Weller 35,000 majority when he ran for the United States Senate. And he ran against Senator John Walter Smith, boss of the Democratic machine, and a man who had been in the Senate for twenty years and more.

MERGING OF CHARITY WORK

PROPOSED consolidation of summer camp work conducted by charitable and benevolent organizations is a good idea. The Community Chest has resulted in a consolidation of fund drives. The theory should be carried to its logical conclusion and relief work consolidated as much as possible.

On the surface, there seems to be no good reason why supplies could not be purchased jointly. Some of the camps might even be consolidated physically. The Salvation Army and the Family Welfare camps, for instance, are doing very similar work.

Of course, it would be necessary for the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts and organizations of that character to continue their individual camps.

IF STATEHOUSE WERE "MISSING"

WE WOULD like to know by what slipshod methods a low salaried State employee with a comparatively unimportant job could be short in his accounts nearly \$10,000 in a space of a little more than two years.

The State board of accounts has reported a shortage of \$9,839.61 in the accounts of Roy Couch, former custodian of the Statehouse, and adds that he left, when he resigned by request, \$19,154 in unpaid bills.

The buildings and grounds department is supposed to be controlled by a committee composed of the Governor, the auditor and the secretary of State. The board of accounts is supposed to make an annual check of the affairs of the office. The auditor is supposed to check money spent and bills paid.

It appears that somebody has been asleep. Some day the Governor may arrive for work and find the Statehouse missing.

OH, UPRIGHT JUDGE!

"I AM strongly impressed with the view that it would be unwise to heckle and annoy the press. If every article subjected them to an examination that would harass and annoy whenever the subject matter was unpleasant by way of criticism of officials, the public would lose much, even recognizing the license oftentimes used."

Thus said Judge Marcus of the New York Supreme Court, when certain city officials of Buffalo, angered by adverse criticism, sought to employ the court in placing a muzzle on the Buffalo News. The court refused to be so used.

The decision was a victory for the press in a double sense. It denied the right of angry officials to force a newspaper, while serving the public, to reveal sources of its information. Also and more important, did it renew, with force, the time-honored proposition of the Constitution that there shall be no interference with free speech or a free press.

It is refreshing, indeed, to find in Buffalo a regular court of justice rather than a sinister trespasser upon and destroyer of the plain guarantees of the bill of rights. Here's to Judge Marcus of the New York Supreme bench! May his example penetrate even to Birmingham, Memphis and other places where courts have been less considerate of the Constitution than he.

It appears that the Statehouse custodian's office needs a receiver.

Have you noticed that the men who have gained a place in the community were not holding up lamp posts or stealing automobiles when they were twenty?

The heat is terrific. At the same time a man was offering to paint the Statehouse flag pole for nothing another man was driving an automobile 120 hours without stopping.

The naval reserve camp will charge only \$4.50 a week for board. The Navy seems to have found a solution of the cost of living problem.

JAPS COULD DEFY WORLD IN WARFARE

Nation Slowly Making Herself Invincible in Far East.

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS, Times Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—Word comes that Japan has joined the race for supremacy in the air and is building one of the greatest air fleets in the world. Some \$200,000,000 is to be spent on aircraft in the next six years, according to information.

Slowly but surely Japan is making herself invincible in the Far East. With unlimited aircraft, giant submarines and fast cruisers, in conjunction with the capital ships allowed her under the Washington agreement, Japanese militarists, if they retain control, will shortly be able to lock their front door, shut out in Japan's back yard, where China and Siberia are, and play any old game they like. Militarily, they could come pretty nearly defying the world.

China's safety today depends on two things: First, on the Japanese progressives being able to block their own war party; second, on the nine-power treaty drawn up eighteen months ago at Washington, between America, Britain, France, Italy, Belgium, Holland, Portugal, Japan and China herself.

Britain and America have material weight, since only a naval power could operate against Japan. These would be well nigh powerless. First, because public opinion in neither country would sanction war against Japan over the Japanese seizure of Manchuria, for example.

The second place, the greatest navy in the world, under the Washington agreement, would be no match for Japan in Japanese waters.

In view of recent developments, the Washington treaties have left President Harding in the position of a swimmer who finds himself half way across a deep stream. He must go on or go back. He cannot stop where he is without great discomfort to himself.

Washington will ultimately be forced to make at least two more steps:

1. Call another conference and further agree to limit armaments, particularly aircraft, submarines and cruisers.

2. Join in some general world peace move, the weight of which would be so overwhelming that no government, however war-like or militaristic, would dare defy it.

What Editors Are Saying

Wisdom
Marion Leader-Tribune
The more we read of Mr. Harding's trip and the more it is said that it is purely a business trip and that politics must be eliminated, the more we appreciate the wisdom of P. T. Barnum.

Efficient
Frankfort Crescent-News
One thing must be admitted in favor of the Indianapolis police force: it has held the bootleggers down more effectively than the utility commission has been able to do with the men who furnish the people with water.

Growing
Richmond Item
Two years ago there were in Indiana some thirty community service groups of activities in our various cities and towns. Today there may be half that number—no more, anyway.

The sentiment which we are sensing in our own community is not peculiar to Richmond. It is part of this great nation-wide movement to put more emphasis upon some religious basis underneath our social organizations.

It seems so far as we can judge in our daily talks with people here, to be very steadily growing. At all events, it is to be felt every day. It is something which must be reckoned up in any plans for the Community Chest of next year.

It is at least strong enough for the President of the United States to recognize and to share. And it's as strong in Richmond, that we may as well be prepared to deal with it, intelligently, in all our community plans.

Reduced Rates
Kokomo Dispatch
Logansport is expecting a reduction in electric light and power charges made by her municipal plant, following a report on the situation by the Indiana public service commission. It seems the city-owned outfit has been showing a pretty wide margin of profit and the thing is not supposed to be run for profit.

Observations

Mr. Dempsey is evidently of the opinion where there is a will there is a way of making about \$300,000 more.

"Cuspidors are being removed from countless American drawing rooms," says a London paper. "That's because we have inside information that no more Englishmen of refinement are coming over to be entertained."

Then, on the other hand, if it were not for the candidates there would be no one to speak a good word for politics.

The old puritan spirit still prevails in Boston. Four young men have just been deprived of their auto licenses because each drove his car with one arm while the other encircled the waist of a modern Priscilla.

Russian Soviets have adopted a constitution that provides for a republican form of government, of a sort, but overlooks the little matter of popular elections. As usual, the proletariat is the goat.

Alaska is now mining and burning its own coal, without let or hindrance of the barons. It begins to look like a good place in which to live.

TOM SIMS SAYS:

CHILDREN never realize how hard it is to make money. An Alabama boy swallowed three dimes.

About 250,000 chickens burned on an Illinois farm. Smiled like a new cook getting dinner.

It would be interesting to know if Carpenter bet anything on Dempsey to whip Gibbons.

Chloroform used by New York burglars made ten people sick. It should be against the law.

A bachelor tells us his suitcase has just returned from its second honeymoon this year.

Lies show every fish weighing over 60,000 pounds has gotten away nine times this summer.

Oldest street car in the world is only 35. You never would guess it by looking at ours.

Not many returning vacationists have changed much, and less than that have much change.

Mr. Karlpulsenneullerreller was arrested for being drunk in Chicago. We don't blame him.

About five million pairs of glasses are sold every year, just to help our looks.

A new bride sweeps clean.

Indiana Sunshine

Farmers in the vicinity of Princeton report they are having an awful time keeping thrashing machinery in repair. Jugs, ranging from tiny artistic affairs to gaunt five-galloners are lying in fields along the roads and the wings of the machines are constantly running into them, they assert.

Preliminary gifts of the campaign for \$150,000 for the Ft. Wayne Methodist Hospital have been turned over to the committee in charge. Many cities in the North Indiana Conference are contributing.

All cases in the Terre Haute court have been postponed until Friday because Judge Robert Irwin and Deputy Prosecutor W. A. Church couldn't agree about the proper dress for the court room. Church insisted on going without his coat. The judge objected.

Old residents of New Albany recalled the anniversary of Morgan's famous raid into the State as far as Corydon in 1863. They recounted how the home guard assembled on Silver Hill, when it was reported that the famous Confederate general was coming on to New Albany.

A few days ago she was Melba Beuter, 18, counter-girl in a South Bend cafeteria. Today she is La Senora Sedano, on her honeymoon to the South American estates of her husband. Cupid did some quick work over the soups and salads.

Greensburg folks had better stick to the truth, the whole truth, because Dr. W. D. Bates argues he can spot the tiniest white fib just by watching how one's retina behaves with his retinoscope. Use of the instrument may become popular. Nine-tenths of the criminals suffer from defective vision solely from strain of being dishonest, Dr. Bates says.

Laughs

Typographical Error
"Bill," the poet gasped to his friend, "I wrote a poem about my little boy, and began the first verse with these words, 'My son, my pigny counterpart.'"

"Yes, yes?"
The poet drew a newspaper from his pocket. "Read," he blazed, "see what that compositor did to my opening line."

The friend read aloud: "My son, my pig, my counterpart."—Central Wesleyan Star.

Little Brother's Sister
He was the bashfullest of all bashful lovers, and he was vainly fishing about for a word of encouragement from her small brother.

"Does your sister—ah—ever speak of me?" he inquired.
"Nope," replied the loyal child. "Sis is funny that way. If she can't say something good about anybody, she won't say nothin'."—American Legion Weekly.

Sister's Feller to Get It
Pauline—Why do you object to Harold? He gets a good salary as a salesman and is a poet to boot!
Papa—Very well. I'll see that it's done.—Judge.

The Newsboy Knows Him
"You say Beanbrough is a stingy coddler?"
"Yes. He carries an old paper around in his hand all the time to keep from being accosted by newsboys."—Youngstown Telegram.

Heard in Smoking Room

By a Nebraska Man
THE fellows in the Pullman smoker had just finished a roar over a funny typographical error in the diner menu card, when a man named Woods of Lancaster County, Nebraska, pulled a clipping from the Breeders' Gazette from his pocket and read what a Nebraska printer can do in mixing auction sales up with weddings, thus:

"Married at the home of the bride's township one mile north and two miles east of Mr. and Mrs. John Jones, highly respected residents of Thursday, Jan. 27, Miss Ethel Drinkwater by the Rev. 18 head of Short-horns consisting of four bridesmaids dressed in pale blue and carrying

INDIANA NO LONGER HAS BEST ROADS

Federal Authorities Say State Is Backward in Highway Building.

BY JOHN CARSON, Times Staff Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, July 12.—In the good old days of horse and cart, Indiana had a reputation for fine gravel roads.

But today, Government road authorities insist Indiana is one of the most backward of the progressive States in the matter of road building. The State roads do not compare with Ohio, for example, and as for comparing with the best State, Maryland, well—there is no comparison.

Indiana got started pretty late in her road improvement, was the comment of one of the Government officials. "The system laid out there is good, but it will be years and years before the State has completed the first Federal aid project, which calls for the improvement of 7 per cent of all the road mileage."

Two States Through
Maryland and Delaware have completed their 7 per cent projects and are asking for additional mileage. The Delaware result is misleading, however, because the Dupont interests contributed money for the great Dupont highway which runs through the State.

Indiana has 3,957 miles of Federal aid system. When completed, practically every city in the State of 5,000 population or over, will be located on an improved road. Practically 90 per cent of the entire population will live within ten miles of a Federal aid road. The Government figures for this year show improvements on the National pike and the north and south road from Jeffersonville to South Bend, the road through Logansport from Kentland to Ft. Wayne, the road through Valparaiso from Dyer to Ft. Wayne, the road through Bedford from Vincennes to Lawrenceburg.

Other improvements projected are on the following roads: McCordsville to Pendleton, Royalty to Lebanon, Shelbyville road from Indianapolis, Farmersburg to Terre Haute, Seymour to Underwood, Salem to Frederickburg, Lincoln City to Leavenworth, Huntington to Fayetteville, Shoals to Paoli, Branchville to Canaan.

Indiana is spending a great part of her Federal aid money on the building of bridges, probably a greater part than in any other State.

Science

Many forms of scientific study and research seem useless to the layman. It is difficult for him to see anything practical in the study of an insect or the light of a star. But nearly all scientific study has practical results even from the viewpoint of business.

Science invented the spectroscope. With this instrument science could study the stars. The result was the discovery of helium gas in the sun. Twenty-five years later it was recognized upon the earth. It is now being taken from the ground in ever-increasing quantities, and it soon will be one of the necessities of commerce. Helium can not be burned and is, therefore, immensely valuable for use in airships.

At the time the world war ended a consignment of 150,000 cubic feet of helium was ready for shipment from New York to the front, where it was to be used for observation balloons and for airships of the Zeppelin type. Helium in airships does away with the danger of their burning in mid-air.

Animal Facts

Possum doesn't know beans. Nature says brain cavity in his skull will hold only twenty-five beans while the raccoon's will hold 150 of same size of beans. Of course, coon's race on this earth is going to be much longer than possum's. Experts fix age of an alligator by width of nose between his eye-teeth. Accordingly, they say Ochlawaka, living on Joe Campbell's farm near Jacksonville, Fla., is 300 years old. He discovered America nearly 300 years before Columbus. Ochlawaka is so tame that Joe puts a noose around his muzzle and rides him horse-back fashion when newspaper photographers are around.

Humming birds have the curious habit of flying for long periods in a perfect arc, back and forth over the same path above their nests, the wings in such rapid motion all the time that the effect reminds you of a fly wheel revolving so fast that the spokes are invisible.

Points Made by Poets

We may live without poetry, music and art;
We may live without conscience, and live without heart;
We may live without friends; we may live without books;
But civilized man cannot live without cooks.
—Earl of Lytton.

He'll Have to Scratch for Himself



Questions Ask The Times Answers

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What is put on ostrich feathers to make them shiny and smooth?
Glycerine.

What is a bucket shop?
The term, as used in the United States, means an office which people may gamble in fractional lots of stocks, grain and other things which are bought or sold on the exchanges. Bucket shops use the terms and outward forms of the exchanges, but differ from exchanges in that there is no delivery, and no expectation or intention to deliver or receive securities or commodities said to be sold or purchased.

What part of the world is usually meant by the term Near East? And what is the Far East?

Persia, Arabia, and Asia Minor, and sometimes Turkey in Europe, comprise the Near East. The Far East refers to China, Indo-China, Japan and adjacent islands.

Is the bat a bird or an animal?
An animal. A mammal with a wing membrane extending from the enormously elongated bones and fingers of the forelegs to the short hind limbs.

Which is the longest-lived animal?
The turtle. There are turtles on the Gallapagos Islands, off the west coast of South America, that are known to be at least 400 years old.

Why is it incorrect to say, "those kind"?
Adjective pronouns must agree in number with the nouns they modify. "That kind" and "that sort" would be correct.

If a business woman has a title, should this appear upon her visiting card?

In America a woman never assumes any title other than Mrs. or Miss on her social card, except in the case of the doctor of medicine. In this case even though she is married she drops her husband's Christian name and signs herself "Mary B. Jones, M. D."

Points Made by Poets

All passes. Art alone
Enduring stays to us:
The Bolt outlasts the throne—
The Coin, Tiberius.
—Dobson.

Weather

By BERTON BRADLEY

"Whether it rain or whether it snow,
We shall have weather, whether or no."

And whether we smile or whether we fuss
The weather won't alter a bit for us.
So when it's foggy we won't complain,
And when it's rainy we'll let it rain.
And when the weather is clear and fine
And Old Sol's shining, we'll let him shine!

All right, all right! That is cheerful stuff,
But just a little of that's enough!
It's true that nothing we do or say
Can change the weather we get each day.
But when we've planned for a day outdoors
And the sky above us just pours and pours,
And all our pleasure is on the bum,
We get relief if we grumble some!

"Whether it's cool or whether it's hot,
We shall have weather, whether or not."

But though I'm cheerful as I can be,
I like to feel that I'm wholly free
To kick and growl if I do not like
The kind of weather I chance to strike.
Over the climate I've no dominion—
But, I'm entitled to my opinion!
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Dull Days at Capital

These are dull days in Washington. The President is vacationing in Alaska.

Secretary Hoover is vacationing with the President.

Secretary Work is vacationing with the President.

Secretary Mellon is vacationing in Europe.

Secretary of the Navy Denby is there off and on.

Secretary of War Weeks is there. Postmaster General Nease is on the job.

Almost forgot him—Secretary of Labor Davis is vacationing on the Leviathan.

And the Government clerks are finding it too hot to get very enthusiastic about work.

Sister Mary Is Saved

Mary had two little calves
That should have been some fatter.
She wears her skirts much longer now,
And so it doesn't matter.

—Judge.

Octogenarians

There must be something in the balmy breezes and sunshine of the village of Center, six miles southeast of Kokomo, that induces long life. Old residents claim there are more octogenarians there than in any town of its size in the State, if not indeed, in the United States.

The following residents of the town have passed the four score mile stone: Daniel Thomas, Mrs. James Hercules, Mrs. Moore, Fewel Alley, Mrs. John Kob. In addition there is Levi Springer, who is 85, the oldest inhabitant. Springer is a veteran of the Civil war, a member of Company D, 89th Indiana Volunteer Infantry.

Plenty of Gingerbread

In Yellowstone Park, they tread two black bears, so that President Harding could feed them gingerbread and the camera get a picture "to display to the world."

It will be a good enough picture for the world, but the real classy thing would be a picture showing us tread and Mr. Harding offering the gingerbread.

People's

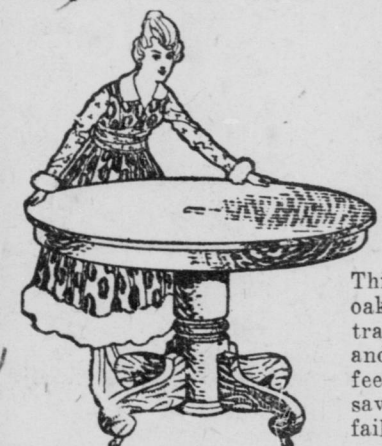
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Save on Dining Tables

Up to 29.50 Tables

13.98

Cash or Easy Way

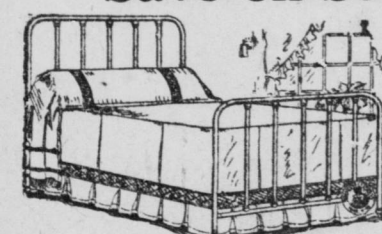


Think of it! Fine golden oak dining tables with attractive pedestal bases and tops that extend to 6 feet, at such an enormous saving. Be early without fail!

Save on Steel Beds

Up to 10.95 Beds

5.98



Inventory shows too many steel beds—so into the Clean Sweep sale they go for instant clearance. Be early and choose any style in the wonder groups of full sized white Vernis Martin beds at record saving.

CASH OR EASY WAY

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