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In Memoriam

No, not dead, but sleeping,
Loving vigils angels keeping
O'er the form when life has fled.
"Loved disciple, cease thy striving,
Weary one, no longer stay;
Come, thou good and faithful servant,
Come to Me, I am the Way."

THE harbinger of death,
Fleeting as indrawn breath,
On his sacred mission sped.
Twas the summons of the Savior!
Joyously the angels sing,
Welcoming the great crusader
To the councils of the King.

—Isabel Likens Gates.

BUILDINGS MUST BE PROVIDED

CONSTRUCTION of school buildings should not cost any more than is necessary, any more than any governmental expenditure should cost more than is necessary.

But school buildings must be erected in Indianapolis!

There is no reason to believe the school board's present plans involve excessive cost. There is every reason to believe the board wishes to construct new buildings and to eliminate the disgraceful condition which now compels Indianapolis children to attend school in shacks.

In the past there has been evidence that obstacles have been thrown in the way of the building program for the sole purpose of discrediting the school board.

There are those who have sought to control, and when they could not control they have attempted to destroy, at the expense of the helpless school children of Indianapolis.

Perhaps the school board has not always been all that may be desired. No school board ever has been. But when a school board earnestly attempts to provide decent facilities for the children it should be encouraged, regardless of personal feeling.

The Indianapolis school program is now before the State tax board. Three men, only one of whom lives in Indianapolis, must decide whether Indianapolis children are to have decent places in which to obtain their education.

The responsibility of this board is great. It should act as quickly as possible. It should throw aside prejudice and should refuse to listen to those whose interests are selfish.

Above all, it should see that Indianapolis has decent school buildings and that they are erected immediately.

WHY FARMERS KICK

THE best exposition we have seen of why farmers in Indiana are kicking is contained in a statement on the cost of wheat production given The Times by A. C. Thomas, a farmer at New Harmony.

Thomas figures on a basis of a fifteen-acre wheat field valued at \$100 an acre in 1914 and \$125 an acre now. He also figures on a yield of eighteen bushels to an acre.

Here are his 1914 figures:

Interest at 6 per cent on \$1,500	\$ 90.00
Taxes at \$2 an acre on \$900	19.80
Plowing at \$1.25 an acre	18.75
Harrowing and rolling	9.00
Drilling at 26 2-3 cents an acre	4.00
Cutting at 50 cents an acre	7.50
Twine, 2 pounds per acre	3.00
Putting in shock	4.00
1/4 bushels seed per acre	20.62 1/2
 Total production cost	\$176.67 1/2
Thrashing, 270 bushels at 8 cents	21.60
Use of 125 bags two days at 1/2 cent	1.35
Hauling to market	8.10
 Total cost	\$207.72 1/2
Market price per bushel	1.00
Cost per bushel	.7693
 Profit per bushel	\$.2307

And here is his 1923 statement:

Interest at 6 per cent on \$1,800	\$108.00
Taxes at \$2.20 per acre	33.00
Plowing at \$1.75 an acre	26.25
Harrowing and rolling	16.00
Drilling at 40 cents an acre	6.00
Cutting at 80 cents an acre	12.00
Putting in shock	10.00
20 bushels seed wheat at \$1.20	24.00
 Production cost	\$235.25
Thrashing at 10 cents a bushel	27.00
Use of 135 bags two days at 1/2 cent a day	1.35
Hauling to market	8.10
 Total production cost	\$271.70
Average cost per bushel	\$ 1.006
August sale price	.90

Loss

It doesn't take an economist, a mathematician or even a water engineer to understand these figures. They speak for themselves.

IF there is anything you are trying to hide don't become President.

AFTER all, band concerts may be more appropriate in the county jail than poker games.

AS a matter of fact, it makes little difference whether the Governor called the public service commission to his office or the commission called on him.

COOLIDGE IS BENT ON 1924 NOMINATION

President Loses No Time in Forming Own Organization as Party Boss.

BY FRANK J. TAYLOR
Times Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Within the next month or two every member of the former Harding Cabinet must decide whether or not he will support President Coolidge's campaign for renomination and reelection to the White House next year.

This became perfectly clear to the Cabinet secretaries as soon as they saw the way in which President Coolidge took over the reins of government.

The new President hurried to Washington not only prepared to run the government, but bringing with him the nucleus of an organization for capturing party leadership and the renomination that goes with it. Coolidge is losing no time at all in making himself boss.

POLICY IS AGGRESSIVE

This aggressive policy of the President has given the old Harding Cabinet members something to worry about. Most of them are not yet ready to decide whether or not they consider Mr. Coolidge the man to lead the Republican party.

Each and every secretary, by wire, letter, or word of mouth, offered his resignation with the explanation he would stay on the job as long as the new President needed him, but expressing willingness to step out and make way for a Coolidge man as soon as that man was named.

In each case Coolidge refused the resignation, but in some cases he did it much more earnestly than in others. For instance, when Postmaster General New offered his resignation, Coolidge was effusive in his effort to persuade New to stay.

WANTS NEW AS ALLY

This was to mean Coolidge wants New for his strategic political value in building a Middle West machine.

Another valuable man is Attorney General Daugherty, from a political point of view, but his health is offered as the excuse for leaving the Cabinet early.

It so happens New is not ready to pledge his fealty to Coolidge. The same may apply to Secretary Hoover, who, if he stays in the Cabinet, must openly disavow any presidential aspirations as long as Coolidge is his chief.

One man who declared for Coolidge at once was Secretary of War Weeks, who may become the President's campaign manager. The difficulty Coolidge faces is the Harding Cabinet selections who would be most valuable to him are not ready to hitch themselves to his star at once. Hoover is one man he needs; for the sake of the Western vote.

HUGHES HANGS BACK

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