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WHY THE HOBBLE, MISS INDIANAPOLIS?

A WOMAN could never win a race wearing a hobble skirt. Few cities can forge ahead either if handicapped by economic "hobbles."

Indianapolis, these days, is feeling much like a victim of fashion. Her progress is now confronted with the fact that some large industries are refusing to locate here because of one "hobble," higher rates for electric power.

A survey made by the Chamber of Commerce has revealed the fact that rates for electrical power are higher in Indianapolis for many industries than those in many other cities of larger size. Factories prefer locations where savings can be made in power costs.

Read the following. It is only a part of the survey of electric power rates completed by the chamber.

"On the occasion of securing one prospect for Indianapolis, we had to admit that that plant operated in Chicago would pay \$131,200 less per annum than if operated in this city; \$130,350 less in Cincinnati than here; \$104,850 less in Detroit than here; \$82,980 less in St. Louis than here; \$70,250 less in Cleveland than here; \$58,530 less in Louisville than here; and even in Fort Wayne could operate for \$27,640 less than in Indianapolis."

If industries which could add to the wealth of the city are being frightened away by the higher costs here, the issue becomes not only one for the individual manufacturer, but one for the public.

The power companies are taking the matter under consideration. It is hoped that citizens will not have to appeal to the State in behalf of the city's progress.

DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIABILITY

LAYING of the corner-stone of the new \$1,000,000 Elks' clubhouse at Meridian and St. Clair Sts. will be observed Sunday.

Prominent guests of the State and Nation will honor the order, which is thus marking another important milestone in the growth of fraternal organizations here.

The Connecticut Yankee taken by the literary genius of Mark Twain to King Arthur's court found the olden times strange and incomprehensible.

What would a caveman say if he could see the magnificent Elks' temple when it is completed April 1, 1924?

And yet the need for social life to the caveman prompted him in prehistoric ages to form "clubs" in caverns where protection could be obtained against wild animals and the elements. Crude pictures, found by archeologists on walls of caves, have proved this.

Social life isn't so strange, after all.

Every normal human being has a gregarious instinct—that of enjoying others' company. That is why men join fraternal orders and women enjoy social or literary clubs.

The growth of fraternal organizations in this city is interesting. The planned Scottish Rite cathedral and the new Indianapolis Athletic Club building, both of which will also face on the future memorial plaza, are further evidence that social orders are taking leading places.

Whether in a cave inclosed by stone and earth with primitive pictures on the walls or in a \$1,000,000 clubhouse furnished with tapestries and upholstered chairs, man has found the same satisfaction for his social desires.

Social life has evolved, of course, in the 100,000 or more years that have intervened.

YOUR CAR AND YOUR COURTS

REPRESENTATIVE CARL HAYDEN, talking to the Rotary Club of Phoenix, Ariz., likened the American Government to an automobile.

"The will of the majority," he said, "is the motive power of the American Government. Popular passion is sometimes even more explosive than gasoline, so that it must be made useful by some device not only to the end that the rights of the individual citizen may be protected from the whims of a temporary majority, but that the other functions of government may proceed with order and regularity. One can properly say that under the plan laid down by the Constitution, the Congress is the engine where the will of the majority generates the power, the executive department transmits the power and puts it to actual use and the judicial branch comprises the brakes and the other safety devices."

It is an interesting analogy. Everybody who ever has learned to drive has concluded at some time or other that the most wonderful thing about a car is the brake. The fact that you can readily control or stop the movement of the machine by slight pressure appeals especially to beginners who are constantly beset with the fear of running into something. It appeals to a certain sort even after the beginner's stage.

And yet, if you wished to get anywhere you wouldn't depend entirely on the brake to get you there, would you?

As Hayden sees it, along with some millions more, the Government brake too often seeks to perform the functions of the engine and the transmission as well as its own.

A MULE, OR A HUSBAND, EH?

BULLY for the Department of Agriculture! It costs millions, but it lays a strictly fresh egg every day. Its latest is a bulletin on psychology of the mule.

Just as everybody was sinking in despair over failure to safely and skillfully lead the family mule, comes the Department of Agriculture with a fine brochure on the morality and mentality of the critter. Listen:

"The mule will not be pulled. He will usually follow quietly, however, if a man will walk away in the direction he desires to go."

"Perfect," writes in "A Farmer Reader" of The Indianapolis Times, who has received the department's bulletin. "You can't pull a mule, because he can out-pull you. You can pull onions and beets and such, but no mule. The Washington experts are dead right. When you want to lead a mule, take him gently by the halter and walk quiet, poised-like in the direction he desires to go. It's the only correct recipe for leading either a he mule or a she mule. God bless the Department of Agriculture for helping us farmers!"

WILSON IS ALERT AND BUSY MAN

Friends Chuckle Over Former President's Controversy

By Senator Shields.

By ROBERT TALLEY

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Close friends of former President Woodrow Wilson are chuckling over the way he has handled himself in his row with Senator John K. Shields of Tennessee.

Shields, one of the strongest Democratic enemies of Wilson during the League of Nations fight in the Senate, is now a candidate for re-election. Just the other day, in furthering his campaign, he gave out a statement lauding Wilson to the skies.

"His high place in history is secured," Shields said, "and the adulation and mouthings of weaklings and demagogues can add nothing to or detract anything from it."

Praise Unappreciated

But Mr. Wilson evidently didn't appreciate this belated praise from a Senator whom he felt had failed him in his greatest hour of political need.

His reply, in a letter to a Tennesseean, was quick and decisive.

"I regarded Mr. Shields," the ex-President wrote, "as one of the least trustworthy of my professed supporters."

The letter caused a sensation all over the State. Senator Shields waited nearly a week before replying and then came back with a statement inferring that the former president is no longer responsible for his actions.

Dismissing Mr. Wilson's mental alertness as something that needs no defense, friends point to the fact that he is still able, despite his physical handicaps, to give personal attention to his business. Frail health may have left him with a shattered body at the age of 67 years, but his mind is as keen as a razor blade.

Reads Every Letter

He reads every letter that comes in. On trivial matters, he advises his secretary how to reply, but to the more important letters he dictates a personal reply.

He receives visitors nearly every day; mostly old political friends and those who stood valiantly by him during his darkest hours.

Keenly alert to world problems, he spends an hour each morning at reading the newspapers and magazines and another hour or two for the same purpose in the evening. Every afternoon at 3:15 he goes for an auto ride, and once a week he attends a theater.

Perhaps one of the greatest of the old man's recent joys was the visit last week of his little grandchildren, the youngsters of his daughter, Mrs. Francis B. Sayre. Like any other grandfather, he had the time of his life with the tots.

Indiana Sunshine

Looking over a prospective list of freshmen the "rush committee" of a De Paul fraternity sent an invitation to Nesbit Mason, Indianapolis, to "come early and meet the boys." The invitation was refused. The boys decided there was nothing in a name when a week later the name of Miss Nesbit Mason appeared in the sorority pledge list.

An Oak Grove correspondent contributes the following: "The inhabitants of our town are wishing for cold weather so that the spunky motorists who pass through will be compelled to do their spooling behind the curtain. We have grown sick and tired of such conduct as has been seen on our highways this summer."

Trapped on a roof of a church at Ft. Wayne, a cat jumped thirty-five feet to the street rather than submit to being carried down a ladder by city firemen when the department came to its rescue. After lying apparently dead for half a minute, it jumped up and ran away, seemingly unharmed.

March Willis, 70, former well known lawyer at Greencastle, who disappeared many years ago, is said to be living the life of a hermit in a dirt-covered hut in a ravine in western Iowa. He has cleared a little patch of ground, raised his own food and tobacco and traps for the little cash he needs. "And I'm contented," he says.

Science

The parrot long has been a source of amusement, but at present the demand for the bird is far greater than ever before. There are also a number of books recently issued on how to instruct and feed parrots. In addition to their other peculiar traits, parrots live longer than nearly all other birds and animals. The elephant is perhaps the only well-known animal that outlives the parrot, on the average. But some parrots equal the elephant as they have been known to live over 300 years.

Humboldt, the great naturalist and explorer, had a South American parrot that spoke fluently in an unknown tongue. Indians of a nearby tribe told him it spoke the language of an extinct race. Humboldt, with the aid of Indians who understood portions of the parrot's talk, conducted an investigation through which he obtained some knowledge of the extinct tribes.

Heard in the Smoking Room

THE negro porter had just left the smoker, when some one looked after him and laughed and began letting the rest of the fellows in on it.

"I had a negro barber and he had a friend at the next chair in the shop. While shaving us, these two constantly argued and the shop was often in an uproar, as the subjects were, nine times out of ten, above their heads. One day they began an altercation about prayer. Says my barber to the neighbor: 'What you sayin' bout prayin'?"

"Bet you dunno one prayer straight."

UNUSUAL PEOPLE

Betrayed by High Heels

WICHITA FALLS, Tex., Oct. 13.—A dahlia plinned on the lapel of her khaki jacket at a suspiciously jaunty angle and bright red sandals put on half an hour before to rest her feet" betrayed pretty 19-year-old Katherine McGowan of Rhine, Texas, to motorcycle officers when she was "hobbling" it home from Montana last week.

Katherine went to Montana to work a year ago, but when she decided to take home money "was low. So she donned overalls and a khaki jacket, grabbed the rods of a friendly freight and started on her way. She had gone more than a thousand miles in nine or ten days by the "sideload pullman" route before her apprehension.

A wire to her parents in Rhine brought railroad fare and the jaunty "hobo" was sent home by the conventional carrier.

TOM SIMS -!- Says

LOYD GEORGE visits us. Was a war figure. Only war figures left are on profiteer's bank books.

"They call him the Right Honorable Lloyd George. It is wrong. Means he is only fairly honorable."

Europe owes us a debt of gratitude, thinks Lloyd George. And, we might add, other debts.

Allies have not won the peace, according to Lloyd George. Nobody has, according to us.

George says Europe is in a desperate condition. We are glad it isn't in the United States.

The allies are divided in peace, thinks Lloyd. They haven't divided anything in peace so far.

They are broadcasting football. Golfers listening in may think the gridiron is a club.

There are no autos in Bermuda. It is the last stand of the fast dying old pedestrian.

Eggs and bacon smell better than roses, poems Barton Braley. Also, we add, they eat better.

Chicago boxer reads Shakespeare, Homer, Milton and Dumas. Well, Dumas carries a wallop.

Gene Sarazen, his golf champ, is an Italian, so we would like to hear him cuss a golf ball.

Jack Dempsey, according to reports, has refused to play the winners of the world series.

Coolidge has been married seventeen years. We refuse to say this is why he is noted for silence.

Booze got seventy-five Philadelphians in eight months. Sometimes it gets them in eight hours here.

More cow news today. Bullets failed to cow a Los Angeles bandit. It's the bull, not the bullets, that cows most men.

All Apple has figures showing the United States worth \$300,000,000,000. Then we won't buy it.

Dr. Cliff Robinson thinks people spend a third of their lives asleep. Those with kids don't.

Hunters are busy, according to shot-gun reports.

Family Fun

Bobby's Bad Day
Bobby had had one of his bad spells and when he rose in the morning his mother said, "Now, dear, you were a bad boy yesterday and I hope you will be better today. Yesterday nobody liked you."

"That's all right, mother," he replied. "Yesterday I didn't like myself."—Boston Transcript.

When Dad Wakens
"Do you think woman in politics can awaken men to their sense of duty?"

"No doubt about it. You ought to hear how Henrietta wakens me to a sense of duty when I forget to feed the canary bird or water the rubber tree."—Washington Star.

Sister's Feller's Slip
"Do you always think of me?"

"Once I forgot, when I was at the baseball game."—Judge.

Daughter's On Vacation
"I'm afraid that daughter's vacation is proving detrimental to her spelling."

"Do tell!"

"On a postal I received this morning she writes: 'Dear mother: Help out here wonderful. Worth millions.'"

—American Legion Weekly.

'FRISCO WILL SURRENDER TO LEGION

Veterans, 150,000 Strong, to Invade Golden Gate Metropolitan for Meeting Oct. 15.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 13.—San Francisco is prepared to surrender and turn over the keys of the city to the invading horde of 150,000 American Legionnaires, who will constitute an army of occupation during the legion's fifth annual convention, Oct. 15 to 19.

The convention will be a combination of work and play. There will be division reunions, parades, dances—even fleet maneuvers—to regale the ex-service men. And there will be serious business. Problems expected to be in the forefront of debate when the legion assemblies include:

Measures urging more stringent immigration laws.

A program for solving the problems of disabled war veterans.

Provision for orphans of World War veterans.

A more strenuous Americanization program.

An international air disarmament conference.

And, last but not least, the old question of adjusted compensation.

The problem of adjusted compensation, or a national bonus, may furnish most of the smoke at the legion's sessions. It is not unlikely the election of a national commander will hinge around the bonus battle.

The question, it is believed, will come up in the form of a resolution advocating Congress pass a compensation measure. That Congress will do so at its next session is conceded by some of the bonus' foremost opponents. Including Congressman Burton of Cleveland. But, according to forecast, the bonus question will become involved with amendments, modifications and provisions to such an extent that the measure will occupy much of the convention's time.

Immigration Laws

More stringent immigration laws will be argued as part of the legion's fight against radicalism. Advocates argue the manpower already in the country is ample for the work here, and that laxer immigration laws will create an unwelcome and unexpected surplus.

Provisions for orphans of World War veterans will be advocated in two measures, one arguing for a national home and the other proposing their care be a matter to be handled through State divisions.

Questions concerning the still unsolved problems of disabled veterans also will be taken up, as well as proposals to endorse a national defense act and establishment of a citizen army.

The movement for an international air disarmament conference was started some months ago by Legion Commander Alvin Cawley through the Legion Weekly and has strong support.

Road Law

BY BERTON BRALEY
Drive a Ford or a Packard Six, Rolls-Royce, Paige or a Cadillac, it matters not on which you pay your buying eye when you pay your jack;

The fact remains, when you hit the track
With Touring Model, Sedan, Coupe, From here to Any Old Place and back.

A Load of Stone has the Right of Way.

You may know all of the fancy tricks,
You may be blessed with a special knack
Of wriggling out of a traffic mix,
But don't forget that an ugly

Awaits the bird in a pleasure hack
Who gets too fresh with a loaded dray,
He'll stand in the ruins and cry,
"Alack,

A Load of Stone has the Right of Way."

In the city or "out in the sticks,"
The laws are written in white and black,
But regulations are simply nix
When a truck has a lot of stone to pack.

Its backfire sounds like a bomb attack,
And if with the driver you dare get gay,
Your car'll resemble smashed brick-labrador.

A Load of Stone has the Right of Way.

Envoy
Drivers, list to this wise, wise crack,
If you forget it you'll rue the day
And moan, while standing 'mid wreck and wrack,
"A Load of Stone has the Right of Way."

Animal Facts

King Solomon said certain ants stored up grain for food and for centuries the naturalists held Sol up to scorn as a liar. Then Tom Belt, mining engineer, discovered just such an ant in Nicaragua, since which time the critter has been located in both Europe and Asia.

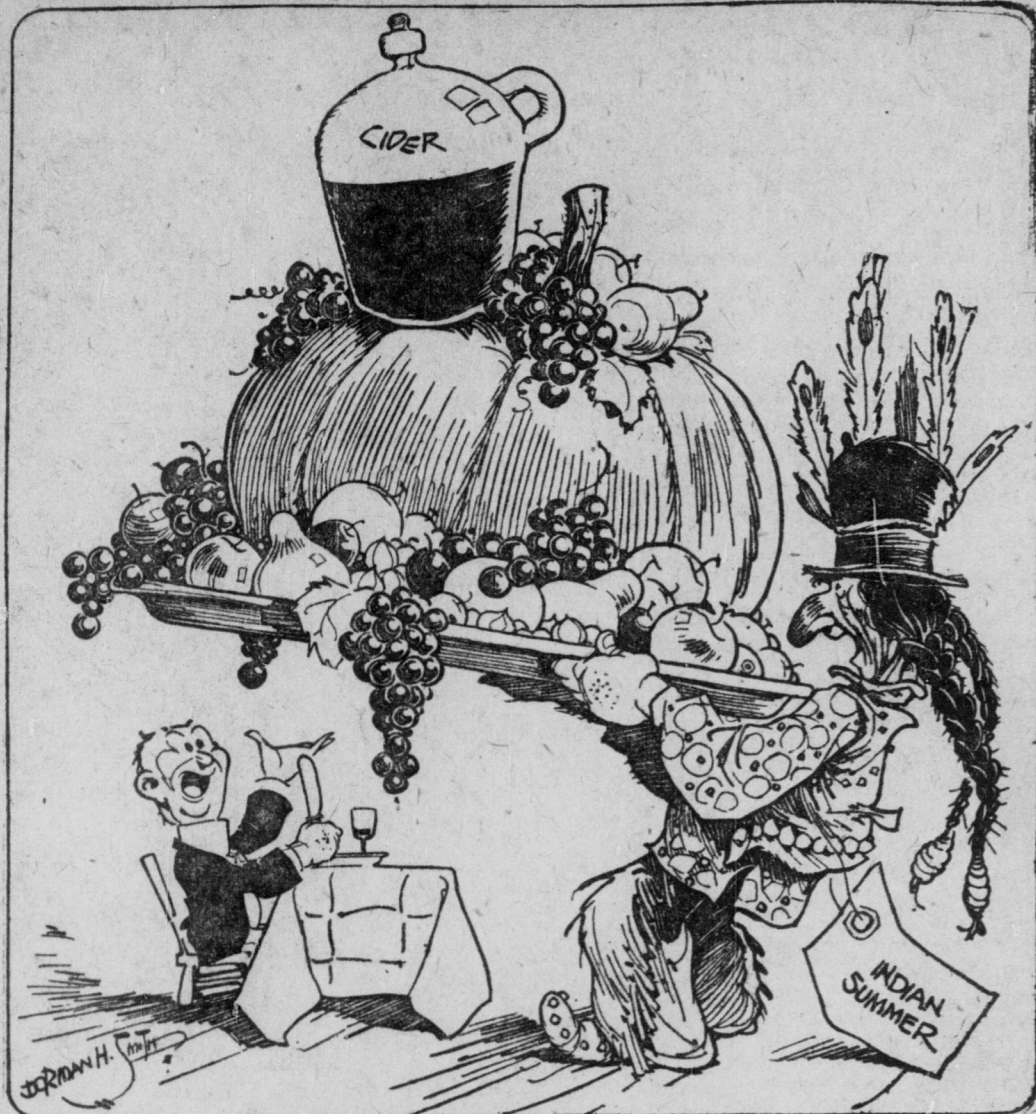
The condor, the mightiest bird that flies, is almost gone from the earth. Once his great, powerful wings swept the sky over the Cascades, the Sierras and the Sierras, but only the latter mountains, on their most inaccessible peaks, know him now. Before the white man the majestic bird gave way. An egg once every two years is all these birds lay, and it takes a long, long time for the young to attain the great strength of wing necessary for flight. On the blennial egg the continuation of the condor depends. It is a slender thread.

A Thought

Fools, because of their transgression, of because of their iniquities, are afflicted.—Ps. 107:17.

THE compliments of the season to my worthy masters, and a merry first of April to us all. We have all a speck of the motley. —Lamb.

This Is Certainly No Time to Be Downhearted



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, 1332 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 3 cents in stamps for reply. Medical, legal and marital advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be undertaken. All other questions will receive a personal reply. Unsigned requests cannot be answered. All letters are confidential.—Editor.

Please state on what date the Indianapolis municipal parade was held last spring, the line of march and what per cent of the city employees were negroes.

A Constant Reader.

The municipal parade was held Friday, April 6, 1923. The line of march was south on Meridian St., around Circle, west on Washington St. to Capitol Ave., then turn east on Washington to Pennsylvania St. and north to Market St., west to Circle and disband. The exact per cent of colored men in the parade cannot be ascertained as there is constant change in the list of city employees.

Was the Spanish Inquisition under the control of the Spanish crown?
Yes.

Do female rattlesnakes have rattles?
Yes.

How far could a professional walker go in 13½ hours?
About 80 miles, allowing for three half-hour rest periods in this time.

What does the name "Lac Court Oreille" mean?
This is corrupt French and means literally "the lake of the short cars," or "the short looped lake."

What widows of Presidents have received pensions of \$5,000 a year?
Mrs. Julia Tyler, Mrs. Polk, Mrs. Lincoln, Mrs. Grant, Mrs. Garfield, Mrs. McKinley and Mrs. Roosevelt.

What is meant by "Maundy money"?
English Maundy money was first issued in 1670 to conform to the old custom of distributing royal bounty to poor persons on Maundy, or Holy Thursday. This coin was made in the following denominations: Silver four pence, three pence, two pence and pennies. They were not intended for currency, but are, nevertheless, legal tender.

How many stars is it possible to identify?
About 30,000,000.

How are poisonous snakes identified?
By a deep pit located between the eyes and nostrils.

How many women are employed as real estate agents and dealers?
According to the 1920 census, 9,208.

Who is the author of the following lines:
"The time has come," the Walrus said,
To talk of many things:
Of shoes—and ships—and seal—
Of wives—and wax—
Of cabbage and kins—
Lewis Carroll (Charles L. Dodgson), in "Through the Looking Glass."

What is Roquefort cheese made from?
Sheep's milk.

How is Devonshire cream prepared?
Devonshire cream somewhat resembles sweet cream in flavor and consistency. To make, allow a pan of whole milk to stand for 24 hours in a cool place or for twelve hours in a warmer place. Place the pan on the cooler part of the stove and heat until the milk is very hot, but not to the boiling point. If heated too much a thick skin will form on the surface. The more slowly the milk is heated the better. Having been heated, the milk should be kept in a cool place for twenty-four hours and then skimmed. The thick cream obtained has a characteristic flavor and texture.

What was the real name of Maurice Barrymore (Ethel Barrymore's father)?
Herbert Maurice Blythe.

Will you give the meaning and pronunciation of the term "Dall Eireann"?
This term is pronounced "do-ill-er-an."

Tongue Tips

Dr. Hubert Work: "It is a travesty on justice, on the theories of a State government's responsibility, and to the present day ideals of what should constitute human relations, that almshouses, jails and county farms continue to house those whose only offense is mental sickness."

The Rev. Robert Nelson Spencer, Kansas City: "The world, since the dawn of its first day, has progressed with the advent of learning and man's discoveries in the sciences. An expression in the church has been that we need the old-time religion, when the fact is it would be as difficult to revert to it as to the covered wagon of yesterday. New problems face us, and they must be met in a new way. God is working through us. The man in the scientific laboratory is revealing the wonderments of God's handiwork. God is not an absentee landlord."

The Rev. Lida Herrick, Lincoln, Neb.: "Boys and girls are not going to perdition, but the best way to send them there is to keep up all this talk about the evils of the younger generation. The girls, nowadays, are better than their mothers were and the boys are better than their fathers. They do not get into so much mischief because they have more to think about."

What Editors Are Saying

Oats

(Tipton Daily Times)
The yield of oats in Indiana this year is greater than it was last year, which seems to go for the wild ones as well.

Pie

(Marion Leader Tribune)
When Lloyd George tastes Indiana pumpkin pie, England will have a hard time to get him back home.

Logic

(Lafayette-Journal and Courier)
Gary has made a record for illicit stills and undernourished children. That's logic!

Laws

More than two million laws and ordinances are in effect in the United States, claims Harding, former governor of Iowa. He thinks our worst national habits are the enactment of laws and going in debt.
Which says a lot in a very few words. Worth thinking over.

How to Buy Your First \$1,000

If you knew that there was \$1,000 that you could buy on the installment plan, with the special provision that some one you love would get it immediately if you do not live to complete your payments, wouldn't it interest you?

Here is the plan. You make monthly deposits of \$8.10, or less according to age, in a Fletcher Assured Savings Account and you will have \$1,000 at the end of 120 months. In case of your death during the ten years the American Central Life Insurance Company of Indianapolis will pay us a sum which added to your account will make the \$1,000. The \$1,000 is then paid at once to the person you have named as the one to receive it. Men or women are eligible for \$1,000 or multiples thereof. Deposits may be discontinued and the account closed at any time.

After extensive study we offer the Fletcher Assured Savings Account with our recommendation as being the best combination of saving for yourself and protection for your family.

Step into our downtown office or our nearest branch and let us explain this plan. Write or telephone MA in 3305 for a copy of our booklet "1,000 for You or Your Family."