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## EVADING THE ISSUE

**E**D JACKSON, Republican nominee for Governor, made an unsuccessful attempt to evade the issue in the Indiana campaign when he discussed religious liberty in his keynote speech at Newcastle Saturday night.

The issue in this campaign, the *Indianapolis Times* has said repeatedly, is one of whether the people shall rule or whether the State shall be governed by an "invisible empire."

The quarrel is not religious in any sense. No one is fighting the Ku-Klux Klan because it admits only Protestants to membership. The membership of numerous other organizations is limited to Protestants.

The quarrel with the Klan is that it is a secret organization attempting to set up an empire within the United States for the purpose of obtaining a strangle hold on the government of the States and of the Nation. This activity of the Klan is in no sense religious.

In fairness to Jackson we are quoting his statement, with which we agree absolutely—but we fail to see its connection with the campaign. He said:

"There is an attempt being made on the part of some of the opposition party to inject an issue in this campaign that has no place in politics. This can have no other purpose than to prejudice some of the voters, hoping thereby to gain votes for their party. The hope is that they may prejudice the Catholic, negro and foreign voters, that they may vote their prejudices rather than express their better judgment.

"I am uncompromisingly in favor of the separation of church and State. I am unqualifiedly opposed to any religious denomination, either Protestant or Catholic, using its religious organization to secure control of our Government or any branch thereof.

"I am just as uncompromisingly in favor of religious liberty. Every individual has the right to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. This religious conscience may be expressed through whatever religious organization with which he or she may care to affiliate. This right is guaranteed by the Constitution of our country, and must be kept inviolate."

Very good, Mr. Jackson. Now will you forget religion for just a moment and answer these questions:

Do you believe in the policy of the Ku-Klux Klan in endeavoring to obtain a strangle hold on the government of Indiana?

Do you believe in government by an "invisible empire" or by ALL the people?

If you are elected Governor will you represent the people of Indiana or the "citizens" of the "invisible empire"?

These are the issues in the campaign, Mr. Jackson. Religion, as you say, has no place in politics and it is surprising that a man of your experience and wisdom should include such a subject in a campaign speech.

## BUSINESS METHODS

**H**ERE'S what can be done when business is substituted for politics in the operating of State departments.

Pennsylvania hires thirty persons and expends \$55,000 a year to collect its \$6,000,000 in gasoline taxes to apply on building of State roads. It collects on an average of a little more than \$6 gas tax per automobile in the State.

Indiana hires ONE man and the part time services of a girl stenographer and expends \$6,000 to collect \$4,725,000 in gasoline tax. It collects on an average of \$7.88 per automobile.

A recognized expert on gasoline tax says that an average of \$7.30 should be collected for each automobile in the State. Charles Benjamin, gas tax clerk in the State auditor's office, gets 58 cents more than that through his methods. He has no field men, as does the Pennsylvania gas tax department. He watches the returns of each company and if it appears that the tax is falling off he investigates to see if the State is being "short-changed." He has collected \$35,000 delinquent taxes through his method with the part time aid of a stenographer.

The automobile license department collects about \$3,700,000 a year. But it costs more than \$11,000 annually to collect it. It takes about eighty-nine persons to collect it.

It appears that duly allowing for the fact that it costs more to operate a licensing department, the auto license department could take a little object lesson from the operation of the State gas tax department.

**BEWARE OF the driver with a bathing beauty pasted on his windshield. His vision is low, as the aviators say.**

**IF ALL those Chinese cities are to be invaded, it seems that Gen. Mah Jongg is the very one to lead.**

**ALSO, THE world flyers have demonstrated that the longest way round is not the shortest way home.**

**WE "DOLLAR-CHASERS" must throw off at least 100 cents, judging from the way Europe chases us.**

**IT LOOKS like rubbing it into Al to make Lieut. Lowell Smith president of the National Smith Society.**

**THE EX-PRESIDENT of Chile seemed to have had a hunch that his constitution, as a matter of safety, should follow our lag.**

**WHEN THE papers speak of the prince's engagements they make mamma feel that she isn't on to her job, and daughter knows it.**

**THE FRENCH Academy has removed the word "cocktail" from the dictionary, but the genial menu card stands pat for the favor of the liquid language.**

## Scouts



Bradley Cain, 14, six feet one, and W. C. Orr, Jr., 12, three feet eleven, are members of the same Scout troop in Denton, Texas. They are said to be the largest and smallest Scouts enrolled. Bradley weighs 290, 225 pounds more than his buddy.

## DAWES FAILS TO GET BY WITH BLUFF

Old Parties Unhappy Over Reports Received From West.

Times Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave.

**W**ASHINGTON, Sept. 28.—Hell an' Maria Dawes has panned out, as blusterers generally do, pretty much of a bluff. Cussing isn't eloquence as a general practice; and when Dawes started out to cuss his way to the center of the stage and began blowing about what he was going to do and how he was going to do it, students of human nature knew what to expect. They know that the fellow who blows too much generally blows up before his wind gives out.

Dawes didn't make a hit, even with his own partisans, when he went to Wisconsin and abused La Follette as a demagogue and a Red, but he did attract enough attention to draw the fire of the Progressives on himself.

When Senator Wheeler opened up on Bunker Dawes in his own home town of Chicago and turned the light on the bank deal with Lorimer, he made charges that can't be waved aside as hearsay or partisan bark; because the facts are in the records of the Supreme Court of Illinois.

**Young, Not Dawes**  
And while the Dawes plan of settling Europe's disturbed finances has been played up as something great that Dawes did, it turns out that the American financial and business genius who is entitled to all the credit for originating and carrying out the so-called Dawes plan is Owen D. Young.

Young's plan is called the Dawes plan because Dawes happened to be the political chairman of the commission of which Young was the moving spirit. And Young is the man who remained in Europe to carry out the plan and make his dream come true.

Altogether there is mighty little satisfaction in C. O. P. headquarters over the Dawes performance up to date. There was hope that he could take the burden off Coolidge's shoulders by doing all the rough stuff while Calvin remained cool and quiet in the White House. Now it looks as if Coolidge would have to emerge and do the heavy campaigning himself.

Coolidge has no record to defend; Dawes has.

## Both Unhappy

Neither Republicans nor Democrats are happy over the inside reports they are getting from the West. Even the correspondents of partisan newspapers have begun telling the truth about California Iowa and other States out West; and all point to a La Follette groundswell.

No matter what publicity bunk is given out about how Davis captured the West, the information that comes from seasoned Democratic politicians is that Davis has no chance out West, and that the wisest thing to do is to encourage Democratic voters to vote for La Follette and help take former Republican States away from Coolidge.

The big money isn't coming in very fast. The big fellows evidently don't like the idea of that Borah committee taking a look-see to find out who's contributing. But, of course, they'll come in on the finish. One way to get around the publicity feature of big contributions is to run a deficit, with the understanding that the big contributors will make it up after election.

The people don't seem to care worth a darn this year. The only frightened ones are the politicians, and they're scared because they don't know how the people are going to vote, and don't know what to do about it. That silent vote is so all-right silent that it keeps 'em awake nights trying to hear it.

## GIRL PRODIGY NOW TRAINS OWN CHILD

Wants Daughter to Be Just Like Other Babies, Not Unusual.

**By NEA Service**  
**S**IOUX CITY, Iowa, Sept. 29.—She was a child prodigy herself.

But she doesn't want her own child to be one. Before she was 2, Viola Olerich was being proclaimed throughout the West "the cleverest baby on earth." That was twenty-five years ago. She could read fluently, talk in polysyllables, name all the bones in the human body, identify hundreds of famous men, solve difficult geometric problems, talk intelligently about the planets and do dozens of things that would stump the average high school pupil.

**Took Dictation**  
At 3 she was taking dictation on the typewriter and turning out perfect copy. At 4 she was out-spelling a group of picked university students.

Under the tutelage of her foster father, Prof. Henry Olerich, she made remarkable progress in her studies, gaining an unusually broad general education.

Then she dropped out of the limelight.

Three years ago news of her marriage to a young man employed in the offices of an Omaha packing company leaked out.

Then the world again lost sight of its "cleverest baby." But now she has been rediscovered. She is living here. Has been for a year.

And she has a little daughter of her own—Virginia.

Virginia is just 2—the age at which her mother was astounding scientists, educators and medical men.

But Virginia is not a child prodigy. She's playing with dolls, a big rubber ball and still talking baby talk. And her mother is glad.

"I don't want her to be a child prodigy," she says. "I want her to be like other children."

"If the body is strong and healthy now, learning will come easily when school age is reached."

**Just Like Others**  
"I'm exerting no effort to make her a prodigy. Of course, I shall help her all I can throughout her school career. But now I want her to be just like other little girls."

"After all, taking care of a child's physical needs, together with the ordinary amount of discipline, seems to me about the most important duty of a mother during the first few years of her child's life."

"And that's what I am trying to do."



ABOVE—VIOLA OLERICH, AT 2, WAS CALLED THE "CLEVEREST CHILD IN THE WORLD." BELOW—VIOLA, NOW MRS. JOHN STORMS JR. OF SIOUX CITY, IOWA, AND HER LITTLE DAUGHTER, VIRGINIA, WHOM SHE IS REARING JUST AS AN ORDINARY LITTLE GIRL.

## Science

The United States bureau of fisheries has tagged ten thousand fish, mostly cod, but some pollock and haddock, in an effort to find out about their habits and homes. These studies are conducted for the purpose of conserving the fish supply.

The fish that were tagged were all caught with hook and line. Each was then laid on a wet board and handled by men wearing wet gloves. These precautions were necessary because a dry surface would remove the glutinous veil that protects the scales of fishes. Removal of this veil exposes them to the attacks of many forms of parasites.

A metal tag stamped U. S. B. F. was attached to the tail. The fish was released after a record was made of its number, size, etc. The bureau asks that every time one of these fish is caught its tag be sent in. By having a considerable number of these tags returned with information of the locality, date and size of the fish when caught, the bureau can compile statistics and information about the lives and habits of these fish that will be of great value. Next to the herring, the cod is the world's most important economic fish.

## Democratic Campaign Stuff (for Simple Minds)



## Nature

Goldfish belong to the carp family and are sometimes called green carp. The first goldfish seen in France were those imported for Madame Pompadour. Later, they became established in streams in Portugal and then on into all Europe. In Portugal they are used as a food delicacy. There are records of goldfish living in aquariums until 1 to 12 years of age.

The ancestor of our goldfish in its native stream is not gold, but is olive green above and yellow beneath. An all-gold colored fish wouldn't stand much chance of longevity in streams or ponds, and so they were developed in private aquariums in China and Japan.

United States has sixty-five protected bird reservations.

## Tom Sims Says

Ho hum! This Chinese war is shooting our alphabet for a row of glass dressing rooms.

The Chinese soldiers marched on Hang Chow, reminding us of our war when we marched on no chow.

A bunch of seasick Chinese must have named that town of Hang Chow.

The worst fighting in the Chinese war, however, seems to center around the province of Typographical Error.

A big railroad lost \$58,000 on its dining cars last year, but we don't see how.

No matter how much a railroad loses on its dining cars the customers always lose more.

The most pitiful person on a dining car is the man who likes to drink out of his saucer.

Reports from the various camps indicate we will have three Presidents next time.

Coolidge doesn't play golf, so that's why he talks so little.

The Prince of Wales has just seen his first baseball game. Now what little boy wants to be a prince?

Being a Prince of Wales is a fairly good job, but you don't get much time off for doing other things.

So far no political candidates have entered the international air races scheduled for Oct. 2 in Dayton, Ohio.

Reports indicate many stump speakers are up a tree instead. (Copyright, 1924, NEA Service, Inc.)

## Hymns

By HAL COCHRAN  
The world rolls along on the lit of a song and there's music wherever you go. There's harmony sweet that is really a treat and an aid for we folks here below.

We rise in the morning and start out to hum, as any old song soon to mind. It brings on the cheerfulness and chases the gloom, and it keeps up the spirit, we find.

The popular song that we crave for today are picked on whenever we begin it. We'll never run out of these airs, so they say, 'cause a new one comes out every minute.

The blaha and jazz of the great modern song, played over and over again, gets tiresome, and then there is really relief, when we try out a hymn now and then.

When ticking the keys, just in popular airs, and keeping your voice right in trim, you'll find that you'll get a new thrill from your wares if you'll now and then warble a hymn. (Copyright, 1924, NEA Service, Inc.)

## Contribution

"The sap Grace is engaged to asked her to contribute something toward the home he's promised her."

"Do you suppose she will?"

"You bet! She's going to 'give him the gate'!"—Judge.

## For La Follette

By GEORGE V. NORRIS  
United States Senator (Republican) from Nebraska.

Senator La Follette is not only a courageous fighter against wrong and evil, but his long public record shows him to be one of the most constructive statesmen of the present day. He was the author of the seamen's act, a law that abolished slavery on the high seas.

In the fight to tax wealth for carrying on the war he proposed measures that would have relieved the poor and raised the money by taxing those who had made millions out of the war.

Had his proposition on railroad legislation been enacted into law we would not now be confronted with a transportation system which injures the manufacturer, overburdens the consumer and ruins the farmer. He has always offered a remedy when he has condemned an evil.

## Know Indiana

When was the Whitewater Canal started?

Sept. 13, 1836, the same year the \$13,000,000 Internal Improvement bill was passed.

When did imported goods first appear in Indiana?

About 1820 broadcloth, brocades and taffetas first appeared in the State.

Did Grant have charge of any Indiana troops?

Only incidentally. He was in command of the Army of Tennessee, in which a great number of Indiana men were enlisted.

## Hoosierisms

BY GAYLORD NELSON

**J**OHAN F. WHITE, secretary of the Federation of Community Civic Clubs, suggested at a Federation meeting Friday night, that the public service commission, as now constituted, be abolished.

He would retain the engineering and accounting departments but would return rate regulation to the individual cities.

Utility commissioners of ability may be scarce. But would the crop be any more luxuriant if each city raised its own?

Public utilities are no longer one-lunged affairs. One organization may operate in a dozen cities or over a major fraction of the State. They are conducted on a high plane, still their wings haven't sprouted nor have they been measured for harp.

They aren't averse to picking up a dime from the middle of the road. And, like the rest of us, they won't run a mile to find the owner of a stray coin.

The substitution of a numerous progeny of undernourished local commissions, for one strong State-wide body, is to increase the possibility that some of the public's dimes will be scattered in the road to tempt some enterprising public utility or agile local commissioner.

If the present system in unsatisfactory, public utility regulation might be vested in the justices of the peace.

They can handle anything—and do.

Well, the Indians almost won a A. A. pennant, which is about as satisfactory as eating an almost good egg.

## Football

**S**ATURDAY marked the formal opening of the Indiana football season.

From now until after Thanksgiving they'll be hard at it. Purdue, I. U., Notre Dame, high schools, on down to barber colleges and correspondence school.

And the press will chronicle casualties.

Some find nothing exciting in watching a cluster of young men, in upholstered pants, root up perfectly good turf with any convenient angularity of their persons—occasionally pausing to spit out a used tooth or a blazing adjective.

Some fail to be inspired at the sight of a football crowd shrieking madly and excitedly deriding their tonsils in the brisk autumn afternoon as some lumber lad lugs an inflated bladder over the last white line.

They're right. Football is a rough, brutal game. More dangerous and perhaps more silly than mah-jongg. It has no seeming qualities except that it is a hard, clean sport. It demands a vigorous body and a clean mind and it instills into youth the fundamentals of that something we define as manhood.

There are casualties from it—and from any other of man's activities. But, probably, for the youth of Indianapolis a nose broken in football is less damaging to inward beauty than a bottle broken in the Jack O'Lantern Gardens.

A few Illinois affiliates are learning that the road to happiness is not paved with arsenic.

## Blackmail

**C**LAUDE WORLEY, Criminal Court investigator, raided the busy office of an eminent Marion County constable Saturday.

The constable and three deputy luminaries now face charges of conspiracy to commit a felony. All growing out of operations on a State-wide scale to heckle small employers who had failed to comply with the provisions of the workmen's compensation law.

Which again raises the unanswerable question: Why is a constable? The compensation law, for the benefit of the workmen, is a good law. And should be enforced.

But, in living Marion County justice of the peace courts jurisdiction over violations occurring anywhere in the State, it allows some business genius—who chances to wear the tin star and double cross of a Marion County constable—to fatten at the expense of small employers in distant counties.

A constable, whose activities are restricted to a single county, is a mild distemper. When he is permitted to roam the whole State in search of revenue he's a raging epidemic.

For, with him, too often, law enforcement and blackmail are synonymous.

A 17-months-old baby on N. Delaware St. drank kerosene, Honk! Honk! There's another baby Lincoln.

## Citizenship

**J**UDGE A. B. ANDERSON denied the citizenship petition of Rev. William Wilson of McCordsville. Rev. Wilson said he wasn't willing to fight for this country.

That admission before Judge Anderson is willful suicide. Such would be any coroner's verdict. And such an unnecessary suicide.

For, to get by a Judge and Federal examiner, an applicant needs only a fluent tongue and a washed conscience. Judges and examiners try to separate the tares from the wheat. But there is no machinery whereby the alien's history—from his entrance into the country until he petitions for naturalization—is available.

An applicant need not study the institutions of this country. If he will study the art of perjury.

There are others—both foreign and native-born—as averse to fighting as Rev. Wilson. No swivel-chair job went begging during the late war. And Rev. Wilson could have passed had it not been for his professional restraint.

For under our existing system applicants for citizenship must be admitted on their court conversation—not on their records.