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AUTHOR RECALLS STATE HIGHWAY QUIZ RESOLUTION

Another Move for More
Drastic Probe Expected
to Be Made in House
Thursday.

SPEAKER TAKES FLOOR

Declares Matter Is One for
Executive Branch to
Handle.

The resolution calling for appointment of a committee to probe affairs of the State highway commission since 1921 was withdrawn today by Representative De Haven, Indianapolis, Republican, the author.

This followed a speech by Speaker Leslie, in which Leslie asked the withdrawal, saying he intended no subterfuge, but only wanted "to make it doubly sure there will be an investigation."

It was indicated another resolution with more "teeth" in it would be introduced Thursday.

SAYS HE IS FOR QUIZ

This resolution, it was understood, would provide that Governor Jackson name an "unbiased investigating body" to inquire into commission affairs, including all evidence now in the hands of the Marion County grand jury.

"This resolution calls for an investigation," said Leslie. "I favor investigations when we have reason to believe there should be one—a favor that at all times."

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FAVOR EXPEDITION

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"It's a matter of procedure with me. At \$5 a day you can't get a very good accountant. The next resolution I shall favor at some future date is one empowering the Governor to appoint an unbiased auditing committee. We have all we can do to attend to our own business. I'm going to ask you at this time to give them an opportunity to make an explanation. I ask of you, in the name of the State of Indiana, and your own good names, that you withdraw this resolution, not for the purpose of covering a thing, but to expedite matters."

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BANDITS ARE SENTENCED

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Downtown End of Kentucky Ave. Clogged by Busses and Taxis



KENTUCKY AVE. LOOKING NORTHEAST FROM MARYLAND ST.

CREDITORS MAY GET 10 CENTS ON HAWKINS DOLLAR

Warrack Wallace Is Named
Trustee at First
Meeting.

Warrack Wallace, 4407 Central Ave., son of Lew Wallace, receiver for the Hawkins Mortgage Company, was elected trustee in bankruptcy for the company and his bond of \$30,000 at the first meeting of the company's creditors, before Harry C. Sheridan, referee in bankruptcy, at the Federal Bldg. today.

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NEW FRAUD CASE BARED BY STONE

Says He Has Evidence
Against Senator Wheeler.

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"The new evidence," Stone said, "was a report of postoffice investigators in the case of Gordon Campbell, Montana oil man and Wheeler's client."

"It indicated Campbell's promotion scheme involved fraudulent attaining of credentials for public lands from the officers of the Interior Department," Stone said.

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THIS is the situation the city council is trying to correct: with an ordinance prohibiting parking in the center of Kentucky Ave., between Washington and Maryland Sts.

Busses clog up the southwestern end of the block and taxicabs the northeastern.

Police several times have called attention to the fact that this

block is the downtown outlet and inlet of the most important thoroughfare leading southwest from

the city, and that it sometimes takes motorists several minutes to get through.

Busses and taxicabs maneuver for parking spaces or to turn around in the middle of the block, adding to traffic hazards. The condition is worst at the rush hours, when as many as twenty-five busses wait for passengers near the bus terminal.

DO TAXICAB DRIVERS SPEED?

CHARGE SIGNAL SNUBBED

Police Investigate After Crash at Sixteenth and Central.

Police were investigating complaints today that the traffic signal at Sixteenth St. and Central Ave., is being violated.

Autos driven by W. G. Martz, 3745 Winthrop Ave., and Otis Bell, 27, colored, 1119 E. Nineteenth St., collided there Tuesday evening. Richard Martz, 5, was hurt. Martz was slated on a charge of violating the signal and Bell for assault and battery.

FREE SCHOOL BOOKS

Bill Provides State Purchase Books Through Special Levy.

Representative Carlson, Huntingdon, introduced a "free school book" bill in the House today. School of officials would be empowered to buy the books through a special levy. Books would be loaned to the pupils. Books would not be charged off time.

By ROSS H. GARRIGUS

TAXI drivers do not break the speed laws downtown, but it must be because they are in cahoots with the traffic cops.

Whenever I cruise on the main thoroughfares, it seems every corner pedestrian protector is in league against me. His tweet-tweet is the swan song of my intentions to get somewhere in a hurry.

But taxi drivers—ah!

I hurried into the Washington the other afternoon, gave a hurried look around the lobby as if I were looking for some one, and then dashed back to the taxi stand at the entrance.

The taxi driver was dozing in his chair, probably dreaming of fat fees in Florida, when dragging forth a borrowed watch. I feverishly demanded if I could be whisked to the Union Station by 8:30 p. m. The hand of the b. w. showed it was then 3:27.

The driver stiffled, while I fumbled with the heavy door. He woke up.

"Gee, whiz!" he muttered, or taxi-driver words to that effect; "I didn't know it was late."

"He's off!"

His cross-word taxi was standing hatched at the curb. He beat me out the door, flung the cab portals wide, and I jumped in the borrowed watch still in hand.

"Step on it," I uttered, flashing under his nose a bill that will stir most men to temptation.

He shot the car back, whirled out around another car parked in the street and shot down to Meridian and Washington Sts., driving with one hand. With the other he was trying desperately to make the whatchacallit flop down that makes the meter work. Speed or no speed, the meter had to work.

He's here's where the traffic cop plays his part. As we dashed down the street, he gave us the go sign. My driver made a left hand turn and was ordered to proceed. Then he throttled down his speed to a speed, I should estimate at twenty miles an hour. I couldn't see the speedometer.

See 'Em Go!

At Maryland and Meridian Sts., the traffic cop there abruptly changed the semaphore in our favor and we continued without changing gears or slowing speed.

From there on, it was smooth sailing if such is possible on S. Meridian St.

Meanwhile, I wasn't succeeding

in making my Ben-Hur break

the speed limit. I harpooned on

the window. But he was a sphinx.

He never heard a sound. I

poorly on the floor boards, still clutching the borrowed watch and working myself into the situation, a la movie actor, that a wife and eight children were about to

part on a thirty-three train. But my mental broadcasting was full of static.

At Jackson Pl., we turned and then my driver stepped on it

somewhat. Probably wanted to

show the other cabs up. We

whirled around on two wheels,

brakes were slammed and we

made a perfect landing. He lost

valuable seconds getting the door

open and grabbed the cash register

again for the bad news.

I flashed him a bill, yelled at

him carelessly-like—it was office

money—and fled into the station,

running down to the nearest pillar, where I slipped behind and hid. I pulled out my watch. It was 2:29.

We had made the four blocks

in two and a half minutes. That's

a third of a mile. Time: Mile in

seven and a half minutes.

Speeding?

Nurmi could beat it.

Licenses Move Slowly

Holders of city licenses are taking

out 1925 licenses more slowly than

ever before, Joseph L. Hogue, city

controller, said today. Arrest for

failure to take them out will begin

Feb. 2, he said.

IN LAST 24 HOURS

Four persons have been in

jured in traffic accidents in

Indianapolis.

TOTAL INJURED 119

TOTAL DEATHS 7

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Forecast

MOSTLY cloudy tonight and Thursday. Probably snow. Rising temperature. Lowest tonight 12 to 18.

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HOUSE RECEIVES DRIVER LICENSE AND PERMANENT AUTOMOBILE PLATE BILL

Measure Would Require All Operators of Motor Vehicles, Excepting Those With Chauffeur's Permits, to Pay Annual State Fee.

MUST CARRY CERTIFICATE AT ALL TIMES WHEN USING CAR

Increase in Gasoline Tax Would Make Up for Loss of Yearly Tax Upon Conveyances, Only \$1.00 Being Charged for Renewal.

Every automobile driver in Indiana would be required to hold a State license, for which he would pay \$1 a year, under a bill introduced in the