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He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.—Prov. 22:9.

Every gift which is given, even though it be small, is in reality great, if it be given with affection.—Pindar.

## NO MEAN POLITICS

### 7. Optimists on Record for City Manager System.

AS THE present city campaign progresses the people of Indianapolis are becoming more and more disgusted with the present government by factions. Protests against continuation of a system that serves only the politicians are growing.

Such a protest was the vote of the Optimist Club Wednesday, in which the organization went on record as favoring the city manager form. The vote was 80 to 3.

The Optimist Club is an organization of right thinking business men. It has the future of Indianapolis at heart and it is pledged to do everything possible to improve that future.

THERE still is time to prevent a city election this year with the consequent four years of political government that would follow. Nearly every organization that has studied the city manager form of government has gone on record for it. This includes two such organizations as the Indianapolis Real Estate Board and the Indianapolis Federation of Community Civic Clubs.

Under the law petitions may be filed before the first of May. This would mean that the primary would be postponed until after a referendum is taken on city manager and that if the manager plan is successful there would be no primary.

WE HAVE seen considerable of the operation of politics by factions during the last few weeks. The Republican party is hopelessly split. The factions are controlled by politicians whose chief and only interest is in political and private gain. They care nothing for the good of the citizens. The Democratic party is functioning hardly at all. Efforts still are being made to draft a candidate for mayor. The last to refuse to seek the office is Reginald Sullivan, who says he must spare his family the hardships of a political campaign.

The possibility of persuading a man of business experience and of the type who should be mayor to seek the office is gone. No one except a politician is willing to pay the penalty of being a candidate and office holder. Therefore, it is impossible for Indianapolis to have the right kind of mayor under the present political system.

The only solution is the city manager form

of government under which a qualified executive would be employed to administer the affairs of the city just as qualified executives are employed to handle the affairs of other business organizations.

## A Friend in Court

IN THE light of recent events unusual interest is found in the fact that Attorney General Sargent chews tobacco.

Only a short time ago there gathered in Washington representatives of numerous anti organizations to prepare for a war on the filthy weed. These organizations are made up, of course, of good people. Bobby Burns might have called them unco gude, but Bobby's dead.

Human nature appears to be so constituted that those who are good and admit it are never satisfied merely to be good themselves. They get more of a kick out of making others be good. For them teasing wicked sinners is rare sport.

A wicked sinner is one who isn't good in the way we think he ought to be good.

So when this gathering of the good was pulled off in Washington recently there was more or less disturbance in the minds of sinners who smoke cigars, pipes and cigarettes, as well as among those who chew tobacco and spit away the juice.

The more timid among them even began to wonder whether when prohibition took another turn of the wheel and outlawed tobacco friendly bootleggers would come to the rescue and make it possible for them to continue sending their troubles up in smoke.

Hence the sigh of relief when the newspapers made the cheering announcement that the new Attorney General chews tobacco and therefore must be a friend of the cause.

Of course, Attorney General Sargent isn't a Congressman, an dean't vote as he chews, but still there is some hope in the possibility that he might temper justice with mercy if Congress should take another prohibitive step, outlaw tobacco and make smoking and chewing a criminal offense.

For example, if the use of tobacco is made a crime there will be, probably, degrees of punishment and a friendly Attorney General might not insist on the maximum sentence. If the punishment ranges from ten years in the pen to hanging by the neck until reasonably dead, an old tobacco chewing, pipe smoking sinner like Sargent might ask the court to let his fellow sinners off with ten years, and thus save their lives.

Even if it be true that Attorney General Sargent is a hard-boiled reactionary Vermont Republican, that doesn't necessarily mean that he won't have a soft-boiled heart when it comes to dealing with criminal users of the weed.

## State-Wide Support to Be Given Rea, Rosen in Music Week Concert at Murat

INDIANA will respond to the invitation of the Fine Arts Committee of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce to support the recital of Virginia Rea, American soprano, and Max Rosen, violinist, who will give at the Murat as the closing event of National Music Week, May 4-9.

This joint concert of two leading American artists will be given at the Murat on Saturday night, May 9. The winning bands, orchestras and glee clubs will be present to receive the prizes offered in the competitive events to be held earlier of that day.

Leading schools from Indiana cities have entered band, orchestra and glee clubs in the contests. Several thousand boys and girls from Indiana schools will be present on that day.

The Rea and Rosen concert will be the closing event of a great day. Both artists are exclusive Brunswick artists. This is the first time that both artists have been here in concert.

### Virginia Rea

Miss Rea was born in Louisville, and her life, with the exception of a few months, has been passed within the boundaries of the United States. She began her studies in Kentucky, continued them during several years' residence in the Middle West and, later, in New York City. A period of time spent abroad served to convince her that the best in musical instruction was obtainable in America.

Careful discrimination in the choice of teachers, and an unflagging devotion not only to the advancement of her technical equipment, but also to the knowledge of music as an art, have resulted in the perfection of a distinctive interpretative ability and a vocal instrument whose natural beauty was recognized in public performances at the age of six years.

Miss Rea's ambition to sing primarily before American audiences and to win them by the genuineness of her appeal rather than through the medium of an artificially built-up reputation has been gratified in the quick appreciation of those who have heard her.

It is an appeal based on a striking personality and on an individual interpretative style, which, while developed along classic lines, still preserves the flavor of the traditional American background.

The voice, itself, is surpassingly lovely in quality; the tone, floating, colorful and accurate in pitch. It is as effective in the lower register as in the higher scale, an inestimable

shun lobbyists, in true law-making style.

The idea back of it all is to give high school students a close-up view of State government and teach civics. It is expected to provide valuable training in citizenship.

The purpose is laudable. Lack of such training breeds indifferent citizenship—and poor government.

Many pupils finish school ignorant of governmental machinery, which will affect their comfort and pocketbook through life. Yet they may know perfectly the binomial theorem and be able to name, forward or backward, the Roman emperors without skipping a beat.

Which knowledge won't deeply color their years or affect their natural lives.

Of course the Junior Legislature will only talk. What Legislature does otherwise. But it will give members a better idea of governmental machinery in motion than they get by contact with it in police court for infraction of traffic rules.

Not long ago three Indianapolis citizens were named officers in another heirs' association fighting for ancestral holdings in New York, carelessly transferred in early days. The property they claim is now appraised at the tidy sum of \$4,000,000,000.

Such incidents are common. Whenever a piece of real estate becomes immensely valuable, heirs of dead owners, who sold for a song, prick up their ears. They build castles in Spain on what might have been if their ancestors had kept the property.

Such fancies are pleasing. But what makes land valuable? It is customary to point to the Indians who sold Manhattan island for \$24 as the prize real estate booby of all time. However, they probably received a good price. If they had retained possession Manhattan island might not be worth more than \$24 today.

So if the early owners of other now valuable tracts had hung on their land might now be of little value. It is the use to which land is put that makes it valuable.

There were two children, the 12-year-old son and a daughter 9. Each parent was given custody of one child—the mother to take her choice. She chose the son.

A drab divorce case was thus easily, satisfactorily, and expeditiously settled. To the judge it was a matter of routine. To the woman it was a gratifying victory. She won her suit and her favorite child. To the boy—well, he left the courtroom crying.

It was neither routine nor victory for him. It was the smash of his home and enforced separation from his little sister whom he loved.

Ho-hum! what does his childish grief matter? He will get over it. One couldn't expect his parents to exercise mutual forbearance and continue in loathsome wedlock for his sake. That would subject them to needless torture—perhaps.

Divorce is a great institution—for the crew of a matrimonial bark that goes on the rocks. But the shipwreck is rough on children.

## A CURE FOR

### RECKLESS DRIVERS

FREDERICK E. SCHORTEMEIER, secretary of State, has announced that reckless drivers arrested by State police will be required to show cause why he should not revoke their motor vehicle licenses. He has this power under the new automobile law.

"I intend to avail myself of the opportunities provided to eliminate as much as possible the reckless driving menace," he said.

He'll have a busy summer if he hears the case of every motorist who falls about his minions. Nevertheless, he proposes a step that can dampen the ardor of chronic violators.

Fining reckless drivers doesn't cure them. It's a momentary financial jolt, but causes little mental anguish. Paying fines quickly becomes a habit—just automobile upkeep.

Neither are jail sentences altogether effective. Thirty days sounds like a crack in the crack when pronounced, but appeals are easy and long lived. So many jail sentences are passed and few are served.

However, revocation of license is serious. An unlicensed automobile is an Ishmaelitic creature with every man's hand against it—it must stay cooped up in the garage.

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By GAYLORD NELSON

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## NAVAL AIRCRAFT WILL CRASH OFF HAWAII

By Rear Admiral William A. Moffett U. S. N., Chief of Bureau of Aeronautics, U. S. Navy. (Written Especially for The Times).

WASHINGTON, March 21.—In spite of certain deficiencies with respect to air strength in the Navy, the maneuvers off Hawaii this year will see a greater concentration of naval aircraft of modern design with the fleet than has ever been possible before.

For this reason the maneuvers will be of particular interest. More than 200 planes, including the defending air forces of the islands, will be involved, and the fleet will have 130 naval planes of all types operating from the surface ships.

The battleships will carry their own fighting and observation planes as will the light cruisers. The Langley, the only aircraft carrier now in commission in the Navy, will be the sole representative of this type of surface craft and so will have to maneuver with the fleet in place of the 135,000 tons of aircraft carriers allowed this country under the limitation of armaments treaty.

### Planes Are New

Practically all of the naval planes participating have been developed within the past three years and are particularly adapted to use with surface ships.

The precise conditions under which the maneuvers will take place are, of course, being held confidential, but the types of airplanes that will be employed give an accurate impression of the part they will play.

There will be long distance scouting planes for searching out the position and strength of the enemy. Bombing and torpedo planes will operate against the surface vessels and attempt to press home attacks with their particular weapons.

Observation planes will operate from the ships to obtain information and to control the gunfire of the battleships maintaining constant communication with the surface vessels by radio.

### Fighters Will Attack

The fighting planes will attempt to clear the air of all planes of the opposing forces. Their mission is to attack the enemy air forces driving their planes out of the air and clearing the way for the operations of the torpedo, bombing and observation aircraft.

The lack of airplane carriers will be a disadvantage in that the carrier or of neighboring clouds.

In connection with the maneuvers. At the present time there are two large carriers under construction which, when completed will increase the air strength of the fleet about 200 per cent. These two ships are the Lexington and the Saratoga. Even when they are incorporated in the fleet they will represent less than one-half of the treaty strength of the Navy in aircraft tonnage.

If the Navy were brought up to the allowed treaty strength in aircraft carriers the fleet would have available an air armada of more than 400 planes of all types ready for immediate service.

This desirable condition cannot be brought about over night. But it should be accomplished without unnecessary delay in order that the Navy may be efficient in all respects to train as a unit and maintain itself in a state of readiness for national defense.

It is significant to note that the effective air strength of the fleet is dependent on the availability of the suitable surface ships which can act as mobile bases.

The importance of aviation in modern warfare, and particularly in naval warfare, is receiving the attention of leaders in naval strategy throughout the world. But there are few so optimistic for the future of aviation as to believe that it can act effectively or be self-sustaining unless it is based on land bases or on ships.

The naval aviation problem, which is the real air defense problem of this country, is to render aircraft mobile at sea and capable of operating against an enemy in any theater of action.

Our fleet must be able to fly, float, and dive below the surface. It must be able to go to sea and stay at sea until the enemy is met and defeated.

## ASK THE TIMES

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times Washington Bureau, 1325 New York Ave., Washington, D. C. enclosing a stamped and addressed envelope. We will send you a personal reply. Unsolicited questions cannot be answered. All letters are confidential.—Editor

What are the characters in the cast of the comic opera, "The Mikado?"

The Mikado of Japan, Nanki-Poo, Ko-Ko, Poo-Poo, Fish Tumb, Yum-Yum, Pitti-Sing, Peep-Bo, Katisha.

How many motor vehicles are there in the United States?

According to the latest registration figures for 1923 there was a total of 15,092,177.

Where was Buster Keaton born and to whom is he married?

Born in Kansas; married to Natalie Talmadge.

What claims the record for the smallest pennmanship?

Wesley Taylor, a graduate student of Columbia University. He has copied two of Lincoln's speeches, totaling 600 words, on the back of a postage stamp without the aid of a magnifying glass.

What causes lightning and thunder?

A thunder cloud is a mass of water drops at a average electrical potential very different from that of the air or of neighboring clouds.

When walking with two ladies should a man walk between them?

No, he should always walk on the outside nearest the curb.

Philosophy is the general principles, laws or causes that furnish the rational explanation of anything. As applied to religion it is the principles underlying the explanation of religious beliefs and practices.

## JUNIOR ASSEMBLY

### TO CONVENE

MONDAY the Indiana Junior Legislature will open a week's session at the Statehouse. Senators and Representatives are high school students chosen at county conventions throughout the State.

Lieutenant Governor Van Orman will preside over the opening session of the Senate, and Speaker Leslie will be at the helm in the House.

For a week the youthful solons will go through the gyrations of a regular Legislature. They will pass bills, prob State departments, visit State institutions and



Max Rosen

Governor Jackson has been invited to occupy a box and present to the winning orchestras and clubs the cash prizes in behalf of the Fine Arts Committee of the Chamber of Commerce.

Nelson Trowbridge of the Murat has met with the committee in charge and has scaled the theater at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$1. In other ways, Trowbridge is aiding the committee in attracting not only city but State wide attention to the concert. J. W. Quill of the Pennsylvania system is helping to handle the transportation problems of bringing hundreds of young people safely to the city.

No profit will be made as the expenses of the contests and the concert are very heavy.

STUDENT RECITAL TO BE GIVEN AT COLLEGE

The Indiana College of Music and Fine Arts will present the following students in a recital this afternoon, in the college auditorium:

Helen Louise Barnes, Freeman Gibbs, Richard Jones, Charlotte Webb, Joe Stubbs, Phyllis Phillips, Mary Katherine Miller, Iva Marion Dunlap, Barbara Bridges, Beatrice Johnson, Mary Brown, Martine Karna, Mildred Carlin, Jack Ford, Charlotte Schmidt, Hermann Kohlmann, Ora Dougherty, Ida Sacks, Mildred Rabourn, Herman Slutzki, Magda Joslyn.

The above students are pupils of May Gornuch, Gladys Loucks, L. R. Street, Frances E. Johnson, Elanora M. Saunders, Ruth Todd, Pauline Ross, Ferdinand Shaefer, Flora E. Lyons.

LOCAL SINGER IN GRAND OPERA

The San Carlo Grand Opera company is featuring an Indianapolis girl in its engagement which will open in Chicago March 30. Miss Lorna Doone Jackson, graduate of Shortridge High School and student under Edward Nell of the Metropolitan School of Music, will sing Carmen, which is to be given an elaborate production. The production is having the support of the Illinois Federation of Music Clubs.

Miss Jackson has had many operatic successes, having sung leading roles with the St. Louis Civic Opera Company and toured with the Ralph Dunbar productions. She spent one summer in France studying with Emma Calve at Mme. Calve's invitation which was given only to a small group of American girls who were considered to have unusual talent.

MCCORMACK TO GIVE CONCERT HERE SUNDAY

John McCormack, favorite singer, will give a concert at the Murat Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock under the auspices of Ona B. Talbot. McCormack has arrived here and is fully recovered from his recent illness.

Mrs. Talbot is assured of virtual capacity for this concert. She is now selling seats on the stage and as much standing room as the law allows will be used.

FREE RECITAL TO BE GIVEN NEXT SATURDAY

A free recital will be given at the Metropolitan School of Music next Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The public is invited. A short play will conclude the musical program.

Students of Miss Laura Doerflin, Miss Frances Wishard, Miss Fay Heller, Miss Frieda Heider, Miss Bernice Vansickle, Miss Leone Kinder, Miss Helen Sartor, Miss Helen

## Real Men

By Hal Cochran

More power to the fellow who sticks to his cause, when he honestly feels that he's right. He has a real makeup and backing, because he's ready to stand up and fight.

The type of a man who will "yes" you to death, and willingly always agree, has seldom the setup to use his own breath, and he's merely a weakling to me.

You can't have respect for the man who will say, "You're right," though he doesn't know why. Tomorrow he changes his thought of today. He will switch with the bat of an eye.

When I'm picking men, I prefer, a blaméd sight, the brand who will battle along, and stick to the thing that they think's in the right, till you fairly can show them they're wrong.

## Tom Sims Says