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Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee; which thou hast wrought for them that trust in thee before the sons of men!—Ps. 31:19.

The soul is strong that trusts in goodness.—Massinger.

The Law and the Manager Movement

THE politicians, in their desperation, have attacked the Indiana city manager law without knowing all the facts. They have admitted that city manager government has been successful in other States, particularly in Ohio, but they have contended that it would not work out in Indiana because the Indiana law was weak. They made these statements apparently without investigating the laws of Ohio and other States.

Now the fact has been disclosed that the Indiana law is in a great many respects superior to that of Ohio and that many more safeguards are thrown around the rights of citizens in Indiana cities governed under the city manager act than are provided for citizens of Ohio cities under city manager government.

No other political bubble has been exploded.

Any one with any knowledge of city government who read the comparison between the Indiana and the Ohio law as printed in The Times Saturday can readily see of what insubstantial material the politicians' arguments against the Indiana law were constructed.

NO one has attacked the principle of the city manager plan and the attacks against the law have failed to stand up. To this same statement made recently in The Times, another Indianapolis publication declared that no one had attacked the principle of the present Federal plan of city government.

The whole city manager movement is a protest against the principle of the Federal plan of government for cities. It is not an attack on any individual or group of individuals nor on any particular administration.

The present plan is wrong because it makes the basis of city government political. It recognizes political parties in the conduct of the business of administering the affairs of a city.

In this country there are two great parties. Supposedly they stand for divergent principles. They are essentially national parties and their differences are national. In no way are their differences local and in no way have they a place in the administration of local affairs.

This is the main trouble with the principle of the present system which depends on the party system for its existence.

AS Charles F. Coffin, chairman of the city manager committee of 1,000, said the other day, there is no Democratic way and no Republican way of conducting a police department or of paving a street or of administering a health department. Yet we find the city divided into groups labeled Democratic and Republican and with candidates labeled Democratic and Republican seeking office.

Under the present system, the city election in Indianapolis has a great deal to do with the political complexion of the State. If there should be a political election in Indianapolis this year it would have a very strong influence on the Indiana senatorial election next year. Already strings are being pulled from Washington to influence the Indianapolis city election.

This sort of thing can not work to the

advantage of the citizens of Indianapolis. The city government, whomever should be elected under the political system, would inevitably be conducted with a view to furthering the ambitions of politicians of one party or another. The citizens of Indianapolis could not possibly benefit from such manipulation.

The present plan is wrong also because it discourages office seeking by men of ability and leaves the way open for those who revel in rough-and-tumble political fights, regardless of what means must be used to accomplish the ends desired. The administration of the affairs of the city of Indianapolis is the biggest and most important job in Indianapolis. Yet under the present system this job is left to a man not necessarily skilled in business administration but certainly skilled in political manipulation. Even though the head of the city government should be a good business man, his hands are tied by political affiliations and obligations.

These are some of the things that are wrong with the principle of the present system of city government.

THE city manager system, as many American cities already have demonstrated, does away almost entirely with these difficulties. The best recommendation for the city manager system is the fact that cities which have adopted it would not consider for a moment going back to the old system.

A petition asking for a referendum to determine whether Indianapolis shall adopt the manager system will be filed. After it is filed there will be considerable time to discuss and investigate the plan from every angle.

But no one is going to take the politicians very seriously. Every one knows that they will go to any length to stay in the game.

Men and the Law

DURING the last year or two there have arisen in Indiana one or two men who have attempted to give the people of the State the impression that they are a law unto themselves.

One such is D. C. Stephenson, who built up a powerful personal following. He has influenced legislation to a tremendous extent. He has influenced the election of a State administration. He has given the impression that he was a controlling influence in the State, commanding public officials and directing the trend of public events.

D. C. Stephenson now is under indictment on serious charges. The question of his guilt or innocence is not one that can or should be discussed in a newspaper. That is a question for a jury to decide. Under the law he is entitled to the presumption of innocence until he is proved guilty and he is entitled to all the other privileges of a defendant in a criminal case.

On the other hand, the State is entitled as well to a fair show. It is entitled to the presumption that the law is bigger than any individual or group of individuals.

The Stephenson case is one in which the public is vitally interested, not so much because of the nature of the charges but because of the peculiar position of Stephenson in the community.

He can expect to be treated just as any other defendant would be treated under similar circumstances. He can expect no fewer privileges and no more privileges.

The principle of "I am the law in Indiana" may be applied to legislatures and to executives, but it ceases to exist in courts of law themselves.

Sally and Leon Errol Invent New Way to Wash Dishes by Simply Breaking China

By Walter D. Hickman

EVERY little movement has a meaning of its own when Colleen Moore and Leon Errol wash dishes.

Why wash the pesky things any way? Lots of trouble. So Colleen and Errol just drop 'em all over the floor.

You will run across this "new" idea in dish washing when you see Miss Moore and Errol in "Sally," the movie edition. This First National "Sally" photoplay is just about as near a musical comedy movie as yet produced. You recall that "Sally" was a little girl of much importance on the stage, where she grew to be not only a big girl but a mighty rich one. Marilyn Miller was the Sally on the stage, and Colleen Moore is the girl of the title in the movie edition. Leon Errol, the man who invented the idea of making people howl with joy when seeing a man's legs give way under him, has his original role in the movie. "Sally" is joy food both on the screen and on the stage. She is a sort of a modern Cinderella who pushed poverty away from the door only to find a Prince Charming.

The thing that interested me the most was the way the movie director developed the story along musical comedy lines. At times you expect Sally to dance and sing. And it happens as the orchestra supplies the melody while Miss Moore, Errol and the others do musical comedy acting.

Errol is what I call an individual comedian as he has one or two tricks which have made him famous. He has a droll smile and a smart wise-cracking musical comedy manner which seems to talk on the screen. In other words, he is a showman. So he has found it easy to make the public laugh at and with him both on the screen and on the stage.

Not going to take your time telling you about the story. The story of Sally getting up in the world is known to all. She is a delight on the screen. Never suspected it before but Miss Moore has a decided musical comedy way about her. She dances with charm and ease and has the cutest little smile and wink. Oh, I tell you that Sally is quite a lively and lovable "gal" on the screen.

In obtaining "Sally" as her vehicle, Miss Moore today stands in a fortunate position before her public. "Sally" is a sort of musical comedy institution. We all know Sally.

When she and Errol wash dishes they do not crack jokes but crack the dishes into small pieces. The director must have bought out a complete china store for the dish washing scenes.

"Sally" is clean American fun. She brings new joy into the theater. Here is a picture that the film industry has a right to be proud of. Here is polite and clever comedy, a good book and tuneful music. Sally is the girl of the hour this week.

The Circle this week has another one of those cinema overtures. This time it deals with certain phases of the life of Franz Liszt. While the screen reflects the several warm love affairs of this master, the Circle orchestra under the baton of Bakaleinikoff plays some of the haunting and wild melodies of the early musical shiek. Gorgeous, rich and tantalizing music played in the right mood by the orchestra.

The women will enjoy seeing Hope Hampton appear in a one woman dress parade. She wears a wealth of pretty and costly clothes in a movie fashion show.

At the Circle all week.

Every Night

By Hal Cochran

Let's take a peek in most any real home, where a youngster is running around. The thing you will see, if you'll let your thoughts roam, in your own little home can be found.

The time is at nightfall, and prayers have been said. The youngster is getting undressed. The parents are glad that it's going to bed, for with quiet they'll shortly be blessed.

Both mother and dad get a big goodnight kiss, and the little one's quickly tucked in. The grown-ups sit back in their evening-time bliss and at seeing and reading begin.

What peace and what quiet! What cause for a sigh! The tiny tot's sleeping, they think. And then comes a voice from the bedroom nearby. "Will someone please bring me a drink?"

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THEY ORDERED ANOTHER SHEIK AND HE IS HERE

The producers as well as the public must have the sheik and when the supply appears to be nearly exhausted along comes a new one.

Valentino is considered the original and best of this crew. The tailors nearly wrecked the young man of the present generation by creating the Argentine tango trousers. When we were getting over this shock, the barbers held a convention and sprang the terrible Valentino hair cut upon an unsuspecting public.

Am telling you now that Cortez-person is going to set the fashion for some body. He may make the buggy whip popular in the modern home. Cortez in "The Spaniard" is called upon to kidnap her by taking her to his Spanish villa. But said woman was hard to tame and the Spaniard produced a mean looking horse whip. This man cracks a mean whip but the women did not fully weep over his shoulders.

He threw the bull (I know I am clever just now because the Spaniard

is a bull fighter in this story. Excuse me) that same fair maiden melted and called him "daddy" in Spanish.

Cortez has that "go to thunder" look which is supposed to cause women to call an international convention for the purpose of making him the heart-breaker supreme. And, in spite of his good looks, Cortez knows a thing or two about conventional acting. The bull fighting scenes are well handled.

Jetta Goudal plays the role of the haughty dame who finally fell for the Spaniard's arms. Norma Berry is first seen as a valet who turns out to be the head of a band of Spanish bandits.

Wouldn't be a bit surprised to see the dashing sheiks in real life strutting Main St., with a mean whist strapped to their wrist where once a wrist watch ticked away the time.

In addition to "The Spaniard," the Ohio this week is offering "Songs of the Nations," organ solo by Lester Huff, a Sunshine comedy and a news reel.

At the Ohio.

THEY ALL DON'T FALL FOR THAT SILLY CAVE MAN STUFF

About the silliest thing that has cropped up in modern fiction is that glorious woman wants her men to be dashing cavaliers who devote all their time flirting here and there.

This is all silly rot and it is still more silly bunk when it is reflected upon the screen.

Some women may like the fickle brand of men, but only a few. We encounter this parlor caveman in a movie called "Wife of the Centaur."

In the realm of fables this century creature was half man and half horse. He had and shoulders was man and the rest was horse. I guess he was supposed to ride rough shod over acting female hearts. John Gilbert is cast as this sort of a character in "Wife of the Centaur," although he wears an evening suit most of the time instead of covering his limbs with a horse blanket.

Gilbert is cast as a poet who falls in love with a girl impersonated by Aileen Pringle. She gives him the air and tries to trot on. And so he does. He has always been loved by one of those quiet little things played by Eleanor Boardman. She decides that he is the man for her, and she lands him. He trots off on several occasions to frolic in other homes, but trots back home to find the family stable all nice and comfy as well as a hot lunch waiting for him. So this modern centaur decides to let his vamping at home with his own wife. And that is all there is to this silly story as exposed on the screen.

I may be all wrong about this movie, but its theme is just about as weak a thing as a theme ever dared to be. Have your own idea about this one.

Bill includes a news reel, organ and orchestral music.

Other Indianapolis theaters today offer: The Berkell Players in "The First Year" at English's; McCormack and Irving in "Seminary Mary" at the Lyric; Brockman and Howard in "Portraits of 1925," at the Palace; Ernest Evans in "Ripples of 1925," at Keith's and Lena Daley and Bozo Mack at the Capitol.

The Isls for the first half of the week is offering Harry Carey in "Beyond the Border," "Idaho," a new serial is being offered at the Alamo and Regent the first part of the week as the feature.

It's hard to look prosperous unless you have a good job, and hard to get a good job unless you look prosperous.

If Henry Ford really is going to make airplanes there is a fortune for some one in selling steel helmets.

An auto driver with no life insurance is neglecting his family when he admires the scenery.

If you want her to think you are sentimental, blow smoke through your nose until there are tears in your eyes.

Faint lady has won many a fair heart.

We are so scared our hair is going to stick up in the back that it won't stay down.

Tight shoes sell a lot of automobiles.

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Victim Is Missing
Police today are searching for the victim of a recent hold-up, wanted to testify in court against two men, under arrest, as the alleged bandits. Detectives say they have two men who they think robbed Oliver Staats, 322 S. Arlington Ave., on the night of April 3.

Facts on Litigation
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RIGHT HERE IN INDIANA

By GAYLORD NELSON

PASSING OF A LANDMARK

THE Baldwin Block is being demolished. Less than half a century ago this grimy, five-story structure at N. Delaware and Market Sts. was the most imposing office building in Indianapolis.

Its tenants were leading attorneys and professional men. The Socialistic Rile occupied two upper floors—and only Cincinnati boasted better lodge quarters. It was the first office building in Indianapolis to have an elevator.

That was only a generation or so ago, but long since its glory departed. Larger, finer structures have sprung up all over the downtown.

Thus quickly landmarks disappear and the faces of business centers of American cities change.

In Indianapolis—untouched by feverish booms—several old and stately buildings of age almost as counted on the fingers. A former resident, returning after a comparatively few years' absence, would be bewildered by its altered appearance.

In old world cities, buildings less than forty years old are the exception, not the rule. The heart of London changes slowly. A Londoner returning after many years would find streets and buildings much as he knew them.

The passing of our landmarks may occasion twinges of regret to a few, but it is a healthy sign. It shows that the city is alive and growing, with its history still in the making.

YOUTH IN THE PULPIT

JOHN H. HARGER, of S. Webster Ave., preached his third sermon as pastor of the Ravenswood Church yesterday. He is only 17 years old, and is said to be the youngest licensed preacher in Indianapolis.

That he should actively take up preaching so young rather belies the theory that the younger generation is entirely submerged in jazz, gin and gasoline.

Also it disproves the hoary myth that a minister's son is necessarily a black sheep. The youth's father is a preacher—whose ministerial career began at the age of sixteen. Somewhat unusually associated with the ministry with grave maturity. It requires a mental effort to picture the occupant of the pulpit as ever having passed through boyhood.

But the hot, flaming zeal of youth has profoundly swayed religious thought. Youth has been conspicuous in every great religious movement that has swept the world.

Jesus of Nazareth was less than thirty years old when he started his short, earthly ministry that changed the history of the world. His immediate disciples were mostly young men—who had not established families—willing to dare all and suffer much for a cause.

Old men for counsel and young men for war has been as true in the domain of religion as elsewhere. Why not? Religion is not a thing of years but of the spirit.

FEEDING THE BRUTE

PERLY MANSFIELD, of Muncie, Delaware County clerk, proposes to give a cookbook with each marriage license he issues. Poor cooking, he believes, fattens the divorce court docket.

Giving prospective brides cookbooks is a sweet, toothsome thought. From time immemorial "feed the brute" has been considered the first rule in management of husbands.

Perhaps incompatibility of the biscuits causes as much distress in the bosom of a family as incompatibility of temperament. Quite likely much marital happiness is buried under dismembered tin cans and the husks of delicatessen meals.

But something besides possession of a cookbook is needed to change home-cooked meals from sodden nightmares to gustatory dreams. One can't eat a cookbook with relish. The cook's will and ambition must translate recipes into edible dishes.

So if a bride is determined to feed the brute well a cookbook will be her guide, philosopher and friend. But if she is utterly indifferent, a shelf full of recipes will be useless.

It's only superficially the institution of matrimony seems to travel on its stomach. In reality, bad cooking is only a symptom, not the fundamental cause, for matrimonial wrecks.

With mutual forbearance and willingness to submerge individual egotism when necessary, a couple can make marriage a success without a cookbook in the house.

SCHOOL BELLS AND WEDDING BELLS

THE Terre Haute school board is opposed to mixing school bells and wedding bells. It has just refused to permit a girl—a former high school pupil but now married—to return and graduate with her class in June.

Apparently the board believes that, after a girl has landed a husband, any more book learning is superfluous and waste of taxpayers' money.

Perhaps that's perfectly reasonable. At any rate many schools frown on student marriages. Possibly on the old theory that one rotten apple will spoil a whole barrel of apples.

Not long ago an Indiana young man—a good student and a notable athlete—was expelled from Yale because he wedded. Only after weighty deliberation was he reinstated as a special student but not as a candidate for a degree.

Of course school boy and school girl marriages should be discouraged. All investigators denounce them as productive of much social disaster. Some cynics would postpone wedlock as long as possible. "Marry and die" is their slogan.

However, education might prove useful even to young people prematurely joined together. It seems rather inhuman to deny them its advantages.

Society at much trouble and expense educates and rehabilitates the blind, deaf and hopelessly crippled. Is the education and rehabilitation of young people crippled by marriage less important?

Controversy in Christian Science Church

To the Editor of The Times:

I RESPECTFULLY request that in fairness you publish this communication, to correct definite mis-statements in Mr. Charles W. Hale's letter concerning the new Christian Science movement. Mr. Hale's communication in which my name was mentioned, appeared in your issue of April 2, but has just been called to my attention. Mr. Hale and the organization he represents cannot possibly be more anxious than I am to have the Christian Science Church of the New Generation to disclaim any and all connection between the two.

It is untrue that I joined Mrs. Eddy's movement "after May 24, 1924," the date upon which the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts rendered a final decision in the Christian Science litigation which had been in progress for over five years. My interest in Mrs. Eddy's activity began in the summer of 1920, over four years before the date mentioned by Mr. Hale, and I began my active support of this movement over six months before this court decision. These facts were admitted by the Boston Directors of Mr. Hale's Church in an article published by them in The Christian Science Monitor on May 14, 1924, and which Mr. Hale must have on file in his office.

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and Health, and our Manual, and you will obey the law and gospel," when the irrefutable fact is that her By-Laws demand (Article XI, Section 2) that every Church member's name shall be dropped from the roll of membership if "found violating any of the By-Laws or Rules herein set forth." Nothing could afford more irrefutable evidence of Mrs. Eddy's intention and actual mandate that the Mother Church organization should be dissolved and the original form of government reconstructed on her relinquishment of its leadership. This reconstruction is the important work being successfully carried on by the new organization.

Answers Hale

The new organization is not, as Mr. Hale states, "a repetition of what has occurred many times before." In not a single instance has a parent and branch church been formed heretofore reinstating the original design of the constitutional system illustrated in Mrs. Eddy's Manual. This governmental system is today in the old organization merely a constitution on paper, since thirty-three of its by-laws framed by Mrs. Eddy became obsolete when her handwritten signature could no longer be secured.

On the subject of her successor and the continuance of adequate leadership for her church, Mr. Hale seems to take issue with Mrs. Eddy's published views. In a message to her church in 1900, Mrs. Eddy wrote:

"... for many years I have desired to step aside and to have some one take my place as leader of this mighty movement. Also that I strove earnestly to fit others for this great responsibility. But no one else has seemed equal to bear the burden and heat of the day."

Also, in the Christian Science Sentinel she wrote: "I did say that a man would be my successor. By this I did not mean Mr. Farlow (since deceased) or any man far low on earth."

that in her search for adequate leadership Mrs. Eddy disqualified women is so inconsistent that comment seems unnecessary.

The first public service in America of the Christian Science Parent Church of the New Generation was held less than ten months ago. Since that time branches have been established throughout the United States, and the new work is now represented in over fifty cities. A publishing society has been formed, and the Christian Science Watchman, the monthly organ, is today a thriving publication with a worldwide circulation. Thousands of persons are interested in this new and vital movement. We admit that these persons are practically all dissatisfied former members of the old Christian Science Church. The very good reasons for their dissatisfaction may be found by any person who investigates the situation. JOHN V. DITTEMORE, Boston, Mass.

BURGLAR SLAYS CLERK

Local Police on Lookout for Killer—Bandit Near Bloomington.

Bloomington, Ind., April 13.—An organized hunt was on today for the bandit who entered the Robinson general store at Dolan, near here, and shot Glen Campbell, 21, a clerk. Campbell, who was asleep in the store, was awakened when the burglar made a noise at the cash register, and rose from his bed. The burglar fired at him and fled, joining an accomplice waiting in an auto outside the store.

Mortally wounded, Campbell crawled several hundred yards to give the alarm. He died a few hours later.

Indianapolis police were notified.

Bible Club Supper

Missionary activities of the Y. M. C. A. over the world will be discussed by five men at the Bible Investigation Club's supper at 8:20 p. m. Wednesday at the Y. M. C. A. Talks will be by E. M. Hendon, Constantinople; W. E. Frantz, Hankow, China; Guy Converse, Osaka, Japan; J. T. Maxwell, Philippine Islands, and Harry White, India. W. G. Roberts, secretary of the club, will be in charge.

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When the Vice President succeeds to the presidency does he receive the same salary as the President? Yes, he receives \$75,000 per year.

How many woman lawyers are there in the United States? 1,738.

When will the next world's fair be held?

This will be the sesqui-centennial exposition, which will be held in Philadelphia in 1926.

What kind of an organization is the Ancient Order of Hibernians? A secret organization founded originally in Ireland about the time of the Cromwellian regime for the preservation of Catholic religious rights. When these had been assured by the Catholic emancipation act of 1829, the organization became fraternal and benevolent with the political object of Irish nationality. Branches were founded in Great Britain, and in 1860 the order was established in the United States. It advocated Irish nationality, aids with sympathy and funds the movements, literary and political, with that end in view, and has an efficient "marchal

organization. Only Irishmen by birth and descent and of the Roman Catholic faith can become members. The order in the United States has disbursed about \$10,000,000 in sick and funeral benefits since 1836. It has now more than 135,000 members.

What is the oldest church in the United States? It is supposed to be the Old Ship Meeting House, which stands in the village of Hingham, Mass. It was built in 1635.

Did the Government offer any prizes for the best poster for use in the dissemination of information in regard to the prohibition enforcement act?

Congress appropriated \$50,000 for use in dissemination of information in regard to enforcement of the prohibition act, a part of which fund was to be expended in a poster campaign. There were no prizes offered, however, for the best poster.

How deep will a badger burrow in the ground? Usually to a depth of from six to ten feet.

How old is Jacqueline Logan, and is she married? She is 22 years old, was born Nov. 30, 1902. She is not married.

What nation covers the largest amount of territory? As a nation, or as a single body politic, Russia covers more territory

than any nation in the world. As a power, the British Empire has the largest land area.

Under what President of the United States was the civil service established?

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