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No law shall be passed restraining the free interchange of thought and opinion, or restricting the right to speak, write, or print freely, on any subject whatever.—Constitution of Indiana.

The Snub Direct

IT is time for us citizens of Indiana to begin taking stock of our difficulties and to set about to retain the fair name of the State. Stories of conditions in this State, many of them exaggerated, but most with a basis of fact, are being spread about the country. They are having a most detrimental effect.

The failure, or refusal, of nearly all the Dixie highway tourists to come through Indiana, the original starting point of the highway, in their tour celebrating the tenth birthday of the road, should shock Hoosiers into immediate action. Only five of the big party attended the banquet given for them Friday night. The remainder of the party in more than fifty automobiles, detoured through Illinois.

There is no use of ignoring the facts. There is no use of printing a glowing account of the banquet, leaving out only the fact that the visitors numbered only five persons. That is not being honest with ourselves. We must face the facts in order to remedy conditions that have brought them about.

Of course, the Dixie highway tourists would not have been molested. They were coming in a party as guests of the State. They knew they would not be molested and they knew that royal entertainment awaited them in Indianapolis and other cities. But they did not come. It was a snub direct, and we citizens of Indiana are responsible.

Other motorists who come through Indiana are just as much guests of the State as were the Dixie highway tourists, but so many of them have been subjected to annoyances, mostly by self-appointed police officers, that some motor organizations outside Indiana have seen fit to warn them to avoid the State. Indiana is a natural crossroads of the Nation, and we should be reaping the advantages of that fact, from a purely selfish motive, if for no other reason.

Laws should be enforced, but the enforcement should be accomplished by regularly constituted peace officers and, above all else, they should be enforced through the use of common sense.

Dry Debate Talk

ALL this talk about debating the question of prohibition is idle. Indiana was dry before Federal prohibition. It was made dry because the Legislature, as representatives of the people, voted it dry. The Eighteenth amendment was not forced upon us and its enactment did not change the Indiana situation a particle.

Prohibition is not an issue in Indiana. The present controversy concerns methods used in the name of prohibition enforcement. It concerns wholly illegal violations of the rights of innocent citizens.

Let's keep the record straight. When the bill of rights is put back into effect in Indiana it will be time enough to talk about the right or wrong of prohibition.

Labor's Way Vs. Kellogg's

TAKE back to the Russian Red International this message: The American labor movement will not affiliate with an organization that preaches communism or stands for that doctrine."

Coldly measuring his words, President William Green of the American Federation of Labor, thus answered Arthur A. Purcell, British member of Parliament and friend of Soviet Russia, who had come to the Atlantic City convention to ask recognition of Moscow.

And President Green's words were cheered by the labor delegates assembled, cheered until the roof rattled. And when, a minute later, he declared his organization would fight to the death any attempt to destroy it by boring from without or from within, they stood on their feet and made the rafters rock again.

Which incident throws into vivid relief the two ways of handling communistic visitors.

Recently another British member of Parliament, a certain communist by the name of

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

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What was the origin of stock exchanges?

Stock exchanges as institutions had their origin at the time of the creation of public debts on the modern plan at the close of the seventeenth century. The incorporation of the East India Company in London further developed the possibilities of the raising of public capital for corporate uses through stock exchange trading. In 1720

the enormous public speculation in the shares of the South Sea Company in London, and of the Mississippi Company in Paris, brought stock trading to a height never before conceived. No city at that time, however, possessed a stock exchange in the sense now attached to the term. In London transactions were conducted through stock brokers whose headquarters were at Jonathans and Garraway's Coffee Houses in Change Alley. There does not appear to have been any formal organization among these brokers. The London Stock Exchange Building was not erected until 1801; the Paris Bourse not until 1826. The New York Stock Exchange membership even after

the formal organization, was erected on Broad and Wall Streets, which was replaced by the new structure on the same site dedicated in April, 1903.

What is the largest species of horse mackerel?

Tunny. They are found in European waters and also caught in large quantities off the coast of Southern California.

How many hospitals are there in the United States?

The American Medical Association lists 7,281 accredited hospitals in the United States in 1925.

SCIENTIFIC SCHOOL TRIES OUT NEW HONOR SYSTEM

By David Dietz
NEA Service Writer

A NEW "honor group" is the newest departure in scientific education. It has just been organized in the electrical engineering Institute of Technology, one of the leading scientific institutions of the world.

The plan has been worked out as the result of a feeling which is prevalent not only at this school but at many colleges and universities throughout the country.

There is a feeling, both on the part of faculty members and students, that college rules are too iron-clad, that students are too much restricted by the mechanical details of the curriculum and that there is not sufficient room for the development of individual talents and ability.

In other words there is a feeling that colleges are being turned into glorified high schools and that the brilliant student cannot branch out for himself while in college, but must wait until he has finished college and entered a graduate school where individualized research is possible.

They will be allowed to attend lectures and classes or to stay away from them as they please. They will be expected, however, to pass the regular term examinations.

They will also be excused from attending laboratory exercises at the regular hours and permitted to carry on their laboratory work at their own discretion.

THESE honor students, instead of performing the usual standard set of laboratory exercises, will be permitted to devote all of their time to subjects which interest them most.

They will be encouraged to carry on original investigations wherever this is possible.

Members of the faculty will act as advisers to the honor students, thus insuring that the work is kept within useful bounds and does not become mere aimless wandering.

RIGHT HERE IN INDIANA

By GAYLORD NELSON

CANAL BRIDGE AT MERIDIAN ST.

THE Indianapolis board of public works has approved plans for a bridge on N. Meridian St. over the canal. A three-span concrete structure providing a fifty-eight-foot roadway, and to cost \$56,000, is proposed.

If the board doesn't forget to secure the approaches and similar inconsequential

details it is expected that the bridge will be completed next year.

Doubtless there is an imperative demand for this particular public improvement.

It will open a more direct route to several north side subdivision projects—mostly

beyond the city limits—and to Kessler Blvd. and a bridge path so much

used by the toiling masses.

Meanwhile, Pleasant Run Blvd., so much desired by south side residents, is no nearer completion than it was a year ago. A few of the houses condemned for the project were auctioned off by the versatile mayor; otherwise, the undertaking slumbered. And the Delaware St. bridge, opened almost a year ago, is still without suitable approaches.

In various sections of the city other public improvement projects, begun with enthusiasm by municipal authorities, that haven't jelled.

Interminably delayed and half-completed public undertakings are of little benefit to the taxpayers who foot the bills for them. Municipal authorities would contribute more to the joy and comfort of the average citizen if they would push to completion the public improvements they have started instead of always looking around for new worlds to conquer and more blueprints to prepare.

Today, it would seem, amorous maidens are better equipped by custom for the battle of love. Styles of dress and dance have changed. Means and methods of enticement which then were suitable only for women of easy virtue are recognized by convention as legitimate in the pursuit of love and happiness.

But the end has not changed. Happiness, home, children, come as the reward of the game of youth—or insanity or worse.

Modern society has its Ophelias whose lives drag on through divorce courts—debauches or drugs or alcohol—and end finally in the tragedy of death.

Indianapolis within the last year scores of girls have attempted to end their lives with poison. A few have succeeded. Scores of girls and women have been dragged through the courts of the city and county, paying the penalty of loving unwisely instead of well.

And so it would seem, although much has changed, much is still as it was a thousand years ago.

There are Hamlets walking the streets of Indianapolis today—a few in tuxedo, many in business suits and overalls. And every dance hall has its potential Ophelias.

WILL SEND THEM HOME

SUPT. A. F. MILES, of the Indiana Reformatory at Pendleton, has advised United States immigration authorities that he has twenty-eight alien prisoners in his institution that he is empowered to turn over to them for deportation. The Governor recently suggested such action.

If the plan is acceptable to Federal officials it will be extended to other State penal institutions. In the Michigan City penitentiary there, it is estimated, seventy-five prisoners of foreign birth and not naturalized who could thus be sent back to their native lands.

On the face of it the plan seems to offer good riddance of undesirables, as well as make room behind the bars for our home grown Hoosier criminals. But will it?

The twenty-eight aliens at Pendleton whose deportation is planned none has dependents. But only eight are from European countries. Twenty are Canadians and Mexicans. What's to hinder these coming right back into this country within a couple of days after being forcibly ejected?

They might be right back in Indiana in less than a week, without much danger of being molested by the outraged civil authorities. The latter aren't very likely to apprehend an obscure deported alien criminal who fails to stay deported. They didn't even catch Dutch Anderson, Clara Cari or other famous fugitives from justice.

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