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## Blind Party Leaders

LEADERS of the Democratic party have been longing for an issue on which they might hope for restoration to power. But just when such an issue seems to be falling into their hands they are preparing to reject it.

The fairest, most democratic tax that has been evolved in this country is the income tax. The Democratic party is responsible for it. It is a direct tax. If it were the only tax levied on citizen would fail to know just what he was contributing to the cost of government. He would pay in proportion to his ability, not in proportion to the ability of others to unload their duties upon him. He would cease to contribute through excessive tariff profits, excessive rents and the other manifold ways in which indirect taxes are passed on to the ultimate consumer.

Just now leaders in the Democratic party are seeking industriously to break down the income tax. They are proposing that it be abolished so far as it concerns persons earning more than \$5,000, or no more than \$4,000 or some fixed figure. They forget the truth that have preached for generations: That the heaviest tax for the poor man is the direct tax; that the most burdensome tax is the hidden tax.

And they are forgetting it just when economic conditions seem about to justify their long protests. The high protective tariff system is in greater danger of crumbling in America right now than it has been in many years. The world, heavily in debt to America's taxpayers, can't pay its debts in the face of our tariff. The agreement among American economists and foreign economists on this point appears to be unanimous. The tariff wall is due to be lowered.

When it is lowered the little income taxpayers will be benefited vastly more than they can be benefited by removing their names from the income tax rolls. The sum of their savings—savings on everything they buy—will make the few dollars now collected under the income tax seem unimportant to them.

The tariff has always been the Democratic party's issue. It is a real issue. Are the party leaders about to run away from it, just when the signs appear that it can be a winning issue?

Little leaders may think now that there are votes to be gathered next year by wiping several million names from the income tax rolls. Wiser leaders thought two years ago that there were votes to be gathered by spreading income tax reductions over the mass of taxpayers instead of giving the big payers the whole benefit, as the Coolidge-Mellon plan proposed. These leaders were fooled. The people have Coolidge credit for what the Democrats and Progressives had done. They'll give Coolidge credit now, if in spite of his and Mellon's opposition, these millions are removed from the tax rolls. Even as temporary political expediency it will fail. It is not even a good little issue.

The Democratic party has a big issue within its reach. The fault will lie with its resent leaders if it doesn't grasp it.

## Fining An Editor \$15

THE State of Kentucky has what it calls a "gossip" law.

The city commissioners of Covington, Ky., decided to borrow \$50,000.

The Kentucky Post printed a piece about the Post said: "Those who have held positions in the city financial department say that insofar as they can remember, this is the first time in history that the city was broke within a month after the June taxes had been collected."

Mayor O'Donovan caused the editor to be

arrested charged with violating the gossip law. Judge Manson fined the editor \$15 and denied a request that the fine be made large enough to permit an appeal.

Last week Judge Manson's name was before the primaries for renomination, after a lively political campaign. The campaign was fought almost entirely on the question of whether he should have made that fine large enough to allow the editor to appeal. He had been a judge eight years and, save for that slip-up had been a good judge.

The judge was overwhelmingly defeated. Which would seem to establish a Kentucky editor's right to be fined more than \$15 if he wishes to be.

Seriously, this is a real right. Many a citizen in many a city has been given a nominal fine of this kind, which under the law is not appealable, and so prevented from carrying his case to a higher court where he might be vindicated. A man falsely arrested often has no recourse against those responsible and no means of clearing his name of an unjust conviction.

Simultaneously, Commander Lansdowne, of the ill-fated Shenandoah, comes back from the dead long enough to correct a few false impressions concerning him and his big dirigible. In a posthumous article published in the Saturday Evening Post, he completely refutes the idea that he was afraid for his ship.

Mentioning instances after instance where the Shenandoah, in its cost-to-coast cruise, "ran the gamut of aerological phenomena," he added: "I mention these instances in order to dissipate the impression which has existed that the airship is a fair-weather bird."

"The great ariship," he said again, "inflated with helium is beyond a doubt the safest method of travel known to man, taking precedence over walking." Continuing he had this to say:

"While in the air the airship is practically independent of the weather, as storms with attendant high winds merely delay progress to windward and very materially assist, when the courses steered are to leeward, by greatly increasing the airship's ground speed. Fog interferes little with navigation, as the airship may, in nearly all instances, rise above it and sight land or sea below through rifts or thin spots in the fog. Severe thunderstorms and disturbances with strong vertical air currents may be avoided by changes of course, as these disturbances usually extend over a comparatively small area and move at a rate of speed well below that of an airship. Thus the airship can avoid the tornado, and may prove to be more secure in Kansas than a stone house."

Not that aviation in this country is perfect, by long odds, or that it, in common with our national defense machine generally, does not need improvement. But our main need is for facts, not fancy. Tinsel never enhanced a lily. Aviation's case is good enough without exaggerations.

## WHAT DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to The Indianapolis Times Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps for reply. Medical, legal and other questions cannot be given nor can extended research be undertaken. All other questions will receive a personal reply. Unreplied requests cannot be answered. All letters are confidential.—Editor.

Please publish text of garnishee act. Can I collect a bill that is due me made two years before the law was passed? A READER.

The garnishee law is too long to print here. See acts of 1925, Indiana, page 204, at the State library, Indianapolis.

How is granulated sugar whitened? The process usually consists in dissolving the raw sugar in water, filtering through cloth to remove suspended matter, decolorizing by filtration through bone black (bone charcoal), and granulating in a vacuum pan. By modern methods, the raw sugar is liquefied with syrup which is then removed by centrifugal machines, taking a large part of the sugar originally adhering to the sugar crystals with it, and forming a

symp that can be used for further liquefaction. The syrup not required for this follows the dissolved sugar through the various processes and is boiled in on top of the white strikes. The centrifugal syrups, when too poor to be returned to the white pans, are boiled alone, the product being sold as soft sugar or remelted. Boiling to grain before placing in crystallizers or tanks is generally practiced. If such additions are not made, and the entire strike is boiled from washed and thoroughly cured raw sugar, bluing is rarely required.

Is Newport still one of the capitals of Rhode Island? Newport was one of the two capitals of Rhode Island until 1906. Since then Providence only has been the capital.

By whom and when was baseball originated? According to the Commission appointed at A. G. Spaulding's suggestion in 1907, baseball originated in the United States and the first

scheme for playing it was devised by Major General Abner Doubleday in 1838, at Cooperstown, N. Y. The game was developed from Town Ball into a diamond shaped field, and a code of playing rules was adopted by the Knickerbocker Baseball Club of New York in 1845.

Upon what was the opera "Thais" founded? On the novel "Thais" by Anatole France. Thais was a courtesan who accompanied Alexander the Great to Asia.

What was the exact time, day and hour at which autumn began this year? Autumn began on September 23, 1925, the eighth hour and forty-four minutes A. M. Eastern Standard time. This is the instant the sun crossed the equator, and by definition is the beginning of autumn.

What is the Indiana name for sweet bird? Kwang means sweet and Cholena, bird, in one of the Indian dialects.

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## A Sermon for Today

By Rev. John R. Gunn.

Text: "And it came to pass, when the evil spirit was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand, so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him."—I. Sam. 16:23.

SAUL had fallen into a gloomy and melancholy state of mind. It was thought that music might relieve his depression and cheer his despondent heart. And so they sent for David, the wonderful shepherd whose power of minstrelsy had spread his fame throughout the land. This night-gate from Bethlehem's fields came with his magic harp, and the gloomy palace was soon resounding with mystic melodies, the drooping heart of the old monarch thrilled with new life and the clouds upon his face passed away into smiles of sunshine.

Such is the power of music. It is known that music has a strange effect even on the brute animal. "Music's force can tame the furious beast; Can make the wolf or foaming bear restrain His rage; the lion drop his crested mane—Attention to the song."

If music can thus effect a soulless animal, how much deeper is its

effect on us. Henry Ward Beecher said: "Music cleanses the understanding, inspires it, and lifts it into a realm which it would never reach, if it were left to itself." If you should ask me to define what music means to me, I could not begin to do it. I know I have felt in my own heart its strange and mystical power. I know it always delights and recreates me and better fits me for my work; it cleanses my imagination and purifies my thoughts; it removes from my heart all that is sorrowful and sordid; it quiets my nerves and calms the agitations of my soul; it stimulates my mind and inspires me with noble conceptions; and, not least in importance, it lifts me out of myself and frees me from the bondage of my lower nature.

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## A Thought

He disappointeth the devices of the perform their enterprise.—Job 5: crafty so that their hands cannot 12, 13.

TO accuse the wicked and defend the wretched is an honor.—Cicero.

## RIGHT HERE IN INDIANA

By GAYLORD NELSON

### ELEVATION WORK TO START SOON

THE Pennsylvania railroad, it is announced, may soon start the work of elevating its tracks between Pine and Cruise Sts. Plans are completed and approved, and the preconstruction details will be quickly worked out. The announcement has a familiar ring. Indianapolis track elevation projects are always teetering on their toes just ready to dash ahead. But they never dash; they limp around in circles.

For two years the Belt line elevation program through the south side of the city has simmered. Months ago it boiled energetically. Actual construction seemed imminent. Then insurmountable obstacles were encountered—the division of the cost of the Raymond St. bridge and this and that detail. Endless negotiation between city and railroad authorities ensued.

Eventually differences were ironed out. It was stated that elevation work would start about Oct. 1.

The idea of October have come and gone. Have any southsiders seen the Belt line elevation actually in progress? This year and yellow autumn the project seems no nearer than it did in fragrant May. The program no doubt is still in existence, but merely hibernates in a pigeonhole.

If Indianapolis track elevation projects continue to exhibit the same speed they have shown during the past year, they will be about as useful to the present generation inhabiting the Hoosier metropolises as the hanging gardens of Babylon.

WAR MEMORIAL PLANS APPROVED

PROF. W. K. HATT, head of the civil engineering department at Purdue, reported Tuesday to the trustees of the Indiana World War Memorial that plans and specifications for the main memorial building as prepared by the architectural firm of Walker & Weeks met with his approval.

In his opinion the revised plans and specifications—demanded by the state board of accounts after it discovered that the original plans specified use of a patented steel reinforcing in which Walker & Weeks were financially interested—do not call for an excessive amount of material as charged.

Thus another promising public scandal falls on its face for lack of documentary support.

Mr. Orr, State examiner, detonated all over the place when both the original and revised plans were submitted. The architects were charged with everything from mayhem to infanticide. Their dismissal and revocation of the Indiana licenses were demanded.

What was the result? The license of Harry Weeks, one of the members of the firm, was revoked. An unprejudiced expert authority approves the plans, which he believes will give the State of Indiana a dollar's worth of memorial building for every dollar expended on the project.

Walker & Weeks are retained as architects for the memorial. And Professor Hatt is employed as supervising engineer. Not a nickel is saved the taxpayers. The memorial project gained nothing. But the State board of accounts got on the front page in the role of watchdog of the public treasury. Perhaps that's profit enough from one controversy.

'BEWARE, YOU MAY BE NEXT'

FOUR Hoosiers—including a mother and two daughters—were killed at a crossing near Danville (Ill.) Monday. They were in front of a passenger train. Automobile and occupants were completely demolished and nine children left motherless.

The tragedy was a big day's work for a single grade crossing. More so as that particular intersection is advertised, feared and shunned as a death trap. To warn approaching motorists of the danger, emphasis signs have been erected at the crossing by the Illinois Motor Club. One reads, "More people have been killed at this crossing than at any crossing in Illinois." Another screams the admonition "Beware, you may be next." Black skull and crossbones painted on the

signs are an added invitation to he who drives to heed.

Despite these warnings four Hoosiers gaily drove to their death.

Warning signs, white crosses, clanging gongs, flimsy gates, watchmen and other so-called safety devices every day are proving inadequate to prevent crossing smashes. In spite of them death exacts undiminished toll where railroads and highways intersect.

There are only two safety devices that will absolutely prevent crossing tragedies. One is grade separation—impossible except in a few cases because of its prohibitive cost. The other—an inexpensive device readily available—is in the motorist's head.

### NO REAL CRIME WAVE

CHIEF RIKHOFF, at a recent meeting of city department heads, asserted there has been no real crime wave in Indianapolis. The daily output of murder, violence and banditry—he infers—is merely an optical illusion.

One can't dispute so high an authority. But if there is not a crime wave in Indianapolis and Indiana there is a pretty fair imitation of one that answers for all practical purposes.

The number of prisoners in State penal institutions, according to a report of the State board of correction and charities, issued the same day as the chief's pronouncement, has shown an astounding increase in the last ten years.

There are almost twice as many men in the Indiana State Prison now as there were ten years ago. The State reformatory population has grown 50 per cent in the same time. There has been a slight increase in the number of inmates of the Women's Prison. And the number of peons at the State Farm has tripled.

Yes there is no crime wave, 'tis said. That sounds like the Coue formula "every day, in every way, I'm getting better and better."

But the chief is partly right. A surprising fact revealed by the above mentioned report is that, while in ten years the population of Indiana State penal institutions has been growing like a Florida boom town, there has been an actual shrinkage in the number of persons confined in Hoosier county jails—a shrinkage of 10,000.

Apparently the total amount of crime in the State is no greater today than ten years ago. But there is a real change for the worse in the character of the offenses committed. We have fewer petty malefactors, such as draw jail sentences, and more perpetrators of serious crimes—bandits, bank robbers, gunmen and killers, who stop at nothing in executing their nefarious enterprises.

Statistically there may be no crime wave. Actually society confronts a very serious crime situation—which, right here in Indianapolis, should give the police department something to worry about besides the city election.

### Tom Sims Says

Man likes to think he is naturally truthful instead of lacking in imagination.

The sad thing about lots of people is they have no idea of what would make them happy.

Impressing others is a waste of time. Those beneath you can't look down on you. And those above you must.

Most of us are physical cowards, but mental daredevils. We enjoy thinking things that hurt us.

A woman can't ask a man to marry her. But that's no hardship. A man can't keep from asking one.

It's an awful world. But it could be worse. Just suppose you knew the truth about everything.

Sending someone else to do a good deed is marked up against you only as a wasted opportunity.

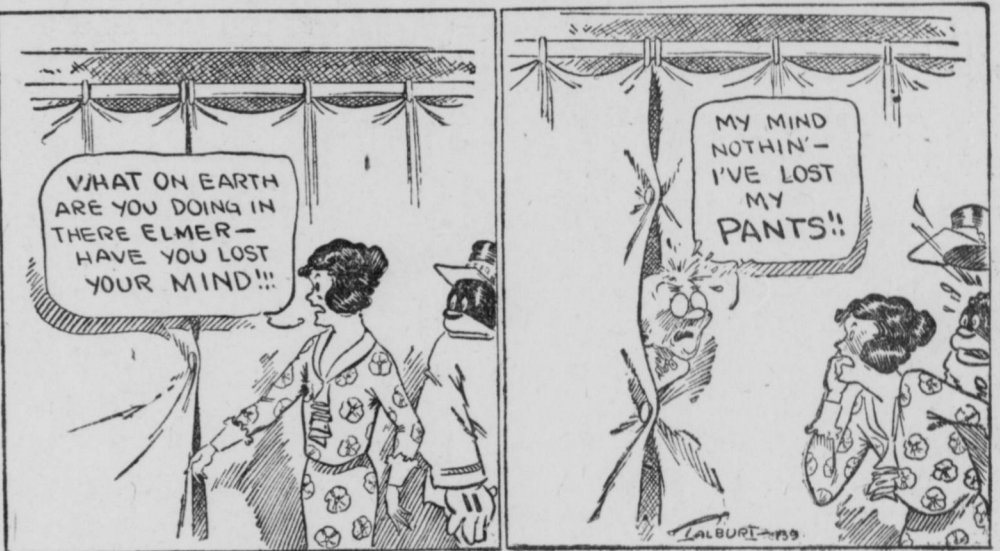
Grabbing for the dinner check only shows how important a part you think money plays in friendship.

It's so hard to drown your troubles in liquor. The blame stuff seems to fatten them instead.

The man who buys the dress is willing for it to be shorter if she will only wear it longer.

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THE SPUDZ FAMILY—By TALBURT



### Looking Over Stage Events

AN up-to-the-minute review whose program of steps includes the new Charleston among its variety of dances is ushered into the Palace the last half of this week by Harvey and Conlon. The Shore sisters, White and Gary support the pair. A drunk dance, buck and wing, jazz, toe, eccentric and soft shoe are the types offered by the entertainers. The entire company exhibits the Charleston as the finale of the act.

Tyler Mason, better known as "the southern breeze," blows into the theater with his humorous blackface chatter which concerns his plight as an abused hotel janitor.

"The Higher Ups" is a musical skit presented by Lorita King and company. Politics and satire are found in her sketch, wound up in laughs, songs and chatter.

Burton and Young have parodies on present day hits in their "It's All in Fun."

"A hodge podge of monkey shins" featuring the monkey nut cracker is the description of Schepp's comedy circus.

"The White Monkey," John Galsworthy's novel, is the film with Barbara La Marr in the leading role. Pathé News, a comedy and a scenic are the short reels.

SOUSA ANNOUNCES HIS TWO PROGRAMS

John Philip Sousa and his band will give two concerts Sunday at the Murat. The Sunday afternoon program is as follows: Overture, "Tannhauser".... Wagner Cornet Solo, "Centennial".... Bellstedt Suite, "El Capitán and His Friends".... Sousa Soprano Solo, "Shadow Dance".... Neverbeer Flute Obligato, "The Williams".... Drorak Largo, "The New World".... Villages Scene, "Sunday Evening in Saxophone Overture".... Massenet "On the Mississippi".... Rich March, "The National Game".... Sousa Xylophone Solo, "March of the Stars".... Carey "Pomp and Circumstance".... Elgar The program at night is as follows: Gaelic Fantasy, "Amran Na N-Gar-dea".... O'Donnell Cornet Solo, "The Star Spangled Banner".... Arban Suite, "Chab. Under Three Flags".... Sousa Soprano Solo, "I Am Titania".... Thomas March, "The Star Spangled Banner"....

### The Only One

By Hal Cochran

THE health of a child gets its start when he's young and the seed for the future is sown. He climbs up the ladder of strength, rung by rung, or he turns out a weakling when grown.

The builders' most need are sunlight and air if a youngster's to really advance. To rob him of playtime, to give too much care, is putting a crimp in his chance.

Go on, let 'em run in the open and free. Aw, shucks, let 'em play in the sands. Just let 'em get dirty as dirty can be, and smear up their faces and hands.

There's always warm water and soap to be had, so wash the kids daily, and then, you'll find they won't mind it. In fact, they'll be glad to go and get dirty again.

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How are positions in the legal department of the Department of State obtained?

The men employed in the legal department of the Department of State have, as a rule, made a life study of international law and for this reason there are seldom any vacancies. In case a vacancy occurs applicants must qualify through Civil Service Examination, which are given when men are needed for such positions.

What is the average length of life of the round hoofed or mule-foot hog?

The species probably originated in Africa, but there are a few in this country. They live the usual life of the hog, between seven and ten years.

Do rabbits chew a cud?

No. They give the appearance because of the nervous habit of twitching the nose.

JOANNA says: I know what you mean when you say I was made for somebody to love. You'd like to be the somebody! Joanna's story starts in The Times Nov. 3.

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