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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.

From a Farm House at Pekin

It really is too bad that John L. Duvall, mayor-elect, can not move the seat of the government of Indianapolis to that farm house near Pekin, Ill., to which he fled following his election. It would be much pleasanter for him, because it is inaccessible to all but such leading politicians as the Hon. William H. Armitage.

It will not be a pleasant reunion when Duvall returns to Indianapolis. He has put himself under obligations to too many persons. There is the Ku-Klux Klan, which contends it elected him, and there is George V. Coffin, who contends he elected him, and there is Armitage, who contends he swung the negro precincts and elected him.

The trouble is that the Klan wants all the appointments and Coffin wants all the appointments and Armitage wants at least his share. Obviously each one can't have all the appointments. Duvall, following the usual procedure of politicians who have found themselves in such a situation, has tried to pass the appointments around. The result is that everybody is sore.

Of course, there might still be some benighted individual who would contend that the public welfare should have something to do with the appointments. But this individual probably is one of the many who did not even take the trouble to vote on election day.

How long will the voters of Indianapolis submit to a system that makes possible such occurrences as the present Duvall mess?

'Human Husks'

A jury at Littleton, Colo., has disagreed on the question of whether taking the life of a mentally and physically deformed human being is murder. Following the disagreement, the State has dismissed charges against the father who deliberately took the life of his daughter, described as a "human husk," and the father today is a free man.

The question is an old one and one about which there always has been much discussion. It is no nearer solution than ever. Dr. Osler, a famous scientist, is frequently quoted as having advanced the theory that persons over 60 years old should be chloroformed. That is the extreme side of the case and obviously Dr. Osler was not serious.

On the other hand, there have been many scientists and some social workers who have advanced the idea that the most humane treatment of such "human husks" as the girl who was killed by her father should be painlessly done away with. Our insane hospitals are full of such "human husks," many of whom apparently are incapable of any mental reactions. They are burdens to themselves and to the world.

Of course, the idea of putting such persons to death is horrible to most people. But the subject of really humane disposition of such "human husks" is an interesting one.

An Economist's Views on Taxation

SECRETARY MELLON has amassed many millions in banking and in aluminum, oil, whisky and other industries. He is easily among the first dozen of the country's practical big business men. His views on taxation are entitled to a respectful hearing.

There is, however, no reason to regard Mellon as an oracle, or to accept his recommendations as the final word on taxation. It should be remembered that Mellon's reactions are unavoidably those of a man who was born immensely rich, who has accumulated greater riches, and whose experiences in taxation have

An Ideal Newspaper

By Harry Daniel in The Thrift Magazine.

Many well meaning persons who are not engaged in newspaper work have been trying recently to persuade the newspapers either to eliminate all crime reports or print them some place back with the dandruff and lumbago announcements.

As a matter of fact, crime news is a cheery commentary on the triumphs of civilization. One reason so many of us are always missing our trains or getting carried by our corners on street cars is because we find the exploits of our faithful criminals of such absorbing interest.

Let us look a little deeper into this grave problem. What, for example, could be said of the sanitary condition of a civilization in which an incident such as the following would be printed everywhere under glaring headlines?

"Decatur, Ind., July 37th.—There is a rumor current here tonight that Mrs. Thomas Catz took her twins, Calvin and Alvin, on her lap and, after making several false statements about Santa Claus, rocked them to sleep. Tremendous excitement prevails."

largely been in the nature of warding off the encroachments of the taxing power.

It is interesting to note the views of another sort of tax authority, Prof. Ernest Minor Patterson of the Wharton School of Finance of the University of Pennsylvania. Professor Patterson approaches the subject, as a student and an economist, from the standpoint of the country at large. His ideas are set forth in a recent issue of The New Republic.

Space will not permit examination of the intricate arguments advanced in support of Professor Patterson's conclusions. Their variance with the recommendations of Secretary Mellon, however, are at once apparent. Patterson says:

1. Income tax publicity should not be repealed.
2. Federal expenditures are increasing, rather than decreasing.
3. The national debt should be reduced with all possible speed.
4. Rapid liquidation of the debt is not injuring business and cannot do so.
5. Lower rates of income tax are not bringing higher yields but lower, particularly from large incomes, and the rates actually paid are much less than commonly believed.
6. Income taxes should not be reduced at all, but if they are, reductions should come in the lower and not in the higher brackets.
7. Inheritance taxes can be most satisfactorily handled with the Federal Government cooperating, and are a justifiable and democratic way of obtaining revenue.

Think Many Times

By Mrs. Walter Ferguson

THE PRESIDENT of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs says that every man should think twice before picking his wife.

Making it half a dozen would be safer yet. To a man nothing is quite so important as the sort of wife he gets. Of course, you can't tell boys this and expect them to believe it, but it is very true that the women men marry either make or mar their whole existence.

Some men are strong enough to rise to great heights either in business or the professions tied to women who only handicap them and never give any aid in their struggles. But even to these the greatest thing in life is lacking, no matter how many dollars or how many laurels they may accumulate.

A weak woman can destroy her husband's strength; a mercenary woman can sap his honor; a complaining woman can ruin his disposition; a cold woman can harden his heart; a foolish woman can deaden his spirit; a mean woman can destroy his soul.

A majority of men who lead happy lives and climb up in the world will attribute a large portion of their success to their wives. And this is not merely a chivalrous gesture; they mean it.

I doubt whether the dear old Pilgrim fathers, to whom we point with such pride, would ever have mustered up the courage to stick in young America without the Pilgrim mothers to bolster them up now and then.

The pioneer wives and sisters and daughters are even more responsible for the development of this nation than the men who hewed the forest paths into the wild. Every man who has gone into the wilderness and there built a civilization; every leader who has blazed new trails of thought; every earnest struggling soul who has climbed a hair's breadth above his station, has a woman to whom he looked for inspiration and aid, and in most cases she was his wife.

There are many ways in which the gods bless men, but no one thing else has ever been given to any man that means as much to his happiness, his success, or his soul, as the right sort of a woman to marry.

stamp out automobile accidents, boll weevil, war, the radio lecturer and whooping cough! Even Congress happily might be suppressed by a united press refusing to run any congressional speeches ahead of the indignation and complete loss of appetite department. And what, mayhap, will the ideal newspaper then print? Manifestly, the managing editor of that hallowed day will have for his front page make-up an array of facts and foibles much as follows:

Column 1—Description of the flora and fauna of the upper Wabash valley. Column 2—Interview with grocer's boy on bringing home the bacon. Column 3—Description of the wreck of the Hesperus by an eye witness. Column 4—President Harrison's views on the Canadian seal fisheries. Column 5—List of school children who have been neither tardy nor absent since January 1. Column 6—Vivid pen picture of Queen Victoria. Column 7—How the tooth-pick was invented. Ar work—Niagara Falls in winter. Ah, no! The short, stubby foot of civilization will never shuffle forward any faster as the result of a newsless newspaper. Let the crime report policies of the great American press remain in status quo.

A Sermon for Today

By Rev. John R. Gunn

Text: "Set your affection on things above, not on things of this earth." Col. 3:2.

SOME years ago a prominent literary man was teaching a school in the Far West. He found that his boys were wasting all their leisure time reading "dime novels." To break this up, he made a bargain with them. For one month he read to them, after school hours, the works of such writers as Scott and Dickens. At the end of the month he gave them their choice—to go back to the dime novels and give up Scott and Dickens, or vice versa. The boys unanimously voted a bonfire of their trashy literature. They no longer read for that rubbish which had once fascinated them, because a higher fascination possessed them.

Herein is the secret of triumphant Christian living. We escape from the world only as we rise above it and "set our affections on things above, not on things of the earth."

We are naturally the slaves of the best, the brightest that we know. Nothing can deliver us from the fascination of earthly things, but the higher fascination of heavenly things.

The best way to overcome temptation is to transcend it. The best way to conquer mean and narrow selfishness is by that nobler and grander selfishness which is ready to lose its life for the sake of the life eternal. The best way to escape peril of worldliness is to set your affection on the immortal treasures and delights of the world above.

"Set your affection." Mark the word "set." You at once see the force of the word. You need not let your affections run riot. By the exercise of your will you can direct and fix your mind and heart on things above. Let this be done, and you will find yourself more and more possessed by the higher fascination of the upper world.

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RIGHT HERE IN INDIANA

By GAYLORD NELSON

SALARY CUTS TO STAND

THE State legislative finance committee, which recently trimmed some of the fat off the State salary list, much to the agony of Statehouse circles, is expected to let the salary cuts stand, despite the ruling of the attorney general that the body cannot change salaries heretofore fixed by law.

If it persists in its determination to cut salaries, some of the aggrieved officers is probable. Those attached to the State pay roll are earnestly and tearfully in favor of reducing the cost of State government, but they don't want the spirit of economy to settle on their own salaries.

Perhaps the committee erred in some of the proposed revisions. Nevertheless it attacked a difficult problem with commendable zeal. If it made mistakes they were of the head, not the heart—and its schedule should be adopted without material alteration.

Indiana taxpayers want less costly government. They can only get it by reductions in State expenditures. Campaign oratory won't do it.

A major fraction of the money spent for maintaining the Indiana State government goes for the pay of employees and officers of the various departments, boards, bureaus and institutions. Under the circumstances it would be a weak-kneed economy effort that would ignore the salaries list.

If the present administration is as addicted to economy as claimed it must reduce the number of State employees or the remuneration of some. It can't effect a great deal of saving by more careful oversight of the lead pencils and erasers supplied various departments.

It would be too bad if some of the holders of State posts would refuse to accept salary cuts and would resign in consequence. But that wouldn't hamstring State government. Doubtless George V. Coffin, sufficiently urged, could find others for the vacated places.

REIGN OF TERROR

BOOKER DAVIDSON, 19-year-old colored youth, arrested by the police Tuesday, admitted that in three nights he had attacked, beaten and robbed nine women pedestrians. Each night he had stolen an automobile for use in that night's business.

Until engulfed by the "law" he was making excellent progress with his individually conducted reign of terror. When arrested last night he was carrying pocket-books and handbags were found in his possession.

Previous to this little spurt of activity he had been arrested on a charge of vehicle taking. And is at present on parole from a Kentucky prison where he served a few months in consequence of conviction for robbery.

A nice boy! It is such incorrigible malefactors for whom prison doors open so easily at the behest of sweetly sentimental uplifters who believe that loving kindness, leniency and swift paroles can work miracles in transforming bandits into pillars of society.

JUDGES OF INSANITY

JACOB FARRAR, inmate of Southern Indiana's Hospital for the Insane at Evansville, has instituted habeas corpus proceedings to get himself out of the institution. He asserts he is not insane and is detained unlawfully.

He was committed to the hospital for the purpose of being a perfunctory hearing—he alleges—in which not a single witness was called to testify for or against him. Just arbitrarily railroaded.

A few weeks ago another inmate of the same hospital gained his release by way of habeas corpus. He had been thrown into the asylum in the same manner—after the travesty of an inquest before a jury of experts not horse doctors, and commitment to an asylum should be hedged about by adequate legal safeguards to prevent glaring injustices. Our system of intrusting such vital matters to the comic supplement of our judiciary invites injustice and tragic blunders.

As long as this system is in force our treatment of the insane

MORTGAGES ON THE OLD HOMESTEAD

CHARLES L. KETTLEBOROUGH, director of the legislative reference bureau, and statistician extraordinary, reports that Hoosier farm and city real estate at the close of last year. An increase of \$10,000,000 over the mortgage indebtedness the previous year.

The figures seem to indicate that the old homestead is sinking more deeply into the mire of debt.

But the situation is not so desperate as it seems. Despite the partly total of indebtedness, farm mortgages in the State only amount to 10 per cent of the assessed valuation of farm property, and mortgages on city property to 21 per cent of the assessed valuation of city real estate.

And Hoosier farmers, during the year, paid off a larger percentage of their indebtedness than the city property owners. Apparently the farmers are coming out of the woods.

Mortgages aren't really as bad as they are painted. In the "East Lynne" type of "drummer" mortgages are depicted as a villainous creature with waxed mustache. But in Indiana the old homestead in the worst blizzard of winter and throws poor Nell and her pa and ma out into the snowdrifts to the accompaniment of quavery music.

Actually real estate mortgages are not of reptilian nature, anxious to squish innocent householders and husbands to raw meat. They are hard working members of society, indispensable financial instruments. Without their assistance many city and farm renters could never graduate into the owner class.

It is only when mortgages are incurred for needless luxuries, and become aids to extravagance instead of thrift, that they growl, show their teeth, and give the hapless borrower nightmares.

'Cave Men' Going to Shake Mean Hoof

WABASH College shakels are going to strut their stuff Saturday night, Nov. 21, at Crawfordsville. Posters on display here tell all about it.

"Bring Your Bob-Haired Boza to Wabash's First and Finest Blanket Hop," the card advises. And it carries the further information that the purpose is to furnish "Football Togs for Fighting Football Fellows," and that "Peyton's Passionate Peerless Pastimers" will provide the jazz.

And to cap the climax Charlestoners are promised relief if the agility of the dance discomforts.

"Checkroom and Showers for Charlestoners," says the card.

Shortridge Seniors Elect Officers

Shortridge High School's 1926 graduating class has elected Collier H. Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Young, 5609 E. Washington St., as president.

Young is an editor of the Shortridge Daily Echo, and captained last year's debate team.

Other class officers are Bertha Corya, vice president; Helen McCoy, secretary; Gordon Thomas, treasurer and William C. Otto, annual editor.

BUS HEARING CONTINUED

Request for Spencer-Vincennes Route to Be Heard Later.

The public service commission Thursday continued until December a hearing of the request of the Spencer-Martinsville bus line to operate between Spencer and Vincennes, Ind. Those protesting asked for a continuance so they may gather additional evidence.

ELEVATOR TO BE SOLD

By Times Special
LAKETON, Ind., Nov. 13.—The Laketon Elevator, recently placed in the hands of George C. Baker, Laketon, as receiver, is to be sold at public sale Nov. 24.

THE SPUDZ FAMILY—By TALBURT



Who Is a Citizen?

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 cents in stamps for reply. Medical, legal and marital advice cannot be given nor can extended correspondence be undertaken. All other questions will receive a personal answer. All letters are confidential.—Editor.

Would a child who was born in the United States of Canadian parents and who lived in the States until he was 3 years of age, then went to Canada to reside and stayed there until after he was of age, still be considered an American citizen, and would he be admitted to the country as usual?

A child born in the United States of Canadian parents is an American citizen. But if, after living three years in the United States, the child moved to and continued to reside in Canada after passing the age of 21 without recording at an American consulate in Canada his intention to remain an American citizen, or failed to take an oath of allegiance to the United States upon attaining the age of majority, he may be considered an alien and refused admission into this country if found inadmissible under immigration laws, rules or regulations.

What is the real cause of absent-mindedness and how can it be corrected?

Absent-mindedness is lack of attention to things immediately before one, because the mind is occupied with other thoughts. It is not particularly the Indians who are absent-minded, but more often of an unusually strong one. It can be avoided by not allowing the mind to become obsessed by any one thought, but by compelling oneself to pay attention to things immediately present. Even if the mind is obsessed by any great matter, such as love, grief or a hobby, it is possible to think of several things and to pay some attention to what is being said and done before one. Will power and a determination to take interest are the only remedies.

What clause in the Constitution of the United States is called the Elastic Clause?

Article I, Section 8, clause 18. It is a part of the section dealing with the powers of Congress. The clause reads: "To make all laws which shall be necessary for carrying into execution the foregoing powers and all other powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States."

Curbs and Paving Broken

Mr. Fixit

Let Mr. Fixit help you obtain needed improvements. He is the Times representative at the City Hall. Write him at The Times.

Instances of broken paving and curbing and failure to replace them properly flood Mr. Fixit's mail these days.

DEAR MR. FIXIT—I live on Graceland Ave., north of Thirty-Fourth St. The sidewalks and curbs have been laid for several years. There are several places of bad curbing in the 3400 block, one broken in several places. There is a hedge about seven feet high, which hangs out and covers half of the sidewalk. This is a good place for robbers to hide. The sidewalk is uneven, standing up about two inches at cracks.

TIMES READER.
John O'Brien, clerk of the improved streets department, will send an investigator at once, and also will attend to the following complaints:

DEAR MR. FIXIT: Over a year ago I called your attention to damage done a cement step on my property at 806 E. Sixteenth St. by the contractor who paved the alley there. You were promised it would be repaired, but there were no results.

MRS. EMILY S. BARBER, 1235 Central Ave.

There was another Mr. Fixit then. If you would test results, call any of the complainants who sign their letters in Mr. Fixit's

column after a reasonable interval. City employees are not nearly so ferocious or negligent as is generally believed.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: Will you please see what you can do toward having the pavement at School and E. Thirtieth Sts. repaired? It was broken by the sewer contractor and left in bad order.

C. R. FITZPATRICK, Brightwood Civic Association. O'Brien also promised early action on this request.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: For many moons there has been a leak in the water main on Bird St. in the rear of the Masonic Temple. This makes a sloppy crossing at North and Bird Sts. and a sloppy gutter on North St. at all times except in freezing weather; then the ice makes it very dangerous. TIMES READER.

The Indianapolis Water Company promised Mr. Fixit to send an inspector at once.

DEAR MR. FIXIT—Would you please see what you can do toward having the main sewer in Kentucky Ave. between York St. and the Belt Railroad cleaned out? Every big rain causes basements in these homes to fill up with sewage.

OLD SUBSCRIBER.
Walter Monroe, sewers expert of the street commissioner's department, will investigate, he promised Mr. Fixit.

United States or in any department or officer thereof." It was the interpretation of this clause that divided the people into the first two political parties.

What is the largest dam in the world?

Wilson dam, at Muscle Shoals, on the Tennessee River, is said to be the largest. It contains 1,260,000 yards of masonry.

When should salted nuts be served at a dinner and how are they eaten?

Salted nuts usually are served between courses and may be placed on the table cloth and eaten with the fingers.

Where can I get a pamphlet regarding establishment of an employment bureau, reference to license fees required by State, fee which may be charged applicant, etc.?

This may be obtained from the Industrial Board, 432 Statehouse, Indianapolis.

Can you name some major league baseball pitchers who won forty or more games in a single season?

Jack Chesbro won 41 and lost 12 games in 1904; Charles Radbourne won 49 and lost 25 games in 1883, and won 62 and lost 12 in 1884.

How can one cut a bottle without breaking it?

Probably the most practical way to cut a bottle is to wrap it with a wire through which an electric current is conducted that will heat the wire to redness. After the part of the bottle under the wire has become heated, remove it quickly and drop a few drops of water upon the heated portion of the glass. This should crack the bottle along the line of heating. Round glass bottles may be cut by wrapping tightly with a worsted thread dipped in spirits of turpentine, and setting it on fire. A third formula is: Fill the bottle with linseed oil to where you want to break it. Shove a red hot poker in the oil. Have two pieces of hot iron ready in case it does not work with one. As soon as you put one in and the oil starts to boil take it out and place in the second one. Rub a stone around the sharp edges of glass after it is broken to smooth it.

Looking Over Palace Show

AN enjoyable afternoon or evening for the whole family holds out at the Palace today and tomorrow. The kiddies will love acts such as Arlines Seals and Chas. Mack and Company. Will tell about the seals first.

The seals like each other so well that they applaud one another when an especially good trick is done. They clap their flippers together in a most convincing way. Under the order of his trainer one of the seals dives into a tank and swims rapidly over and under in a perfect figure eight. Then getting down on the floor he gives an imitation of what he would do if he could fly. These seals also sing and talk, or at least try, to their trainer.

In Chas. Mack and Company, the first thing is that of a small railroad crossing shanty and the Irish watchman on duty there. Some young friends of the old watchman appear and he starts to tell them one of his famous stories.

The scenery is changed in a flash and we are looking on an old enchanted wood of Ireland. Fairies come and dance and sing, to the accompaniment of weird music from a bagpipe sort of instrument. The fairies try to make the old man refrain from telling stories but the last things he says is a whooper.

Three Harmonicas, an act of two women and one man, have some very delightful music, consisting of piano solos and songs, done in colonial costumes which are good to look upon.

Jim and Flo Bogard come on as the young rube and the very much up to date young city woman. Much wise chatter is the feature of the act. The woman makes a stunning appearance dressed all in white.

Ed. E. Ford with his many and varied faces and impressions of people he has met will give you many laughs.

At the Palace today and tomorrow. (By the Observer.)

Other theaters today offer "Spooks" at English; Edith Clifford at Keith's; Stanell and Douglas at the Lyric; "The Phantom of the Opera" at the Colonial; "The New Commandment" at the Circle; "The Merry Widow" at the Apollo; burlesque at the Broadway and "Flower of Night" at the Ohio.

Quizzers

By Hal Cochran

SOMETHING goes wrong in this country of ours: a scandal, a blunder or such. It reaches the ears of the high-up powers, and suddenly, someone's in Dutch.

The great common people are listeners in, no matter what the is. And somehow or other, we all get a grin out of hearin' there'll soon be a quiz.

The probers are named. Ah, they'll trail the thing down and find out who's really to blame. They'll take up the quiz and they'll do it up brown. They dream of their chances for fame.

They'll sit in a session and chat for a week. They may get some place, but I doubt it. They'll issue reports that will prove, so to speak, that they don't know a dern thing about it.

The sessions drag on till they slowly die out, and the thrill of this quiz has departed. We simply forget what the prob was about—'cause, another, by this time, has started.

We'll always have scandal and some sort of blunder, and quizzes galore in our cup. And always we'll wonder just when in the thunder they'll really clear one of them up. (Copyright 1925, NEA Service, Inc.)

A Thought

Be kindly affectioned one toward another with brotherly love; in honor preferring one another.—Rom. 12:10.

He that falls in love with himself will find no rival.—Franklin.