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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.

Just to Keep the Record Straight

IT is a well-known fact that a certain type of reformer must create the impression that he is fighting great opposition in order to continue to make his livelihood as a reformer. If the opposition does not actually exist, he does not hesitate to distort the facts in order to make his followers believe that it does exist.

At the present time Dr. E. S. Shumaker, superintendent of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League, is going up and down the State deliberately misrepresenting the editorial policy of the Indianapolis Times. We do not believe that any one who has followed the editorials on this page from day to day can possibly be misled, but for the benefit of those who have not done so, we repeat here briefly our attitude as heretofore set out.

1. The Indianapolis Times believes the prohibition laws, both Federal and State, should be strictly enforced. We believe that the majority of the citizens of Indiana favor prohibition and that they have the right to demand such enforcement. We have made this statement repeatedly in these columns.

2. We believe that the Fourth amendment to the Federal Constitution and the corresponding section of the Indiana Constitution should be strictly enforced. We believe that this amendment and this section contain guarantees without which no free Republic could possibly exist. We have made these statements repeatedly in these columns.

In order to refresh the memory of our readers, we reprint the Fourth amendment to the Federal Constitution, which is repeated almost word for word in the Indiana Constitution:

"The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects against UNREASONABLE SEARCHES AND SEIZURES shall not be violated; and no warrants shall issue, but on PROBABLE CAUSE, supported by oath or affirmation, particularly describing the place to be searched and the persons and things to be seized.

3. We stand for the enforcement not only of the laws specified above, but of all laws so long as they are on the statute books. It is the theory of representative government that the people must abide by the decision of the majority as represented by their lawmakers. A free government can not be successful otherwise. We have made these statements repeatedly in these columns.

4. We believe that the promiscuous granting of police powers to irresponsible citizens carries with it a serious menace to the community and that the granting of such privileges to men who constantly break the law with impunity can only result in general disrespect for law and the disintegration of our institutions. We believe that police powers should be put into the hands only of legally constituted authorities responsible directly to the people and in a position to be held strictly accountable for their actions.

The Indianapolis Times is uncompromisingly committed to this policy. It intends to uphold this policy as long as it owns a sheet of white paper and a printing press—and that is going to be for a long, long time. We intend to uphold this policy and to fight for it because we believe that an American can not do otherwise.

Opening the Campaign

THE Republican national organization considers the senatorial campaign of 1926 so important that it has already started it.

Hoosier Briefs

BUD WHITLOCK, ex-horse trainer and who has been caretaker of footballs on Jordan Field several years, feels honored. A football field back of the old observatory at Indiana University has been named for him.

Jack Shiel, Jr., of Seymour, was badly cut when a glass in a door broke and fell on him.

More than 100 funeral directors from over the State gathered at Hartford City, Friday, for the semi-annual district convention of emeriters.

Lebanon fathers and mothers will be entertained at a "Dad and Mother" banquet, Monday night by the members of Battery C. National Guard.

Newcastle council has passed an ordinance providing for erection of pedestal lights in the business district.

J. M. Reese, Evansville coal mine superintendent lost his watch while working. It was returned later from an Illinois customer unharmed. The watch was dropped in a coal car.

National Chairman Butler went to Youngstown, Ohio, the other day and made a speech in which he said:

"We are now approaching our next trial of strength in the congressional and senatorial contest of 1926. The Democratic party is endeavoring to set on foot a warfare of investigating charges and scurrilous attacks similar to what it has heretofore attempted. But the American people are too discriminating to be fooled. It will all end as it did a year ago."

Perhaps Chairman Butler is right in saying it will all end as it did a year ago. But in the meantime?

Much earlier than a year ago the investigations of which he complains—not Democratic investigations, but non-partisan—had produced certain results. Fall was out. Denby was out. Daugherty was out. Forbes was out. Those were not bad results, nor small results. Regardless of the election returns of a year ago, the President did not dare reappoint Fall, Denby, Daugherty or Forbes. There was that much clear again.

So some investigations may be useful, even if "it will all end as it did a year ago."

Butler says the people are too discriminating to be fooled. Lincoln said the same thing, but he added—"all the time." Lincoln was honest about it; that's the difference. He knew that all of us can be fooled some of the time and that some of us can be fooled all the time. But he was sure that all of us cannot be fooled all of the time.

If the Democrats or anybody else contemplate investigating the workings of the Government or any branch of it, the thing to do is to go ahead and investigate. The question of whether or not the people can be fooled will take care of itself in its own way in its own time.

Manager Campaign Goes Forward

THE decision of the executive committee of the Committee of 1,000 to go forward with the city manager campaign was the only decision possible under the circumstances. Indianapolis must pull itself out of the political mud that is stifling the city's progress. The greatest handicap under which Indianapolis is laboring today is its city government. Without a new deal in city government we cannot go forward. Other cities in similar situations have found that manager government is the way out.

No improvement can be expected from the Duvall administration. The action of the mayor-elect in running away and refusing to face the people who elected him, and his policy of attempting to please politicians in making his appointments, rather than appointing men capable of filling the positions for which they have been named, has foredoomed his administration to failure. It is certain that we can expect nothing from that quarter.

The first step in the city manager campaign should be the filing of the petition asking for a referendum. A petition bearing sufficient signatures to bring about a vote on the subject already is in existence. Then there should be an educational campaign to acquaint the citizens thoroughly with the plan of government. The plan is not new. The recent experience of Cincinnati in overthrowing the political machine that has ruled that city for a generation is just an indication of how it works.

If the petition should be filed now, it could be brought to a vote within sixty days after May 1, 1926. Then we would have time to consider the real problem involved in any successful city government—the selection of the right kind of public officials.

Wrote Sketch

Test Dalton, Indianapolis author, wrote the comedy playlet, "Say, Uncle," in which Smith Pollard, comic of the screen, will be seen at the Palace the first half of next week.

The skit is a tableau from the first act of Dalton's play, "Uncle John," which, with "The Mantel of Lincoln" and "The Blue Orchid" were produced by municipal theaters in the past three years.

Prior to the presentation of these three plays the Little Theatre staged his, "Not According to Hoyle."

Among Mr. Dalton's plays which will be produced in the future are: "System Marmaduke," "For Brides Only," "Among Those Present" and "Navarre." "Adam's Apple," the old version of "Uncle John," is now being produced in Sacramento, Calif., and Houston, Texas.

STILL IS CONFISCATED

New Albany Man Charged With Liquor Violation.

John Streigel of New Albany, was arrested, Friday, by Federal prohibition agent on charge of operating a still on his father's farm.

A fifty gallon still, five gallons of whisky and several barrels of mash were confiscated, agents said. This is the seventh still found on the place in the last two years, it was said.

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A Sermon for Today

By Rev. John R. Gunn

Text: "For the day of the Lord of Hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low."—Is. 2:12.

WHEN the late Francis Joseph died and the day for his burial arrived, his body was taken to the gates of the Capuchin monastery where the procession was halted by a challenging voice from inside, crying, "Who is there?" A functionary of the court answered, "His Most Serene Majesty the Emperor Francis Joseph." To this the voice within responded, "I know him not," and repeated the challenge, "Who is there?" The court functionary replied, "The Emperor of Austria and the Apostolic King of Hungary." "I know him not," the challenger within the crypt again cried, and repeated once more, "Who is there?" Upon receiving this third challenge the court official responded, "A sinful man, our brother, Francis Joseph." Thereupon the gates were opened. It will all end as it did a year ago.

There is a place where titles cease, where the high and the low, the rich

and the poor, meet on a common level. That place is at the gates of death, where we are ushered into the presence of the Great Judge of all the earth, who is no respecter of persons. There the lofty are brought low and must, in common with the rest of mankind, acknowledge themselves as sinful men whose only title to recognition is the title of divine grace and mercy.

In the eyes of God there are no privileged classes. In his presence, potentates and peasants, senators and servants, barons and boathawks, the high and the humble, stand on the same footing and have an equal chance.

In the Old Testament we read of Naaman, the Syrian prince, who wanted to be treated as a great man, who happened to be a leper. But, you will remember, Elisha insisted on treating him as a leper, who happened to be a great man. That God's way of dealing with men. He has provided for all a way of salvation, but that way is the same to all men. In this way the great and the small must walk side by side.

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Huskin' Bee

By Hal Cochran

LUMPIN' Jiminy, jumpin' gee, we're all set for a huskin' bee. Barn's all fixed in a high-class way, with three good fiddlers set to play. Floor is waxed, and the rafters clean. Someone's comin' with a concertine.

Hikin' down the country road, folks are ridin' load by load. Autos? No, sir. Not that way. Folks are comin' on a load of hay. Somethin' don't here tonight. Heaps of fun? You're goin' dig right. Neighbors all will take a chance; strut their stuff in an old-time dance.

Git your pardners; hold 'em tight. When you're hungry, through and through, step outside to the barbecue. Don't be bashful, eat your fill. Say, don't let that cider spill. Show the pep you really feel, and join right in on the ginnin' reel.

Tear that "Turkey in the Straw?" Greatest dancin' ya ever saw. While ya can' jes' have your fun. Soon there's work that must be done. Dance all night and then, at morn, we'll all turn to huskin' corn.

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Train Whistle Forbidden

By Mr. Fixit

called the company several times; about two weeks ago the repair men came out and put in a bulb that was about half bright enough. It burned just one night. Will you get it fixed for us with a bright light?

ANXIOUS.

The Merchants Heat and Light Company will investigate and report at once.

DEAR MR. FIXIT:—On November 1, I took up with police headquarters about unnecessary whistling on engines between East St. and State Ave. The trouble desk advised me there was no city ordinance and he could not stop it.

SOUTH SIDE RESIDENT

P. S. Please give them a roast on black smoke and soot.

The desk man was mistaken.

Captain Drinkut said, however,

there are a number of dangerous

crossings between the streets you

mentioned. As soon as the new

building code goes into effect the

smoke inspector will have power to

to curb the nuisance.

DEAR MR. FIXIT:—The street

light at 824 Riviera Dr. has been out

since the storm in July. I have

Do You Know?

Officials of the next administration are expected to come to the city hall for training in their duties soon.

RIGHT HERE IN INDIANA

By GAYLORD NELSON

UNIFORMS FOR HIGHWAY COPS

DIRECTORS of the Hoosier State Auto Association, at a recent meeting, condemned the practice of officers not in uniform stopping and arresting motorists on the road for infractions of traffic laws. They want such officers to wear distinguishing uniforms and look the part.

Their attitude is not unreasonable.

With distressing frequency innocent, inoffensive motorists guess wrong as to the identity of impudent individuals who attempt to stop them on the highways. Quite often the motorist who obeys the command finds himself the victim of hold-ups or hi-jackers. He is tossed out on his ear and the outlaws drive away with his car.

On the other hand, if he doesn't stop he may be filled with bird shot by the exasperated constable whom he thus flouts.

It's a hard life for the motorist. Certainly there should be some distinctive marks by which the motorist can tell the difference between the "law" and the outlaw at a glance.

Formerly true officers were easily recognized. They had flat feet and bulges on their hips where nestled their guns. Now flat feet may merely signify a Charlestomer. And the bulging hip is found in all classes of society. It may indicate a thief or a bandit. A more conspicuous badge of authority such as a uniform seems advisable for officers.

But it might simplify matters to put the uniforms on the outlaws instead of the enforcers of the highway laws. To put uniforms on deputy sheriffs, constables, prohibition agents, horseback detectives, and the whole host of official and unofficial law enforcers who infest highways and stop automobiles would involve heavy expense besides giving Hoosier landscapes an overwhelmingly martial aspect.

Even uniforms can't make many of the arrests, halts and searches to which Hoosier motorists are subjected in the name of the law, more dignified.

ONLY 15-YEAR-OLD INTELLIGENCE

R. G. C. BRANDENBURG of the psychology department at Purdue, at a session of the citizenship school just held at that institution asserted that it is misleading and erroneous to say that the intelligence of the American people is represented by a mental age of fifteen years.

"Assuming that sixteen years represents mental maturity," he explains, "it would be approximately correct to say the average mental age of the American people is about fifteen years."

zHave it your way, Doctor. But even your explanation doesn't flatter our national pride. You still rank the average American intelligence below normal mature intelligence.

Psychologists, self-crowned intellectuals, and unsuccessful candidates for office always speak disdainfully of the low order of intelligence exhibited by the mass of the people. We are seemingly a nation of boobs.

It may be true. Certainly there is very little in the record of daily happenings, public and private, to dispel the idea that our average mental age is fifteen years or less.

Even this is quite a powerful, tolerably civilized Nation. If all of us of the 15-year-old intellects were eliminated there wouldn't be much Nation or civilization left. Probably the average mentality of people is higher now than ever before. Which holds forth the hope that the human race will be quite a race when it does attain mental maturity.

When did Buffalo Bill die and where is he buried?

Col. William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) died January, 1917, at the age of 67. He was buried on Lookout Mountain (now called Mt. Cody) near Denver, Col.

What is the meaning of the emblem of the American Red Cross?

The first meeting to organize an association for the relief of peoples stricken by war or pestilence was held in Switzerland. This meeting adopted as their emblem the red cross with a white background which was the reverse of the Swiss flag, a white cross on a red background.

The Red Cross Society, that grew out of this meeting, took its name from the emblem selected.

What is the meaning of evolution in its broadest sense?

Evolution, as it is understood today, is a widely comprehensive term, comprising a study of the vast complex of natural conditions resulting in the formation and development of stellar systems and particularly that which includes the earth as well as all forms of plant and animal life upon it. In biology it means the series of steps by which a germ or a rudimentary part becomes an adult

organism or a fully developed part. How old is Jackie Coogan and how long has he been in the movies?

He is eleven years of age and has been in the movies about seven years.

How are "salt beads" made? Take 2 tablespoons salt, 1 tablespoon corn starch and 1 tablespoon cold water. Add water colors, dye, fruit juices or other coloring matter to the water. Mix the cornstarch with the water. Heat the salt in a small pan and when very hot pour in the cornstarch. Knead until thoroughly mixed and mold into desired shapes.

Is John D. Rockefeller, Sr., living?