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KILLING THE PRIMARY

It is rather unfortunate that a party which is dedicated to government by the people should take so reactionary a stand as to pledge itself to destroy the primary as a means of nominating candidates.

It is true that the primary has its faults and its difficulties.

It is true that it has often produced candidates for office who were highly objectionable.

It is true that the cost of running for a State office is such as to cause many men of merit to pause before dedicating themselves to public service.

But it is also true that, bad as it is, it is much better than the convention system which robs the voter of any voice whatever in the naming of candidates.

The best argument for the primary is the atmosphere and the conduct of the two State conventions which have just been held.

They were alike in their essentials. The conduct of the delegates did not differ.

Those conventions brought to this city a thousand men and women for each gathering and of that thousand, not more than a dozen in either group had a voice or an expressed opinion.

These conventions were comparatively unimportant in that they dealt with minor State offices and control of the party machinery.

The direct primary was adopted not only in this but in other States when professional politicians had so obtained control of political parties that the voter had no voice in the selection of his officials.

Selfish interests can much more easily control conventions than they can all the voters.

The primary is a loaded gun, not often used it is true, but always there as a defense against outrage and violence to the public conscience.

The Republican party did not quite have the nerve to go the lengths to which the Democratic party pledged itself, but it will offer no protest if the national referendum should ever be attempted.

Could Solomon himself have been more wise than these sagacious Senators?

SOLOMON WAS A PIKER

Five men have decided that one hundred twenty-five million people should be satisfied with prohibition as it now stands.

"We believe the Eighteenth Amendment to be morally right and economically right," declare these five wise men, members of the committee of the Senate appointed to consider the proposal for modification of the prohibition law.

"A national referendum," opine the wise men, "is not provided for and it is our belief it was not the intention of the framers of the Constitution that a national referendum should ever be attempted."

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BRITAIN ALSO ASININE

Charles Edward Russell, Socialist candidate for Governor of New York in 1910-12, and writer, yesterday was refused permission to land in England, a United Press cable announced last night.

Why they would not allow him to land, nobody seems to know. The British officials, the dispatch said, "declined to comment."

This gives us the best little chance to cackle we've had since, we don't know when. Because Russell was barred? To the contrary. But because our country has done so many things in that line lately that we can't help being glad that Britain can be chuckle-headed sometimes, too.

Charles Edward Russell barred out of England:

Charles Edward wouldn't harm a fly. He is one of the gentlest men, and while he may have his own ideas about things, as every one should have, not one of them would hurt the smallest or meanest of God's creatures.

Maybe Britain is paying us back for barring the Countess Cathcart or their communist member of Parliament, Saklatvala, or something.

Funny, isn't it, what absolutely asinine things can happen.

FAME!

Who should be credited with the first train robbery? This question comes up in a recent tome about the picturesque Jesse James, who has always been "credited" with staging the first train robbery on July 21, 1873.

The book explains that James was credited with many exploits really performed by other members of his gang but which were hung on him because the alliterative quality of his name made it easy to remember.

One wonders if Jesse James would thank his champions who seek to prove that some of his stirring feats were performed by others.

There is a certain type of humanity which basks in the notoriety of crime, just as there are types that doze on the publicity given them for less anti-social achievements.

Garbage men worked harder before salads were invented.

Being in debt isn't even an interesting experience.

About all most of us get out of our gardens is a few blisters on our hands to brag about.

If you want grass to grow on your lawn try planting a garden there.

The world could be worse. Suppose you had to lather the lawn before you cut the grass?

One fine thing about summer is you don't try to split out the auto window when it is closed.

A good sport is a fellow who figures fun is worth the trouble.

THAT BATHTUB PARTY

By Mrs. Walter Ferguson

There has been a lot of stir about Earl Carroll's bathtub party. Most people condemn it and never stop to think that it had its good points.

Mr. Carroll, as theatrical manager, is acquiring some excellent publicity which will probably make his show one of the high-priced places of amusement in New York. The young lady who sported Venus-like, in the wine, is duplicating the act upon a Manhattan vaudeville stage and getting a handsome salary. She might have had to go into a factory except for this. Mr. Cobb has had an opportunity to reiterate the excellent opinion he holds of his literary ability and gets his picture in the papers. The lawyers are getting some handsome fees. The drys and wets both have more good material for their campaigns, and we, the proletarian, are given another chance to thrill over the wickedness of the rich in the great city.

Newspapers always get excited over such pranks. They know their readers always prefer to know the intimate details of such an occasion than to pore over the President's last speech.

We simply love to study naughty goings-on like this. It gives us such a fine chance to compare our many excellencies with the wickedness of other people.

Earl Carroll's party might have been worse, too. Suppose, for instance, that Irv Cobb, after several cocktails, had decided to occupy the bath tub himself, how many pints of excellent liquor might have been spilled over on the floor and utterly wasted?

Or what if Mr. Carroll had not been able to get champagne and had been obliged to use some of the mid-Western corn liquor that we inlanders are compelled to utilize whenever we feel the urge to imbibe. In that case the young lady of the bath tub would have been not only stewed, but boiled.

Or suppose that the facts about this party had never gotten into the papers at all. We would have missed lots of fun.

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Here Are Four 'Haunted House' Victims at English's



Among the victims of many exciting events in "The Haunted House" are four members of the

Berkell Company, now at English's. They are, left to right, Herbert Dobbins, Robert St. Clair,

Dick Elliott and J. F. Marlow. They are regular members of the Berkell Players. Dobbins and St.

Clair are remembered from other seasons, but Marlow and Elliott are playing their first season here with Berkell.

Questions and Answers

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to The Indianapolis Times, 200 Indiana Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. Send a postcard, inclosing 10 cents in stamps for reply. Medical, legal and marital questions will be answered only after extended research will be undertaken. All other questions will receive a personal reply. Unsigned questions will be unanswered. All letters are confidential.—Editor.

How does the Trans-Andine Rail-tunnel between Valparaiso and Buenos Aires in South America compare with the Simplon tunnel through the Alps?

The Trans-Andine tunnel is five miles long and 10,485 feet above sea level. The Simplon tunnel is twelve and one-half miles long and is the longest railway tunnel yet completed.

How many market gardeners are there in the United States?

About 450,000. This includes farmers who grow potatoes on a large scale and fruit for canning.

What is the large bird that battles Rin-tin-tin in his latest picture?

There is a thrilling fight between the dog and an eagle in his latest picture "The Night Cry."

Otto Stark Memorial Exhibition Opens at Herron Art Institute Here Sunday

The Otto Stark Memorial exhibition opens Sunday, June 6, in galleries ten and eleven at the John Herron Art Institute in this city.

The exhibition will continue through June and there will be approximately sixty canvases and thirty water colors and sketches. The exhibition will be opened Sunday with a special program of music at 4 o'clock.

Otto Stark was a life-long resident of Indianapolis and sincerely interested in its progress in artistic ways. As a young boy he became interested in lithography and later in the practical study of painting and illustration. His studies took him to the Art Students League of New York and later to L'Academie Julian in Paris and in schools at Dusseldorf and Munich.

He exhibited twice at the Paris Salon; at the International Exhibition of Art and History in Rome, 1912; at the Panama Pacific Exhibition, where he had charge of the Indiana Exhibition; at the Argentine Exposition; and in St. Louis.

Coming nearer home, he exhibited annually for years in his own studios or at The H. Lieber Company; at the Annual Exhibitions of Work by Indiana Artists held in the Art Institute; in the Circuit Exhibitions of Indiana paintings, at the Indiana State Fair; and more recently at the Hoosier Salon in Chicago.

Prizes which his work secured included the Foulke Prize in Richmond, Ind., in 1908; the J. Irving Holcomb Prize at the Art Institute in 1915; and prizes at both the 1925 and 1926 Hoosier Salons in Chicago.

Among the societies of which he was a member were the Societe des Beaux Arts at Belles Lettres, Paris; the Portfolio Club of Indianapolis; the Indiana Artists Club, and the Society of Western Artists, not now in existence, but of which he was treasurer for many years.

For twenty years Mr. Stark was in charge of the art work at Emanchurian Manual Training High School, and during part of that time he also taught composition classes in the art school of the John Herron Art Institute.

Mack and Daganova, with Massimo and Foly have a well set up act in which there are present a good dancing team, a violin soloist of merit and some excellent gymnastic features by two men.

Operatic Tid Bits is an act composed of seven people, who have selected the most popular parts of several of the operas and give them in a very excellent manner.

Stanley and Wilson Sisters is a man and two women who entertain

with comedy by all three and some good singing and dancing by the women.

Gautier's Dogs feature tricks by these very intelligent animals and features a dog dancing the charleston. A dance must be pretty popular when the animals take it up.

Bill includes a photoplay "His Master's Voice" and a News Reel.

At the Palace today and tomorrow.

Other theaters today offer: "The Haunted House" at English's; "The Goose Hangs High" at Keith's; Corinne at the Lyric; "Wet Paint" at the Ohio; "Wild Justice" at the Uptown; "Waged for Wives" at Colonial; "Torrent" at the Apollo; "Ransom's Folly" at the Circle; "The Checkered Flag" at the Ias.

THE VERY IDEA!

By Hal Cochran

The new hotel proprietor wished to take worthy precautions against fire—so he insured the place for twice what it was worth.

Maybe the beauty of a fish is only fin deep.

Any husband who holds the purse strings feels that there is no such thing as the sweet buy and buy.

The copper in the cellar peeked.

And watched some fluid bubble.

The man intended brewing wine.

But only brewed some trouble.

You may have your favorite kind, but the best thing to put into your teeth.

The more you contract debt, the larger it grows.

FABLES IN FACT

HE WAS A STRANGER IN TOWN AND WAS HAVING A TOUGH TIME FINDING THE STREET HE WAS LOOKING FOR. PERIOD. IT SO HAPPENED THAT HE CAME TO A CORNER WHERE FOUR DIFFERENT STREETS BRANCHED OUT AND HE GOT SO FUSSED TRYING TO DECIDE WHICH ONE TO TAKE COMMA. HE TIE UP TRAFFIC PERIOD. A COP TOLD HIM WHERE TO HEAD IN PERIOD. (Copyright, 1926, NEA Service, Inc.)

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