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RIVAL CITIES

Why not make Indianapolis a third entry in the unique contest proposed by Cincinnati and Cleveland?

Those two cities are so proud of their city government and so pleased with results that one has challenged the other to a definite comparison as to which one has really done the most for its people in the past six months.

One points to a reduction of tax rates, an increased efficiency of the street department, better service from police, a reduction of crime.

The other points with pride to municipally operated plants for light, to a great airport, to a business management in which no tribute is paid to politicians and no suggestion of favoritism or pull is to be found in the handling of city contracts or the activities of the police.

Each one has done so much for the people it serves that they are not matching faults but comparing good deeds.

Just what would Indianapolis have to offer if some one had the temerity to suggest that it also parade its official record since the first day of January and claim the blue ribbon for service to the people?

What would Mayor Duvall offer to make the people of this city glow with pride of achievement?

Would he say that the police department is beyond control of politicians, that its officers do not temper their justice with a fine wisdom of the will of a political boss, that the law is enforced with even hand?

Would he even dare to say that officers have not been jugged about and demoted and promoted at the suggestion of politicians?

Would he point to better paved streets and the handling of contracts on the same basis that a great corporation handles its affairs?

Could he point to better service and lower cost to the people, and the elimination of politics from the actual operation of the government?

Would he call attention to his park board and give the real reasons for putting a relative on that board?

Would he like the Nation to rejoice with him in making city government a family affair?

Perhaps some of his supporters may have suggestions as to why Indianapolis is a better governed city than these two Ohio cities which are getting better service and reducing their taxes.

They may believe that the way to run a city is to have a boss in the background who is not in politics for his health.

Factories looking for sites take notice of tax rates and efficiency of city government.

These two Ohio cities have a strong argument for new industries when they do upon the November elections, have been refused renominations.

The boast of Watson, a boast which will be represented by the voters of his own party, is that the organization which he heads was able to control the primary of his party and that it stood for Newberryism, just as it stood for other things.

It is rather insulting to the rank and file of the Republican party of this State to suggest that it approves of the methods of Newberry, of the corruption of elections, of the purchase of Senate seats.

It is not true and can never be true that the men and women who are Republicans from principle and not for gain would approve such methods of political control.

It is not true that the people of Indiana endorsed Newberryism or even that the Republican party endorsed it.

Had he believed it to be the sentiment of the State and of his own party he would not have run to a cloakroom rather than to vote for a probe of the indecent use of money in recent State primaries.

Watson, if he believed his party and the people of Indiana are committed to the purchase of senatorial seats, would have been there fighting and shouting and voting, not running and dodging.

The Brookhart victory merely reminded the boys of their patriotic duty.

American publicity has reached across the sea to save a soldier threatened with death, because of desertion from the French army.

America would never have known about the case, much less have been able to appeal for mercy, but for the newspapers and the great news services.

Publicity is a wonderful thing, not only for the information it distributes, but for the good it enables men to do.

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Reporters picked up his story in far away Damascus just as they pick up a thousand and one details and his life is saved.

The French have done it artistically, of course, by changing the charge against him from desertion to absence without leave.

Edward Payson Weston, the world renowned walker, was picked up by a New York policeman at 2 Wednesday morning.

He had wandered from his home in Philadelphia and covered the 100 miles without knowing when he left or where he was.

Habit lingers after reason flees.

These restless legs could not be still, though the minutes had failed to guide them. Weston is 88 years old and has been good for a front page story during the last half century. In 1861 as a youth of 23, he walked from Boston to attend Lincoln's inauguration.

In 1910, as a man of mere 70, he walked across the continent.

Who would think that fame could be won by merely walking.

Yet Weston did it.

The man who excels, even in commonplace things, still is a champion.

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Many brave hearts are asleep in the deep, so beware, be-e-e-wa-a-re!

The who hesitates before a railroad crossing isn't lost.

Wonder if there are people in the stars who wonder if there are people on the earth.

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Right to Smile

Tracy

Night Life an Issue
Congress 'Reminded'
Benevolent Publicity
Habit

By M. E. Tracy.

A great issue—shall the night clubs of New York close at 2 o'clock?

Mayor Walker says that is late enough for them to remain open and is in a mood to back up Police Commissioner McLaughlin's order. He says that men and women trailing out on the street in evening togs at 5 in the morning make Bolsheviks of working people.

The New York World says that this is silly, but the night clubs ought to be closed at 2 a. m., because they make too much noise and keep people awake.

David Hirschfeld says that because city officials talk too much about closing night clubs earlier they should learn how to go home earlier themselves.

Night club proprietors say that the 2 o'clock closing order interferes with a big and legitimate business, that they take in something like \$5,000,000 a year, that this money is pretty well scattered through the metropolis and that much of it comes toward dawn.

I give these various angles of the case so that small town and country folks may know what the greatest city is most excited over right now.

It is surprising how the vote of a single State can affect the spirit at Washington.

Republican leaders are really beginning to wonder if the farmer doesn't deserve some consideration after all and unless they go too far, it is probable that even the White House spokesman would hesitate to throw cold water on the idea.

Some people say the fear of the result in November is responsible for sudden change of heart, but this is too unkind.

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We pass laws limiting campaign expenses, but keep up a system that calls for about so much mail, so much travel, so much band music and so much whoop-la.

If a candidate is able to take the necessary cash out of his own pocket, we look upon it as a proof that he is too rich.

If he accepts contributions from the big boys, we look upon it as a proof that he will work in their interest.

The only alternative, unless he is willing to take chances with a moneyless campaign, is to call for a lot of small donations and that is hard on poor folks.

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CITY LIFE VS. COUNTRY

By Mrs. Walter Ferguson.

City people often feel sorry for the small town man. It has become something of a pose to speak of the person from the country as an illiterate, or a moron, or a miserable prisoner. The urbanite frequently considers himself as all wise and all fortunate.

But the fact remains that the man who has always lived in the city is only half educated. He who knows nothing of the physical world of the country and has never experienced the healthy joy of the outdoor life as it exists far from the noise of cities, has missed something that no other existence can give him.

The perfect life should always be begun in the country. There the child may get his first lasting impressions and can store his mind with simple naturalness.

The small town is a step up in the school of experience and the person who has never lived in one should not call himself well versed in a knowledge of human nature. He has never tasted the sweet contacts with his fellow man. There is a closeness and a solidarity about the small town which a city resident seldom senses. There, while you may hate your enemy more cordially, your friends are nearer and more precious.

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