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## KNOW YOUR STATE

INDIANA is peculiarly fortunate in the quantity and quality of its public water supply. Water rates compare very favorably with other States even more fortunately situated as to natural advantages. State laws require periodic examinations of the potability of the water offered for public consumption.

## THE POISON SQUAD

If women of the State are incensed that the leader of the Republican organization, acting for James E. Watson is accredited with an interview in which she claimed the existence of her own private "poison squad," their anger might take a more direct and practical form than resentment against the lady.

True, she has denied the interview. And two newspaper men with much detail and corroborative circumstance, insist that the honor of a reporter is quite as delicate a matter as the veracity of a lady and declare that the interview is correct.

So whether you are chivalrous and believe that she never gave the interview or idealist and trust the reporters, it makes little difference because the big fact remains that a poison squad is just about what Watson needed at the time he was running for the nomination.

It needs but a glance at the way he treated the corrupt practices act and his evasions of it to understand that he could not resent the use of such an organization if needed.

The law controlling expenditures in primaries is designed to make public all moneys spent by candidates.

The theory of it is that every candidate must give to the voters the information concerning the means by which he obtained the votes in his own party.

Publicity is the underlying principle of the law, and a candidate who believes in clean elections and in decent government would, of course, try to give the greatest publicity to his expense account.

When the report of Watson was filed it was hidden in the most inaccessible county seat in the State.

It was filed in the town of English. A trip from the State capital, the center of political information in the State, requires considerable traveling. Most people make it by going first into Kentucky.

When discovered, that report showed only the money spent by the Watson Club after the day that the petition for Watson had been officially filed.

That probably fills the needs of the corrupt practices act of the State. It just as certainly avoids the purpose of that law.

If any proof be needed that Watson was spending money long before he announced, officially, his candidacy it can be found in an interview accredited to him in the Indianapolis News on July 30, 1925, month before that event, in which he announced the appointment of Mrs. Wheatcraft as his personal representative.

In the interview which that manager now denies, there was printed the statement that she had been working for a year for Watson under salary.

The official expense account, probably technically within the law, shows no such expenditure.

It might interest the Reed committee to discover whether others were in the employ of Watson during those same months and how long in advance he had been hiring workers to build up that "magnificent machine" which Motto, his manager, once boasted had 100,000 workers.

Were any of them hired, and if so, how much did they get and where did the money come from?

Watson had always declared for lavish use of money in elections as legitimate. He announced from the floor of the Senate that the people of Indiana approved his vote for Newberry.

He gave his opinion of the sense of honesty and decency of the voters of Indiana in that statement.

Why, under these circumstances, should any one resent the use of a "poison squad?"

Watson has always used methods quite as bad. If the women can stand for his open accusation that they approve of Newberry's tactics, why kick about the whispering women?

## IT'S THE LEAGUE'S MOVE

The betting is about 100 to 1 that the League of Nations never tries to butt into any North, Central, South or Insular American International controversy without the United States' approval, which is precious unlikely ever will be forthcoming.

Nevertheless it was quite an inspiration on the part of General Chamorro, as de facto president of Nicaragua, to complain to the league that Mexico—they say he hinted at this country, too—has been helping Nicaraguan revolutionists' attempts to overthrow the government.

Chamorro, a smooth diplomat, well known in Washington, doubtless was as well aware as the next man that the league would think a long time before defying the Monroe doctrine. However, he placed it in a position where it had to go through some motions.

Technically, from the league's standpoint, he has a strong case—assuming, of course, that he can prove it. The league can hardly save its face without giving due attention to his appeal, and yet, what can it do about it? It would have to resort to force, if worst came to worst.

The league simply will sidestep. It can't do otherwise, no matter what Chamorro proves.

As between the United States and Latin America, the Monroe doctrine is not very popular with Latin America, but as between Latin America and Europe, it is exceedingly popular with Latin Americans.

Carried too far, Latin America might fight it against this country. Let Europe challenge it and they'd be behind it to the last republic. As a neighbor, the Latin Americans are afraid of the United States. As a protector, they know which side their bread is buttered on.

General Chamorro is nobody's fool. He wanted publicity. As a petty president—only de facto, at that—he found difficulty in getting it. By getting

# Tracy

Brennan May Lose Some  
Republican Votes by  
His Referendum.

By M. E. Tracy

George E. Brennan, Democratic nominee for Senator in Illinois, has filed his petition for a referendum on the Volstead act. It covers 17,000 pages and contains 437,000 names, or nearly twice as many as the law requires.

Illinois is one of the few States in which the legality of such referendums has already been decided.

In 1922 when an effort was made to prevent a referendum on light wine and beer after it had been requested by petition, Attorney General Brundage held that the Secretary of State had no choice but to submit the question, and Illinois voted for light wine and beer by more than two to one.

Some Democratic politicians think Brennan has made a mistake in forcing a referendum at this time. It is their opinion that more wet Republicans would vote for him if they had no other way to express themselves on the liquor issue.

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## Which is Worse?

Frank L. Smith, Republican nominee for Senator in Illinois, says through the mouth of a friend that he is going to stay in the race, notwithstanding the fact that a good many Republicans would like to see him withdraw on account of the primary scandal.

He says he is the party's choice by more than 100,000 majority, which is true, and no matter how many Sam Insull paid for and that he is going to see the thing through.

When it comes to the wet or dry proposition, he is not nearly so positive, but permits his friend to believe that he will do nothing to nullify the Constitution.

I leave it to you whether the Constitution is nullified more outrageously by an open, honest criticism of existing law, or by debauching a primary with other men's cash.

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## Ernst on the Line

Speaking of the primary scandals, I spent a delightful hour with Senator Ernst of Kentucky, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, yesterday afternoon.

"I don't know how the rest of them feel," Ernst remarked, "but I am going to hew to the line. I want to keep my seat if elected, and with that in mind I am going to see that the law is strictly obeyed."

Even if he doesn't know how the rest of them feel, Senator Ernst has probably expressed a wonderfully common view.

A lot of the boys are going to "hew to the line" this fall, because of what the Reed investigation disclosed and more especially because of what they fear will be the consequence.

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## Way to Save Time

Smith can stay in the race, but that is not staying in the Senate, even if he does get a majority of Illinois' votes, and that goes for Vare, too.

We can leave conscience out of it, and still find reasons for believing that both will lose their seats.

The Democrats can be depended to vote for ousting them to a man and so can the independent Republicans, like Brookhart, Frazer and La Follette.

While this makes the end of their careers almost certain, it were better to save time and money by choosing clean men in their stead.

Pennsylvania should elect William B. Wilson, the Democratic nominee, and if Illinois sees Brennan as no improvement on Smith, she should put up an independent.

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## The Big Issue

Clean politics is always more important than any issue before the country. There is no use to vote on issues, unless the country has clean men to carry out the public will.

The elevation of issues above character, the support of men because of what they pretend to believe with regard to this or that question and without regard to what they are, is doing more for the political crook than anything else.

A square man who disagrees with you is safer to bet on every time than a trickster who pretends to agree.

In the first place you can't tell whether the latter is lying, and the second, he may cheat the eye teeth out of you in some other manner while you nurse your pet prejudice.

I am for modification of the Volstead act, but I will not vote for a wet who debauches politics.

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## Relation to Crime

We are going to have a hard job stopping crime in this country so long as we put tainted men in office, or permit men to slip in by means of tainted money.

Elections are the basis of republican government, and republican government cannot remain sound if they get rotten.

The first and most important thing to keep clear in these United States is the ballot, and the first and most important man to punish is the man who prostitutes politics.

You can't nullify the Constitution by criticizing it, or any law that supplements it, because the Constitution guarantees you that right; but when you buy or sell a vote, or buy a man who does, you throw a monkey wrench into the machinery through which the Constitution operates.

## POLA'S LATEST NAMED

Pola Negri's latest starring vehicle for Paramount, "Hotel Imperial," is based on the story and play by Lajos Biro and has as its background an episode of the World War hitherto unused on the screen—the Russian drive through the Carpathian Mountains into Hungary in 1915, which ended disastrously for the 17th.

Never before, it seems, have so many young men committed murder. And the more quickly that justice metes death to such cold-blooded criminals, the better off both good and bad of us will be.

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# Irvington School of Music Buys New Permanent Home on E. Washington

## In Opera



Lauritz Melchior

When Ona B. Talbot presents "The Barber of Seville" during her winter season of music, Lauritz Melchior will be in the cast. He is a tenor.

to its graduate, and in the public school musical course, the affiliation between the music school and Butler University gives a university degree to graduates.

Members of the board of directors are Edward Neil, Mrs. Flora M. Hunter, Hugh McGibney and Leslie E. Peck.

NATHAN B. DAVIS, violinist and teacher, has returned from a trip through Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

ESTER HUFF's organ recital at the Apollo, starting at 12:30 o'clock noon, Sunday, will consist of the following program:

March from "Aida" . . . . . Verdi  
"Kashmîr Song" . . . . . Woodforde-Finale  
Waltz Ballad, "Ring-A-Ling" . . . . . Destino Vord  
Overture, "La Forzada" . . . . . Destino Vord

R. M. AND MRS. GLEN FRIERMOOR of the Indiana College of Music and Fine Arts have returned from a trip abroad and Scroon Lake, New York.

R. BOMAR CRAMER of the Indiana College of Music and Fine Arts has just returned from New York City and Keen Valley in the Adirondacks, where he was guest of Josef and Mme. Lhevinne. Mr. Cramer had a number of lessons while there, preparing to his forthcoming New York recital on Oct. 13.

R. FRED JEFRY has returned from a week's vacation in Chicago, where he attended several operas.

THE contest for free scholarships by the Indiana College of Music and Fine Arts will be held on Friday, Sept. 6. Additions have been made to the faculty in almost every department.

Willard MacGregor, American pianist, who has recently returned from several years' residence in Europe, where he has studied and concertized, will come to Indianapolis to teach in the Metropolitan School of Music and to play in concerts. Other additions to the piano faculty are Mrs. May Aufderheide Kolmer and Miss Marie Zorn, both established local teachers.

Kenneth Gano, local dancer of much renown, having danced with the Chicago Grand Opera Company, the Cincinnati Summer Opera Company and other important engagements, will teach dancing in the school. In the voice department, Benjamin F. Swarthout and Miss Mildred Johns, both well-known local musicians, will be added to the faculty.

Vassell Edgar Dillard and Will Smith, both of whom are connected with the music department of the local public schools, will teach part time in the music school in the violin department. In the dramatic art department new additions will be Norman Green and Miss Norma Justice.

While this makes the end of their careers almost certain, it were better to save time and money by choosing clean men in their stead.

The cast for the former opera includes what they term an ideal cast of Gilbert & Sullivan comedians and singers, including Frank Moulton as Ko-Ko, Charles W. Danforth as Mikado, Charles E. Galagher as Pooh-Bah, the new Japanese soprano, Hisa Kiske, as Yum-Yum, Stella De Mette as Katisha, William Clark as Manki-Poo, Celia Brans as Pitti-Sing and Jean Beverly as Peep-Bo, with Max Hirschfeld as musical director.

THE Metropolitan School of Music will open its thirty-second season Monday, Sept. 6. Additions have been made to the faculty in almost every department.

Cornet and dramatic art contests will begin at 2 p.m. all to be held in the college auditorium. All applications must be presented at the office of the college not later than Wednesday morning, the 8th.

Information regarding the contests may be had at the office.

The scholarships in voice are offered by Glenn Friermoor, Frances Johnson and Fred Jefry. In piano by Bomar Cramer and Eleanor Beauchamp. On cornet by Eleanore Saunders. In dramatic art by Ruth Todd and Clarence Weesner.

A BAND concert will be given Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock by the Indianapolis Military Band under the direction of W. S. Mitchell at Brookside Park.

Harlow F. Dean, Pasquale Montano and Frank Kesler will be the soloists.

The program follows:

March—Supreme Truth . . . . . Jewel

Coronet Solo—The Wandering . . . . . Herbert

Baller Suite—Antony and Cleopatra . . . . . Joseph

Saxophone Solo—Valie Erica . . . . . Wiedoeft

Grand Fantasy from Wallace Opera . . . . . Mossell

Group of Songs . . . . . Selected

Excerpts from Moliere's Comedy "Some

Time" . . . . . Primal

"Reminiscences of a Plantation" . . . . . Chambers

"Star-Spangled Banner" . . . . .

## DO YOU VOTE?

The League of Women Voters