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KNOW YOUR STATE

INDIANA expects to collect a total of eight and a half millions of dollars during 1926 off the 3-cent per gallon tax on gasoline. Thus it is expected to charge a large share of the cost of construction and maintenance of highways to those who use them most, the users of gasoline-propelled vehicles.

THE LESSON OF LENROOT

Outside of Wisconsin probably little interest is taken in the fate of Irvine L. Lenroot, defeated this week for renomination to the United States Senate. National interest has lain chiefly in the question of whether the La Follette forces, under young Bob, would retain the hold of this important State achieved by the elder La Follette. Lenroot, in the national imagination, is a pale personality.

It is worth while to review one aspect of the campaign against Lenroot, therefore, because it illustrates the part played by such pale personalities in our public affairs. There may be a lesson in it for other States.

"Do you remember Teapot Dome?" young Bob asked each of his audiences during his stumping tour against Lenroot. Each time he was met with angry applause. The Wisconsin voters do remember Teapot Dome. They remember the part played by their fighting Senator, the elder Bob, and the part played by their conservative Senator Lenroot.

A four-hour speech by the late Senator La Follette on April 22, 1922, was the beginning of the investigation into the national oil scandal. He called attention to the leasing of the naval oil reserves to the Doheny and Sinclair interests and demanded an inquiry. Ordinarily Lenroot, as chairman of the Public Lands Committee, would have directed such an inquiry, but La Follette suspected Lenroot of indifference and asked Walsh of Montana to take the initiative. Walsh's energy in the matter caused the ousting of Secretary Fall and Secretary Denby from the Cabinet.

Young Bob, in his speeches, told of Lenroot's visit, accompanied by Senator Smoot, to Fall's hotel rooms for a secret conference during Christmas vacation, 1923. Following this conference came that letter from Fall to Lenroot in which Fall said he had obtained a loan of \$100,000 from Edward B. McLean. McLean, under oath later, was forced to admit that he had not loaned this sum to Fall, and the story of Doheny's sending the money to Fall in the famous little black bag came out.

When Walsh went to Florida to obtain Fall's testimony, it was to Lenroot that Fall wired his protest—a cry for help, in fact.

With the Senate aroused over the revelations, Lenroot conferred with President Coolidge. Soon after, with illness as his reason, he retired entirely from the inquiry.

Telling the story, step by step, young Bob declared:

"The record speaks for itself, and it cannot be eliminated as a most important issue in this campaign."

Then he took up the matter of the vote to seat Newberry, whose expenditure of \$135,000 for a senatorial nomination in 1918 was a national scandal in those days of small figures. He quoted Lenroot's speech defending Newberry, just as Watson defended Newberry and still defends his own vote.

Lenroot's course in these two cases unquestionably contributed greatly to his defeat this week.

The United States Senate contains many who have the same friends as Lenroot. They are coming up for re-election. Will Indiana show as much intelligence as has been shown by Wisconsin?

THIS IS THE NEWS

What's the news of the day? Two New York girls, both 12 years old, swam seventeen miles. A woman was killed in Philadelphia when a fire engine skidded and crashed into a window. Dawes has gone fishing again. An expedition, returned from Africa, brings a new kind of ant eater. Mascagni, Italian composer, has cancelled his visit to the United States. The rail strike in Colombia has ended.

What's the news? We find hundreds of such articles. They are common. They come into our homes daily. Among them, recently, are brief announcements of hog calling contests in Nebraska, Texas, and many other states.

While having no bearing upon the trend of important current events, these hog-calling contests are intriguing. They fire our imagination. We picture a man out in the open yelling to his heart's content. We would like to do the same. That's why we are interested.

We wouldn't care to end a strike in Colombia; find a new ant eater in Africa; be killed by a fire truck in Philly, or swim seventeen miles in New York. But we would like to get out and call hogs, or something. We would enjoy relieving some of this pent up emotion which civilization suppresses.

So, that's the news of the day. There are men out in the open calling hogs. We are interested because we would like to be there.

JUSTICE TO JIM

Almost in the spirit of apology, The Times feels called upon to congratulate Senator Watson on his official action.

Perhaps, not exactly an apology, but say rather in gladness to find an act which is logical and true to ties and loyalties to present pleasing contrast to the others.

Very often The Times has been called upon to give to the people the real truth about the activities of the Senator, because it alone of Indianapolis news is free to tell the truth about Watson.

It has, in the spirit of duty to the voters, shown his long list of treacheries to his fellow partisans, how he has contributed, from time to time, to the political eclipse and defeat of Postmaster General New and Senator Beveridge through his personal machine.

Now record for him an act, which shows such tenderness of heart and such fine loyalty to his friends that perhaps many will overlook the past.

The great heart of Watson breaks as he thinks of the two Jones brothers, bootleggers and conspirators, languishing in a Federal prison.

One of these Joneses was the publicity man for

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Tracy

Why Are the Powerful Influences Rushing to Aid the Jones Boys?

By M. E. Tracy

the Klan, and in three years grabbed \$50,000. He was also a prohibition director for Georgia.

The judge who sentenced him said it was an outrageous case, and the Government spent many thousands of dollars on prosecuting the gigantic conspiracy which deluged the East with alcohol.

But Watson appeals for their freedom. He cannot stand the thought of these men in jail.

Perhaps he compares that two years sentence with that of four months given to the Negro who admitted participating in the theft of \$80,000 worth of whisky from the local Federal building and believes that it is too severe.

In full justice to Jim, let it be recorded to his credit that these bootleggers will not remain in jail if his appeal to the powers that be can turn them loose.

His great heart urges him to plead for clemency. His kindness can forgive the criminal, especially the criminal who was smart enough to nick the Klan for \$50,000 in three years.

So if you remember Watson's other acts, which may have seemed callous, chalk up this one to his credit.

When an influential bootlegger and crooked prohibition agent gets into jail, Watson does not let their records interfere with his compassion.

THE PARIS REUNION

This newspaper, several weeks ago suggested mildly that members of the American Legion give a certain amount of prayerful thought to that proposed pilgrimage to Paris next year. We had in mind the state of feeling in France.

More recently we frankly urged that the plan be called off for the present. This was after we had received from William Phillip Sims, foreign editor of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, a further report on the feelings of the French. Mr. Sims lived and worked with the French people many years. He is among people he knows when he visits Paris and his report was not based on superficial observation.

Now we have before us a letter written by Henry D. Lindsley, the first national commander of the American Legion. It is written from Paris. Lindsley had stopped there en route home from Warsaw, where he was a delegate to the meeting of the International Society of the World War Veterans.

He says the proposed reunion in Paris contains possibilities of great good or great harm. He elucidates this. If General Pershing were to head the American voyages, he thinks, the result would be great good. Otherwise—

Well, Pershing's name will be proposed for national commander of the legion at the coming convention in Philadelphia. If he is chosen that doubtless will result in his heading the expedition and the worry of Henry D. Lindsley will be set at rest. We, too, believe the presence of Pershing in Paris would have a good effect.

Still, we renew our suggestion that the legion give prayerful thought to the subject before it finally decides to cross the pond next summer.

UPSHAW OUT

Congress has lost a picturesque figure in Representative W. D. Upshaw, defeated for renomination in Georgia, but hardly an important one, even for the prohibition cause he has championed so militantly.

Upshaw always wanted to see Upshaw. And he was a picturesque figure, with his slender blue-clad frame swinging along on crutches, or sitting on the front row with his red hair waving militantly above the burning eyes and compressed lips with which he always listened to attacks on prohibition.

Those eyes and lips bespeak the fanatic which he was. His speeches were bitter, vulgar attacks on all who dared to challenge the perfection of prohibition. They made as many enemies as friends.

And, it was shown by the Reed committee, he has always taken care to extract the last cent he could for his speeches, from the Anti-Saloon League, for which he had been a paid speaker for many years and the league knew him as a persistent bargainer.

NEWS BECAUSE UNUSUAL

It's a sad commentary on American politics, this United News dispatch from Massachusetts, that Republican women of Wollaston Park have invited David I. Walsh, Democratic candidate for Senator, to speak before them.

That is, because in a country traditionally dedicated to free speech and fairness, willingness of a political faction to hear the other fellow's case is so rare that it becomes real news, big news, and is flashed all over the country.

Repression is recognized as one of the chief causes of insanity, crime, success and contentment.

WHICH IS THE VAINER SEX?

By Mrs. Walter Ferguson

In spite of the fact that we are forever powdering our noses in public, the men excel us in vanity.

For a woman, when she is the peacock variety, always preens herself because of her physical loveliness and does not believe that intrinsically she is above other women.

Men, on the contrary, when they are puffed up with vanity are overcome not so much with their looks, but with their general excellence and superiority.

That they are in reality far more vain than women is proved by the fact that scarcely one of them ever fancies that, once he has married a woman, she could ever look at any man but himself. Whereas all wives are always scared to death because of the fear that their husbands may become enamored of other women.

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"There is no profession in the world," he says, "in which there is more four-flushing, more intolerance, or less unanimity of opinion." That is about what Cleo said 2,000 years ago, and about what the Emperor Justinian said when he reduced the law of his time from 30,000 volumes to one.

How many Negroes are there in the United States?

The last census enumerated 10,463,131.

What are the initials V. D. B. on Lincoln pennies stand for?

Victor D. Brenner, designer of the coin.

How high is Brooklyn bridge above the water?

One hundred and thirty-five feet in the center and 119½ feet at either tower.

He takes his wife's fidelity to him as a mere matter of course, but assures himself that he has been a remarkably fine husband because he has kept his marriage vow.

And you can diagram this fact for him, and yet the most brilliant masculine mind will never be able to see just how you get that idea.

When it comes to real vanity, we women simply can't hold a candle to the men.

Mendelssohn Choir to Observe 10th Anniversary With Big Fall Concert

"Farewell Tour"

THE Mendelssohn choir of Indianapolis will celebrate its tenth anniversary this coming season by bringing to Indianapolis two of the greatest living vocalists, Mme. Rosa Raisa, the world's leading dramatic soprano, and Lawrence Tibbett, the new American baritone star of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Announcement of the bringing of these two artists to Indianapolis was made this week by Arthur I. Franklin, president of the Mendelssohn Club. Mme. Rosa Raisa, who is the leading dramatic soprano of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, will appear with the choir in the fall concert to be given Nov. 22 at Caleb Mills Hall. Lawrence Tibbett will appear with the choir in the spring concert of 1927.

Weekly rehearsals for the fall concert will begin Tuesday evening, Sept. 14, at Hollenbeck Hall, under the conductorship of Elmer Andrew Steffen. Mr. Steffen aims to make the fall program something more than a mere concert—rather a choral festival, to fittingly celebrate the tenth anniversary season.

Two violinists and two pianists will assist at the November concert, in addition to Madame Raisa. The personnel of the singers will be improved and brought up to the full strength of 125 voices—fifty male voices and seventy-five women voices.

The major choral offering will be "A Phantasy on a Russian Folk Song," by Samuel Richard Gaines. This work was awarded the first prize in the international competition offered by the Schumann Club of New York. It is scored for mixed voices in eight parts, with two oboes, two violins and piano accompaniment. It is a picturesquely Russian composition and "epic" of folk-song themes that are heard on the Russian steppes.

The opening number of the concert will be the rendition of Caesar Frank's 150th Psalm. A special arrangement for a second piano part is being made for this work by Samuel R. Gaines, the American composer. The concluding number will be "Ring Out Wild Bells." This composition is scored for mixed voices and two pianos. It was written by Percy Fletcher, one of England's foremost contemporary composers.

In the ten years' history of the choir there has never been a treasury deficit in the organization. The object of the Mendelssohn Choir is to promote fine choral singing and interest in choral art. Over 250 representative men and women of Indianapolis joined the choir last year as associate members. A campaign to increase the associate membership is now in progress. All associate members receive two complimentary tickets to each concert.

The new officers of the Mendelssohn Choir for the season 1926-27 are as follows: Arthur I. Franklin, president; Miss Martha McDowell, vice president; Miss Bernice Church, secretary; Miss Gladys Alves, treasurer; Ernst Theo. Heberlein, Registrar.

The Executive Board is composed of the officers and the following: Miss Eleanor Atkinson, Dr. Jack Rhodes, Floyd Chafee, L. B. Van Orsdel and Humbert P. Uagani. The accompanist is Paul R. Matthews.

The headquarters of the choir are at 216 E. Ohio St., at the Fuller-Ryder Music Company.

Same Old Story

They are feeding commonplace bootleggers bread and water in Nebraska and Wayne B. Wheeler, general counsel of the Anti-Saloon League, has it as a splendid method by which to put the fear of God into the hearts of those who would serve.

When you find people trying to make themselves righteous by law you will find them making an awful mess.

People are capable of about so much goodness. If it runs to lip music, there isn't much left for character.

There is certainly something rotten in places nearer home than Denmark.

Yonkers

IGNORINA GERTRUDE CONTE of the Indianapolis School of Music, offers a scholarship, consisting of vocal lessons, free of charge, from Oct. 1 to June 1 to the singer who shows the greatest possibilities. The contest opens Sept. 7 and closes Sept. 30. The voices are tested by single appointment at the Indianapolis School of Music. Please notice new location is 5657 E. Washington St.

This is the third scholarship Miss Gertrude Conte has offered. The first two were very successful and both

were given to the same person.

This Test Covers Variety

This test covers a variety of subjects. If your information covers many different fields you will have a good average. Check your answers with the correct list on page 14.

Cave Woman Stuff

One woman sues another in Los Angeles for alienation of her husband's affections—as if the affection that could be alienated were worth anything—and the other woman replies by a challenge to "put on the gloves."

What does all that amount to but cave man stuff, or more accurately, cave woman stuff?

Some Ancient History

An English scholar discovers that old Archimedes was really the father of Cubist art because he invented a game to be played with fourteen blocks of wood of various shapes, the idea being to assemble them in such ways as would form the greatest number of pictures.

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