

\$500,000 STATE LOSS LAID TO BUYING 'SNUBS'

Several Government Units in Indiana Hit for Plan of Purchasing.

Charges that approximately \$500,000 is lost to the State annually through failure of various units of township, county, municipal and State government institutions to purchase products manufactured by State penal institutions, are made by Henry Roberts, State sales agent.

Instead of purchasing Indiana prison-made products at a great saving, these various units are buying State manufactured goods.

"If the institutions used our goods they would pay indirectly into the coffers of the State \$676,021.

\$476,621 to "Outside" Firms

Records show that these units of State government at the present time are only purchasing approximately \$200,000 worth of these products annually from the penal institutions. This amount, deducted from the \$676,621 spent on the purchase of staples each year, leaves a total of \$476,621 of merchandise patronage which unlawfully goes to outside sources," Roberts charges.

"Indiana prison-made products are at least 25 per cent cheaper than any other merchandise sold in the State, the amount that the units lose in not taking advantage of this low priced merchandise is approximately \$119,155, which excess is naturally borne by the taxpayer.

Prison Also Loses Profit

The three penal institutions also lose their small profit which would be applied to keep them on a self-sustaining basis, and which would also tend to relieve the taxpayer of the burden, which, by strict enforcement of the law requiring purchase of prison made goods, would be lessened.

"If the twenty State institutions, with their 15,769 inmates, the ninety-two county poor asylums with 3,535 inmates; ninety-two jails with 1,263 inmates; twenty-eight county hospitals, twenty-three county orphans' homes, more than 5,000 schools; four colleges, 100 city government buildings, ninety-two courthouses, State capitol and annex; ninety-six school buildings, erected each year, would purchase necessary commodities from the State penal institutions, the State would receive approximately one-half million dollars yearly and would keep the penal institution factories operating at capacity.

Wide Range of Products

No State, county or municipal unit need purchase brooms, mops, buckets, coal hods, rugs, waste and laundry baskets, furniture, mattresses, pillows, toweling, flags and banners, shoes, work shirts, underwear, brick or building tile and even tobacco from outside sources when they are all provided by the penal institutions.

"Officials are not obeying the law as the records show and the prosecutors must not permit such laxity," Roberts said.

LOCAL STUDENTS CAST FOR I. U. 1928 SHOW

Indianapolis on Road Itinerary to Begin Late in March.

By Times Special

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Feb. 20.—Jane Bird, Wilhelmina Herdrich, Betty Mackey, Virginia Metz, Jean Miller, Charles Dant, Braxton Jeffries, William Adams and Creed Fisher, all of Indianapolis, have been selected as members of the 1928 Jordan River Revue, Indiana University's annual all-student musical comedy production.

The 1928 edition of the show will be staged in Bloomington, March 12, 13 and 14, and the following week will be taken on a road trip with stops at Lafayette, Ft. Wayne, Muncie and Indianapolis.

The cast of principals, comedians and soloists will be announced within the next few days by Director L. Ivan Boxell of Marion. The sixteen-piece pit orchestra, which will also be used in a feature number on the stage, will be announced next week after the usual try-outs, by Fred Tengeman, junior, Bluffton, musical director of the show.

Is Thirty 'Deadline' in Love?

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eral generations, a racial habit of sexual precocity. The city will continue to stimulate desire, and to discourage marriage; everything will hinge upon that.

Promiscuity will increase, and women will achieve the "single standard"—by imitating that of men. Men will have many loves, and live through them; and then, at 30 or so, they may marry. An increasing number of them never will marry at all.

Here at last we touch our original question; can marriage, postponed till 30, ever be a real love marriage, ever anything more than a marriage of convenience with the banker playing the role of the father? Can a man love at 30?

Doubtless he can lose his head in the heat of desire; there is no age that is safe from infatuation, and Goethe at 70 could propose to a girl of 16. But could he have fallen at her feet in adoration? Could he have surrendered to her his Olympic egotism and lost all thought of self in devotion to her?

Could his love be no more itching of the flesh, but a hunger and thirst to do services to the loved one, to be near her and feel the warmth of her presence and her comradeship?

Perhaps this full flush of love, more spirit than body, more devotion than desire, comes only to the young and middle age seldom known to us; except for one who has been loved from early years through all the fluctuations of desire and through all the vicissitudes of fortune. (Our question is not whether love dies at 30, but only whether love in its full flower can come to a man of 30 for a woman whom he has not loved before.)

It is a pity that when such complete love comes it is not permitted in our cautious days, to lead the lovers into a marriage that shall be a vow burned in with the unstinted emotion of youth, rather than a physiological partnership entered upon with the cold rationality of middle age, under the inspiring supervision of an alderman.

WALSH TAKES LAST RAP AT POWER TRUST

Stock Juggling, High Rates Charged in Utilities Industry.

By Times Special

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—A picture of stock juggling, inordinate prices for independent plants and excessive rates in the public utility industry with either the investor or consumer paying the bill was laid before the Senate by Senator Thomas J. Walsh just before it voted to refer his proposed investigation to the Federal Trade Commission.

Foreseeing defeat, Walsh took advantage of the last hour before the vote to pour into the record much of the documentary material he had intended to produce at the hearings for investigation.

"I have been accused of having imperious views," Walsh said in conclusion, "but when I think of the mass of evidence that has come to me during the last six months, the nature of which is shown by these examples, I feel like saying in the classic language of Lord Clive: 'I am surprised at my own moderation.'

Stock Fraud Charged

In discussing securities, Walsh quoted Secretary Mellon's estimate that \$1,700,000,000 annually is taken from the public by stock frauds. He cited the Democratic platform plank that declared war on such practices.

Walsh turned to the ever-increasing consolidations in the power industry.

"I am informed on the most reliable authority," Walsh said, "that one of the organizers of these great power combinations has cleaned up within the past two or three years something like \$200,000,000. Of course, either the stocks sold to the public have nothing back of them better than water or air, or else the people of the country are obliged to make up the amount in the excess rates which they are obliged to pay."

Stock Prices Phenomenal

Walsh disclosed how the prices of stocks in the great holding companies had soared in the past few years. From 1921 to 1925, American Gas Company went from 49 to 179; American Light and Traction Company went from 112 to 249; American Water Works and Electric Company went from 6 to 200; Midwest Utilities, the Insull Company, went from 24 to 112 and the North American Company went from 46 to the almost inconceivable figure of 687."

During this time, Walsh said, the cost of producing electrical energy dropped greatly, but there was practically no decline whatever in the support price. Prices of other commodities dropped 60 per cent.

but a small minority; let us step out from the center of our greater cities, and we are at once in another world, a world in which there still are homes.

Possibly our world will conquer and absorb that one, drawing all the country magnetically into cities, and all the cities into the new life and the novel code. But perhaps the family and the countryside will win; perhaps we of the cities are ultimately sterile, and flourish now only because of the health and vigor that flow to us in every generation from the village and the town.

Let that stream run dry, and we shall face again the problems of reproduction and continuance; the species will assert itself anew against the individual; love once more may mean marriage, and marriage, children. We are sports and freaks, and the race may pass us by.

It is just possible that when we are gone posterity will not care to imitate us, and that the world which we make, heavy with wealth and bright with young ideas, will be inherited by the children of those who stand aside from us today, looking with doubt upon our great cities, and with hostility upon our less joy.

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