

WHIPPING POSTS FOR INDIANA URGED BY GRAND JURORS

ADVOCATE LASH AS CRIME CURB; ONE IS OPPOSED

Beatings Recommended for Deserters of Wives and Children.

NO. IS COLLINS' VIEW

Punishment Certainty Is More Desirable Than Severity, He Says.

BY MORRIS P. MOORE

The Marion County grand jury went on record today officially as favoring a return of the old-time whipping posts—as a crime preventive.

Five of the six members of the inquisitorial body told newspaper men they favor such method of punishment, particularly for wife beaters, wife and child deserters and for the younger criminals of a more serious nature.

It all started—this outburst of the five—when someone found a clipping from a Delaware newspaper setting out views of leading jurists and officials of that State defending the whipping post as now used.

Only One Against

Foreman E. J. Gausepol, 2363 Broadway, and Harry Cross, 5335 Ohmer Ave., took the lead, while the one who is against such corporal punishment is George S. Cottman, 336 N. Ritter Ave.

James E. Fisher, 18 E. Fortieth St., sides with Gausepol and Cross rather vociferously, while John S. Ellenberger, R. R. H. and James W. Haworth, R. R. O. the two remaining members, nodded silent acquiescence.

"The fear of the thing we must instill," said Cross. "We have about sixty wife desertion cases here a week," added Deputy Prosecutor William H. Shaefner.

Costly to State

"We can indict, have them arrested, and the court can exact a promise that they'll pay up, but they skip again. The county does not have the funds to chase down each one."

"They can seek refuge in neighboring States and it would cost Indiana from \$50 to \$100 each to return them here."

"When they are placed in jail, certainly they can not pay, and while there, the families suffer even more."

"A good, sound lashing, inflicted not in public view, but in the recesses of the jail, would go far to minimize such cases. It does no good to put them in jail. They would fear the stinging tips of a long whip."

Called Dark Ages Relic

Cottman differed with the other five, seeing the whipping post as a revival of "a brutal sort of punishment that failed in the dark ages."

"Hard labor would be far better, as a deterrent to crime," he said.

Criminal Judge James A. Collins also differed with the grand jury. "Certainty of punishment, rather than severity, is needed. Speedy trials rather than corporal punishment will deter crime," Collins said. "The whipping post in Indiana would be a step backward in our civilization."

Such a drastic change in the criminal code would necessitate action by the legislature.

Mrs. Ethel Simons, 736 Bosart Ave., former president of the Kendall Dramatic Club, has been appointed director of women's activities of the Independent Voters' League, of which William A. Boyce, Jr., city clerk, is president.

When Miss Indiana Is Crowned Queen—



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like these members of the Circle ballet when they are crowned in The Times-Indiana Bathing Beauty contest.

Rink's is awarding a complete afternoon frock and evening gown to Miss Indianapolis Saturday

night in the Indiana ballroom and the same kind of outfit to Miss Indiana May 7 in the Indiana theater.

Em-Roe Sporting Goods Company will give each of the two champions a Bradley bathing suit and cape like the ones shown in this picture.

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