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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way."

Finish the Job

If there were reason, and there were many good ones, for Republicans who respect the traditions of their party and demand decency in public office to drive Coffinism from the public schools and the city hall, there are twice as imperative and compelling motives for finishing the job by driving it from the county courthouse and the state legislature.

Coffinism first made its appearance as Stephensonism. It is a system, not a personality. It is a viewpoint of government which is opposed to public affairs.

Coffinism cares nothing for party principles, but demands loot.

Coffinism is founded upon the theory that the stub pencil and the complacent election official form a majority at election.

Coffinism believes in padding pay rolls with useless political workers and denying funds to the indigent, the needy, and the aged. The monstrous condition at the poor farm, where old men whose only offense is their poverty are tortured by privation as they wait for death, is the logical result of Coffinism in power.

Coffinism betrays the people to the privileged interests and sells their birthright for private or political gain. In every instance in which the people of this city or of this state are being pillaged by utility buccaneers the privilege of looting the people has been delivered by Coffinism.

Coffinism ever stands in the path of progress. It was Coffinism which overthrew the will of the people of Indianapolis in their desire for the city manager form of government. Is it too much to say that Coffinism asked and obtained the weird decision of the supreme court by which the people were denied the form of government for which they had voted six to one?

Coffinism depends for its power upon control of a party label. It depends upon the loyalty of men and women to traditions and ancient principles. The real principles of Coffinism are those of the racketeer.

Coffinism is more than local, it exists in Lake county, incubator of perpetual election frauds in importation of manufactured citizens.

The people of Indianapolis, and especially the Republican men and women who have a real respect for the good name of their party, have made three valiant and winning fights against this evil.

The first was the magnificent uprising in a demand for the city manager form of government. Denied that, the people drove Coffinism from the public schools and banished it from the city hall.

There remains the last fight, to drive this system and this viewpoint from the courthouse. That accomplished, there can be competition in decency between the two political parties.

Should Coffinism win, decent Republicans must continue to blush in shame and apology for the low estate to which has fallen the party of Lincoln, of Roosevelt and of Hoover.

Sniping in Our Schools

The time has come for city school officials to inform Indianapolis parents whether tattling has become an approved part of the curriculum and whether teachers are making an organized effort to develop a generation of super-snipers.

On several occasions recently, parents have complained to The Times that a petty spy system apparently had been instituted in grade classes, children being encouraged to tell of the misdeeds, imaginary or otherwise, of their mates.

Now comes a teacher at Shortridge high school who quizzes his pupils on the contents of their parents' basements, with especial stress on any beer or wine that may be cached therein.

It is time to call a halt to the rising tide of sniping, tattling, and spiteful talebearing in our schools. It most emphatically is not the business of any teacher, whether the father of any pupil may or may not have in his basement.

If any teachers wish to be dry agents, their proper course is to resign from the teaching service and become full-fledged spies for Uncle Sam, instead of remaining in the classroom, trying to drill their pupils into an army of peeping toms and squawkers.

Teachers are paid to maintain discipline, as well as to impart knowledge and to teach their young charges how to be good citizens. It is no part of their duty to build up an organization among their pupils akin to a police force or a toy Pinkerton agency, to aid in enforcing discipline.

When the parents of today went to school, tattling was the unpardonable sin. The talebearer, to use the parlance of the street, usually received a justified bust in the nose from his victim or the latter's playmates, a paddling from the teacher, and another from the parental hand when he reached home. But that was before the days of prohibition by "divine guidance."

The father who has been in his cellar may or may not be the proper guardian for a child. Many of them unquestionably are not. But it may be said also that many others who do have brew in their basements are as good fathers as you could find in a day's search, endeavoring to rear their children to be honest, decent, God-fearing citizens.

In any event, the teacher shall not be the judge. That is a matter for the law to determine, if occasion arises.

From any angle, sniping and talebearing as an approved practice in public schools is deplorable. No child can have any more valuable attribute than sturdy self-respect and sniping certainly is not

M. E. Tracy SAYS:

In Spite of All Our Crook-Proof Systems, Some of the Boys Keep Right on Putting It Over.

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE (O.) is a pretty town. You'd like it, especially at this time of year, when its streets are afame with autumn leaves. Also you'd know that the people who live there like it by the way they keep their houses painted and their yards in order.

We were tempted to stop long enough to pass the time of day, if nothing more, but Columbus was only forty miles behind, while Cincinnati was thirty ahead, with a couple of detours in between.

So we compromised by jogging slowly through the business district, noting the spiffiness of the parked cars, the neatness of the shop, and the atmosphere of complacent self-sufficiency which pervaded everything.

What we really sought was a bank, a bank with sealed doors and, perhaps, shuttered windows, a bank that went out of existence five months ago, a bank that had given Washington Court House lots of advertising when the brother of its president became attorney-general of the United States, and that promises to do more in the same line, now that its president has gone bankrupt and been indicted on fifty-eight counts.

But either that bank was on some other street, had been disguised by a new tenant, or we missed it.

Just as well. Such a bank does not belong in such a town, yet who can efface the memories it conjures up, or the chronic weakness for which it stands?

Small Town Tragedies

LIGHT or nine years ago, Harry M. Daugherty was a tower of strength in the political affairs of this country, not only as a member of President Harding's cabinet, but as one of the President's closest friends. Brother Mal shone in his reflected glory, and, as any other town would have done under the circumstances, Washington Court House claimed a little of the spotlight for itself.

Then came the crashes and scandals, one after another, in quick succession; not so bad as they have been painted in certain racy books, perhaps, but bad enough, and to spare—the still unexplained tragedy of Jess Smith, the exposure and downfall of Forbes, the upheaval over Teapot Dome, only to mention high spots.

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The Crooks

BUT Washington Court House must not feel it has any mortgage on the vagaries of human nature, as represented by Mal Daugherty and the Ohio State bank, because Cincinnati is revealing in the same kind of stew, though with no Washington connection.

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We Find a 'Better' Way

OUR grandfathers had an idea that character was the safest bet, and that more could be accomplished by training children to be honest than by trying to make them honest, without training.

We think we have found a better way. In our estimation, personal responsibility, especially as it involves personal punishment, is only some more mid-Victorian tommy-rot.

Our conception of personal uprightness is something that can be manufactured, peddled at so much a pound and warranted not to rip, tear, ravel, or run down at the heel, through efficiency system and mass regulation.

If a child is naughty, we punish the whole class, on the theory that the class will make him behave properly. If we discover a careless driver, we hang up another rule for all drivers.

It's an intriguing scheme, chiefly because it enables those in responsible positions to pass the buck.

Off on Wrong Foot

LET us be up to date in our ideas, by all means, but, also, let us not get so enthusiastic over that phase of it as to close our minds to the significance of results.

You must carry your own climate with you into the frigid solitude; you must take along the gulf sea, a few potted plants and a cluster of canaries when you are elected and your thoughts will flow gently as sorgum.

But if you are not capable of self-buffaloization, you never will be an evergreen of the ether; you will be an iron man, offering mineral wool to far-flung customers who desire velvet utterance.

If you must "work" at it, you are a total loss, but if you can be natural, then you are wearing the golden slippers.

That is, if you have anything to say. A lot of people have microphone fright, just as many fine actors have stage fright.

BUT to get back to the radio—The announcer leads you into the studio and pointing, says: "There are more than two million people in this room!"

After the first impact of this utterance, you look around and regard the statement as slightly exaggerated because you see nobody but the announcer.

He means that two million people, scattered over the map, are on the line.

He makes the announcement, then nods to you and you are it.

You start in a strained voice which you never heard before and you start to look under the piano to see who is butting in.

Then you "get easy" after a little while and it's a thrill to the end.

You resolve to be gay, light-hearted, and nonchalant next time, but maybe you won't.

A READER.

There Are Two Sides to Every Question

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BOTH SIDES!



DAILY HEALTH SERVICE

Liver Helps in Anemia Control

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THERE is another condition in which the destruction of the blood is fairly constant and its formation apparently deficient. It comes on usually after middle age and apparently is associated with any demonstrable infection of the teeth, or the tonsils, or any similar disturbance.

Among the early symptoms are disturbances of digestion, apparently associated with a lack of hydrochloric acid in the stomach. There is weakness and breathlessness; there may be a loss of appetite and severe headaches.

Obviously, one of the chief factors in the diagnosis of the condition is the study of the blood under the microscope. When the cells are counted it is found that the red blood cells are reduced greatly in number whereas the red coloring matter of the blood apparently is increased.

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cells, indicating the attempt of the body to form a sufficient number of cells to overcome the conditions.

Fortunately, in recent years studies have been made which are useful for control of this condition, which formerly was almost invariably fatal.

If the blood has degenerated so greatly as to bring about a serious condition, it is desirable to give one or several blood transfusions to bring him to satisfactory

status.

It is, of course, necessary to provide many blood cells begin to form promptly, and it has been discovered that the blood contains a definite measure of new blood formation.

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In 1850 many authorities felt that the wave theory completely was established by the work of Fresnel and Foucault on the speed of light.

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Daily Thought

Be thou faithful unto death.

Revelation 2:10.

There can be no faith so feeble that Christ does not respond to it.

—Alexander Maclaren.

How many suspenders are manufactured annually in the United States?

In 1927, 1,350,476 dozen pairs, valued at \$