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GARY HAS A DEATH TRAP.

Gary has a wicked death trap in the Madison street crossing of the Michigan Central railway tracks. A few weeks ago a foreigner was killed there and this week another man had the narrowest possible escape from being tossed into eternity. These two accidents have called the attention of the town board to the serious phase of the situation. They know that the crossing is the worst death trap in the city and they have discussed the crossing in view of ameliorating the danger and making the death trap one of comparative safety to the people of Gary who live south of the Michigan Central tracks as well as many others who are compelled to travel the route in reaching their destination.

Owing to the fact that there are no outlets south in any other streets, except Madison and Broadway, all traffic must pass under the viaducts of the Gary and Western railroad on these two thoroughfares.

President Knotts, bringing up the matter in its true aspect, said that the only way that these crossings could be made safe would be to maintain gates as well as watchmen. This alone would obviate all danger. If there is any other way that this can be done, save by the passage of an ordinance compelling the railroad to place the proper protection at the crossings, people would like to know what it is. Of course it is only a matter of a short time when the Michigan Central will be forced to elevate its tracks, but it is imperative that the danger at these two points be lessened immediately. It is hoped that the wise city fathers will take some action at their meeting next Tuesday afternoon.

MR. MARSHALL BESET BY JOB HUNTERS.

The persistency with which the hungry and the thirsty dog the footsteps of Governor-elect Thomas R. Marshall, driving him to his home in Columbia City to seek refuge from the importunities, is remarkable. Mr. Marshall has asked to be let alone long enough to recuperate from the arduous campaign he not long ago finished, yet the clamor of the hundreds who want a piece of the pie, is giving him no rest.

It is a fine thing to be governor of Indiana, yet Mr. Marshall no doubt feels that it has its drawbacks. The horde of politicians who are seeking appointments is enough to embarrass any successful candidate for elective office. As Mr. Marshall stated repeatedly in his campaign, he is going to give Indiana an administration free from frills and furbelows and it will not surprise anyone if he does not cut off some of the state board and jobs that the hungry and thirsty are casting sheep eyes at these days. Many of the office seekers and job hunters are going to be sadly disappointed.

SULENTICH'S PITIABLE STORY.

The story of Stanley Sulentich, the alleged Gary embezzler, which was told yesterday will excite the pity and the compassion of the most hardened. If it be true even that Sulentich has offended against the law and humanity, he has paid dearly for his crime in the loss of his health. It gives one a feeling of horror to think that a man in the possession of robust health and ambition to the highest degree should become a wasted victim of tuberculosis because he was incarcerated for seven months in a jail, supposed to be merely the abode of those charged with crime but not proven so. That the alleged embezzler will live after he is released from custody is doubted by his physician and a glimpse at his wasted form and his sunken face is enough to scour the idea that he has long to live. The disappearance of the witnesses against him and the failure of the prosecution to bring Sulentich before the bar at an early period, together with the condition of the prison in which he has been incarcerated are a sad commentary on the way we do things.

Justice is indeed blind.

HIS FRIENDS ARE INDIGNANT.

IN ONE OF ITS JEJUNE AND VENOMOUS JEREMIAS, a Hammond paper, said by some to be the organ of the democracy, assails the Times because it published the exclusive story that friends of Hon. Johannes Kopalke were advocating his candidacy for the United States senatorship. These friends all over the state in general, and in Lake county particular, will be extremely interested in learning that it is "rapping the democrats" to speak kindly of the fact that Mr. Kopalke's candidacy was considered by them. They express indignation that such shabby treatment was accorded the distinguished gentleman in an effort to belittle their work for his interests.

The dolorous trade published by the paper is all the more ridiculous in view of the fact that the Times is in receipt of a communication from the Hon. Johannes Kopalke thanking it for its word of appreciation.

DOES IT NEED NEW POLICIES?

Judge Parker, the distinguished democrat who ran for president on the democratic ticket in 1904, is quoted as saying that the party needs new policies. Just what Mr. Parker means by this statement is hard to tell. For the past eight years the democratic party has, it would seem to most people, been burdened with too many policies. It has had a new policy changed as often as the little girl of old used to change her pinnafore.

What the democratic party needs is some new leaders instead of new policies and it will never be much of a party until it does get leaders who really lead.

ALL THOSE WHO find their names in the published list of contributors to the democratic national campaign fund can hardly rectify the omission now. The list is closed and that seems to be the little joker attached to the publicity program of the democrats. Yes, be patient, Alexander, the republicans are getting their list ready.

THE SWEET AND LOVELY MAXINE ELLIOTT

Maxine Elliott who is well rid of the hauseating Goodwin, has only proven her worth by remaining single after she had been divorced from him. It is indeed refreshing to find an actress who doesn't wed the next day after she secures her separation papers.

IF MESSRS. BRYAN AND KERN BOTH ARE, SENT TO THE UNITED STATES SENATE, PERHAPS IT CAN BE ARRANGED SO THAT THEY CAN SIT TOGETHER OR IN CLOSE ENOUGH PROXIMITY THAT THEY CAN DECEIVE THEMSELVES THEY ARE OCCUPYING THE WHITE HOUSE TOGETHER.

STAR GAZERS WHO like to get up early and take their own telescopes with them can see a beautiful sight these nights. Jupiter and Venus are so close together that we suspect they are holding hands.

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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SPECIAL FAVORS TO THAW.

Harry Thaw killed a man.

He was saved from the electric chair by his plea of insanity and the expenditure of \$700,000 in high priced lawyers, experts, etc. He was finally declared insane.

During his stay in jail he had special accommodations and enjoyed many luxuries refused to the ordinary jail prisoner. In the lunatic asylum where he was sent he was given comparative freedom and was served with many dainties.

Then Thaw was released from the insane asylum by a writ of habeas corpus.

He was taken to jail, where the privileges granted him became a constantly increasing scandal.

Thaw had an entire floor of the jail to himself, with thirteen cells for his bedroom, half a smoking room and dining room. His meals were served by a private caterer; he had flowers, books and magazines in profusion.

Besides—

This degenerate Pittsburgher with sybaritic tastes enjoyed frequent automobile rides—ostensibly on business—excursions to the referee's office, court hearings at White Plains, etc.

And all this was done under the legal fiction that he was "a dangerous lunatic with homicidal tendencies," but really—

BECAUSE THAW HAD PLENTY OF MONEY.

No poor man could have had such privileges and attentions. For the ordinary prisoner—the narrow cell, the iron cot, the coarse food, the gruff orders.

Now, such discrimination is not only subversive of justice and wrong; it is impolitic and DANGEROUS.

It tends not merely to break down prison discipline; it outrages every sense of justice.

When you show the poor man that equity is denied him in the courts because the rich man can hire able lawyers, when you show him that money will buy special privileges and immunities from prison officials, privileges denied the poor prisoner, you foster class consciousness and strike a body blow at Washington's republic.

The nauseous details of the Thaw trial carried contamination and moral danger. The story of the special favors granted this weakminded murderer is even more dangerous socially.

ANXIOUS READER.—You can lay ten to one that we will advise you when Hanly starts out of the state for his chautauqua career. Bill.

A wife never realizes what shocking bad taste her husband has until she begins to get a good view of his affinity.

CARNEGIE'S HEROES.

The following conversation is reported from the canal bank at Port Dundas:

"Did ye read about Carnegie's plan to reward folk that risk their lives? If a man dis some extra brave thing, instead o' a sully maddal he'll get a reward f' Carnegie. It's a very gld scheme."

"It is jist. It might be sicht better nor wrukin'." I'll tell ye whit, ye'll gang along the canawh there, an' trip over a rope an' tum'le in. I'll rush up an' save ye. Carnegie wid stump up the tune o' maybe a hunner pounds."

"Ay, maybe."

"Then I wid hauf the proceeds with you."

"No bad!"

"Whit dae ye say tae try it?"

"Ach, naw! It's ower caul the day."

—Glasgow Herald.

IT USED TO BE SAID THAT THE BEST PEOPLE WENT TO CHURCH; NOW IT LOOKS AS IF IT WAS THE BE-DRESSED WHO WENT.

The religious sect which has dew baths for its feature can have all it wants of them these days.

THE TROUBLE WITH ONE CLASS OF SOCIETY IS THAT IT TRIES TO LIONIZE TOO MANY BOARS.

Something is wrong somewhere. It was Mr. McTurnan's turn to be elected today, and Mr. Aley's tomorrow.

IN POLITICS

The next Pennsylvania delegation in congress will consist of twenty-seven republicans and five democrats.

One of the surprises of the recent election in New York City was the poor showing made by the socialist candidates.

Jonah Kalaniananole, republican territorial delegate to congress from Hawaii, was re-elected, but his plurality was considerably less than he received two years ago.

One of the surprising features of the recent election in Utah was the overwhelming defeat of the American (anti-church) ticket in Salt Lake county.

Congressman William P. Hepburn, who was among the republican members to go down to defeat, has represented the eighth district of Iowa for twenty years.

Carroll S. Page, the new United States senator from Vermont, is a for-

UP AND DOWN IN INDIANA

BAPTIST BECOMES METHODIST.

The Rev. William Spencer, who for a year was pastor of the Baptist church in Connersville, and recently resigned on account of friction among some of the members, has entered the Methodist ministry. The Rev. and Mrs. Spencer have disposed of all their household effects and have gone to Toronto, Canada, their old home, where Dr. Spencer will begin his evangelistic work.

CHURCH WORKER COMPROMISED.

Elijah Harrell, 54 years old, of Marion, once a justice of the peace of Washington township, and for several years an active church worker and superintendent of the Sunday school, who is on trial in the circuit court accused of attacking a 12 year old girl, was on the witness stand today, and admitted the charge.

SMOKERS ARE ROASTED.

Severe blows were struck at the tobacco habit at Earlham college, in Richmond, today by Professor Elbert Russell. Among other things he said: "No man is a gentleman who smokes in the presence of others. Women of ordinary self-respect will not welcome the company of those who use tobacco. The use of tobacco is a selfish luxury."

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Among the well-known Masons to be present is Hon. Daniel McDonald of Plymouth, Ind., past grand master of the grand lodge of Indiana. A banquet will follow the work of the evening.

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