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WHAT ONE MAN THINKS OF LEGISLATURES.

Do legislatures cost too much money? Would it be possible to get along without them? Well, a Lake county man, who is not a politician, but a business man, and who is well posted on current events, evidently thinks so. He says: "Many states have abolished annual legislature sessions on account of the expense. They save \$10,000 every other year by having biennial meetings of their legislatures and they seem to get all the laws they need. We do not need such large legislative halls where men gather to do tasks like school boys for a few months and rush measures through by trickery, or delay other measures by parliamentary strategy. I believe our legislative chambers should be open practically all the time and a corps of clerks kept on hand to do the routine business. Members should be permitted to attend the legislature and introduce bills just as lawyers go to court to make motions. All speeches and bills should be printed and furnished to members whether they are present or not. Every member should have the right to vote on all measures by mail and not be compelled to attend meetings for the purpose of voting for bills which are of no interest to his constituents. Such a plan would remove all necessity for extra sessions and it would be impossible to either jam laws through or delay others for political purposes."

Impossible, you say? Well, perhaps, but isn't there sound sense in some of his arguments?

DEAL WITH BOTH, PARENTS AND BOYS.

The question of what shall be done with lads of foreign birth, who come to this country and particularly North and Calumet townships with their parents, to prey upon the public, is one that needs attention. Unaccustomed to the parental neglect with which in dealing with these cases, the authorities are bound to come into close contact, the problem is a weighty one for them to solve. In Hammond, Whiting, East Chicago, Gary and Indiana Harbor examples of juvenile depravity and inborn criminal instinct have become all too prevalent within the past two years. If Lake county needs anything badly, it needs a juvenile court where these cases may be properly dealt with, and truancy officers, well enough paid, to keep a weather eye open for these young delinquents, who ought to grow up into good citizenship instead of criminal tendencies. This district needs a juvenile officer of mature years, but not too old, who can handle the cases properly that come under his attention. In making truant officer appointments these things should be gravely considered.

A CRITICAL PROCEDURE.

Very few people realize what a terrible financial wreck could be brought upon this country by disturbing its railway systems. It is amusing to hear the advocates of government ownership talk about the way the government could handle "our roads." These people have not the slightest conception of the number of roads traversing the United States. There are nearly fifteen hundred different roads and with all the brain and skill and money of our modern captains of transportation, they have been unable to get the 220,000 miles, which these fifteen hundred companies control, subdivided into less than fifty-seven systems. Now, how would the government ever be able to accomplish what the smartest men in the land have not been able to bring about? Another thing which would have to be considered is the immense amount of money invested in roadbeds, depots and rolling stock. As a matter of fact, our government is, with all its resources, too poor to own 220,000 miles of railroad. There are a lot of minor evils in the railroad business that need correcting, but above all things, it would not do to tamper with a thing which, if stalled in its natural course of progress, would ruin the country.

WITH THE ADVENT of a prosperous-appearing baseball league in the Calumet region and a brand new athletic club in Hammond, it begins to look as if the athletic side of life in these parts is not to be neglected, which is certainly not to be sneezed at.

THEY SAY THE price of milk is going up, by the way now, if they boost crackers, the butchers have got us again. We begin to realize what this problem of life is.

A CELEBRATED BOTANIST picked a lot of mushrooms and after eating found they were toadstools, which goes to show that a botanist cannot bot every time he starts botting.

MODERN PHILANTHROPY has reached the stage where it seems to be giving away something which you don't want in return for the popular favor which you need in your business.

IN THE UNITED STATES and Canada there are 22,898 newspapers and in the entire world only 60,000. Where all the editors work, Heaven alone knows.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

November 27.
James H. Cummiskey.

1785—Henry Wheaton, a noted authority on international law, born in Providence, R. I. Died in Dorchester, Mass., March 11, 1848.

1809—Fanny Kemble, famous actress, born in London. Died there Jan. 15, 1882.

1850—Hardin Bigelow, mayor of Sacramento, Cal., died of cholera.

1861—General McClellan ordered the observance of the Sabbath in all the camps of the United States army.

1868—Sir John Young appointed governor-general of Canada.

1874—Proposal made for an exclusive mail train to run between New York and Chicago.

1895—Alexandre Dumas, fils, died in Paris, Born July 28, 1824.

1905—Edward VII gave New York Yacht club cup to be raced for by American yachts.

1906—Fine of \$13,000 imposed on the American Sugar Refining company for accepting rebates from the New York Central railway.

THIS IS MY 59TH BIRTHDAY.
James H. Cummiskey.
James H. Cummiskey, commissioner of public works of Prince Edward Island and one of the prominent men in the public life of that province, was born Nov. 27, 1849, in Port Augustus, P. E. I. He was educated in the public schools and in Prince of Wales college. He taught school for several years and in 1872 entered commercial life. In 1891 he was elected a member of the legislature. His election, together with the return of another liberal member, gave the liberals a majority and overthrew the conservative government, which had been in power since 1878. In 1897 Mr. Cummiskey was elected speaker of the legislative assembly, a position he held for seven years. He was returned at the general elections of 1897 and 1900. In the latter year he was appointed commissioner of public works. In recent years Mr. Cummiskey has been acting premier of Prince Edward Island on several occasions.

**ADVERTISING MAKES MANY IM-
POSSIBLE THINGS POSSIBLE.**

**Heart to Heart
Talks.**

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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ONLY A DOG STORY.

This is a true story about Tommy and his pup, mostly about the pup.

The pup was Tommy's understudy. When Tommy was glad, the pup rejoiced as to his tail. When Tommy was sad, it was mournful to note the decorous grief of the pup. In disposition they were twins, Tommy and the pup, in every expedition comrades.

Ah, the rare friendship of a boy and a dog!

But a capricious fate separated the pup from the boy forever. Tommy disappears from this chronicle. Remains the pup.

LOST DOG.

Defected, drooping, obsequious, tail furled and fearful, this pup's very manner invited the small boy's hurried brick and his tan with pebbles in it.

Comes along a boy. This pup brightens perceptibly. Something of the old selfhood shows in him. He sniffs at the boy's heels. The boy, imperator, kicks at the outcast, who deftly dodges. The dog is pariah—all the world against one common, ornery, disheartened yellow pup.

But the moods of a dog are not long moods.

A diversion appears. A street arab rolls a ball along the sidewalk toward another arab. "Hi!" says the pup to himself, "here's something worth while." With flaunting tail he bounds after the ball. Every drop of his sporty dog blood is a-tingle.

The children flee. The pup barks and jumps after them in great glee. What fun for a yellow pup! How nice of the children to scamper so and scream with delight!

BANG!

The policeman's wicked gun cracks, and Tommy's pup is of no more use in this world—as a pup.

The moral of this tale?

Oh, any old thing—the lesson of poor dog Tray, or of a life misunderstood, or the sting of ingratitude, or the joyous soul of a good woman ruined by a bad dog cry, or any or all of these. This is only a dog story.

**RANDOM
THINGS AND FLINGS**

Weren't you thankful that it wasn't like Thanksgiving last year, and with such prospects in sight?

**Even exercise has to be a fad
before its gets to be popular
with most women.**

Fashion Note.

Mayme Conway is home from Chicago. See what she says about new millinery goods.—Hollandale Correspondence Kendall (Wis.) Keystone.

**When the modern heroine courts
death, she usually does it by
falling in love with some rich old
codger who has been given up
by the doctors.**

If you could only see the Gatun dam you wouldn't blame them for making such a fuss over it.

**Truth is stranger than fiction,
because some of us don't try
to tell it very often.**

It is no use for the members of the Gary Commercial club to feel sure about that Hudson lake episode, the interurban company feels badly enough over it.

**LIKE CURES LIKE, AND IF A GIRL
BREAKS YOUR HEART THE BEST
REMEDY IS TO GET ANOTHER GIRL.**

Shaken to the Foundation.

If you see anything amiss in this issue be kind enough to pass it by, for scribe has been trying to shake his socks off with chills.—Murray (Ga.) News.

**No woman should
Judge a man to be slow
By the length of time that he
Takes to button
Her glove.**

It wouldn't be so bad if you could get rid of all the turkey today, but to have it served up in various shapes until next Sunday is going to far.

**THE PROPER TIME FOR A MAN
TO LOOK OUT FOR FRESH PAINT
IS WHEN HE FALLS IN LOVE WITH
A GIRL ON ACCOUNT OF HER BEAU-
TIFUL COMPLEXION.**

And the next thing is that early shopping for Christmas presents, Aye, forsooth! and what a ruse at the purse-strings!

**Any one can make a flame with
a match, but mighty few can
make a match with a flame.**

**IF IT'S ADVERTISED IT'S WORTH
LOOKING UP.**

UP AND DOWN IN INDIANA

JUDGE MCCLURE RETIRES.

There were but five persons in the Anderson circuit court room at 5 o'clock this evening when Judge J. F. McClure of the Madison circuit court administered the oath of office to Judge-elect Charles K. Bagot, and by that act retired from the bench he has occupied for the last twelve years.

REWARD FOR MURDERER.

A reward has been offered in the Hendren murder case at Greencastle. One hundred dollars has been set aside by the county for this purpose and the interurban company has agreed to give another \$100. The city council of Greencastle at its meeting last night swelled the total to \$300. It is thought the murderer will be found, for this reward will probably interest detectives in the case.

J. E. WATSON PREACHES.

"Let us all be good, honorable men in practicing what our fraternity preaches," said James E. Watson giving an impromptu toast at the sixteenth annual pre-Thanksgiving love feast of Phi Kappa Psi in the Grand hotel last night, in Indianapolis.

SHORTHORN IS \$2,560.

The shortage in the accounts of the Wabash postoffice is \$2,560, according to the results of the investigation made following the disappearance of Claude D. Stitt, deputy postmaster.

WOMAN EDITOR LEAVES.

That a former member of the Douma has been living in seclusion in Elkhart for several months developed today, when Longhen Gerus, a Russian political refugee, was called to Chicago to testify in the extradition hearing of Christian Rodowits.

MODIFY BLIND TIGER LAW.

The officers of the Greenfield Mutual Burial association, which was held by the supreme court Wednesday to be illegal, may conform to the insurance laws of the state and become a state-wide association.

WAS DOUMA MEMBER.

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BOYS STRUCK BY BOLT.

During a severe electrical storm north of Wabash today Forest Trick and Ernest Resine, both 10 years old, were struck by lightning and knocked unconscious. The shoes were burned from Trick's feet and the clothing below the waist from Resine. When the lads regained their senses they could not walk, but crawled a long distance to the home of one of the lads.

VETERAN EDITOR DEAD.

F. T. Luse, a veteran newspaper man of Crawfordsville, was found dead in bed this morning by his son. Mr. Luse was born April 25, 1838, in Indianapolis on the site where the Claypool hotel now stands. He spent most of his life in active newspaper work as the owner and editor of various papers.

DOG KILLS HORSE.

A large bulldog belonging to Benjamin Desom of Evansville, attacked his horse today and killed it. The dog was always kept chained, as he had formed a dislike for the horse. He broke loose, and, running straight to the stable, lunged at the horse's throat.

KIDNAPER GIVEN HEARING.

Mrs. Clara Gordon of Terre Haute, who has been retained in the county jail for the last week on a charge of kidnapping Ada Blasco from the home of Joseph Brown in Anderson Halloween night, was granted a preliminary hearing in police court this afternoon and released from custody.

**THE CREAM OF THE
Morning News**

Jury decides that Ray Lamphere is guilty of arson and he is sentenced from two to twenty-one years in the penitentiary, the jury also ruling that the body taken from the ruins is that of Mrs. Gunness.

Department of commerce and labor issues statistics showing that one of each twelve marriages ends in divorce, and that divorces are over twice as common as forty years ago and that Illinois grants the most decrees.

Five million dollar art collection by the late Charles T. Yerkes to the city of New York is to be sold under the hammer, and Dr. Janvrin gives up hope of the \$8,000,000 hospital in the will.

Six lives are lost when the steel freighter Georgie ramms and sinks the Finch of the Panama line off Sandy Hook, one frightened woman clinging to the rail of the sinking ship despite efforts at rescue.

Situation of Ohio German Fire Insurance company grows worse; creditors to get only about 25 per cent.

President Roosevelt speaks at the laying of the corner stone of a building we hope to become a sort of municipal Madam Yale, removing a pimple here and hairpin there until this city of ours shall be fair to look upon.

The city beautiful idea has had more successes during the last six months, since the organization of the Hammond Business Men's association, than it had in all of its history before. That is not saying that there has not been some progress along that line.

In the matter of street signs. The city officials blundered into the false economy of permitting a local painter to put up signs bearing the names of the streets and also carrying with them about four columns, eight inches of advertising space. These signs are a reproach to the city beautiful idea and should the city be plastered with them it would be nothing short of a calamity.

If we might be permitted to digress to the extent of allowing the city beautiful idea to include the city comfortable idea, we would suggest that the city officials at once enforce the awning ordinance.

There is an ordinance which provides that all awnings shall be at least eight feet from the sidewalk. At the present time there are about four-fifths of the awnings beneath the prescribed limit.

The city officials hesitate to compel the business men to raise their awnings for fear it will make some of them angry which would doubtless be the case, but they should also take into consideration the long suffering public.

Have you walked down the street and had a wet awning slap you in the