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**HAMMOND HOPES THEY WILL REPEAL IT.**

If Governor-elect Thomas Marshall and the coming session of the legislature will wipe out the metropolitan police law, there will be general rejoicing in a number of Indiana cities that during the administration of Governor Hanly have, frankly speaking, been harassed with the law. There are some good features in connection with the statute but there is one paramount evil one that has been hard to swallow and absolutely indigestible when it was swallowed.

Hammond people have been sick and tired of being screwed down under Governor Hanly's thumb and squirming whenever he pressed it down. Hammond is one of the cleanest cities in the United States and there is absolutely no reason why it should be ruled through a telephone receiver or by a telegram from Indianapolis. Hammond can keep its morals clean and hold up its head without any assistance from Hanly.

In connection with the desired repeal of the metropolitan police law, it is pertinent to see what Governor Hughes of New York says on the subject:

"I hope the time will come, and I believe some day it will come, when we shall not attempt to prescribe the petty details of government for our different communities. I hope the time will come when we shall give them in a charter the general rules which will assure the maintenance of a proper general system of administration and leave them to work out their own salvation and to develop their local citizenship by dealing with their own problems."

How could it be expressed any clearer? But Governor Hanly has no doubt by this time seen the folly of his trying to be a savior to Indiana cities, when he couldn't rule his own Lafayette.

**NINE OUT OF TEN.**

The Marion Star hits the nail squarely on the head in the following:

"The next time the Century have a scoop the magnitude of the kaiser interview, they will probably run it, be the consequences what they may. At the request of the German government the Century people suppressed its sensational interview with the kaiser in the interest of the peace of nations and the common good of the world. What's the result? Almost every newspaper on the globe worth the name, those of Germany being possible exceptions, have printed an outline of it, printed in a form doubtless even more objectionable than would have been the interview given as a whole. It's the same old, old story. Every newspaper in the land has been served the same way. The newspaper gets hold of a good news story and then this interest and then that, comes in and wants it suppressed, giving one reason or another why it should not get into print. Then what happens? Nine times out of ten, the very parties who seek to suppress the story, will immediately go out of the newspaper office and tell the story themselves."

**SPEED THE GARY-CROWN POINT ROAD.**

The optimism of the people of Crown Point at the proposed Crown Point-Gary interurban railroad, manifests a good deal of significance. The desire of the county seat to get interurban connections with the north part of Lake county shows how deep it realizes the benefits that will accrue as well as the necessity for it. The road must come in time and the willingness of the business men of Crown Point to get electric connection with Gary is worthy of a reciprocal feeling on Gary's part. It behoves the officials of the steel city to lend helping hand and do everything in their power to facilitate the venture. It must come in the near future, and to take time by the forelock and rush the project, is certainly no mistake. If the promoters of the road are acting in good faith, and there seems to be no visible reason to doubt their sincerity and faith, let the good work go on.

**A FEATHER IN THE CAP OF THE ST. ANDREWS SOCIETY OF GARY!** All power to it! The canny Scott is a valuable asset of this land. The quaintness of his dialect, his thrift and dry humor are to be welcomed. The strain of his blood is helping to make America the greatest nation in the world. We reiterate: More power to the St. Andrews society!

**THE UNOFFICIAL NEWS** that new postmasters are to be appointed in East Chicago and Whiting shows that Congressman E. D. Crumpacker has parted with two more troubles that have harassed him for some time. The selections he has made are wise ones and the people of the two cities are giving him the proper credit.

**GIVE BATLING NELSON CREDIT!** He certainly deserves it. If our little neighbors, Hegewisch and Burnham, had more men of his indomitable spirit and tenacity of purpose, they would be all the better for it. His seeking to improve his native city is praiseworthy in the extreme. It needs it badly enough.

**IN PROVIDING HAMMOND'S** new athletic club with new quarters and in giving their equipment both A. Murray Turner and M. M. Towle, Jr., have shown themselves to be generous and public-spirited citizens. It is such men as they who make life in a town worth living.

**THIS DATE IN HISTORY.**  
December 2.  
1554—Ferdinand Cortez, the conqueror of Mexico, died.

1697—St. Paul's Cathedral, London, first opened.

1794—The United States concluded a treaty with the Tuscarora, Stockbridge and Oneida Indian tribes.

1825—Dom Pedro II, emperor of Brazil, born in Rio de Janeiro. Died in Paris, Dec. 5, 1891.

1848—Ferdinand of Austria abdicated and was succeeded by Francis Joseph.

1852—Louis Napoleon became emperor of France.

1868—Loretta, a small town in California, destroyed by an earthquake.

1879—Steamer Borussia of the Canada and Mississippi line, founded at sea, with loss of 200 lives.

**THIS IS MY 68TH BIRTHDAY.**

John Herman Converse, a leader in the auspices of the Presbyterian church.

**Heart to Heart  
Talks.**

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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**FIRST TRIP TO THE CITY.**

That was a long time ago. Down at Libertyville the sun sometimes seemed to stand still. The community golf was easy going. Everybody worked; nobody hustled. Everybody knew everybody. Grown men went barefoot on occasion. Libertyville was slow.

When you got off the cars in the big city the atmosphere of Libertyville was yet about you.

My, how people raced! Surely they were going to a fire. Would the procession never pass by? They do not sprint that way down at Libertyville.

Then how knowing you got. You would hide your verdancy. Meantime, poor boy, every motion, your garments, your gait, gave you away. Even your speech betrayed you. Before you took two steps you were spotted as country bred.

You couldn't keep the wonder out of your eyes; you couldn't even keep your mouth closed. It was not Sunday, yet everybody was dressed up! Your feet had known nothing but country roads. Here everywhere you went the pavements covered the whole roadway.

You "rubbered" at the tall buildings. Here was a new sky line. Down at Libertyville Jones & Co.'s "trade emporium"—the pride of the town—was only two stories, with the "opera house" upstairs. Here were great plate glass windows, big as the front of Sim's barn. And street cars!

Oh, it was all gloriously new! Why, here's the place where father's Tribune is printed. There's a truck load of soda boxes same as in mother's pantry—which makes you a mite homesick.

Not a soul knows you.

And the boys of your age—here are some of them, just out of knee breeches, trading on the curb near the board of trade and talking an unknown jargon. What a gulf between these smart chaps and you!

And the swinging bridges and the lake craft and all the marvels that made Libertyville speak!

That was long ago.

Now the city ways sit easily upon you. At Libertyville you would have followed a brass band for half a day. Here you do not even go to the window when the military band crashes by.

Brick walls and stone pavements and elevators and a stuffy office and a desk piled high—seldom is it quite cleared up—ar you really of the same soul stuff as that illusional, lonesome, tow-headed head?

And yet—

How your tired spirit goes back to the dear days of Libertyville, where the folks were all "so happy and so poor!"

**RANDOM  
THINGS AND FLINGS**

The mails are loaded with holiday mail catalogues. Moral—Do your Christmas shopping in your home town.

**WHEN A MAN CAN'T GET THE BETTER OF A WOMAN IN AN ARGUMENT HE SHOUTS AND THEN THINKS BECAUSE OF THE NOISE HE HAS MADE THAT HE IS THE VICTOR. SIMPLETON.**

No Posies Wanted.  
A man who is owing us a little bill said he would call last week and pay us if he was alive. He still appears in the street, but as he didn't call, it is naturally supposed he is dead and walking around to save funeral expenses. Please omit flowers.—Anderson (S. C.) Intelligencer.

A lined forehead more often betokens worry or a fretful disposition than deep thought.

The Springfield Republican says that the use of the bath is increasing. Wouldn't think that if you got on a car going out to the Standard district in Hammond about 5 p.m.

**THE WORST TROUBLE A CHILD EVER HAD IS A LOT OF GOODIES WITHIN REACH AND ABSOLUTELY NO PLACE TO PUT THEM.**

Hang the News.

Any shortage on our paper this week must be looked over, as we are putting a partition in our office to make it more comfortable for winter. Fuel is high, and we must economize, you know.—Canon (Ga.) Echo.

**There.**  
Is nothing  
Which is not  
Ordinary to some people  
From revolutions to weather.

There seems to be an awful ado because the New York World has retracted a statement. Funny! Nobody makes any fuss when we take anything back.

**It is funny how popular a girl with brothers is with other lasses.**

Hard-working actress says that a millionaire beat her and stole \$8. It's strange that some men can't see money

**UP AND DOWN IN INDIANA**

**ASK FOR NEW TRIAL.**

Attorneys Worden and Weir of LaPorte, for Ray Lampphere, who is serving a term in the state prison, having been found guilty of arson last week in connection with the burning of the Gunness house, today took an appeal to the Indiana supreme court after Judge Richter had overruled a motion for a new trial.

**SHOOTS TO SCARE BOYS.**

Prosecutor J. F. Cooper of Kokomo will reopen a case against Homer Phillips, arrested Sunday night for shooting Claude Detrich in the shoulder. Phillips says the shooting was intended to frighten the boys who were "guying" him while on a street corner.

**IS GUILTY OF MURDER.**

Fearing that a jury might send him to the scaffold for his crime, Fred Casel of Indianapolis, colored, has offered to plead guilty to murder and take imprisonment for life as his punishment. A plea of guilty in the face of such punishment is so rare that the case has attracted much attention about the court house at Indianapolis.

**OFFICIAL FAMILY COMPLETE.**

Mrs. Lou Stagle of Columbia City, stenographer for the law firm of Marshall, McNagny & Clugston for the last three years, has accepted the position as stenographer to Governor-elect Marshall. Mrs. Stagle is a native of this county and is an expert at shorthand.

**ALL CARS STOP THREE MINUTES.**

In respect to the late James E. Murdoch of Lafayette, president of the Evansville & Southern Indiana Traction company, operating the Evansville street car railway and the Evansville & Princeton traction line, Tuesday for a period of three minutes, from 10:30 to 10:33 o'clock, all cars on the local lines will be brought to a standstill.

**PLAN BIG GAS PLANT.**

Plans for a large artificial gas plant to be erected in Anderson by the Union Gas Light and Fuel company were brought here today by President M. M. Robertson of Cincinnati.

**without having a brainstorm and thinking it belongs to them.**

**IT MAY BE TRUE THAT THE LORD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES, BUT IT IS A CINCH THAT NOBODY ELSE DOES.**

The almanac season and the ubiquitous calendar are almost upon us with both feet.

**THE CREAM OF THE  
Morning News**

The manufacturers of the United States report that prosperity is steadily, though slowly, returning and that conservatism in business deals is the ruling spirit.

City of Pine Bluff, Ark., seemingly doomed by a flood, is refused permission by the war department to cut a new channel for the Arkansas river that would save the town.

John Allan White, a graduate student at Yale university, crushed by study, leaps from cliff 400 feet high at New Haven, Conn., to instant death.

Revelations concerning an alleged secret agreement between the Standard Oil company and the Peoples Gas Light and Coke company of Chicago are hindered at the hearing in New York by the poor memory of John D. Archbold.

Widow of Dr. Frederick Rustin, the Omaha physician who met a mysterious death, testifies that his dying words were "a man shot me."

Four men board crowded street car in New York and rob passengers.

Rehabilitation of the Episcopal Cathedral of St. Peter and Paul, in Chicago, is determined upon by the sons of Bishop Whitehouse, its founder, as a memorial.

Sudden appearance on the books of Chicago Municipal Court Clerk Galpin of the interest entry which caused a clash between the court clerk and Chief Justice Olson clarifies the situation.

Eight times in succession the state of New York has been carried by republican candidates for governor and four times in succession has it been carried by republican candidates for president. Before 1895 New York was the most doubtful state politically in the country. From 1895 up to that time there had been democratic governors for twenty-three years and republican governors for thirteen years, while in presidential campaigns the state had a habit of switching from one party to the other every alternate election.

The November elections in Porto Rico for representatives to the insular legislature and the naming of other official positions in a sweeping election for the unionists, the republicans being unable to carry a single legislative district. The two chief features of the unionist platform are demands for autonomy and for relief from the trammels of American tutors placed at the heads of their departments. They claim the right of statehood without further delay, or to be given independence under American suzerainty.

Fr. Wayne—Mrs. Louie Slagle, stenographer in Governor-elect Marshall's office, was yesterday morning in the Boone circuit court on a charge of having attempted to buy the vote of William C. Maddox prior to the recent election. The trial will probably not be concluded before Wednesday. The hearing is before special Judge Joseph Claybaugh of Frankfort.

Lebanon—David Custer, a republican worker of Jefferson township, was arrested yesterday morning in the Boone circuit court on a charge of having attempted to buy the vote of William C. Maddox prior to the recent election. The trial will probably not be concluded before Wednesday. The hearing is before special Judge Joseph Claybaugh of Frankfort.

Bonville—In the election contest

proceedings here yesterday, before the board of county commissioners for the office of county recorder, Sidney Carter, republican, who at the recent election was declared elected by two votes, over his opponent, Eli Goad (democrat), was admitted to have gained two more votes by both sides. The trial will probably last until Thursday.

Newcastle—The question of whether

Henry county will buy the seven voting machines used at the recent election, will come up before the county commissioners at their December meeting.

The machines gave good satisfaction.

The proposition submitted to the

commissioners was that they could pay

a rental of \$50 for each machine, or

could buy the lot for \$700 each, a total of \$4,900.

In case of the latter de-

cision, there would be no charge for

the use at the last election or the

rental price would be refunded.

Crawfordsville—The tariff will be

thoroughly revised at the coming session of congress, declared Congress

man William E. Humphrey, who is

visiting his father, Frank Humphrey,

and his sister, Miss Edna Humphrey,</