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CANDIDATES BALK AT NEW LAW.

One of the most heated campaigns in the history of Indianapolis has practically reached its end and on Thursday it will culminate in the first primary election under the new law, at which candidates for mayor, city clerk, police judge and members of the city council will be chosen. In accordance with the new law both parties must hold their primaries at the same time and places.

The campaign just drawing to a close was characterized by an unusual scarcity of good candidates of recognized ability for the mayoralty, and it is asserted that the new primary law is directly responsible for this state of affairs. As the law now stands it becomes necessary for every one who wishes to become a candidate for any elective office to pass through the hardships and defray the expense of two campaigns, one for the nomination at the primaries, the other for election. Business men of ability and men of affairs cannot afford to go through two campaigns and for that reason could not be induced to stand for nomination at the coming primaries. Of course, there must be candidates and, if the men of prominence and ability refuse to run, there are enough professional politicians and small men of inferior ability, who are only too anxious to become candidates and to fight for their election and should it require four campaigns instead of merely two.

In the present case the result has been, it is charged by business men opposing the new primary law, that most of the candidates, on both sides, are of an inferior grade and are believed to be wanting in those essentials that would reflect honor upon the city. The candidates, knowing that they had no favors to expect from the business men, sought the support of the professional ward workers and party hustlers, to gain their object. There seems to be every probability that the first nominations under the new law will be made not by the men who pay the taxes, but by those who care nothing for consequences so they get to shake down the plums.

A PAVING PROPOSITION THAT IS TO BE RECOMMENDED.

The county is doing its part toward locating East Chicago on the automobile map. It has contracted to improve with macadam the unpaved sections of Forsyth avenue, which is the logical through course for machines East bound out of Chicago,—namely from the state line to Whiting; from Whiting to the Northern boundary of East Chicago and from 151st street to the southern boundary line of the city. The city council has ordered its engineer to prepare plans and specifications for the improvement of the road from 145th street to 151st street. This link of what is destined to become a continuous boulevard from Chicago to the many arteries leading toward the big metropolis from the east and south, it is plainly the duty of the property owners to improve, if it is improved at all. It seems, however, that there is doubt whether the ordinance providing for the pavement will be passed. It appears there are remonstrances in store which threaten to kill the measure. Some of the property owners who have frontage along the thoroughfare between 145th and 151st street, have been hard hit by special assessments of late. Others have not, but do not care to shoulder the burden of extra taxation, any how. From a standpoint of public spirit purely, it would seem a pity to defeat the measure. As a business proposition, it likewise recommends itself. A through stone highway from Chicago, on, which would obviate the necessity of traffic of all descriptions from points north and west of East Chicago, having to go around by way of Hammond in order to enter that city, could not fail to be of benefit to the business interests of East Chicago, and the property owners who are planning to thwart the measure, would in the end profit most directly by the improvement.

OUST THE UNDERWORLD FROM LAKE CO.

The flotsam and jetsam of the onetime Gary underworld, have no place in Hammond, East Chicago or Whiting. They will do well not to stand upon the order of their going. Lake County doesn't need them. There place is with the element in Chicago from whence they came. The police of the various cities where they have appeared since being deported from Gary will hasten their departure and make it known to them very vigorously that they are persons non gratae. It will be useless for them to stay in this region, or to ever come back to it. The reform wave will not ebb and flow. Gary is purged of vice and vicious resorts. No citizen of Gary who has the good of the community at heart, will ever want to see the indescribable scenes of shame that have occurred to ever be repeated. It is impossible, of course to institute and carry-out reforms without hurting some one. Threats of revenge are idle. Boycotts are boomerangs. The criticisms that are being vented on this paper and its employees are many. They are regrettable because in the long run, they will be regretted by their authors. Vice should never have any upholders, but it is one of the remarkable things in this world that there are those ostensibly possessing decency who will do battle with those who are fighting the forces of evil.

A MAYOR WITHOUT A SPINE.

The mayor of Gary did not enforce the laws because the saloon keepers had bought real estate on payments and "needed the money" which they could make by operating blind tigers and otherwise ignoring legislative enactments. Burglars and holdup men ought to add this plea to their theory of defense. A noble precedent the Gary mayor has established. The founders of the town tried to abate the crimes due to liquor by putting anti-saloon clauses in titles to lots, but the saloon crowd, of course, bought up suburban lands and immediately set about to destroy the purposes of the founders. They can not or will not keep their hands off other men's enterprises. We hope, if necessary, that the militia will be used to protect Gary, not against the saloon keepers as such, but against law-breakers and the mayor's spineless course. The new town might as well be started right—even if it takes the militia to do it.—Indianapolis News.

TWO MORE LOSE LIVES.

Two more souls were hurried into eternity, yesterday, in Lake County by drowning. The circumstances were tragic. One man fell out of a boat through its rocking. A second life was lost by a boy falling off a pier into the water as he was watching men drag the lake for the body of the first drowned man. It seems to be utterly useless to warn people to be careful when they are on or near the water. Fourteen lives have been lost already this season in this region and it is just about half over.

WE CERTAINLY congratulate the Wrights on their victory over the air and their acquisition of \$5,000 cold plunks from Uncle Sam, but it takes a good deal of pleasure out of the thing to know that they have not invented an airship, that we could in the course of time come to buy with trading stamps.

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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COUNTRY GIRL IN THE CITY.

"To stay at home is best." You may quote the homely old adage in vain to the girl whose ambitious dreams lure her away from the country place or the village to the city. And often the girl who stays at home envies the girl who goes away.

Distance lends enchantment to the view. The dream of city life is like a glittering pageant in the shifting kaleidoscope of the girl's aspirations. She sees only the bright lights.

More and more the city swallows up the pure womanhood and manhood of the country. Already more than half of the people of the United States live in cities, and the proportion grows yearly larger.

This is how it is: The girl of town or country grows tired of teaching district school or clerking in the village store or staying on the farm. She goes to the city to realize her dream of life.

At the first she is delighted—enamored of the glare and glitter. Here, she thinks, is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things seen in her visions.

Then comes disillusion.

The awful loneliness of the crowd comes upon her. The sordid surroundings of her cheap boarding house, the comparison of her frumpy dresses with the tailored suits of well dressed women—these things lead to heartaches and wretchedness. She is a stranger in a strange land.

Poor lassie! If she is made of strong moral fiber she will come through it all and save her womanhood and self respect, but she will also grow a little callous of heart and mind. In opposing her selfishness to the sordid selfishness of her world some of the bloom of innocence is likely to disappear.

If there is a weakness somewhere in her moral armor her very virtues of innocence and trustfulness may lead to her undoing.

To stay at home is best.

To be sure, it is quiet down on the farm or in the village, but the monotony is as nothing to the aching loneliness that comes in the midst of strange crowds. And there are a fullness of happy comradeship and a friendliness of contact among the home folks that are never to be found elsewhere.

Besides, should the country girl be able to win her way in the city and save her soul, what has she gained over the home life?

Experience; that is all.

To stay at home is best.

SHUCKS

From the Diary of Si. Lence

Jess Schrecker's got a remarkable range o' voice, "Tother evenin' Marin' me heard her sing frum th' orchestra pit and yestiddy durned if she wusn't piping out from the choir loft. Took my buzz waggin' scounlin' yestiddy an' bought er washin'lin."

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

August 4, 1806—William Aiken, governor of South Carolina, born in Charleston. Died Sept. 7, 1887.

1812—Americans routed by a force of British and Indians at Brownstown, Mich.

1814—A British fleet landed troops at Pensacola, Fla.

1816—Russell Sage, America financier, born. Died July 22, 1906.

1859—William H. Underwood, a noted lawyer, who was leading counsel for the Cherokee Indians in their difficulties with the state of Georgia, died. Born Sept. 13, 1779.

1884—Reception of the survivors of the Greeley Arctic expedition at Portsmouth, N. H.

1886—Samuel J. Tilden, American statesman, died. Born Feb. 9, 1814.

1887—Collapse of the wheat syndicate in San Francisco. Loss, \$6,000,000.

1889—Spokane Falls, Wash., nearly destroyed by fire.

1891—The twenty-fifth national encampment of the Grand Army opened in Detroit.

1900—Jacob D. Cox, secretary of the interior in the cabinet of President Grant, died at Oberlin, Ohio.

THIS IS MY 64TH BIRTHDAY.

Ebenezer J. Hill.

Ebenezer J. Hill, representative in congress from the Fourth district of Connecticut, was born in Redding, Ct., August 4, 1845, and received his education in the public schools of Norwalk and at Yale University. He joined the Federal army in 1863 and served until the close of the war. Returning to Norwalk in 1865 he engaged in business in that city. In the course of a few years he became a leader in the commercial life of Norwalk and was also prominent in public affairs, filling a number of city offices. He was a member of the Connecticut senate in 1886-87, and served one term on the republican state central committee. Mr. Hill was first elected to congress in 1894, and has been seven times re-elected on the republican ticket.

Ask a small boy to do something

and he'll say: "Just wait a moment."

Ask a man and he will say,

"Just wait till next week."

Before you wed the girl she

will impress you as having a

light appetite when you buy

for her, but afterwards, gee,

whiz, how she will eat when

you take her to a restaurant.

Extract from "The Diary of an Outraged Wife." "This morning, by the mail which arrives at breakfast time, came a number of dressmakers' and milliners' bills, and he didn't swear or rant a bit over them. Oh, relentless skies, how long am I to endure this cankering indifference?"

If it was only as hard to har-

row some people's feelings as

it is to harrow some clay

fields.

RANDOM THINGS AND FLINGS

We get free hides, but as clothing will be higher they will skin us anyway.

"THE BACHELORS AND OLD MAIDS DON'T KNOW WHAT TROUBLE IS."

THE TIMES.

UP AND DOWN IN INDIANA

HAVE HAD NINETEEN CHILDREN.

There certainly is no race suicide in the family of John Lipscomb, who resides on a rural route near Richmond. The nineteenth child, a girl, has just been born into this family, twelve of the children being alive. The father of this unusual family is 56 years old, while the mother is 49.

AN ATTORNEY'S TRICK.

Tipton people who have been wanting to say the same words, but were backward about doing so, read with many expressions of commendation the utterances of an Indianapolis minister regarding the welcome of Noah M. Marker, returned bank embezzler, in The Star yesterday. They said among themselves that the celebration following Marker's return was worked up by his attorneys and others interested to make him a strong defense.

BABY EATS FLY POISON.

As the result of eating a portion of poison by his killer, Josephine, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Lipscomb of near Union City was taken ill and died. The little girl pulled off one of the tufts of a fly killer under the impression that it was a flower, which she placed in her mouth.

PREVENT AN ELOPEMENT.

Quick work on the part of the Princeton police following a telephone message from the girl's mother at Oakwood City last evening prevented the elopement of Gertrude Johnson, 15 years old, and Homer Cook, 22 years old, both of Oakland City.

INSPECTORS WERE REJECTED.

With charges of being traitors to their party ringing in their ears, nine republican members of the Indianapolis city council joined with democratic members early this morning to reject the list of inspectors selected by Chairman H. W. Klausmann of the republican city committee to serve at Thursday's primaries.

LABOR LEADER THREATENED.

Matthew Hallenberger, an Evansville labor leader, who has addressed every one of the ear strikers' mass meetings in the last week, received a badly scrawled anonymous letter yesterday threatening him and his home with dynamite unless he sees that the strike is called off in three days.

RESENTED THE INSULT.

Resenting alleged insults uttered by SAID A MAN WE KNOW, THE OTHER DAY, HE HAS A SICK WIFE.

Two Dead Men.

Two men are dead in our little town, and one with money was loaded down; and one was of the good long green; a humble cog in the big machine. Of what avail are the rich man's rocks? They'll nail him down in a costly box; and gorgeous garlands the heirs will bring, and the priest will preach and the choir will sing, and prancing horses will haul the hearse—the price will come from the dead man's purse. But not a mourner is really sad; the eyes may weep when the heart is glad. The dead man never had in his soul another wish than to swell his roll; he lived to gather the shining bones; he pinched a dime till you heard his groans. The other man who has crossed the line, and whom we'll plant in a box of pine, was ever ready to help or cheer when old Miss Fortune was camping near; to help the troubled to soothe their pains he'd go right down in his old blue jeans; to help a neighbor's a pleasure, sure!—and that was the logic that kept him poor. He's dead and gone, and the people grieve, and they shed real tears—not the make believe!

WALT MASON.

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SOME MEN IN THIS WORLD, AND NOT SO VERY FAR FROM HENCE, EVIDENTLY THINK THEY CAN HAVE THEIR CAKE AND EAT IT ALL AT THE SAME TIME.

Oh, Fair One!

Yes, it is often quite possible to become blind from a fall. I. e., if you fall in love the right way you will be blind.

The average girl would rather be in love than be happy.

We know men who have an idea that people consider them frugal and industrious when, as a matter of fact, somebody is always saying of them, "Holy smoke, what a tight-wad."

Ask a small boy to do something

and he'll say: "Just wait a moment."

Ask a man and he will say,

"Just wait till next week."

Twenty years from now we will be flying," said a scientist, lately. Yes, if he is a good boy he may fly; if not he may go where wings won't last.

Mrs. Sage buys site on which will be erected model homes for families of small means.