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RATLIFF WRONG.

Walter S. Ratliff, representative from Wayne county to the state legislature, has declared that he is in favor of doing away with the office of state dairy inspector. According to Ratliff, the public will be in favor of such a move because it is believed the increased price of milk and dairy products is due to too much dairy inspection. Ratliff further states, that dairymen are already putting into effect the reforms advocated for dairies and that the state made will be sufficient to keep the matter going for all time to come without a state dairy inspector.

The Palladium believes that if Mr. Ratliff follows out his intention in regard to this matter and if sufficient other members of the legislature incline his way to secure the abolishment of the office of state dairy inspector, a grievous wrong will be committed against the citizens of Indiana.

In one sense, laws regulating dairies and dairy products can not be too strict for the good of the public health. As far as milk is concerned, it is the greatest food for deadly germs known. Typhoid, scarlet fever, tuberculosis and other germs revel in milk—when they can get at it. And it is for this reason that dairies must be kept scrupulously clean and sanitary, and that there must be laws requiring such cleanliness and officers to see to it that these laws are observed.

The enforcement of these laws may compel dairymen to spend a considerable amount of money for improvements about their places, thus adding to their cost of production and necessitating a consequent increase in the price of their product to the consumer. But for the sake of more healthful conditions in the community and also the enormous sum saved in the aggregate through less doctors' bills and funeral expenses, etc., it is well worth the consumers' while to pay the increased price in order to be more sure of getting the purer product.

It is true, as Mr. Ratliff states, that each county has its own dairy inspector, acting under the authority and orders of the county health authorities, who, in turn, are responsible to the State Board of Health. But that is no argument why the office of state dairy inspector should be abolished. On the contrary, it is all the reason in the world why that office should be retained. If the county health officers become derelict in the performance of their duty regarding the dairies, then the State Board of Health, through its state dairy inspector, is able to step in and right matters.

We would suggest, therefore, that Mr. Ratliff be more careful hereafter and not seek to tamper with measures or offices of the utmost help in guarding the public's health. In fact, we would advise him to conserve all his energies against that day when the democratic majority in the coming legislature may seriously threaten the existence of that law he so valiantly fought for and voted for, the county local option law.

THE FEMINIZATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

The arraignment of the American school system by President Stanley Hall of Clark University, has a familiar ring. All this year and part of last, this gentleman has been particularly vociferous in his remarks on what he calls the "feminization of the schools." In scientific circles Stanley Hall's name is one to conjure with. He is the most eminent psychologist in the particular field which is his specialty: adolescence.

The main points of his criticisms are briefly:

That there are not enough school days in the year.
Teachers are poorly trained, not of a high class and are suffering from dry rot.

The control of American schools by appointive boards means school management by many incompetents.

There is too much legislation concerning education; if it were all enforced it would lead to chaos.

The schools are suffering from feminization, with the result that boys are becoming "sissified."

There is too much paternalism in the general management of schools.

There is to much retardation, in

that too many children are behind grade.
Text-books are poor and are getting worse constantly.

Children are not taught enough good, pure English; they are constantly tending to the use of "slang" rather than language.

Moral education is neglected, whereas something of the kind is urgently needed.

The American public school child has not the physical stamina of former times.

It will be seen that the field has been pretty well canvassed from the parent and the school board to the text-book, the teacher and the child himself, by Stanley Hall.

To the person who would seek the crux of the situation, it is doubtful, if the question of pay does not play a larger role than any other in the teaching problem. Teachers are indeed poorly paid, and the situation is the same from college professor down.

The clergy itself is suffering the same depletion of its ranks that is noticed in the sphere of pedagogy. Young men want to go into business if they have much ambition about them, and so most of the competent men are not to be found, and will not be found in the ranks of the teachers. This being true, it logically follows that women must take their places. The wonder is not that there are so few men in the schools, but that there are as many good ones as there are.

It will only be when people come to realize that the function of the teacher is the most necessary one in our national development, that there will be adequate pay and efficient teachers for the young of the human animal.

Until a sufficient amount of money is paid to secure efficient men, the public must beware how they displace competent women with less competent men teachers. A poor teacher is a poor teacher the world over and a pair of trousers as a qualification for teaching and drawing higher pay is absurd.

Dr. Hall is quite right in saying that there is danger of feminization in the schools, but he must also realize that the most competent teachers at this time are women, and will remain so until there is enough money to get good men teachers. The most incompetent teachers of today are men who have been put into our schools to satisfy the fad for men teachers.

A CONSPICUOUS EXAMPLE.

In this day and generation when muck-rakers abound in plentitude and the papers and magazines are full, not only of stories of the abuses, but the follies of people who have a store of this world's goods, it is refreshing to find that all is not bad in those quarters. While the robe of the federal authorities is reaching under the white bandage which conceals the corruption of the Standard Oil company, another trial is going on at the other end of the country, where the circumstances are slightly different.

The trial of the San Francisco graft cases would not be going on now were it not for the money of a young millionaire in that town named Rudolph Spreckles. The details of the graft and the dramatic climax of the trial, occasioned by the shooting of Heney, the courageous, have rather thrown into the shadow the man who made all this possible.

Spreckles has been the moving force on whom persuasion, threats and attempted bribery have had no effect except to spur him on. The facts are too well known to need comment. But while all this scandal is being unearthed about the holders of great fortunes until the very mention of some men's names has become nauseous to their fellowmen, it is well to remember that here and there, doing good, where the opportunity is afforded, are rich men who use their power, not for greed, graft or mere social exploitation. There are many people who think that the clearing up of governmental plague spoils is a little more commendable, than giving millions to charity and education.

RATLIFF GETS REWARD.

Omer Ratliff has been awarded the reward for information leading to the arrest of Albert Turner, a young horse thief. The reward was offered at Troy Ohio. Ratliff and Patrolmen Lawler and Wierhake appeared as witnesses in the case. Turner was arrested near the Ratliff home.

MASONIC CALENDAR.

Saturday, Dec. 5.—Loyal chapter No. 49 O. E. S., stated meeting.

\$100 Reward, \$100

The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity. Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system, thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving the patient strength by building up the constitution and assisting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in its curative powers that they offer One Hundred Dollars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Exiled Monks' Treasures Found

Discovered in Chicago Warehouse and Consigned to Client Under Fictitious Name—Valued at \$20,000.

Chicago, Dec. 5.—Church robes, tapestries and ecclesiastical antiques which may prove to be treasures scattered when the monks were driven from their seclusion in France have been discovered in the warehouse of a custom broker in Chicago. The goods are said to have entered this country from France some months ago, addressed to one "S. Robinson," in care of the warehouse of Wavem & McLaughlin. Their listed valuation was \$2,500, but recently they were appraised at \$15,000. Their value may, however, be much greater.

Robinson, to whom the goods were consigned, is said not to be known here and is believed at present to be in Europe. The Government did not seize the consignment, but merely ordered it held for appraisement. News of this action did not become public property until today.

While the government agents desire to have an explanation of the apparent discrepancy between the listed and the appraised valuation of the property, no charge of any kind has been made against any one.

SQUABBLE TO END

New Traction Franchise Signed by Board Will Be Ratified.

C. B. HUNT HAS SCHEME.

"If council will refuse to ratify the Dayton & Western franchise agreement when it is brought before council Monday night, then you councilmen will have a chance to square yourselves with the citizens for permitting a traction line to be run through Glen Miller park," is the statement C. B. Hunt is reported to have made to one of the council members.

"We don't have to square ourselves," was the heated reply. "Council sanctioned the placing of the line through the park because a lot of citizens who were opposed to having freight cars run along North Twentieth, North Twenty-first or North Twenty-second streets petitioned us to have the line run through the Glen, and, Mr. Hunt, your name is on that petition."

It is stated that Mr. Hunt then concluded his interview with the irate councilman with the statement that "the petition was a very unfortunate move and much to be regretted."

TWO FIRE ALARMS.

Two fire alarms from box 31, located at Twelfth and South B street, within three hours, called the fire department yesterday to the residence of Thomas Thompson, 1115 South A street and Timothy Wilson, 137 South Twelfth street. No damage was done except to the wall paper at the Thompson residence. At the Wilson home a rubber tube became detached from a "hot plate" and the fire ignited the wall. The loss was about \$25.

QUARTERLY MEETING.

Special Services at U. B. Church Sunday.
The second quarterly meeting for the First U. B. church will be held Sunday night and Monday night. Rev. J. T. Roberts, D. D. of Indianapolis is the presiding elder.

Heart to Heart Talks.

By EDWIN A. NYE.

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THE STATE CUT OFF HIS ARM.

Joe Bulanda, aged fourteen, is a little citizen of Chicago. Joe's right arm was injured. Because of the virus in his blood gangrene set in. The doctors said the arm must be cut off or Joe would die. Joe's father said he would not consent to the operation.

He isn't much of a father as you and I esteem fathers, but he knew Joe would have a hard time to make his way even with two arms. He said it would be better for Joe to die than to lose one arm.

And Joe also objected—said he would rather die. Poor kid! The world he knew was the kind that always pushes a boy down.

Here the state of Illinois stepped in. It got an order from the court ordering Joe's arm to be amputated.

So the big state forced Joe on to the operating table. The boy fought the doctors and the nurses. They smothered him with chloroform until he quit struggling. Then they cut off the gangrened arm.

Now—It matters not about the lingo of the lawyers in this strange case. They said the state of Illinois stood "in loco parentis"—that is to say, the state acted in the stead of Joe's father.

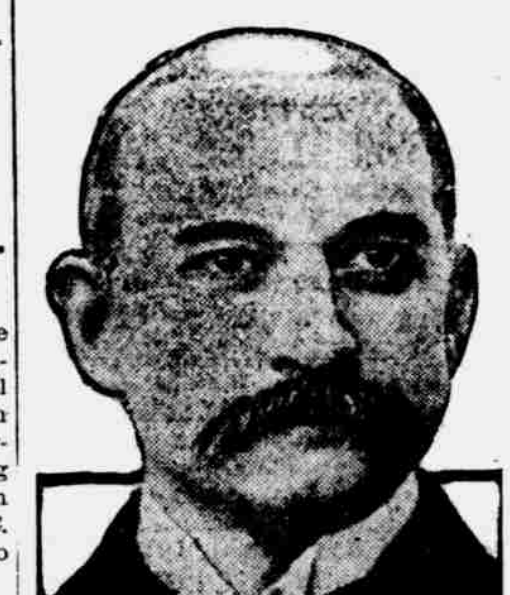
The state did not cut off Joe's arm to defy Joe or Joe's father or to show its power or to punish. It amputated the boy's arm in order to save Joe's life—for Joe's good.

So far so good. But—What had the state—the "we" of Illinois—ever done to keep Joe from poisoning himself physically and morally? It gave him bad air and insanitary surroundings and a vicious environment. It put the saloon on the corner near the tumble-down tenement in which Joe lived and the dance hall upstairs and the dives and the gambling resorts. It did this either by license or by surffiance. It made Joe's gangrene possible.

And—Having cut off his arm, it will take care of the boy until his stub is healed, and then it will turn him out in these same surroundings and let him hustle with one arm or beg or steal.

Well, some day, some sweet day, instead of cutting off gangrened arms, the state—"we"—will create conditions that will prevent such festering sores. Some sweet day!

SAYS CARNEGIE IS MOST SELFISH BILLIONAIRE



Eugene Zimmerman, of Cincinnati, father-in-law of the Duke of Manchester, in a recent interview, announced Carnegie as the most selfish of all our billionaires.

ARE UP IN ARMS

West Siders Object to Heavy Sewer System Assessments.

APPEAL TO CITY COUNCIL.

The property owners in the south section of West Richmond, are up in arms over the assessment just made by the board of public works for the southwest sewer system, just completed, and Monday night they will storm council and give vent to their disapproval. It appears that these property owners do not object to the amount they have been assessed for the construction of the sanitary sewer system but they loudly protest against being assessed to pay a part of the cost of constructing the storm sewers and the filtering beds.

They state that the city has always paid the entire cost of constructing storm sewers and that it is unfair to make them help shoulder the expense of the filtering beds. They point out that property owners in other sections of the city are not called upon to meet the expense of this improvement, but when filtering beds for the other sewer systems are constructed, which they will eventually have to be, they have no assurance that they will not be asked to assist in defraying the expense incurred by the construction of these filtering beds.

The total cost of the southwest sewer system, including the sanitary and storm sewers and the filtering beds, amounts to \$55,077.65. The city will pay \$13,769.41 of this amount. The remainder of the expense is shouldered on the affected property owners by the board of public works. The approximate cost of the storm sewers is \$5,000, and the approximate cost of the filtering beds is \$10,400. The cost of these two improvements amounts to about \$15,400 and this amount—all of it—the southwest Richmond people think should be assumed by the city.

CINDERS ON BRIDGES.

Street Commissioner is a Friend of The Horse.

Cinders have been distributed upon the roadway of the Main street bridge. This morning the floor of the Doran Bridge was being covered. Each winter the street commissioner has these cinders placed to prevent horses slipping. The concrete block floor of the Main street bridge, is especially treacherous.

MUST BE RETURNED.

Henry County Farmer to be Placed in Easthaven.

William Wiseman, who resides near New Castle will be re-committed to the Eastern Indiana hospital for the insane, west of this city. Unmistakable signs of Wiseman's insanity are said to have returned. Wiseman is a former patient and was dismissed as cured.

There are now in the schools of New York city nearly 25,000 more pupils than there were one year ago.

HEARINGS CONTINUE

Tariff Investigation Did Not End Friday as Scheduled.

TESTIMONY NOT LIKED.

Washington, Dec. 5.—The House Committee on Ways and Means has decided to continue the tariff hearings until December 19.

Chairman Payne was authorized to offer a resolution in the house when congress convenes on Monday, which will give the committee authority to subpoena witnesses for the supplementary hearings. It has been the desire of the committee to get certain people to come before it and give information they may have which would be of value in forming a new tariff law. It has also been found that the testimony obtained at the hearings during the past few weeks, has not been altogether satisfactory.

Friday was the last day of the original schedule of hearings, but today, Herbert Miles, chairman of the Tariff Committee of the National Association of Manufacturers, appeared before the committee.

TRUSTEES TO GO TO STATE CONVENTION

May Seek Amendment to the Present Election Law.

A number of the township trustees of this county are planning to attend the state convention, which will be held at Indianapolis December 17 and 18. It was arranged last year to hold this convention in December, so that the newly elected trustees might attend and have the benefit of the experience of those, who leave office.

It is expected, also, that the convention will take some action toward providing an amendment to the present law governing the election of township trustees. At present they are ineligible to succeed themselves. The law states they can not hold office but once in eight years. It is proposed to change the law making reelection possible.

SPECIAL SERVICES.

Centerville M. E. Church to Hold Quarterly Meeting.

The third quarterly meeting of the M. E. church at Centerville will be held Sunday. There will be special preaching both in the morning and evening by the Rev. J. O. Campbell. Holy communion will be held in the morning. All the members and their friends have been urged to attend.

SERGEANT RIDES GOAT.

Scott Winters Now Member of White-water Lodge.

It was a big load the Odd Fellows goat carried last night, when Scott Winters rode into Whitewater lodge. Scott is night sergeant of the police force and all his "friends" were out to see him butt in.

GAIN OF \$600

Postoffice Report for Month of November Filed.

The postoffice report which has been completed shows a gain of \$600 as compared with the month of November of last year. The total receipts at the office were \$5,472.57. Of this amount, \$1,025.95 was sent to the sub treasury at Indianapolis.

FACTORY-TO MOVE.

Watt and Keeler, casket manufacturers, have leased the factory building on North Sixteenth street, formerly occupied by the old City Mill works and have already begun moving into their new quarters. For some time Messrs. Watt and Keeler had been negotiating with the Pennsylvania railroad for a lease on the property.

TRUSTEES NAMED.

The certificates of the election of the following trustees of the Fountain City A. M. E. church, has been filed with the county recorder: W. D. Mitchell, C. E. Thompson, Walter Bragg, James Chavis and Fred Evans.

"At the sound of the shot," says a writer in the Strand Magazine, describing alligator hunting in Egypt, "the whole of this bank of the river, over the extent of at least a quarter of a mile, sprang into hideous life, and my companions and I saw hundreds of crocodiles, of all sorts and sizes, rushing madly into the Nile, whose waters along the line of the shore were lashed into white foam, exactly as if a heavy wave had broken. It could be no exaggeration to say that at least a thousand of these saurians had been disturbed at a single shot."

The Ladies of G. A. R. will give a Bean Supper at G. A. R. hall Saturday night, December 12. Tickets, 10 cents. From 5 to 8. 30-61

A French army officer has invented eyeglasses which enable the wearer to see on all sides and the rear.

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In order to prove to all who are suffering from this dangerous and loathsome disease that Gauss' Catarrh Cure will actually cure any case of catarrh quickly, no matter how long standing or how bad, I will send a trial package by mail free of all cost. Send us your name and address today and the treatment will be sent you by return mail. Try it! It will positively cure so that you will be welcomed instead of shunned by your friends. C. E. GAUSS, Marshall, Mich. Fill out coupon below.

POSTAL EMPLOYEES WILL HANDLE MANY PACKAGES

Long Hours of Service Are in Prospect.

The sale of stamps at the Richmond postoffice during the holidays is expected to be largely increased over that of last year. It is believed by postoffice attaches that although the merchants will not use as many stamps for letters at this period as they do in the spring and the fall of the year, this loss will be more than made up by the number of packages sent through the mail.

The registry department will be one of the busy departments at the post office, as already the clerks are kept busy. Last year these men were compelled to work fifteen and eighteen hours in order to finish their work, so that every one could have their mail on Christmas morning.

It is now expected that the money order department will also be busy. For help in the office one clerk has been added to the force by Postmaster Spekenhier.

It is hoped that the new allotment of stamps will arrive for the Christmas trade. The new stamps make a very neat appearance.

A Tonic Free from Alcohol

Talk with your doctor about Ayer's non-alcoholic Sarsaparilla. Ask him if he prescribes it for pale, delicate children. Ask him if he recommends it when the blood is thin and impure, and when the nerves are weak and unsteady. Ask him if it aids nature in building up the general health.

Turn the Wick
as high as you can—there's no danger—as low as you please—there's no smell. That's because the smokeless device prevents smoke or smell—that means a steady flow of glowing heat for every ounce of fuel burned in a

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