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Governor Ralston Is Worried.

In his speech at New Castle last Sunday, Governor Ralston expressed himself as being worried over the increase of crime, insanity and juvenile delinquency in Indiana. The problem of how to deal with these questions he described as "one of the greatest."

The Governor undoubtedly has grounds for calling attention of the state to these conditions. If the population of Indiana's jails, penitentiaries, reformatories, workhouses, insane hospitals and similar institutions were gathered together, they would make a city as large as Richmond. This is appalling enough but its real significance is discovered when we learn that this population of sub-normal people is increasing three times faster than the state's population as a whole. In ten years, the latter has made a gain of a little more than seven per cent while the former has gone ahead over twenty-one per cent.

What is the cause of this? The Governor, according to his speech, finds it largely in heredity. "You and I must be more rigid in the licensing of men and women to bring children into the world."

All must agree with the Governor that much crime and insanity is caused through people being badly born. The seeds of wrong doing are often in the very germ plasm out of which they are evolved. A noted English authority has estimated twenty per cent of crime to be due to in-born defects. This doesn't mean that crime itself is born with the child but rather those handicaps which foredoom him to failure. "Bad eyes, bad teeth, flat-foot, bad throats, nose troubles and mal-nutrition predispose to crime," writes another expert. Authorities also pretty generally agree that about this same proportion of insanity is due to hereditary abnormality.

But granting that one-fifth of our crime and insanity is due to inherited defects, what has the Governor to say about the remaining four-fifths? What about the cases traceable to wrong social and industrial conditions? What about the crime due to unemployment? What about the insanity due to drugs, to prostitution and poverty? What about the juvenile delinquency due to children's lack of recreation facilities, of good food, of education and due to child labor?

The most innocent babe that lies in an Indiana cradle may be made into a criminal by bad conditions if chances dictates. If it is a girl, set her to work by and by for some respectable merchant or manufacturer at three dollars a week and she will probably find some place in the service of the devil. If it is a boy, take him out of school at twelve, put him into an unventilated factory, sweat the life out of him, make an old man of him before twenty and he will then be ready to break the laws of the state which his life has given him so little cause to love.

Woman labor, child labor, adulterated food and drugs, over-work, unemployment, ignorance, disease, prostitution and alcoholism, these are the causes, as investigators everywhere are finding, of insanity and crime.

What is Governor Ralston's Democratic party promising us it will do to handle these conditions? Its platform is as silent as the Governor himself. The sole evidence that the Democratic party of Indiana even knows there is a social problem lies in three platform planks which refer in a vague way to labor arbitration, workers' compensation and liquor law. Woman labor, child labor and the minimum wage and such things are conspicuous by their absence.

Governor Ralston, who is the spokesman of Indiana democracy, is very much worried about our increase of crime and insanity. He has need to be worried. The conditions are as black as he has painted them. But the state at large will not take his worriment very seriously and it will not believe that his party is very sincere in really desiring to "get to the root of these evils," as he expressed it, until it proves its sincerity by pledging itself through its platform to dig up the roots out of which crime and insanity spring.

Man—A Community

According to recent reports from Baltimore, a specialist has succeeded in transferring the cornea of a pig to the eye of a child and making it grow so as to enable the child to see. The wonders of surgery never cease! During the past few years, experts in this line have learned to do a number of things once held impossible. Dr. Alexis Carrel succeeded, in a few instances, in transferring kidneys from one body to another and keeping them alive. Dr. C. S. Venable of Texas, an authority on skin grafting, has found it possible to transfer the skin tissue of a pig to the human body and have it "take" and become a normal part of the organism, three times out of four.

Apart from the wonder of the skill necessary in such operations, the most interesting angle of these cases is that they so clearly reveal to us the fact that a living organism is not a single individual but a community made up of myriads

of cells, each one of which is as much a separate living creature as any man or woman.

When the most complex organism begins its existence, it starts out as a single cell. This divides and subdivides. Other cells come into existence and are added, and, bit by bit, through its period of "growth," new cells keep coming into existence until the adult organism is formed, an organism which, as was said, is in reality a community of living units.

As this process of growth continues, the cells come under the law of subdivision of labor. Some are set aside for the purposes of making bone tissue, others make skin tissue, others digestive juices, etc.

Where tissues are needed, a large number of similar cells combine. It is in this way that skin tissue, muscle tissue, nerve tissue, and bone tissue are formed.

But there are many functions which tissues cannot fulfill by themselves. Consequently they are caused to co-operate to form an organ. Each organ, the liver or the heart for instance, is a combination of tissues, each one of which fulfills a special function of the whole.

Thus the organism of a man, or a brute, or a plant, is a community of individuals, each one of which does its own work at the right time. These cells help each other out. The cells in the digestive tract, for instance, supply food to the cells in the bone tissue, which have lost their power to feed themselves. Bone tissue cells reciprocate by giving support to the cells in the digestive tract.

Some living creatures have only one cell. These "uni-cellular" organisms are in the same plight in which Robinson Crusoe found himself when thrown upon the island. Like him they have to be their own butcher, baker and architect.

But in the "multi-cellular" organism, such as man's body, the cells live in a true community and the law of the community is that they shall work in harmonious co-operation with each other. Where they refuse to do this, where certain classes of cells go on a strike, as it were, disease results. How to maintain order is as big a problem with the living body as it is with that larger corporate body which we call human society.

There is no health in the organism until the cells work harmoniously just as there is no health in society so long as one class of individuals is fighting another class.

If this is true, you will say, if the body is not a one-thing but a many-thing, a community, how is it our consciousness is not split up? That truly is a question hard to answer, the mystery which has perplexed the psychologist from the beginning. At what point and in what way the life of all myriads of cells melts into the one life of the individual person is absolutely unknown.

But that problem is not troubling the surgical specialists. They cut a colony of living individuals out of one body and transplant it into another body and keep it growing. When our politicians have developed the same skill in dealing with the corporate body of society, we will have some grounds to hope our political and social evils will be brought to an end.

Paving North Tenth Street.

North Tenth Street was bricked last year from H Street to the Hospital. This was done for the most part in response to urgent appeals made by Wayne County physicians. They said that in many cases it is necessary to get a patient to the hospital in double quick time, if his life is to be saved. When the street was in such condition as to prohibit rapid travel by the ambulance, seriously injured persons were sometimes kept from surgical treatment so long as to make recovery impossible.

This was also sometimes true of serious organic troubles. In cases of appendicitis, for instance, it is often necessary to operate within a few moments after the condition becomes acute. In such cases, the appendix becomes distended and is ruptured by a sudden jolt. Where this happens, recovery is almost impossible.

Physicians had had such experiences and in order to avoid them in the future, united to ask for the paving of the street. So interested were they, a committee of doctors raised a sum of money by subscription to apply on the work.

At that time, they were assured by the administration that the street would be paved all the way out. It would have been completed in this way had it not been for the remonstrances of twelve of the fourteen resident property owners between F and H Streets.

It seems that these were under the impression that the property owners along the new street from H to the hospital had not paid anything toward the paving and protested against being discriminated against in this way. But this was a misunderstanding. The other property owners had been assessed in the usual way.

When the remonstrants come to understand the situation more clearly, these fourteen property owners between F and H Streets will surely agree unanimously to having the street paved, even if it does perchance work some of them a hardship. North Tenth is an exceptional street. To have it paved means not only convenience to the residents, not only more economical hauling, but may sometimes mean a matter of life and death to some unfortunate. Because of this, the community at large feels confident these people will not insist on keeping their section of the street a dangerous thoroughfare for the ambulance.

Locating it—"You ought to be contented and not fret for your old home," said the mistress as she looked into the dim eyes of her young Swedish maid. "You are earning good wages, your work is light, every one is kind to you, and you have plenty of friends here."

"Yas'm," said the girl, "but it is not the place where I do be that makes me vera homesick; it is the place where I don't be."—Youth's Companion.

ONE REGISTRATION TO BE HELD IN 1914

Date Will Fall on Monday,
October 5, Twenty-nine
Days Before Election.

There will be only one registration in 1914, in accordance with the registration act passed in 1913, unless voters petition for one or two previous registrations. The law provides that the registration shall be held twenty-nine days before election. As the election falls on November 3 this year, the registration will be held October 5.

The county commissioners, however, will not take up the appointment of registration boards this year until the August session. In former years, it was their duty to appoint the registration board early in the spring.

The registration board calls for two clerks, one for each party. The election will be of different political parties and each of the two parties casting the largest vote at the last preceding general election will be allowed to appoint one for each registration place.

A room in each precinct will be provided for registration purposes by the county commissioners, and probably will be the same room used for elections.

Under the new law an hour has been added to the registration period. The session previously was from 6 o'clock in the morning until 8 o'clock at night, but the registration polls will now be open until 9 o'clock.

For performing the service at the polls the clerks receive \$3 a day, and the inspectors \$4 a day. For necessary traveling, ten cents a mile by the shortest distance between the office of the inspector and the auditor's office is allowed.

Richmond being a third-class city, no registration for city elections is required. However, no one not registering for the November election will be allowed to vote, as it is the duty of the inspector and clerks to refuse any votes not registered.

However, in case of sickness, affidavits may be provided, and it will not be necessary for a person incapable to appear at the polls to register.

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MASONIC CALENDAR

Tuesday—Richmond Lodge, No. 196, F. and A. M. Called meeting; work in Master Mason degree. Refreshments.

Wednesday—Webb Lodge, No. 24, F. and A. M. Called meeting; work in Entered Apprentice degree, commencing promptly at 6 o'clock.

Thursday—Wayne Council, No. 10, R. and S. M. Stated assembly.

Friday—King Solomon's Chapter, No. 4, R. A. M. Called convocation; work in Royal Arch degree. Refreshments.

Saturday—Loyal Chapter, No. 49, O. E. S. Stated meeting.

MILTON

The funeral of Mrs. Mary A. Newman was held Saturday afternoon at the M. E. church, the Rev. F. M. Westhafer officiating. eH was assisted by the Rev. McCormick of the Christian church. The burial was in the family lot at Westside cemetery. The pallbearers W. L. aPrink, J. A. Brown, Walter Templin, Oliver Wallace, Charles Callaway and Frank Callaway. Among those present from away were the sons, H. R. Newman and wife, of Chicago; Homer Newman and wife, of Orrville, O.; Virgil Newman and family of Cambridge City. Other relatives were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Izor, Chas. Leonard, Austin Leonard of Indianapolis, Mrs. F. Kinison of South Bend, and a number Kennard of Knightstown, Charles Atkin from Dublin and Cambridge City were in attendance.

Mrs. R. H. Newman of Chicago, who came last week to attend at the bed side of the late Mrs. Mary A. Newman, received a telegram announcing the illness of her sister, Mrs. Edward Teague, of Brooklyn, N. Y. She left Monday for New York.

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NOT TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST MISS STUBBS

EATON, O., March 31.—Further action in the case against Miss Grace Stubbs, twenty-one, charged with infanticide, will be delayed pending the woman's recovery. Although untried during the order the accused is improving remarkably well. The child was found with a rag drawn tightly around its throat, and Coronet Silver holds death was due to strangulation. The girl declares her innocence. Her parents also claim to have no knowledge of the girl's previous condition.

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