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Indiana's Educational Campaign

The educational campaign which is to be waged in Hoosierdom for ten days, beginning Nov. 7, is not for the purpose of raising money or raising salaries, but for the purpose of acquainting the people of Indiana with the plan necessary to improve the efficiency of the school system.

The citizens of Indiana have been proud of their school system for many years, but disclosures show that our pride is not based on facts. The Russell Sage Foundation, which has made a scientific investigation of the efficiency of the systems of education in all the states and territories of the United States, covering a period beginning with 1910, places our state seventeenth among the American commonwealths.

The rank is not a flattering one. It emphatically destroys any claims we may have made in the past to educational supremacy. It proves without shadow of doubt that the boys and girls of this state are not receiving the preparation for life to which they are entitled. It urges us to study our educational system with the object of improving it.

The educational campaign should be a salutary one. Indiana must rank among the highest for its interest in education. The public dares not neglect the schooling of its youth, for in them lies the hope of the future.

The years a boy or girl spends in school cannot be recalled. If the educational system is unable to offer the boys and girls adequate schooling, to hire capable instructors, to equip properly its schoolrooms, to erect new buildings, to adopt new methods and to apply new theories, the state is recreant to a high duty and its citizens liable to the severest criticism.

Our educational system must be maintained at the highest point of efficiency. There may be other pressing demands on the public funds, but paramount to all financial requirements and

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Rippling Rhymes By WALT MASON

YEARS AND WISDOM

I've lived about a hundred years, and as I lived I looked around; and in the course of time, my dears, some chunk of wisdom I have found. I've found that kindness always pays; it smooths the path we have to tread, and takes much anguish from our days, and tells us when we go to bed. Speak kindly of the man next door; he'll hear the unkind things you've said, and they make make his spirit sore, so he will come and punch your head. Speak kindly of the grocer's clerk, who stung you when you bought some rice; he's wearied by his grinding work, and so got balled up on the price. Speak kindly of all men who pass; they need kind words to make them glad; they're trying hard to cut their grass, and hands are tired and hearts are sad. My life has been a joyride great, because I hate no man on earth, and in the cheapest kind of skat I try to find some signs of worth. I have about a million friends, who smile upon me when we meet, and when my little journey ends, my funeral will be a treat. The boys will boost me on that day, not for the silly rhymes I grind, nor for my wreath of fragrant hay, but for the fact that I was kind.

There are artists beside those who paint with brushes and those who have the ability to thrill great crowds with the tones of their fingered skill.

The greatest artist of all is he who in his heart is an artist.

And only those with art in their own hearts are able to appreciate fully art in another's heart. Art is cooperative. It is democratic. It is sublime!

It is the art in your heart which makes you want to be useful and happy and to give out from the best you have or hope to have. There is nothing selfish about art.

Love is the essence of art. No artist ever could be great without it, any more than he could become great without heart.

If your heart is rich in art, and in the appreciation of everything that it contributes, then you may rest assured that there can be no finer success or better happiness than this.

It's the art in folk's heart that makes them smile!

Good Evening By Roy K. Moulton

RINGIN' THE DUMB-BELLS.
The man that wears white sox and takes a handful of toothpicks in the restaurant, is the feller that refuses to move back in the elevator.

The new styles may make the women look shorter, but they make the men look longer.

The only time there will be a noticeable drop in good prices is when the bill of fare happens to fall out of your hand.

The shoe salesman will always be able to sell you something that has a kick in it.

Cheer up, girls, the revolving storm doors will soon be put up and then you can giggle your way round them two in a section.

The price of sugar is coming down. The choir will please render "Sweet and Low."

The average steno can put in a real hard day at the office, if she has a gripping Laura Jean Libby and a box of dolly bars.

King Alfonso complains that the former kaiser once insulted him. Well,

HE FEELS TEN YEARS YOUNGER
Any man or woman suffering from lame back, headache, stiff joints, sore muscles, rheumatic pains, or any other symptom of disease or bladder trouble will be interested in this letter from H. Bryde, 925 Garden St., Hoboken, N. J. "I could not bend down for some years as I can now. My wife and I run a small time on or off my shoes. I obtained relief with Foley Kidney Pills. I feel now as if I were ten years younger."—A. G. Lukens & Co., 220 Main Street.—Advertisement.

more important than all other considerations is the improvement of the schools. If Indiana has been negligent, the time is here when action must supplant sloth and indifference.

First Voters

Fifty per cent, perhaps more, of the voters who go to the polls next month will cast their ballots for the first time. Women, and young men who have just attained their majority, are in this class.

Both parties know that the first voters need instruction as to the proper method of voting so that the ballot actually will record the choice of the elector and that it will not be mutilated so that it will be thrown out when the count is made.

For that reason they are launching a campaign of instruction. First voters will find it decidedly to their advantage to watch the newspapers carefully until election day for advice as to the proper method of handling the ballot. If a voter is unable to mark his ballot intelligently and to observe the regulations that are prescribed, he will invalidate it by his own action.

Three weeks will elapse before election day, but all voters, young and old, should remember that if 23,547 electors go to the polls they will tax the accommodations to the limit. Hitherto a large number have waited until shortly before the closing of the polls, causing congestion and some confusion.

Vote early at the forthcoming election. Vote before noon if you can. Avoid the rush. If you are not in the voting room when the hour of six strikes, your vote is lost. Your position outside the door at this hour will not entitle you to enter. Only a certain number of voters are admitted into the room at the same time. The law is strict on this point.

One of the election commissioners, who has had years of experience in election affairs, said recently:

"There is no question that if voters delay their voting there will be many who will be shut out of the polls at the last minute."

There will be the same number of voting places as at former elections, but the number of voters in each precinct virtually has been doubled, suggesting emphatically that some will be shut out of the polls if they wait until the last minute to cast their ballots.

Vote early to be sure that you will be able to cast your ballot.

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Answers to Questions

SUBSCRIBER—Will you kindly publish the following questions and answers in your paper? Did the Republicans gain control of the Senate and House when President Wilson was elected the second time? (2) What date did the Senate and House convene which gave the Republicans control? (3) Did President Wilson make public appeal for support of Democratic candidates to Congress on account of their being the ones who would support him when he ran for office second time?—Did not gain control until 1918. November 5th elections resulted in Republican majority in House of Representatives and Senate. (2) Terms of members began March 4, 1919; special session began May 19, 1919; regular session began December 1, 1919. (3) October 24, 1918, President Wilson issued an appeal to the people to return a Democratic Congress, saying election of a Republican Congress would be taken abroad by Germany and allies alike as repudiation of his leadership and policies.

R. B. J.—What is the greatest depth of the Great Lakes?—Lake Superior has the greatest depth. The Geological Survey reports a depth of 1,012 feet.

Readers may obtain answers to questions by writing the Palladium Questions and Answers department. All questions should be written plainly and briefly. Answers will be given briefly.

Prominent Educators Scheduled to Address Parent-Teacher Conclave

(By Associated Press)
INDIANAPOLIS, Oct. 14.—School

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After many great wars in history, partisan bands have kept up the strife for years in the form of brigandage, asserting the right to "live off the country" which they had fought to save. In our unilitary but very political country, these bands after the Civil War went into politics instead of taking to the saddle and the highway, and they thrived on the spoils of office and in legislative robbery. Clans or factions, springing up in many Northern states to battle for the control of the patronage and the special favors of legislation, devotedly followed such chieftains as Blaine of Maine, Conkling of New York, the Camerons of Pennsylvania, Zach Chandler of Michigan, Logan of Illinois and Morton of Indiana.

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A new candidate was necessary if the convention was not to fall to pieces in factions. One solitary vote

for Garfield on most of the ballots had continued to point the finger of destiny at him. Wisconsin pointed all his fingers in his direction when her delegation broke to him on the 34th ballot.

Garfield rose with pallid face and dry lips to a point of order. But Senator Hoar of Massachusetts, who was in the chair, rapped him down in two more ballots he was nominated by a combination of the Blaine and Sherman men.

The rival champions in that remarkable tournament at Chicago were Roscoe Conkling, chieftain of the "Stalwarts," and James A. Garfield, of Ohio, the spokesman of the "Half Breeds," although he was restrained from directly supporting Blaine by the instructions of his state in favor of the nomination of John Sherman.

Conkling, a handsome fop, carefully studied the right moment to make his theatrical entry upon the stage the first day, drawing the applause as he advanced down the aisle with his "grandiloquent swell, his majestic supercilious, overpowering, turkey gobble strut," which Blaine had held up to the laughter of congress years before in a never-to-be-forgotten speech. The next day Garfield took his re-

Five Minutes with Our Presidents

By JAMES MORGAN



1880—June 7, James A. Garfield, nominated for president by Republican convention at Chicago. November, elected president.

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