

MERELY COMMENT

Bravo! The Trib comes right out in the open this morning and gives the names and addresses of four Chicagoans who were arrested and convicted for spitting on the sidewalk.

—No backwardness about it "a tall." Right out where Trib readers could see it.

—Yesterday Judge Wells fined four concerns for violation of labor laws.

—We didn't see a mention of it in the Trib.

—The four concerns were members of the Illinois Manufacturers' ass'n.

The four spitters were merely members of their own families.

—It takes a lot of queer doings to make the world go around.

—Incidentally members of the Illinois Manufacturers' ass'n advertise in the Trust Press as a rule.

—An employer who docks his employees for being late on a day like today reminds us of one of those little animals that makes Johnny go home and change his clothes if he chases it.

—We're beginning to wonder if the doctors and the weather man are in a league together.

—If you haven't yet had a cold or sore throat this winter you are a curiosity in Chicago.

—If anybody breaks into your home, quietly rush to the telephone—

—While you are waiting for central to say "number please" the robber will grab up your jewels and coin and skip.

—You will not, in this way, be beaten up.

—Such is telephone service these days.

—"Resolved, That the epidemic in Chicago is not la grippe, but old-fashioned colds and pneumonia," will be discussed by Chicago Medical society members tonight.

—All right. So far, so good, but—

—Here's a little resolution all our own:

—Resolved, That whatever the blam-

ed epidemic is, we would all be tickled to death to get rid of it.

—Wm. Chenery has a cracker-jack article on "Baby Bandits" in the Trib this morning.

—It listens humane. Sounds like Chenery might have a couple of youngsters of his own. He realizes boys are humane beings, just the same.

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NOW HINT AT MOOSE AND THE G. O. P. GETTING TOGETHER

Complete amalgamation of the Republican and Progressive parties is now possible, the result of the meeting of the Progressive national committee meeting at the Congress hotel last night.

The Progressives made it clear they are willing to unite with the G. O. P. if they can have a Progressive as the presidential candidate. Col. Roosevelt is the one most favored to buck Pres. Wilson at the presidential polls, but if the old party could not swallow the colonel the Progressives would be satisfied with Justice Hughes or a number of others of progressive political trend who even need not be open members of the Progressive party.

Geo. Perkins, angel of the Progressive party, today in an interview declared that the Progressive party would continue as a separate, distinct organization, despite any agreement made with the Republican party this year for the purpose of defeating Woodrow Wilson for the presidency.

"Double harness for this political race, not amalgamation, is the Progressive party's plan," said Perkins. "We have done our share. We have shown our willingness to select a single candidate from both Republican and Progressive parties. This does not mean amalgamation, but the possibility of two tickets with the same candidate. I want the fact emphasized that the Progressive party will continue as a separate organization."