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OPENING A WAY TO REVIVAL OF AN OLD GRAFT.

Republicans of Gary, Indiana Harbor, Whiting, East Chicago and Hammond, having secured a majority control of the offices of justices of the peace in that district, are now before the legislature seeking to resurrect the old fee system, which effected, would mean the resurrection of all the graft that formerly went with it.

South Bend remembers the old system of graft that prevailed here when the justices of the peace were on a fee basis. By virtue, or the lack of virtue, in an understanding between the justices, prosecuting attorneys and constables, it was the easiest thing in the world to collect tribute from all sorts of commercialized vice, in exchange for intermediate license.

This can be done, we are told, by causing the Van Horne bill to apply only to townships having "two or more cities." Instead of "one or more," with the 45,000 to 60,000 population, as prescribed. It would eliminate Portage township, in which the only city is South Bend, and where we can infinitely better afford to pay the \$1,000 a year salary to the justices, than to take any chances on the return to the fee graft.

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There are many and varied popular beliefs regarding means of stimulation, and some of these have had what seems to be scientific endorsement.

But many, many more very brilliant men have never resorted to any incantant whatever, and so we may conclude that the real enthusiasm and the real qualities of success lie not in the liquor or in the drug, but within the man himself.

Upon the office wall of one of the greatest educational institutions in this country is this motto in large letters: "Light the fires of desire under the waters of the mind and you have the steam of the will."

We may have a most magnificent locomotive; it is of most modern type and best construction; it is balanced

in every part to perfection; its steel gleams and its brass shines; it passes thorough inspection; it is well oiled; there is water in its boiler and coal in the fire-box; it stands on a sound, straight, level track. It is fine to look upon. It is a beautiful symbol of tremendous power.

But with all its perfection of construction and preparation, it is nothing but a dead mass of brass and steel and iron, absolutely useless, until it moves—and it must move itself.

We may push it, and it moves; we may pull it, and it moves; but we soon find that this is wasted energy; instead of getting power out of it, we are only putting power into it, at a dead loss.

But only let sufficient fire appear in the fire-box, and the condition is instantly transformed; instead of inertia we have power and movement. Then the locomotive moves not only itself but enormous loads.

It is a mighty power—with fire. It is just exactly as it is with men. The ornarrest little yard-engine that, with fire and steam, goes snorting about, shifting cars all day, is worth more than ten thousand better built ones that will not take fire enough to generate steam.

THE HIGH COST OF DISTRIBUTING FOOD PRODUCTS.

A wide range of plans is being tried, in the endeavor to bring back the old time conditions of direct trade between producer and consumer, or at least between producer and retailer.

One method attaining some popularity, is the public market idea. Farmers drive in, or send in some member of the family or hired man, with stocks of goods.

Such markets depend for their success on several conditions. The American people will not tolerate poor goods. Unless some market director has the absolute power to inspect the stock and condemn unfit articles for sale at that market, and unless he exercises that power strictly, a great deal of poor truck will be worked off.

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AMALGAMATING THE UNIVERSITIES.

The question of amalgamating the Indiana State university with Purdue is one of vital importance to every citizen of the state. It is of especial importance to Bloomington where the state university is located, but that is a secondary consideration.

Indiana State and Purdue united

would vest this state with one of the largest, most far-reaching and best equipped universities in the country. That is, it might with comparative ease, be made so. There would, of course, be some expense for new buildings, etc., but what the state holds at Bloomington would not all be lost.

It is, of course, difficult to guess how the legislature will eventually solve the question. The south end of the state will, no doubt, make vigorous protest against the removal of the institution, as it is doing already, but this is not a sectional question.

THE BANKS PASS THE TEST. The crucial period having passed, the people of this country may well congratulate themselves on the fact, now fully proved, that this country's financial foundation is as solid as rock.

Never in this nation's history have the financial resources of America been subjected to so great a strain as they have been during recent months, when not only the complications of the great war had to be met but a new banking system had to be adjusted in the very midst of the confusion and alarm.

With all Europe as well as her own millions of people depending upon her, America has been able to speedily and fully respond to the great and incessant demands.

That the warring nations are ruining themselves is a fact sadly palpable, but the worst effects of the war, as far as we are directly concerned, have been safely withstood, and the way of this nation is an upward, prosperous way in the pursuance of which she cannot be hindered or seriously disturbed.

It is to be hoped that the women's clubs of the state will not get so busy on the Grube senate bill for the creation of a blind commission for Indiana as to kill the measure, already past the senate, when it comes up in the house.

Neither William H. Taft nor Theodore Roosevelt has been seen buying any valentine for each other, nor has any similar purchase been reported either by Champ Clark or W. J. Bryan.

Too bad Washington's birthday does not come at a time of year when it can be properly observed all over the country by double header league ball games.

The congressmen are not alarmed at the prospect of a deficit as they can now indignantly deny the base charge that they failed to spend the money in the treasury.

About now the farmer who has just bought a 1915 automobile is writing papers for the grange on the negative side of the question "Does Farming Pay?"

So far none of the senators in discussing the shipping bill has asked whether a sinking boat goes down by the bow or by the head.

Statesmen Real and Near. By Fred C. Kelly

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Thomas Taggart, democratic national committeeman, who operates the state of Indiana is a nimble fellow, even to his fingers. He can do various slight-of-hand tricks with cards and coins, and his favorite form of practical joke is to go through a crowd of his friends, picking their pockets. He can engage almost any one in conversation and take away his watch, pocketbook, or scarfpin entirely unnoticed.

THE MELTING POT COME! TAKE POTLUCK WITH US.

They say the maple syrup crop will be large this year. That's anticipation.

DOLLAR DAY. Zeke Simpkins is a farmer; he lives four miles south of Kankakee; five hundred acres he does own. He has a car and telephone.

Zeke caught to hear her when she sings; he met this Simpkins in this way; He motored here for "Dollar day."

Liz Drawback lives in Berrien Springs, You ought to hear her when she sings; Outside of that there's naught to tell, Although of course I wish her well.

NOBODY but a freshman could write this: "Our sodas and frappes. We serve in fancy style. Our egg drinks and parafats. By you will bear a trial."

By the way, we get another vacation this week. The N. D. Journalism freshies are going to fill the Pot for Monday. We don't care what they say.

DISCOMFORTURE when he found his watch missing. But here was the real joke of the thing: After he had handed back all the watches and jewelry so far as his name would permit, he still had an extra watch in his pocket.

Before he entered congress, Edward Keating of Colorado used to have one big extravagance. He was a newspaper man at that time, and so of course made a great deal of money, but nevertheless he confined his extravagances to one item, to wit: cigars.

Members of congress soon learned after Keating's arrival in their midst that he would permit to go for cigars. Consequently he found his congressional career proving too expensive.

A manufacturer of golf balls went to the white house the other day to seek the privilege of presenting a dozen balls to the president. They were a specially constructed ball, he said and would go from 20 to 30 yards farther than the average ball, and they would drop dead on the green.

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BERLIN, Feb. 20.—According to reports from Sofia the incursion of Albanians into Serbian territory is pleasing to Serbia as it gives her an excuse for operations in that quarter.

FOOT EASE AND COMFORT ARE IN WALK-OVER SHOES. J.P. GOLDBY. THE WALK-OVER man SOUTH BEND, INDIANA

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DR. JOHN M. MAYHEW describes Influenza or La Grippe as a contagious disease, the symptoms of which are sometimes so obscure that a "multitude of sins" are sometimes hid under the diagnosis.

NEWSMAN'S. THE STYLE SHOP FOR WOMEN.