

# LIKE INDIANA'S PLAN

## HOOSIER METHOD OF TREATING CRIMINALS FAVORED BY PRISON CONGRESS.

### CAUSES SPIRITED DEBATE

Motion to Suppress Paper by Dr. Sharp Talked Down—Women Take Part in Argument—Reform Is Theme for Addresses.

Seattle, Wash., Aug. 17.—Indiana's method of preventing the spread of crime through the employment of surgery in the state prisons, has the approval of the American Prison association, but the plan of Mrs. L. R. Eastwood of South Dakota to chloroform all idiots met with laughter and ridicule.

A paper by Dr. Sharp of Indiana was read by Amos W. Butler, of Indianapolis and was listened to in silence. After a discussion of the outdoor plan of treating convicts, in which every speaker told of the good results of banishing armed guards and putting the prisoners on honor, the debate on the Indiana plan was begun by a delegate moving that Dr. Sharp's paper be suppressed on the ground that the Indiana plan was contrary to the Bible.

The debate on the "Indiana plan," which prevents the propagation of criminals and idiots, developed almost unanimous sentiment for it. The discussion, according to President Gilmour of Toronto, Can., was the most profitable the association has held in years.

One delegate objected to the debating being continued before women, who composed at least one-third of the audience. Thereupon the women delegates at once took the lead in the controversy led by Mrs. Deborah C. Weeks, president of the Philadelphia Social Purity league.

During the debate it was announced that Connecticut and California had followed Indiana. The motion to suppress was not put to a vote. President Gilmour said it would not have received three votes.

#### Tells of Greater Crime.

"If a man be convicted of crime and serve a term in prison, and no steps be taken to effect his reform or cure, a greater crime against society has been committed than the crime of the individual," said F. O. Hellstrom, warden of the North Dakota penitentiary, in his address at the session of the association. "Any prison management that forgets the moral ethics, justice and humanity, cannot justify its right to existence," continued the speaker. "The prison that is managed and dominated by the spirit of revenge is simply a barnacle that society must remove in order to facilitate human progress."

"When the inmate's character is uplifted, the duty of the prison management has in that measure been discharged, the shackles of crime have been removed from the mind of the inmate, and there has been added to society a useful member. If the man discharged goes forth with bitter hatred and vengeance in his heart against society, then both are to be pitied, for the storm will surely break, and some innocent person will be made the victim."

#### Argues for Parole System.

"If a life prisoner has worn the badge of bondage long enough to satisfy the reasonable demands of justice and exhaust the deterrent effects of punishment, and if he is safe to be at large, he can be put to better use in the world than to be kept within grim walls until the undertaker is called to rattle his bones over the stones," said Thomas Dudley Wells of Hartford, Conn., chairman of the committee on parole of life prisoners, in a report to the convention.

"The wisdom of extending the parole system to life convicts who have been convicted of no previous crime involving moral turpitude, and

whose record behind locks and bars has been clean and not tainted, is predicted on the fact that a man who is responsive to decent impulses is worth more to the state and to himself out of prison than in prison," continued Mr. Wells' report. "Life imprisonment implies civil death and discriminating resurrection from that death is both a social gain and an individual gain."

### COUNTY OFFICIALS CONVENE

Iowa Supervisors, Auditors, Clerks, Treasurers and Recorders in Session at Sioux City.

Sioux City, Ia., Aug. 18.—The fourteenth annual convention of the State Association of County Supervisors opened in the court house this morning. The state associations of county auditors, clerks, treasurers and recorders also are in session here, so the town is full of officials. The conventions all close Friday afternoon. This afternoon there was a joint session of all the associations when Mayor G. W. Sears made an address of welcome. President T. E. Hauke of the supervisors and others responded.

The chief subjects up for discussion before the supervisors are "County Ditches and Drains," "Permanent Bridges and Culverts," "Highways," and "County Institutions."

#### Boy Arrested as "Wrecker."

South Haven, Mich., Aug. 18.—Richard Phelps, aged 13 years, son of a Chicago railroad man, was arrested at Covert, charged with four attempts to wreck trains on the Fruit Belt railway.

#### Old Hickory Chips.

Wait till we get airship messenger boys.

Now that he is proceeding with the approval of the Hon. Nick Longworth, President Taft feels reassured.

It's the big fakers that put the little "joker" into the tariff.

Aldrich can smile and smile, and still be a tariff mixer.

Sign now used in New York hotels: "Guests are requested not to shoot in the halls and lobbies."

Alabama is even trying to dry up the damp spots.

The New German Chancellor being six feet three inches high, will be quite an exhibition to see the Kaiser call him down.

Castles in Spain nowadays need to be bomb-proof.

All smugglers and looters look alike to Loeb. More power to his good right arm.

One of the most dreary performances we can imagine would be a renewed prolonged debate on the tariff.

The more we think of it the more thoroughly we become convinced that Edward VII has the most attractive king job in Europe.

"When women go to Congress there will be less discussion of rates and more discussion of rats," says the Baltimore Sun. Also, probably less talking for the press and more for the dress.

If the Outlook pays Mr. Roosevelt \$1 per word for such sentences as "Give me neither poverty nor riches," it surely ought to get a big bunch of trading stamps along with them.

This unusually cool summer weather may be due to the absence of congressional luminaries from the Chautauqua platforms.

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A writer in the New York Post bitterly denounces "Southern fried chicken and fried ham." Poor fellow! Plainly enough he has never partaken of the real thing.

When the president says that these decreases amount to enough to justify the claims "that this bill is a substantial downward revision" truth compels dissent.

Alabama is proposing a buttermilk standard for its representatives in congress.

Rheims, France, will have a week of aviation. Rheims may become as celebrated in the airship circles as Alexandria, Va.

The next prize idiot, we suppose, will be the fool-that-rocks-the-air-ship.

Now that the duty on porous plasters has been reduced, we suppose that the manufacturers will enlarge the holes.

What an aching void in the Chautauqua circles was filled when we turned Congress loose.

Col. Roosevelt predicts a bright future for Africa. Evidently he believes the Dark Continent will be lighted by the sun of prosperity.

Baseball is said to be growing in popularity throughout Europe. Some of those kings over there will never know what real sorrow is until they get a baseball team that goes out and snatches the booby prize every year.

If Nero fiddled while Rome burned, doesn't Taft golf while America sizzles? You can't beat him.

Many statesmen must envy "Uncle Joe." Cannon the privilege of appearing before his constituents as a plain son of the people who didn't want a \$6,000 automobile.

A great future is predicted for Africa. It will be strange indeed if President Roosevelt does not leave a trail of reform movements behind.

Experts continue to experiment for the production of seedless fruits when what is needed is a guaranteed painless variety.

If Mr. Roosevelt is ever elected president again, we shudder to think of the outlay of African big chiefs that will come a-visiting in Washington.

Quite fitting that Postmaster General Hitchcock, as the youngest of the administration family, should stay in Washington and answer the doorbell.

It is to be hoped that those Senators and Representatives who have gone to Europe are posted on the terms of the tariff law they have just made.

Mark Twain has been compelled to reduce his daily smokes from 40 to 4. Now, there's a reduction that reduces the consumer.

We stubbornly cling to the opinion that the joke will eventually be on the gentleman who inserted the "jokers" in the tariff bill.

Thank goodness, the thermometer has to crawl down every now and then.

Yet the democrats console themselves with the thought that half a census loaf is better than no bread.

It will not be long before, flying machines and dirigible balloons give "sky pilot" a new and more literal meaning.

Congress finally wound up by putting the president on the free list until December.

The naming after President Roosevelt of a railroad seven miles long derives a certain appropriateness from his State papers.

### The Theatres

The last weeks are announced of the summer run of Charles Dillingham's gayest musical comedy, "The Candy Shop," at the Studebaker. Turnaway crowds continue the rule. The gaiety is proving the biggest magnet of any summer diversion of the "Cool playhouse beside the lake." The production is serving to establish William Rock, Maude Fulton and Frank Lalor locally as important musical comedy stellar factors, and adding to the Chicago followers of Mrs. Annie Yeamans, Louis Harrison, Florence Morrison, John Henderson, Kinzie Higgins, Edmund Lawrence, and, of course, Lucy Weston. Particular laugh spots of every performance are the intoxication scene between Mrs. Yeamans and Comedian Lalor, the Coney Island trolley car incident, Rock and Fulton's scene with Chin Hong, the real Chinaman of the cast, the helter-skelter descent of the balloon venter in the Coney Island scene, the "Googy Googy Oo" absurdities of Florence Morrison and Comedian Lalor, and the earlier scenes of Comedian Harrison and Miss Weston. Last week's attendance records exceeded those of any performance at the Studebaker for a like number of performances during any regular season.

The gorgeous operatic extravaganza, "Babes in Toyland" will be the Great Northern attraction for next week commencing with a matinee to-morrow. Although described as an operatic extravaganza, "Babes in Toyland" is said to take high rank among the real comic operas. The score by Victor Herbert is certainly the most pretentious work of this talented musician who has won international fame as a composer of extraordinary ability. The management have provided a cast of extraordinary excellence including 15 principals, headed by Ignacio Martinetti, and a superb aggregation of fascinating femininity and a great singing, dancing and acting chorus, numbering 30 people. Prominent among the numerous musical scores of "Babes in Toyland" which have won the enthusiastic praise of music lovers as well as the critical approbation of the leading critical reviews may be mentioned: "Floretta", "Barney O'Flynn", "Slumber Deep", "Before and After", "Beatrice Barefacts", "Castle in Spain", "I Can't Do the Sum, Jane", "He Won't Be Happy till he gets it", "Moon will help you out", "Bo Peep", "Song of the Poet", "Toyland" and numerous others.

#### Illinois Patents.

The following patents were issued this week to Illinois inventors, reported by D. Swift & Co., Patent Lawyers, Washington, D. C.:

C. V. Anthenant, E. H. Meyer, Mount Olive, automatic match-lighter; C. A. Rehm, Oak Park, geographical globe;

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Copies of any of the above patents will be sent to any of our readers upon the receipt of ten cents by D. Swift & Co., Washington, D. C., our special patent correspondents.

## ILLINOIS STATE NEWS

Maple Park.—Safe-blowers bound and gagged a man roused by their work and then forced him to watch them while they drilled holes in the post office safe at Maple Park. The thieves secured about \$250 in stamps and cash and then fled in an automobile. Frank O'Malley, formerly of Chicago, was the victim of the robbers. He, with his mother, lives in rooms over the post office at Maple Park. O'Malley was roused by a noise in the storeroom below, and hastily donning some clothing he descended a rear stairway. The safe-blowers were on the alert, however, and as he reached the bottom of the stairway a revolver was thrust in his face and he was commanded to "keep quiet." The men then went about the store and found a piece of clothing with which they bound O'Malley, and after gagging him placed him in front of the safe, which is used by James Thurston, who owns the store, as a receptacle for the valuables belonging to the post office.

Carbondale.—While Pietro Viviano, father of Grace Viviano, who was kidnapped last week with her cousin, Tommaso Viviano, sped to Duncannon, Pa., expecting to find his kidnapped daughter there, the St. Louis police received a clew from Illinois. Justice E. H. Williams of Carbondale telegraphed that two children, resembling the Vivianos, were seen in company of a strolling band of Italian players at Carbondale. Justice Williams and a deputy sheriff attempted to trace the party.

Lodi.—While Operator Bob Morrow was listening to wires carrying press matter he caught the name of M. P. Wolf. Instantly he was all attention. He followed the ticking of the message and learned his brother-in-law, his sister and six children had lost their lives in the storm which recently swept the Gulf of Mexico.

Pana.—Six thousand persons attended the second annual home-coming and picnic which was held at Kitchell park here. Speeches were made by Hon. Benjamin F. Caldwell of Chatham, Attorney John E. Hogan of Taylorville and County Judge James H. Morgan of Pana.

Lincoln.—William H. Gullett, founder of the Gullett greenhouses in this city, died following a collapse after an illness extending over several months. He recently went to Chicago and underwent a difficult operation at the Mercy hospital.

Pana.—The ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Johnson died at the home of his parents at Assumption following an attack of blood poison which resulted from a broken arm which he sustained about a month ago.

Petersburg.—Improvements are under way at the Menard county fair grounds, in preparation for the annual exposition in September. A new barn for racing stock is in course of construction.

Belleville.—Delirious from suffering from typhoid fever, Lyman Logan, 30 years old, left his home while asleep and walked to an old pond adjoining a coal mine, into which he waded. He got beyond his depth and was drowned.

Mackinaw.—The body of an unidentified man, badly mangled, presumably from being run over by an Interurban car, was found two miles south of here along the right of way of the Illinois Traction system.

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