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EDITORIAL

A GOVERNMENT BY JACKASSES

Government for the people and by the people becomes a joke in this land of the free when, perchance and quite often, a majority of a legislative committee is composed of nineheaded politicians with an exaggerated estimation of their individual importance and opinions.

Never in the history of Michigan has there been shown a more insistent demand for legislative action on an important measure than that now demanding capital punishment for wilful and deliberate murder. Hundreds of civic bodies and thousands of individuals have expressed a belief that it is the only effective deterrent. The House of Representatives has already passed a capital punishment bill by a two to one majority.

That measure has been pigeonholed by the judiciary committee to which it was referred upon reaching the Senate.

It is an indisputable fact that the lower house of the legislature more accurately reflects the true sentiment of the state than does the Senate. Despite the plain evidence of popular sentiment favoring the death penalty, four of the Senate committee refuse to report out the measure with or without recommendations or offer amendments or a substitute. Their apparent attitude is that their opinion on the question of capital punishment is all-sufficient.

We are convinced, and we believe that an overwhelming majority of citizens of Michigan are also convinced, that the time has arrived for the restoration of capital punishment for first degree murder. This supposedly being a government by majority they are entitled to an out and out expression from each member of the legislature on the question. We have no quarrel with and hold in highest respect those citizens who are conscientiously opposed to capital punishment. Many are convinced that the death penalty does not act as a deterrent and are therefore opposed to it on the grounds that the taking of a life for a life is but an act of revenge. They have representatives in both houses of the legislature and are entitled to a hearing.

But for asinine pettiness on the part of four little senators who loom big in their own conceit, the real sentiment of the legislature would ere this, have been expressed.

These little senators have a perfect right to their opinion, and should vote on the question accordingly. Were they broad minded men an inherent sense of decency would have precluded the possibility of any such jackass performance as has characterized their actions.

Local News

Mrs. C. W. Wilbur spent Thursday in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. William Little visited the Flower Show last Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Pauline is confined to her home on Oakland avenue because of illness.

Mrs. W. H. Hart and children, Joyce and William, are enjoying two weeks in Florida.

Mrs. F. H. Nichols spent the day, Wednesday, with her sister Mrs. Maude Nichols in Detroit.

Mrs. J. Smith of Bannister, Mich., spent the past week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. Vincent.

Miss Helen Burrows was an overnight Saturday guest of Miss Beulah Gullen, Farmington Junction.

Mrs. Mildred Carter of Detroit called Monday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Smith and family were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Zack in Detroit.

Mrs. Lottie Nye of Pontiac was a Saturday all day guest of her sister, Mrs. Serena Stoddell, Maple avenue.

Mrs. Phillip Hildebrandt and daughter Loretta were numbered with the Flower Show visitors last Thursday.

Mrs. E. A. Empson and house guest, Mrs. Bertha Banta were visitors at the Flower Show in Detroit, Friday.

Mrs. John Hess was in Detroit Monday to visit her brother, Herbert Hulse, who is recovering from his illness.

Mr. and Mrs. William Millard of Fowlerville were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Cairns, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Webster and daughter Margaret, were last Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Smith at Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Baumgartner of Northville visited Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perry, Grand River avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Hopkins of Redford had as their week end guest the latter's sister, Miss Rosetta Cairns, Lakeway Drive.

Friday guests at the E. O. Hatton home, Shiawassee street, were Mrs. Martha Hatton of Ypsilanti, Mrs. Roy Hatton and children of Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Adams and sister, Miss Edith Shooter of Northville, spent Sunday in Detroit and attended the Madison Theatre.

Miss Grace Newcombe entertained about forty guests Saturday evening at a dancing party. The occasion was in honor of her sixteenth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Spaller of Wyandotte, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Spaller, daughter Roland and son Edward of Detroit, were visitors at the Samuel Turner home, Friday.

The Progressive Bible Class of the M. E. S. S., will serve a cafeteria supper in the dining room of the Community Hall, Tuesday, March 29 from 5 p. m. until all are served.

Miss Katherine Sprague and Miss Mary Power were in Detroit Monday evening to attend the opera, "Resurrection" with Mary Garden at the Masonic Auditorium.

Henry Thomas and sister, Mrs. Sadie Conroy of Fremont, O., were Farmington visitors, Friday, calling at the homes of Dr. and Mrs. Holcomb and Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Hatton.

Miss Anna Thayer, teacher in the high school at Muskegon Heights came home for the week end to visit her father, E. C. Thayer. Mr. Thayer is recovering nicely from his illness.

Miss Ruth Wallace, seventh grade teacher in the Farmington School, who has been very ill, is recuperating at the home of a friend in Springfield, O. Miss Wallace has many friends here who will be pleased to know she is improving slowly.



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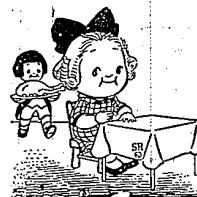
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