

# Boarding house raided in 1909

To read the *Bloomington Telephone* in the spring and summer of 1909, you would have thought the silly season had arrived.

Take for example, the melodrama of the police raid on a local "boarding house." According to the *Telephone*, there were rumors to the effect that the middle-aged landlady was operating a "shady resort."

"SAID the *Telephone*: "Personal liberty" which for many moons has been on the run throughout the state, received a blow right here in Bloomington Saturday night which has caused as big a local sensation as any event that has taken place for some time. As a result, blind tiger keepers,

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## Looking back

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boot-leggers, women of the demi-monde and various other frequenters of shady resorts, are hiding out in the tall grass with their ears to the ground listening to the rumbles from the prosecuting attorney's office, and twenty-one unfortunates are in the meshes of the law . . . To Deputy Pro-

secutor William Loudon belongs the credit of this first strenuous step to muck rake."

After local gossip had hinted that Indiana University and high school students were dropping by the boarding house on the "levee," Prosecutor Loudon assembled a formidable and interesting swat team to carry out the raid.

The *Telephone* gleefully reported, "The prosecutor's office divided and made their way to the place by various streets so as not to excite comment and every escape from the place was blocked before the oc-

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