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Still time to do your Easter
shopping.

DON'T PARK YOUR CAR IN
FRONT OF A FIRE HYDRANT?

A catchy four or five word line
may win you a ten dollar prize
and the honor of coining the Cen-
tennial slogan.

President Roosevelt received
double the amount of votes over
Borah in the Wisconsin primaries.
It appears the state will go Demo-
cratic.

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"SLATES" AT

PRIMARY ELECTIONS:

The Indiana voters should be
grateful to the legislators who, at
the regular session a year ago, en-
acted a law to abate the "slate" nuisance.

The campaign we are about to enter should be free from
the lists of various kinds sup-
posed to be for the guidance of the

voter and really to serve the in-
terest of the slate-maker. Anyone
who puts out a "slate" in violation
of the new law shall be subject to
a fine of not more than \$100 "to
which may be added imprisonment
for a period of not to exceed thirty
days."

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Modern Etiquette
By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Should wedding invitations
be sent to relatives and intimate
friends, who live far away?

A. Yes; invitations should be
sent even if one knows that these
people cannot attend the wedding.

Q. Is it bad form for a dinner
guest to rest one hand on the edge
of the table?

A. It isn't exactly "bad form,"
but the only place for the hands
is at the table, when not in use, is in
the lap.

Q. What is the most pleasing
tone of voice?

A. The low, gentle voice is al-
ways the most agreeable.

Adams County
Memorial Hospital

Paul Whithouse, 915 Fifth St., ad-
mitted Tuesday.

Miss Betty Jane Dull, Willshire,
Ohio, admitted last night. Miss
Clara E. Mumma, 808 West Adams
St., dismissed yesterday. Mrs. Ver-
na Myers, 915 Dierkes St. dis-
missed today.

Rev. Father Joseph Hennes, as-
istant pastor of St. Mary's Catho-
lic church, was a sub-deacon at the
blessing of the oils held this morning
at the Cathedral of the Immaculate
Conception, Fort Wayne. The
oils were blessed by Most Rev.
Bishop John F. Noll.

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