

STRANGERS WITHIN OUR GATES VISITORS by the tens of thousands are pouring into Indianapolis. They come from every corner of the United States and some of them are from foreign countries. These visitors will judge Indianapolis by the treatment they get. More than one hundred thousand persons will return to the homes after the Speedway races and express their opinions of Indianapolis. It is of great value to the city that these opinions be favorable.

There is a great temptation on an occasion of this kind to take advantage of visitors, particularly in the matter of prices. Indianapolis has been particularly free of this kind of profiteering. This is due for the most part to the public spirited attitude of merchants and others who have things to sell. The few exceptions have been taken care of by the Better Business Bureau.

Let's see that the good reputation of Indianapolis continues and that our visitors take back with them nothing but favorable reports.

THAT INDIAN LAWYERS are smacking their lips at the \$750,000,000 which the Sioux Indians, by court action, demand from Uncle Sam as damages for seized lands.

Attorneys who are handling the case estimate that it will take from five to ten years to fight it upward through the courts. They refer to appeals, of course, and the final battle in the United States Supreme Court. With that much money involved, ten years is a conservative estimate.

If the Indians happen to win this case, they might go on and sue for the total of "seized lands" taken from them by their white conquerors. How much? About \$300,000,000,000, our entire national wealth.

When the Indians had America, it wasn't "worth" a dime a square mile. Now the whole country (national wealth) is \$300,000,000,000, or \$100,000 a square mile.

The difference between those figures represents improvements by the white man. Just like real estate—worthless in itself, value is altogether in human activity that takes place on it or near by. If the white man and his civilization left America and the old-time Indian could return, they'd be glad to trade large chunks for a cask of brandy or peck of beads again.

WHERE TROUBLES START **W**HAT is your mental attitude when you contemplate death, the black door through which we all eventually must pass? A New Jersey man decides to commit suicide by leaping over the falls of the Passaic River. Before jumping ninety feet to the shallow river bed below, he drinks a bottle of carbolic acid. Also removes coat and hat and folds them neatly on the bank. Try to analyze his hotug processes. No one can.

We do queer things on the brink of the grave, but not any queerer than when going ahead as if believing we shall live forever. Most of our troubles are inside our skulls.

REVERSING THE COPY BOOKS **P**ERSONALITY and general attractiveness of appearance are as valuable as efficient work to the woman who wants to be successful in the business world. This is the opinion in a vote by 1,200 Boston high school boys and girls.

It doesn't read that way in the copy books.

Many will smile. But the real joke is that the 1,200 are absolutely right. If nature made every woman a Venus, man would have a difficult time finding jobs. It's in the men's favor that a Venus isn't allowed to run loose very long.

REFORM OF THE BIBLE **T**HE Lord's Prayer has been revised "to remove the thought of death," announces Miss Bertha Laine, official of the Religious Educational Council of Ontario, Canada.

The Ten Commandments also were recently "revised."

Occasionally some one decides he can improve the Bible.

In this iconoclastic age, it wouldn't surprise us to waken some morning and find that a convention of snobs has voted to amend the law of gravity.

Questions

ASK THE TIMES

Answers

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington D. C., enclosing 2 cents. Personal, social, business and love and marriage advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be undertaken. All letters must be prepared. Unsigned letters cannot be answered, but all letters are confidential, and receive personal replies.—EDITORIAL.

How should one address a letter to a priest?

The envelope should be addressed: "The Rev. Patrick Duffy." The formal beginning, "Reverend and Dear Sir"; the informal beginning is, "Dear Father Duffy," and the formal close, "I beg to remain, yours faithfully," or "faithfully yours."

Who said, "The humblest citizen of all the land, when clad in the armor of a righteous cause is stronger than all the hosts of Error?"

This is an extract from William Jennings Bryan's speech before the national Democratic convention at Chicago in 1896.

What is the most progressive State of Africa?

Probably Basutoland. The inhabitants under British guidance and missionary tutelage have forged ahead to the generally recognized position of the most enlightened group of South African natives.

The presidential succession act provides that in case of the death of the President and Vice President various Cabinet officers shall succeed to the presidency in a certain order. Suppose that the Cabinet officer was not a natural-born citizen of the United States, what would happen?

The act provides that the Cabinet officers, "constitutionally eligible," shall succeed: if the Secretary of State was not eligible, the Secretary of the Treasury would succeed, if he was eligible.

Who was "Tiny Tim"?

A child character—a cripple in Dickens' "Christmas Carol."

What was the "Pony Express"?

This name was given to a mail service established between St. Joseph, Mo., and San Francisco, Cal., in 1860. At this time there were three transcontinental mail lines, but the greater part of the mail between the East and far West was sent by way of Panama in about twenty-two days.

Matter of Courses

By BERTON BRALEY

1/2 oz. of pork. I'm off of beef.

I'm off of all potatoes.

I lunch upon a lettuce leaf.

I dine on stewed tomatoes.

Butter and eggs make me great.

I guess perhaps I'll try it.

Just put a little on my plate.

It's awful hard to diet.

One says: "We go to work. To

Ho-ho Hall, classic tavern at 350 Bowery, where Weary Willie and

brother find bed and "mulligan" while in New York, has a new coat of wallpaper.

Mottos used to be scrawled on the walls. Now some tidy person, careful of the wallpaper, has pinned up little printed slips.

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Still one or two won't harm me. I've scolded potatoe—they have such ability to chisel.

That's why I'll try just a few;

They're fine. I can't deny it.

They're fattening. I know, but who can stand a rigid diet?

It's awful hard to diet.

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