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HELPFUL HINTS BY CITIZENS

INDIANAPOLIS citizens have some good ideas for the betterment of the city. Letters reaching The Times in answer to the suggestion that local citizens speak their mind on the things needed to improve Indianapolis show constructive thought.

Among suggestions already made are:
The regulation of billboards.
Checking of the smoke nuisance.
Improvement of rush hour street car service.
Encouragement of industries to come to Indianapolis through the payment of some form of bonus.

Establishment of community child gardens to assist mothers.
Some of these suggestions may not be practical in the form in which they are presented, but all contain constructive ideas and it should be possible to work toward a definite result in each case.

Indianapolis residents, particularly those who live along and near boulevards, have long complained of unsightly sign boards. Taxing the boards was tried, but this seems to have had no effect. Maple Road boulevard, particularly, is lined with sign boards, marring what otherwise would be one of the most beautiful drives in the city.

The smoke abatement suggestion is on the way toward being carried out.

The street car problem is one we have always with us. One suggestion is that trailers be used during rush hours. This may or may not be practical. It is for a street railway engineer to say. The other method suggested is that "skip-stops" be revived. The public has shown its dislike for this system.

Indianapolis undoubtedly has lost a number of industries because of the unwillingness of citizens to pay bonuses as is the practice in other cities. The great industrial growth of Indianapolis without this plan attests to the advantage of our city.

The suggestion for community child gardens, or in pre-war phraseology, kindergartens, is a good one. There are now some free kindergartens, but not nearly enough.

What do you suggest for the improvement of the city. Have you any ideas for the carrying out of suggestions already made?

MORE ABOUT SUBSIDY

HIS scheme for subsidizing private American shipping from the public coffers having gone amiss, Chairman Albert T. Lasker, retiring head of the shipping board, discovers he did not need the subsidy, anyway, to keep the American flag on the high seas.

Lasker, in his farewell letter to the President, outlines a plan for reorganizing the shipping board's merchant fleet on new lines. He would form eighteen subsidiary companies, owned and controlled by the government through the shipping board, each company to be locally managed and to be operated over a chosen field.

One company—or more, perhaps—would have headquarters in San Francisco, for example. Its directors would be local citizens and shipping men, the latter representing the government. The local board would be in a position to meet competition as it found it and to settle local problems as they arose, without the delay of consulting Washington.

Of the fleet of 1,650 steel vessels owned by the government, Lasker would reduce the four hundred now in operation to a fleet of about 250 ships. After selecting a second line emergency fleet of some 200 additional ships, Lasker would break up a thousand ships of lesser value, and sell them as junk.

Lasker makes it very plain this plan was worked up only as an alternative for the ship subsidy. Yet he thinks it will lead to ultimate sale of the ships to private operators. Lasker originally wanted to pay the private operators a subsidy to get them to buy government ships. Now he wants to organize subsidiary companies, each to develop its field, out of San Francisco, New York, New Orleans and other ports, until private companies are ready to buy them.

Now that is precisely what The Indianapolis Times has been saying all along, when it opposed the ship subsidy. If it were necessary to pay private operators to buy government ships, then far better keep them as government ships.

Questions

ASK THE TIMES

Answers

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, 25-29 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind. 4, enclosing 2 cents in stamps. Medical, legal, and love and marriage advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be undertaken, or papers, specimens, etc., be prepared. Unsolicited letters cannot be answered, but all letters are confidential, and receive personal replies.—EDITOR.

Does the Bible state that the descendants of Cain were negroes?
No.

How did the expression "gone west," meaning dead, originate?
It originated during the World War. When a regiment was sent west it meant that they were going into heavy fighting and would probably never return.

What is Chauve Souri?
A novelty entertainment consisting of numbers of dancing, music and light skits, given by a group of Russian players under the direction of Ballet. It proved highly successful on account of the novelty and originality of the numbers and the ability of the players.

When were the \$50 gold pieces, or Panama Exposition coins, coined?
In 1915 only. There were 3,019 of these coins put in circulation.

Who was George Inness?
A landscape painter, born at Newburgh, N. Y., May 1, 1825; died in 1894.

What is "chasidim"?
A name employed at different periods to designate some class of especially pious persons among the Jews. From passages in the Psalter, the books of Maccabees, and the Talmud, it seems evident that the term was used as a designation of those

who distinguished themselves by loyalty to the law and the ancestral customs. They do not appear to have formed a sect or party. In modern times this name is applied to a sect which originated in Poland in the latter half of the eighteenth century, characterized by a belief in miracles, and in the approach of the coming of the Messiah. They opposed Talmudic learning. Their religion became characterized by noisiness but also by intensity of pious sentiment.

What are the six swiftest wild animals of North America?
Wolves, coyotes, elk, deer, antelope and jack rabbits.

Who is the present Postmaster General?
Harry S. New.

Of what species is the famous white elephant?
An infrequent albino type of Asiatic elephant, highly esteemed because rare.

What vegetables grew in North America before the coming of the white man?
Indian corn, potatoes, tomatoes, peppers, pumpkins, squashes and garden beans.

How many deaths are there from automobile accidents in the United States?
In 1921, 10,168.

Who is eligible to the Order of the Garter in England?
It is limited to those of royal blood or to very distinguished members of the nobility.

Who wrote the poem "The Female of the Species"?
Rudyard Kipling.

Lawyer's Dream for a Happier and Better World Brings Rotary Clubs Over Twenty-Six Nations

International Convention of Society Convened at St. Louis June 18.

By NEA Service
ST. LOUIS, June 13.—A Chicago lawyer, with humanitarian impulses, called three of his friends into conference with him at his office one wintry night.

Before them he unfolded a vision that haunted him night and day—a vision of a happier and better world. People, he told them, needed some doctrine of service making dynamic the static, ethical principle of the Golden Rule.

Why not help him draft such a philosophy? Why not pledge themselves to abide by it in their different walks of life?

Would they help him? They did. One of the three was a coal dealer, another a mining operator, and the third, a merchant tailor.

That was eighteen years ago—Feb. 23, 1905. The men went out and interested others in their creed.

And that was the beginning of Rotary.

Idea Spreads
They called it "Rotary" because in those early days members met in rotation in their offices and shops. Three years later the idea spread to San Francisco. Then the germ descended in other parts of the country.

WATSON IN DIFFICULT POSITION
Indiana Senator in Hot Water Over Attitude of White House.

By JOHN CARSON
Times Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON, June 13.—Senator "Jim" Watson of Indiana has become the most elusive of Republican leaders.

Doors to the Senator's office at the capitol are locked invariably. Pounded on the doors and there is no answer, although lights within betray some one's presence there. Catch the Indiana Senator on the run and he is more nervous than usual and always in a hurry.

When Watson went to the White House for his conference with Harding the "I Told You So" stuff was written all over his visit. What was said behind the closed door of the President's office will not be known. But when Watson came out his formal expression was that the party would be unified behind Harding; that there would be no split, and so on. His informal expression was that his warning to the President some months ago had been justified by events.

Never before in his political history has Watson suffered such a difficult burden. He knows the White House is cold to him. He knows there is no possibility of a reconciliation with Postmaster General New. He knows New has President Harding's ear and confidence. He knows the President has been advised that Watson aspires to leadership in the party. He knows he is held responsible to a great degree for the anti-Harding propaganda which has emanated from the Republican national committee.

And yet he cannot surrender and forget it all. Whether he inspired it or not, the facts are sentiment in the Republican national committee has crystallized rapidly against Harding's international policy.

If he abandons the place he has chosen for himself, then he endorses the committee members who have stood with him and who have supported Chairman Adams. He is forced to go on and to continue to justify the part he has played.

Body of Y. W. C. A. Girl Found in Culvert



The body of Helen Drachman, pretty Y. W. C. A. girl of Youngstown, Ohio, was found under a culvert four miles outside that city. Chris Kimmel, chauffeur, confessed he "killed her because I loved her." She was stabbed five times with a stiletto.

Indiana tells the same story. Ford also leads in Missouri and California. Ford's lead is not sectional, either, as there is no State in which he is not among the leaders. Harding carries New York with 3,411; Smith gets 2,963; Ford, 2,094.

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A Bargain
By BERTON BRALEY
A little bird sat on my window sill
And trilled away as a bird will trill,
And he cocked at me such a knowing eye
That I said, "I'll talk to this little guy."
So I asked, "Oh bird, do you think it pays
To give up a bachelor's easy ways,
For the sake of a girl? Is the price too steep?"
"Cheep!" said the little bird, "Cheep! Cheep! Cheep!"

"But think what it means, oh bird," I cried,
"To take to my bosom a blushing bride,
Though love is joyous and dear and sweet,
The fondest lovers, at times, must eat.
And the cost of renting a cozy nook
Is hard on a poor man's pocketbook.
Won't the cost be high for the joys I reap?"
"Cheep!" said the little bird, "Cheep! Cheep! Cheep!"

"So you think," I said, "that the toll and fret,
The woes and worries that must be met
In having a home and a family,
Won't prove too heavy a load for me?"
If I give up freedom, with which I'm blest,
For the sake of a mate and a little nest,
You look to me like a sapient bird!
Is the price too great? Ere I get in deep,
Is it worth the cost, for it costs a heap?"
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Editor's Mail
To the Editor of The Times
The greatest thing I can think of is to get all the young men in Indianapolis to quit using tobacco and strong drink and seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness with all their hearts. All the women should do likewise. This will be the greatest uplift that I can think of and all things else will be added.

MARTHA J. HANNAH,
Home Missionary Worker.

To the Editor of The Times
This concerns our good county and State officials: Did you ever notice that the majority of interurban road crossings over the highways are made from two to six feet narrower than the road, both gravel and improved?

Just think! The most dangerous place on the road is made the most inconvenient to pass another vehicle. Railroads, as a rule, do not do this. Why should the electric roads do so?

J. M. M.

TRAFFIC WISDOM
by Dr. R. C. Roueche
Chairman, Safe Drivers' Club

LESSON NO. 3
Pedestrian becoming a motorist.
1. Board vehicle only on right side of vehicle.
2. Avoid driving while your breath smells of liquor.

PLAY FAIR ON THE HIGHWAY

FORD BEATS HARDING IN STRAW VOTE

Collier's Poll of Nation Gives Doubtful States to Auto King.

The fourth week of Collier's straw vote of the nation on potential presidential candidates shows Henry Ford far ahead with a lead of 11,297 votes over Harding out of a total of 128,276 votes cast.

The total ballot on the eight leading candidates is: Ford, 38,467; Harding, 27,270; McAdoo, 19,526; Cox, 9,148; Johnson, 8,602; Hughes, 7,606; Smith, 6,726; Hoover, 5,039.

Politicians will be interested to know most of the "doubtful" States Ford has swept ahead of the President. Harding has had to yield his own State, Ohio, by a plurality of 518, and Massachusetts by a slightly larger lead. He lost New Jersey, in Michigan, Ford leads Harding almost two to one. In Maryland by nearly that, and in Kentucky by a little more.

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By FRANK J. TAYLOR
WASHINGTON, June 13.—"This man Harding forgets, now that he is President, what he knew very well when he was a Senator," exclaimed a Republican Senator recently.

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Understood Senate Policy
When he was Senator, Harding understood exactly that the Senate was to be the final authority on matters of government policy. He was to be "the great conciliator."

Then Harding went to the White House, where he found Hughes and Hoover and the other men in his Cabinet waiting for him. He had appointed them to their jobs, and, theoretically, they were to take orders from him. But in a short time, instead of merely taking orders, they were making suggestions and influencing him, until today Mr. Harding no longer takes his tips from his Senate friends. Most of them come from the Cabinet.

Now the President faces the alternative of admitting that the Senate is boss of the Government by backing down on the world court or he can say that he is chief and can insist that the United States enter the world court.

Plenty of Precedent
Looking about for precedent, he can find the example of former President Taft, who backed down before Congress and who went down to political defeat. Or he can follow the method of Theodore Roosevelt, who chose to "beat Congress into line," and who got away with it. Still more recently, there was Woodrow Wilson, who stood pat when opposed by Congress and who met his Waterloo still standing and fighting.

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Matron Says Spare Rod and Save Child



MRS. C. M. THOMPSON

By NEA Service
KNOXVILLE, Tenn., June 13.—Do you want a better community to live in, a better generation to follow ours?

Then lay aside the rod, is the advice of Mrs. C. M. Thompson, veteran police matron of this city. "Whippings," she declares, "are the reasons 'why girls leave home,' and beatings have sent many a boy into evil ways."

Mrs. Thompson has had thirty years of contact with young people who were arrested after their first misstep. From a study of these she concludes whipping a child spoils him.

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TOM SIMS SAYS:

OUR guess at the Dempsey-Gibbons outcome is as good as any.

We bet Christmas comes next winter.

Next thing you know New York will be exporting booze.

Here's the news from Canada. Boreers ruining the corn crop. This bug may be kin to Senator Borah.

China is having trouble with the Japanese, but not as much as she is having with the Chinese.

Good news from London. Lawyer business over there is poor.

French airplane maker says he sees us all flying in a few years. We say he had better look again.

West Indies fireflies are so bright you can read by their light, but, of course, they can't.

Good news from Holland. Political graft being stamped out. Keeps the Dutch from getting in Dutch.

Whooping cough is breaking out among the royalty of England, but we don't give a whoop.

Great baseball news from Washington today. Figures show about a million acres of peanuts planted.

Milk statistics show we are drinking so much more milk the cows may have of work some at night.

Chicago cops raided eight bucketshops because the buckets leaked.

Lightning struck a Seattle church. May have been after a man who dropped buttons in the collection.

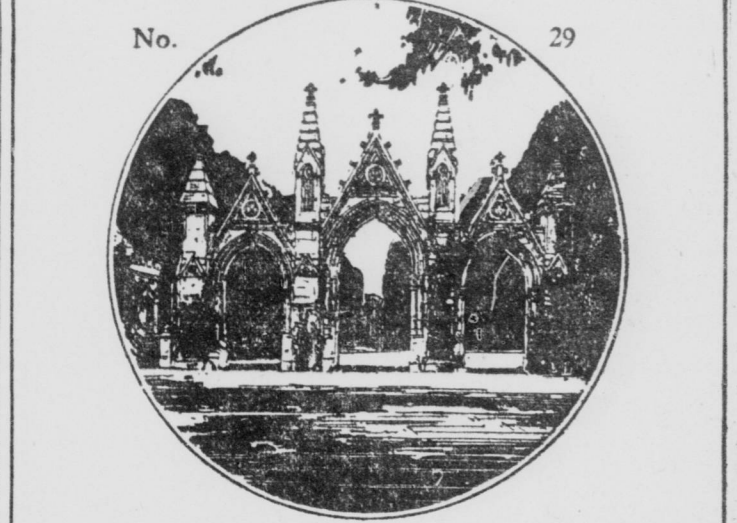
Doctor says men make the best cooks. We say men marry the best cooks.

Southern Trade Congress opening in Washington July 9 may trade the South for some arctic regions.



Tom Sims

CROWN HILL CEMETERY



In 1863 it was decided that old City Cemetery, located at South street and White river, was insufficient for the needs of a growing city. In September of that year an association was formed with James Ray as president, T. P. Haughey, secretary, and Stoughton A. Fletcher Jr., treasurer, to make arrangements for the purchase of a new cemetery. In 1864 Crown Hill cemetery was dedicated. Hon. Albert S. White, formerly United States senator, delivering the oration. There are 250 acres in the tract and lots were bought rapidly by the leading citizens. The money obtained from the sale of lots is used to beautify the cemetery, which accounts to a large degree for the reputation Crown Hill has of being one of the most beautiful cemeteries in the country.

As in this instance, Fletcher's Bank, the predecessor of the Fletcher American National Bank, has always been interested in and instrumental in the promotion of any movement for the betterment of Indianapolis and Indiana. It is one of the reasons why it is one of the strongest and most highly respected banking institutions in the country.

Fletcher American National Bank

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Capital and Surplus, \$5,000,000