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BASKETBALL ON THRONE

ONCE again basketball reigns among the high school boys and girls and a great many of their elders in Indiana. It has frequently been remarked that "Indiana is basketball crazy." As proof of this fact it may be noted that at least 5,000 boys are participating as actual players in games in fifty-five cities and towns of the State. A total of 665 teams is represented. Never has any sport so taken a State by storm. It is safe to say the Indiana high school basketball tournaments are unique in the history of sport.

And here is another thing: Basketball players are NOT "cake-eaters."

Indiana's players are real boys, boys of whom the State is proud. There are few games more strenuous—basketball requires strong muscles, good wind and quick thinking.

A boy can't be a "lounge lizard" and a basketball player at the same time.

Who said the youth of the country is going to the bow-wows?

OWNIE BUSH'S CHANCE

THE Indianapolis baseball team, guided by Ownie Bush, home-grown manager, departs for Florida to begin spring training.

When ball clubs go South, that is when spring comes for a large part of the Nation's citizenry. Renewed hopes, new penant castles to build, new players to discuss, the opening game, all are popular subjects eagerly snapped up for debate wherever men or boys gather.

Baseball fans here have been talking Bush all winter. His skillful playing with the Indianapolis pennant winners of 1908 always will be a happy recollection.

Owner Smith is doing what he can to give Bush the proper talent for a first division contender and the new manager is keenly desirous of delivering the goods as a step toward establishing himself permanently with the Indianapolis baseball club. Bush is of the "home boy" type and has tired of living away six months of the year.

Baseball interest in Indianapolis has lagged for some time. Various explanations for the slump have been advanced, but discussion on that point has ended. The big thing now is 1924.

Fans seem agreed that if Bush cannot revive the game it means Indianapolis has dropped from the list of live baseball towns.

From early indications the opening game, April 15, will be a record-breaker for local baseball attendance. Therefore, prediction is made Indianapolis is due for a baseball boom IF the Indians perk up under Ownie Bush.

REMOVE THIS HANDICAP

IT is doubtful if there is full realization of the handicap under which the fight against graft and corruption in Washington is being carried on.

Politics impedes progress at every step. There are men of both parties who are earnestly trying to expose and punish the guilty and protect the public.

There are men of both parties—in and out of public office—who are trying to block the investigation.

There are others who see in the whole oil scandal little more than a matter of partisan gain or loss.

The unfortunate relation of Attorney General Daugherty removes the Government's regular legal machinery from the field. This has been partially offset by the appropriation of \$100,000 to hire outside lawyers to try the cases.

But before cases can be tried they must be prepared as to facts. Before the Senate committee can get to the bottom of the mess it must be able to run down leads and clues.

At an enormous expense the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice is maintained for this purpose. This is Uncle Sam's police force and detective bureau.

It is supposedly a body of skilled operatives trained in the pursuit of crime and the sifting of facts. It is a powerful, secret organization that extends over the whole country—and beyond. During all these months that bureau has done nothing to assist the Government which supports it. So long as Daugherty is Attorney General he, through Burns, will control the secret service—and it will continue not to function in the public interest in the oil cases.

It is all right for Daugherty to remain in office until he has a hearing. It is indeed, quite proper, but it would seem to be a failure in public service and a diversion of public funds to permit the bureau of investigation to be palsied during these critical months.

President Coolidge could very well give an indication of the relentless purpose which he has said he holds if he could go over the head of the absent Attorney General and take such steps as would galvanize the bureau of investigation of the Department of Justice into the utmost activity and most perfect co-ordination with the Senate and the special oil attorneys.

The public is paying for this great agency and has a right to its utmost service at this moment. The President can, if he will, remove this handicap.

COOLIDGE considering Borah for Daugherty's job, says Washington dispatch. One way to silence a critic is to hire him.

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British Ambassador Arrives in New York



Sir Esme Howard (above) is the new British ambassador to United States. He is shown on arrival at New York.

DEMOCRATS LOOK OVER CANDIDATES

Ralston and Copeland Appear to Be Best Bets Before Party.

By HARRY B. HUNT
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, March 1.—These are the doozy days for the Democrats.

Wherever, two or more Democrats foregather, the inevitable first question is:

"Well, what's the dope?"

Meaning, always, the deep, inside political prognostication as evolved by the boys with their ears to the ground and their eyes on the presidency. Here it is.

Coolidge will be the Republican nominee. No Democrat disputes that. The G. O. P. must win or lose with the man now in the White House.

To repudiate him would be to admit a mistake in 1920 and concede failure of the present Administration. With that settled, the Democratic doers then set about picking the man to unseat Coolidge. That's a more involved problem!

Underwood? Too conservative. Lacks magnetism and popular appeal. Too southern to pull necessary northern vote. Small chance.

Cox? Outdistanced in 1920. A good campaigner, forceful, magnetic, but handicapped by his former defeat. Little chance.

McAdoo Is Lamed

McAdoo? A favorite, irreparably lamed as a candidate because of his oil connections. Personally and politically the best fighter and most alert brain in the party, but now too vulnerable. His candidacy would tie the hands of his party in using effectively the chief bludgeon by which the Democrats may be able to beat down the G. O. P.—Oil!

Ralston? Well—a possibility. Not too well known. No enemies. Made a good Governor. Rather old, rather conservative, but born in Ohio and residing in Indiana. Geographically well placed. A possibility.

Al Smith of New York? Too bad. He has the sort of personality and popularity that would be invaluable. But a Tammany could garner few votes in the debatable middle west and west, where the battle must be won. Not available.

Look at Copeland

If none of these, then who? Well—Copeland of New York, progressive, vigorous, magnetic. A doctor-president might restore the body politic to health.

John W. Davis? Um-m-m. Not likely. A charming fellow personally, but a bit up-stage for a popular candidate. A silk-stocking air. Nope!

Josephus Daniels? Well, perhaps. He headed the Navy Department when the sailors covered themselves with glory in the World War. He was the object of many jibes, but he defended the naval oil lands from many assaults of those who wanted to exploit them.

Cordell Hull? Carter Glass? Homer Cummings?

Wait a bit! Homer Cummings. There's a good politician. Foxy. Think this over.

Need McAdoo Votes

If McAdoo can't be nominated, the man who is nominated will need the votes of McAdoo supporters. The decision of McAdoo backers at Chicago to keep him in the fight insures his friends having the veto power in the New York convention. If they can't put him across they can say who will or will not get across.

And while all other potential Democratic candidates were sitting back smugly, smiling to themselves at McAdoo's discomfiture, figuring how his seeming elimination had helped their chances, Homer Cummings was up at Chicago himself shouting for McAdoo, proclaiming him the hope of progressive democracy—and incidentally making himself solid with the McAdoo forces as a potential dark horse when and if it is established McAdoo cannot pull down the nomination.

Well, that's the dope. Unsatisfactory stuff, always creating an appetite for more. But the supply in Washington is endless.

For these are the doozy days!

A Thought

We have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence; shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits, and live?—Heb. 12:9.

ENCEFORTH the Majesty of God reverend; Fear Him and you have nothing to fear. —Fordyce.

NATURAL BARRIERS CAUSE OF RACES

Tendency Toward Differentiation and Assimilation Opposing Forces Throughout History of Mankind.

By DAVID DIETZ
Science Editor of The Times
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ONE of the outstanding facts about man today is that he is divided up into races, each possessing distinguishing characteristics.

As we have seen, even several types of true men existed in the Old Stone Age.

Two great opposing forces have been at work throughout the story of mankind. One has been the tendency toward differentiation.

The other has been assimilation, the intermingling of different types tending to bring about similarity.

Different varieties of men migrating about the world and intermingling with the types they met, have tended to make for assimilation. But certain great barriers, such as oceans and high mountain ranges, have tended to preserve differentiations in certain great areas.

Result of Climates

These differentiations are thought to be the results of varying climates, foods, living conditions and the like.

Therefore we find certain general characteristics prevailing throughout great areas.

Thus in the north and western Europe great numbers of peoples are characterized by white skins, fair hair and blue eyes.

About the Mediterranean we find peoples with white skins but dark hair and black eyes.

In eastern Asia great numbers of peoples have yellowish skins, straight black hair and more or less high cheek bones.

Most of the natives of southern Africa have black skins, flat noses, and thick lips.

The scientist who studies races, the ethnologist, divides mankind up into races which he has assigned names.

Thus the race which spread over Europe, the Mediterranean area and western Asia is known as Caucasian.

It is divided into three main groups. The first include the northern blondes

or Nordics. The Scandinavians, Scots and northern Englishmen are Nordics. The second division is the Alpine. The third is the Mediterranean or Iberian.

In eastern Asia there is a second race known as the Mongolian.

Find Primitive Race

In Africa we find the negro race, and in Australia and New Guinea a black primitive race named the Australoids.

But we must remember that there are many groups of peoples which do not seem to fit very into any one of these groups and others which are undoubtedly the results of mixtures.

Three thousand years ago, as already pointed out, man learned to make implements of iron.

From that point on, we must leave the story of man to the historian.

We started out with a general survey of the universe. Then we narrowed our survey to the earth upon which we live.

Let us now narrow our field to the specific phenomena of life.

Next article in series: What Is Life?

Indiana Sunshine

G. F. Brazier of Silvertown, Ore., visited relatives at Wolcott, Ind., last summer. They took with them their pet collie dog Bob.

When they returned home they were forced to leave without the dog, being unable to find him.

A few days ago the collie arrived in Silvertown, weary and sore-footed, but otherwise unharmed from his 1,600-mile journey.

Students at Wabash College have discarded garters. A vote was recently taken at chapel exercises which showed the students had discarded the conventional sock supports.

The students that were still sitting when all the others stood up to vote in favor of the new fad, were booed and derided by the garterless faction.

An ancient volume has come into the possession of Hohn Bonham, Bartholomew County auditor, and all who have examined it are unable to determine what tongue it is written in.

The book, handwritten and published in 1785, contains many maps and geographical sketches. Among the maps of the north continent, Alaska is not included. It is believed that the writer did not know of the existence of this part of the continent.

PARALAUGHS

Only a great State would own up to its faults. Texas admits she leads in producing spinach.

"I am through with men," says a Kansas City woman as she gets a divorce. It sounds like it, but she is 66.

Being too serious is a very serious mistake.

A slight earthquake felt in Alaska was probably caused by some seal hunter's lies.

The well informed girl doesn't catch a husband as quickly as the well formed girl.

In Tiro, Ohio, a man has received a letter mailed sixty-three years ago, but bills never act that way.

Another cabinet member is resigned to his fate.

Mexico will send an Olympic team to France. If the team has any soldiers they should be good runners.

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Third Degree Yourself!

Good Stenographer Test

Do you know how efficient your stenographer is? Can you tell a good one by one test? Or do you have to give her a trial at the job and see? A really good stenographer or secretary should be able to take 120 words per minute in dictation, and transcribe same on typewriter at forty words per minute.

Read the directions first. Then try it on your next applicant.

Directions: Explain to applicant you are going to dictate a letter and that you want him to handle it in the same way that he would if it were his first letter in a new position.

Provide applicant with two well sharpened pencils, without erasers, and a regulation stenographic notebook. Make sure that applicant is at his ease and ready to start. Dictate very slowly through the "Dear Sir" of the salutation and have applicant read back to be sure he has it exactly right.

Then dictate the body of the letter, including the complimentary ending, at the rate of ten seconds for each interval within stars (20 words per minute.) Tell applicant of punctuation marks by merely saying "comma," "period" or "paragraph."

Then seat applicant comfortably before standard typewriter. Provide him with two sheets of 9x12 paper and one sheet of carbon paper. Wait until machine is adjusted and applicant is ready to start. Note the time involved (as "3 1/2 minutes") in transcribing, not counting that spent in the salutation through "Dear Sir."

We will be pleased to replace any worn or damaged parts, and will do so free of charge if there is no evidence that the machine has been subjected to abuse.

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Heard in the Smoking Room

"A Good old Irish care-taker up in the Yellowstone," said a smoker, "was very proud of his job and boasted over everything in the park, and when a party of us came to a little lake, last summer, he pointed to it and said:

"There be the greatest lake on earth, so deep there's no bottom at all." "I guess," said I, "if you used long

enough line and heavy enough sinker, you'd hit bottom, all right."

"That's what an eastern tourist felly like yez thinks, last summer," replied Pat, "and he strips and dives in the park, and when a party of us came to a little lake, last summer, he pointed to it and said:

"There be the greatest lake on earth, so deep there's no bottom at all." "I guess," said I, "if you used long

The Situation Begins to Clarify



QUESTIONS Ask—The Times ANSWERS

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Does celery need sunshine?

Yes, while it is growing, but it does not need it during the bleaching process.

What is the German word for groundhog?

The groundhog is unknown in Germany.

How many acres in the State-house grounds, in Indianapolis, including the building?

Eight and 96-100 acres.

How did Newport News come by its name?

It was named after Capt. Christopher Newport and Sir William Newce.

How did Xenia, Ohio, get its name?

From the Greek word "xenia," meaning friendly.

How did the Indians get their chiefs?

As a rule, an Indian chief inherited his position, although there were cases of a chief being chosen for his ability.

How many glacial periods have there been in the history of the earth and when was the last one?

Four. The last one ended about 60,000 B. C.

What is the origin of the piano?

It was evolved from instruments of like construction, the clavichord, the harpsichord, etc. The history of the piano's proper beginning is in the year 1709, with the instrument built by Bartolomeo Cristofori.

Is it proper for the hostess to eat with her guests when she is serving them?

It is, if she does not, it gives an awkward feeling that she is missing her meal, and the guests are likely to feel embarrassed and wish to help.

Are the words "somebody," "anybody," etc., compound words?

"Somebody," "anybody," "nobody" are properly written as one word. It is better, however, to say "some one," "any one," "no one."

With a magnet less than three inches long, with the help of an electric needle, have power enough to draw two pounds of iron or steel a distance of six inches?

Not with any practical amount of current.

Who invented the parachute?

It is credited to Sebastian Le Normand, and the device was first used by him in 1784 in making a descent from an upper window of a house in Lyons, France. The first descent from a balloon was made by Garnerin in Paris in 1797, in which a parachute, 23 feet in diameter, composed of a number of gores of canvas, was employed.

What does the expression "coup d'etat" mean?

"Coup d'etat" is a French expression which means an unexpected stroke of policy, generally unconstitutional and often accompanied by violence, as when, on Dec. 2, 1851, Louis Napoleon, with unnecessary bloodshed and the aid of the army, caused himself to be elected emperor.

What is the difference between anthracite and bituminous coal?

Anthracite coal contains less volatile matter than bituminous coal; always burns without smoke and is used almost entirely as a domestic fuel (except the steam sizes which are really by-products of the anthracite industry.) It was all originally bituminous coal but when the surface of the earth contracted and formed the mountain ranges, the pressure compacted and heated the bituminous coal, driving off the gaseous parts (volatile matter) and formed what is now known as anthracite.

The Motorist's Dilemma

By BERTON BRALEY

It was a weary Motorist

Who stoppeth one of three;

"I have a grisly tale to tell,

I prithee, list to me—

"Four days ago I drove to town

And on the street did stop.

"Ye cannot park that wagon here,

Drive on!" so spake the Cop.

"And then I sought another space

Where there seemed room to spare;

"Drive on, drive on!" Ye Copper

quoth,

"Ye cannot park it there."

"I needed shelter and a shave;

Ye night was growing dark,

But though to park my boat I'd

crave,

No one would let me park.

"I tried ye narrow streets and wide,

For many hours I'd ridden,

But ever I would find a sign

"HERE PARKING IS FORBIDDEN."

"I even tried ye graveyard once,

When sudden did appear

A ghost from out a vault who said,

"Ye cannot park in here."

"Four weary days I've driven 'round

'Within this benzine ark,

My strength is getting very low,

For everywhere in town I go

They will not let me park."

A traffic cop approached the group,

His aspect bleak and dread,

"Ye're blockin' traffic on the street,

Ye can't park here," he said.

Then off ye deck the Motorist

Propelled his dusty Flivver.