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TREATING INSANE DECENTLY

MARION County is setting a precedent for the rest of the State in supplying the crying need for a place other than the county jail in which to keep persons suspected of being insane.

For years it has been the practice throughout Indiana to treat insane persons, or persons suspected of being insane, as criminals. They have been locked in jails simply because they were suffering from a disease.

Some of them have been kept in jails for years!

The county council has appropriated \$20,000 for the maintenance of a psychopathic ward at the city hospital, the city to provide the ward.

Patients can be taken to the ward and placed under observation with competent medical attention.

How immeasurably better this is than locking an insane man or woman in a jail cell!

The Times finds satisfaction in the fact that it and many civic organizations have fought for decent treatment of the insane.

THE CROWN THAT LACKS A HEAD

IT is truly a time of trouble for President Coolidge. There are so many things to be decided, so many chances to do the wrong thing.

There's the oil mess. If he fires Attorney General Daugherty, as Republicans and Democrats alike in the Senate urge him to do, he must break openly with the Republican national chairman and must face the fact that Daugherty, who knows more about the inside workings of Republican politics than almost any other man, will take the warpath to punish all those who desert him. No Republican President, seeking re-election, ever has faced a worse party wrecker.

There's taxation. Coolidge offered the country a two-sided program. For the big campaign contributors there was to be a sharp reduction in surtaxes. That would get the contributions. For the average voter there was to be a slight reduction in income taxes. That would get the votes.

But the Democrats in the House, aided by the progressive Republicans, have disemboweled this neat New England agenda. They have set up in its place a plan calculated to offend the G. O. P. contributors and to steal away the average voters. The President has seriously to consider what will happen to him if he should veto his vastly altered bill. Also, what will happen to him if he doesn't.

There's our foreign relations. The safe course for a Republican aspirant last fall seemed to be watchful waiting. As he watched and waited, a person named Bok was watching and working. The result of the latter's work is revealed week by week.

Returns for this week show that for every voter who wishes America to continue in its condition of economic and political isolation, there are seven who wish America to play its proper part in world affairs. If Coolidge joins this growing throng, he will find himself at war with his party members in the Senate. These Senators haven't yet learned that a policy which served their blind revenge in 1920 is not a permanent foreign policy for the United States. They'd be inclined to revenge themselves even more viciously on a President of their own party who repudiated their course.

Isn't it enough to make Coolidge look forward with pleasure to the glowing prospects for defeat in November?

HE WAS A MAN

AFTER paying a fine tribute to Washington as a soldier, statesman and patriot, Mr. Coolidge said: "We can best estimate him by not identifying him with some high place, but by thinking of him as one of ourselves."

Tis so. He was just like the rest of us. History affirms that he got up in the morning wanting a cocktail, or something equally as good, cussed like Captain Kidd when his toe hit a rocker, and couldn't tell a lie. Just like us, all through, Calvin! We venerate, immortalize Washington because of his pre-eminence among the great and love him because he was human.

JUDGING from the number of hands in that Teapot Dome matter, it was also a jackpot and all held openers.

THAT idea of preserving fruit by varnishing it may become popular. It makes the fruit taste like a new automobile.

THE oil men surely paid out a lot of money for legal advice, but it is apparent they never received the right kind.

RENTS have doubled since 1914 and that is why families haven't.

USUAL worthlessness of millionaires' sons is proverbial and a degenerate scion in New York who is learning to play the saxophone proves it.

HOUSE and Senate chambers at Washington are to have a new ventilation system, which is another indication of the proneness of man to correct the effect and still maintain the cause.

IT IS a rather interesting coincidence that the members of Congress who are denounced as radicals happen to have the cleanest records for honesty.

Hey, You Listeners in!

Here's the bulletin you want—A complete up-to-date revised list of every broadcasting station in the United States and Canada, compiled from official sources, giving you the stations alphabetically by call letter, the owner, location and wave length.

Every radio fan will want this booklet to keep handy in the drawer of radio receiving table.

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LENIN'S DOCTRINES SWEEPING MEXICO LIKE PRAIRIE FIRE

Newspaperman Jailed for Keeping Mum



WHERE did you get that story? asked the judge. "I won't tell," said Ralph F. King, assistant city editor of the Waukegan (Ill.) Daily Sun. "Thirty days in jail, then," remarked the court. King (pictured above) moved his typewriter into his cell and kept at work. He keeps in touch with the outside world over a radio. His boss doubled his salary during imprisonment. King obtained his story from a confidential source and is keeping his pledge of secrecy, despite courts and jails.

NO 19 Third Degree Yourself! A Mental Age of Nine

A normal person about 9 years old or older should be able to complete with few mistakes the following mental tests. Try this test on yourself before you give it to your son or daughter, brother or sister.

Simply ask the person to be tested the following questions or have him do the following tests, being sure that he understands what you want him to do before you conclude that he cannot complete the test:

1. "What day of the week, what month, what day of the month and what year is today?"
2. "How many ounces in a pound? How many pints in a quart?"
3. "Suppose you went to the store and spent 4 cents out of a 10-cent piece. How much change should you get? Similarly, 12 cents out of 15 cents; 4 cents out of 25 cents?"
4. "Repeat the following four figures backward: 6-5-2-8; 4-9-3-7; 8-6-2-9."
5. "Use the following three words all in the same sentence: Boy, river, ball. Also use the following words in a sentence: Work, money, men."
6. "Give three words that rhyme with each of the following words: Day, mill and spring."

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Indiana Sunshine

Dr. William E. Biederwolf of Wilmette, Ind., now conducting evangelistic services in the Orient, recently made an effort to get a peek at the uncovered foot of a Chinese woman, but failed, according to letters received by friends.

He tried to bribe a woman of 65 to show him her foot that appeared about 3 and one-half inches long as the result of foot-binding. He says the practice is gradually dying out.

When it comes to pulling teeth Dr. A. L. Anderson, Clinton dentist, seems to accomplish the task at all hazards. He jerked so hard on a victim's molar it flew out and hit him in the eye. He is improving from considerable injury after being taken to a hospital for treatment.

While the Church of God at Rensselaer has had no regular service since the congregation attended each Sunday and listens to sermons by radio.

Because of small membership it had been agreed to close the church for the winter until a radio enthusiast suggested the installation of a set.

A Thought

But he that did his neighbor wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge?—Acts 7:27.

IT IS vain to trust in wrong; it is like erecting a building upon a frail foundation, and which will directly be sure to topple over.—Hosea Ballou.

Sister's New Feller

"What's wrong with me? What ya laughin' at?" "I just realized what the sport model of the Missing Link would look like!"—Judge.

Heard in the Smoking Room

WONDERFUL is the power of music," remarked a smoker. "The other night I attended a recital by home talent, over in a little town near Columbus, O. They had a really fine baritone who again and again put much sentiment in the refrain 'On the Wabash.' He did put soul into it and, at the close of it, a rough-looking fellow at the back of the crowd put his head between his

Federal Troops March Behind Red Flag of Bolshevism Fighting to Crush Rebellion—Soviet Creed Gains.

By BOB DORMAN
NEA Service Writer

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, March 3.—Red Russia has little on "Bloody Mexico" today.

Lenin's doctrines are sweeping across the country like a raging prairie fire.

From up on the Rio Grande down to the Gulf of Tehuantepec federal troops are marching behind the red flag of bolshevism.

And in the field, government soldiers, themselves fighting to crush rebellion, are wearing flaring red ribbons around their campaign hats.

Throughout central and southern Mexico—that is to say in the more densely settled sections—the Reds grow ever stronger.

In the north, where the population is more scattered, radicalism's spread is more gradual.

But even there the soviet creed is gaining many converts.

Church Bells Ring

Amid the frantic pealing of church bells and shrieking whistles, Gen. Eugenio Martinez rode into Vera Cruz at the head of his victorious troops.

In the Plaza were gathered thousands of the townspeople. In front of them was an auto, from which rose a staff flying a huge red flag. It bore the emblem of the sickle and the hammer—radical symbol.

Martinez passed into the Hotel Dilligencias to review the passing columns. The end of the line came. The general disappeared.

Heron Proal, leader of the Vera Cruz Reds, took his place.

He spoke of the joy of the workers that once more their comrades ruled Vera Cruz. Then he invited all to a demonstration in the Plaza that night.

Bangs Play in Plaza

A band was playing in the center of the Plaza. "Round and round circled the youth of the city."

Proal mounted to a balcony. About him was a forest of red flags. Cathedral bells rang wildly, their ropes pulled by zealous Reds. Proal's hand rose. The bells stopped, the band became silent. Proal began his speech.

He cursed capitalism and religion in terms too foul to print. He in-

Grammar

By BERTON BRALEY

Be careful of your grammar. Don't let nobody find you ain't been taught how you had ought.

To speak what's in your mind. I never knowed no person. What wouldn't find their speech improved a lot by learning what the grammars has to teach.

Them grammar books will learn you. How English should be spoke. So you won't make no bad mistake. Like crabs uncultured folk. Don't never talk like they does. There ain't no reason why You couldn't be as smart as me And learn to talk like I.

Us educated people. Wherever we have went, Finds others whom fills us with gloom.

Because they are content To speak the English language Without no kind of care, Though if they looks, they's grammar books.

To learn 'em everywhere! (Copyright, 1924, NEA Service, Inc.)

Science

It is almost impossible for science to keep up with what may be called the size of the universe and the age of the earth. Estimates in both of these problems have been changed many times, recently, but they are constantly being extended by additional discoveries.

A recent estimate of the distance across the known universe was 350,000 light years. A light year is the distance traversed in a year by light. Light moves at the rate of 186,000 miles per second.

Now, however, Harvard Observatory announces the discovery of a star cluster a million light years distant. This is so far away and extends the limits of the universe so greatly that some astronomers speak of it as "farther universe." This description is entirely wrong and only serves to confuse the lay student who is trying to grasp some of the wonders of the stars. There is and can be but one universe, since "universe" means everything there is. A poetic statement of scientific fact generally is misleading.

Paralaughs

Cox has one advantage in running for President. He has been over the track before.

Gross indebtedness is often due to gross neglect.

A new survey shows Alaskan oil wells more important than Teapot Dome. This may cause a scramble for Government offices.

Chinese general has refused to marry President Kung's daughter, indicating they have leap year in China.

Family Fun

Oh, Don't Do It
"Sweetheart, if you do not promise to be mine, I will kill myself!"

"Oh, surely you will not do that."

"I will. I'll go out on your own front lawn and hang myself on a limb of a tree. Then perhaps you will regret your heartlessness."

"George, George, you—mustn't! Promise me you won't do that!"

"Ah! Then you do love me?"

"No. But dad told me that if I let you hang around here and he found it out he would cut my allowance in half."—American Legion Weekly.

One on the Doctor

"I suppose, Mrs. Johnson, that you have given the medicine according to directions."

"Well, doctor, I done mah bes." You said give Sam one o' dese heah pills three times a day ontill gone, but I done run out o' pills yistiday an' he haint gone yit."—Boston Transcript.

After, If Not Before

"I could hold your hand forever. I'd like to put it in my pocket and take it with me."

"Don't worry, dear. It'll be in your pocket enough after we're married."—Rutger's Chanticleer

He Can Pull It Out



QUESTIONS Ask—The Times ANSWERS

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps for postage. Medical and marital advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be undertaken. All other questions will receive a personal reply. Unsigned requests cannot be answered. All letters are confidential.—Editor.

Can a private citizen who lives in Indianapolis buy a revolver or pistol from a responsible dealer without a police permit?

No.

Who was Isis?

An Egyptian goddess, daughter of Seb (earth), and Nut (heaven), and the sister and wife of Osiris.

What does the name Roosevelt mean?

The original family bore the name Van Roosevelt, meaning "of the field of roses," descriptive of their estates in Holland.

Who said "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty?"

It is the common fate of the indolent to see their rights become a prey to the active. The condition upon which God hath given liberty to man is eternal vigilance; which condition if he break, servitude is at once the consequence of his crime and the punishment of his guilt." John Philpot Curran, "Speech Upon the Right of Election," 1790.

Who was known as the "king-maker?"

Richard Neville, Earl of Warwick, who lived 1428-71. He is a historical character and also the hero of Lord Lytton's "The Last of the Barons."

What is the "right of primogeniture?"

The right which the first-born, or eldest son, had under the Norman and English law to succeed to the land of his father in preference to all the other children.

Who was Charon?

In classical mythology, the ferryman of the lower world who conveys to the realm of Hades the souls of the dead who have been duly buried.

What is the meaning of the name "Schenectady?"

This is derived from the Indian, meaning "over beyond the plains," or "river valley beyond the palisades."

What is the atmospheric pressure at 100 feet below sea level; at sea level; at 500 feet above sea level; at 2,000 feet above sea level?

At 100 feet below sea level, 30.01 inches; at sea level 29.92 inches; at 500 feet above sea level, 29.35 inches; at 2,000 feet above sea level, 27.78 inches.

What is meant by "crocodile tears?"

Hypocritical tears. There was an old tradition that crocodiles weep over their prey, but do not refrain from devouring it.

Has there ever been a negro king in North or South America?

Christophe, a negro, was king of Haiti, under the title Henry I. He was crowned June 2, 1812, reigning for about eight years, when a rebellion deposed him and he committed suicide.

Who was the "Snow Baby?"

Marie Peary, daughter of the Arctic explorer, She was born in the Arctic Circle, Mrs. Peary having accompanied her husband on one of his exploring expeditions. She is now Mrs. Edward Stafford.

What is a "light year?"

The space traversed in one year by a ray of light, which in air travels at the rate of about 186,000 miles per second. It is used as a unit in stating the distances of the stars; thus, the pole star is 45 light years from the earth.

Are there other words like "once and twice" that stand for the other numbers?

Once and twice are the only adverbs of this kind in ordinary use. For larger numbers an adverbial phrase "three times," "four times," etc. is employed. Thrice, however, is still common in poetry and the solemn style.

SCIENTISTS IGNORANT ABOUT LIFE

Seems to Be Made Up of Chemicals Such as Carbon and Oxygen.

By DAVID DIETZ
Science Editor of The Times
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FOR survey of the phenomena of life might properly begin with an answer to the question, "What is life?"

That would be logical. But there is one difficulty which stands in the way.

The scientist doesn't know what life is.

Many attempts have been made to define life. The famous Greek philosopher, Aristotle, tried his hand at it. He defined life as "the assemblage of the operations of nutrition, growth and destruction."

But, as Prof. Lorenzo Woodruff of Yale points out, life is too complex to be described concisely and too unlike to be compared with something else.

Can't Define Life

We can study the manifestations of life and some of the processes which are a part of life but we can't define life.

Many think that there is a metaphysical or supernatural force behind the physical factors of life.

The modern biologist can tell us certain things about the manifestations of life.

He knows that all living things, both plants and animals, are composed of microscopic subdivisions to which he attaches the name of cells.

The higher types of organisms are composed of billions upon billions of cells. At the lower end of the scale of life, we find organisms composed of single cells.

These cells while differing widely in different species and in different portions of the same organism, have certain fundamental similarities.

These similarities are sufficient to justify the biologist in thinking of all cells as a great number of varieties of some specific substance.

Thomas Huxley called this substance "the physical basis of life." Its scientific name is protoplasm.

Chemical Analysis

Chemical analysis shows it to be a complex mixture consisting chiefly of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, sulphur, phosphorus, potassium, calcium, chlorine, iron and magnesium.

While all these substances are found in non-living matter as well as in living organisms, there are certain compounds of these elements which are found only in living matter. These compounds are proteins, carbohydrates and fats. Of these, proteins are the most important, as they are always present in living matter.

Proteins might be considered as the nucleus of protoplasm.

The outstanding fact about living matter is its so-called "energy traffic." It absorbs energy out of its surroundings or environment, stores it up and later expends it.

Next article in series: Beginning of Life.

Animal Facts

The bag ape, orang-utan, is an amateur weaver. When he wants to take a snooze he hops up in a tree and skillfully weaves the live branches into a rude platform that is strong enough to bear his weight of 150 pounds or more.

The eagle sure has cause to scream. Having taken him off the small coins, the Government has now omitted him from the \$1 bills just issued.

Probably no human belief is more widespread than that the ostrich hides his head in the sand when in danger. It's an illusion; he does nothing of the sort.

Editor's Mail

The editor is willing to print views of Times readers on interesting subjects. Make your comment brief. Sign your name as an evidence of good faith. It will not be printed if you object.

Right Color

"Things looked pretty black for Daugherty until Senator La Follette came out against him," says an Indianapolis newspaper.

Certainly, even the public in general had difficulty in selecting the "color" until Senator La Follette put his powerful searchlight on it.

RASMUS JENSEN.

Single Tax

To the Editor of The Times
One speaker at the twentieth annual meeting of the Associated Employers told from personal observation, of the terrible condition of Russia under Bolshevism and the second speaker, a college professor, declared we had no statesman who could give a remedy for our industrial crises.

No doubt many hoped the speaker would give the proper course to pursue, but were disappointed.

He touched upon "American freedom," saying it was the right of every person to sell his labor to whom he desired without interference by any one.

This was a thrust at labor unions. The professor, however, did not go deep enough with his idea of "American freedom," perhaps for reasons known to himself.

As long as land grants are given to corporations, as long as the tariff exists, as long as special privileges are enjoyed by the few, as long as we have monopoly of natural resources, just so long will the writer be in favor of labor unions, first, last, and all the time.

It is necessary in order to face the beneficent law of supply and demand to institute a reform in taxation. Instead of taxing industry, commerce and thrift, insist that every one enjoying a privilege over any other man shall pay for that legal right and the answer is "the single tax on land values."

E. SUARK.

Dietz's Articles

To the Editor of The Times
Any Times subscriber who fails to read David Dietz's articles is missing a great treat in both literature and information.

I hope this series is completed so it will be possible to have the articles printed in book form. In appreciation, MRS. CHAS. W. TYLER, 18 East 37th St.

Digest's Vote

To the Editor of The Times
I have received a copy of a letter sent out by the Literary Digest for voters on the Mellon plan, which I consider one of the most one-sided things I ever saw put out to deceive the voter.