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ECONOMY OR NEGLIGENCE?

IT IS A FINE thing for Mayor Shank to cut city expenditures. Taxpayers need relief.

But it is another thing for him to cripple departments financially until they can't give Indianapolis citizens decent municipal service.

In his recent "tax reducing" program, the mayor slashed the budget, disregarding actual merits of certain requests.

The Times has found that the 1925 request for road oil was cut to \$22,250, which is not enough to oil HALF the city's unpaved streets next year. No street commissioner can buy oil below market price.

There is no such thing as "getting along" on that amount. The taxpayer is not benefited as a citizen of Indianapolis when his municipal government fails to provide for him.

Previous city administrations have granted as much as \$70,000 for oil. It was not all wisely spent, but plain figures show that \$22,250 won't be half enough to buy the city's oil.

Dozens of complaints asking for road oil have been made this year. The street commissioner is reaching the limit of his funds of \$25,000 for 1924.

Why call it "economy" when the city is not performing duties taxpayers have a right to expect?

Certainly a more scientific study of the city budget is needed.

BABS AND NABOBS

A PERSIAN mob killed Vice Consul Imbrie, they say, because they thought he was a Babist.

What is a Babist that anybody should want to kill him? About seventy years ago a Persian Mohammedan named Mirza Ali Mahomet started a religious movement which he called Bahai. He renamed himself "Bab," from the Persian word meaning "gate" or "door."

Bab taught that Mohammedanism had decayed and that its priests were ignorant and corrupt. He urged a complete reform.

Of course, Moslem priests came down on the "renegade" like a ton of brick. He was hanged once, but escaped when soldiers who shot at him missed, the bullets cutting the rope instead of riddling his body. Recaptured, he was executed on the public square of Tabriz.

But Bab really had some mighty fine ideas. Here are some of them:

Women are the spiritual equals of men. All men are equal.

No man and no institution—including governments—is worthy of following save insofar as he or it works for the betterment of the people.

The world needs progressive, constructive effort—not destruction or obstruction.

Each individual is a divine creation whose rights are not to be imposed upon, denied or humbled by special privileges or any other human being.

Legislation for selfish purposes, laws not founded upon the general good, obstruct mankind's development—explaining why social evolution moves so slowly.

A nation should grow better like the individual. Once a state ceases its spiritual growth, it begins to decline and ultimately will be destroyed.

The Golden Rule should guide nations, peoples and sects as well as individuals. Religious denominations should not fight one another. Nations should not go to war.

There should be toleration and friendship between all religions and all people, each to work for the general good in its own way. But the world as a whole should cooperate for the good of the world.

Poverty in itself is no virtue. Wealth in itself is not an evil. Wealth used for the betterment of its possessor and of humanity is deserving of all praise.

The man, the religion, the nation which lives selfishly, lives uselessly.

Bab preached service and fraternity, religious freedom, government for the people, equal rights for all, progressive and united action for the common good and other things which scared the Mohammedan Old Guard stiff.

The reactionary nabobs of Islam thought Imbrie was a Babist so fired a mob of poor fools to kill.

Were Bab to come to life and preach in this country, he would scare some of our own Old Guard stiff. They wouldn't dare have him executed on the public square, of course, but they'd no doubt like to.

Reaction has progress. The nabobs have it in for the Babs everywhere and always.

BUSINESS IS SATISFIED

EITHER old party candidate will do: we should worry: God's in His heaven; all's right with the world: Coolidge or Davis; it doesn't matter which, and we'll decide later which one we want."

Translated into common everyday language, that is what Big Business is saying frankly and cheerfully about the November presidential election.

The Guaranty Survey, published monthly by the Guaranty Trust Company of New York, in the July 28 issue, summarizing the outlook for "business and financial conditions in the United States," says it this way:

"In the absence of any overshadowing issue to be determined by the election in November, it appears that the course of business in the intervening months will be shaped by economic conditions, without much interference because of political uncertainties. On questions directly related to business neither of the major parties has taken a position which threatens a drastic change of governmental policy. And the character of their candidates for the presidency gives added assurance of a continuation of sane and capable leadership."

Which, being interpreted, means:

"We can choose Tweedledee or Tweedledee in November, because both are safe for the Big Boys."

All of which is a right good signpost for the ordinary, plain American citizen who is interested in the common welfare and not in Big Business—and the signpost has a different name on it from the identically "safe" candidates of Wall Street.

NOW THIS H. L. MENCKEN person says Americans are the greatest wasters of time in existence, but it is difficult to see how that can be since so few of them read Mencken.

THERE IS A DRAGON IN THE STARS

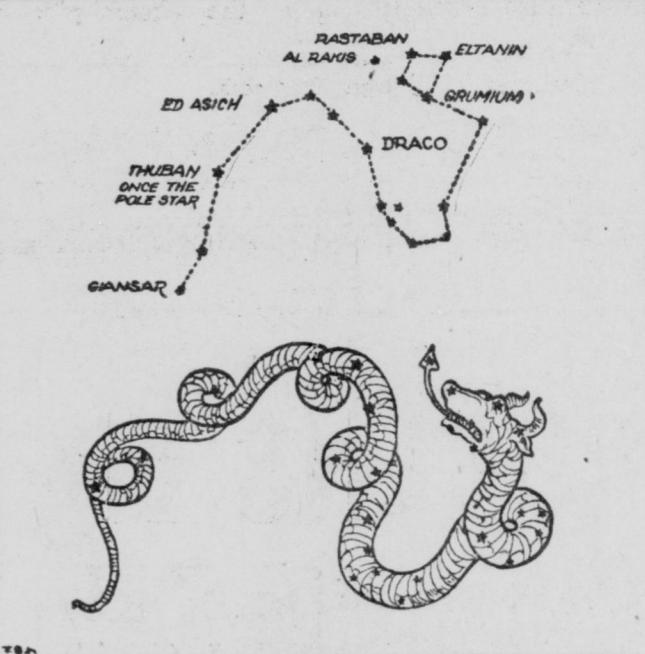
Poet Vergil Told How to Find Him Between Two Bears.

By DAVID DIETZ
Science Editor of The Press
D RACO, or the constellation of the Dragon, is easy to find. You will have no difficulty discovering it, if you remember the lines written in the first century, B. C., by the Latin poet Vergil, author of the *Aeneid*, with which all high school students of Latin are of course familiar. Vergil wrote:

"Here the vast Dragon twines
Between the Bears and like a river winds."

So go outdoors tonight and you will find Draco in the sky in the

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THE SKETCH SHOWS THE STARS WHICH FORM THE CONSTELLATION DRACO AND THE DRAGON WHICH THESE STARS FORM ACCORDING TO THE IDEA OF THE ANCIENTS.

space between the Great and Little Bears.

Begin your search for Draco as you did for Cassiopeia and Cepheus, by tracing a line from the "pointers" in the Great Dipper to Polaris, the north star. But this time, do not continue the line beyond Polaris.

At about the middle of the line and just below it, you will notice a small star of the fourth magnitude as you did for Cassiopeia and Cepheus, by tracing a line from the "pointers" in the Great Dipper to Polaris, the north star. But this time, do not continue the line beyond Polaris.

He paints black eyes, enameling discolored optics in fashion so perfect that only Mother Nature would know the difference.

For twenty-three years he has beenetching the effects of brawls off the faces of humanity.

He speaks with the dignity and frankness of an artist. "The days of using leeches to draw discolored blood from a black and blue spot are gone," he says. "Steak is good, but too expensive to waste foolishly. So we have abandoned that method of erasing the effects of physical arguments. Herbs I use, sometimes, always I finish with my paints. I can make the darkest blue and Wednesday."

Now, starting with Giansar, trace the coils of the dragon down the sky between the Great and Little Dippers.

After Giansar comes an unimportant fourth magnitude star. Astronomers call it Kappa, the Greek letter "K."

After Kappa comes a pale yellow fourth magnitude star. This is Thuban, which, as we shall see later, is a most interesting star.

Next, the dragoncurls about the bowl of the Little Dipper at some distance from it. Three stars mark this part of the constellation.

Called "Hyena"

The first of these three stars is named Ed Asich. Strangely enough this name means the "Male Hyena." It bears testimony to the fact that this constellation was not always regarded as a dragon.

Opposite the middle of the handle of the Little Dipper, the dragon makes another bend and winds his way down the sky again. There are six stars in this part of the constellation, all of them rather faint.

The constellation continues to a fifth magnitude star which is about on a line with Ed Asich, and then ends with four stars in a sort of diamond shape formation.

The lowest of the four is a yellow fourth magnitude star named Grumium. This name means the "dragon's under-aw."

The name indicates its place in the constellation.

Star Is Double

Opposite Grumium is a fifth magnitude star known to astronomers as Nu, the Greek letter "N."

The telescope reveals Nu to be a double star.

The upper part of the diamond is composed of an orange-colored second magnitude star named Eltanin, the brightest star in the constellation, and a yellow third magnitude star named Rastaban.

These stars are supposed to represent the dragon's eyes. Both names, though derived from different roots, have the same meaning, "the dragon's head."

Near this diamond-shape formation is a fifth magnitude star, Al Pakis, which marks the tip of the dragon's nose.

This name means "the dancing camel," and like Ed Asich, the "male hyena," bears testimony to the fact that the constellation was not always thought of as forming a dragon.

Huban, we have said, is the most interesting star in the constellation.

Let us turn our attention to it next.

Next article: The Star Thuban.

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Tongue Tips

Rev. Walter L. Mason, Pittsburgh:
"Love is the very soul of our human relationships."

Howard H. Jones, former Yale football star: "If the followers and fans of athletic contests would put the same spirit of fair play and sportsmanship into their rooting and cheering as is practiced by the players, athletics would be placed on a much higher plane."

Prof. Ross L. Finney, University of Minnesota: "We must find some solution to this problem that will end agitations, radicalism, socialism and all the other evils of society, and that solution is to lower the birth rate of the masses of the poor."

Back Home

By HAL COCHRAN
Perhaps you've been away for a number of years; away from your mother and dad. And then comes the thought that undoubtedly cheers; a feeling that makes you feel glad.

You want to go back just to see how things look; just to act as you did when a kid. You want to eat food that your mother will cook, and of homesickness really get rid.

You've traveled around in the various States and you've been on your own for a spell. You've left the home ties just to play with the fates for an outcome that no one can tell.

Perhaps you've made good or perhaps you've made bad, but whatever your story may be, you always are welcome with mother and dad 'cause it's YOU that they're achin' to see.

It's natural for youth to step out in the world. It's natural for young folks to roam. It's nice to go "way when ambition's unfurled, but it's nice to travel back home.

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FAKERS ARE CASHING IN ON VICTIMS

Astrologers and Fortune Tellers Do Big Business

—Reap Harvest.

Times Washington Bureau,
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WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—
WHAT are your opportunities in life?

Your future prospects, happiness in marriage, friends, enemies, success in all undertakings?

"Were you born under a lucky star?"

You grip the magazine more firmly. "Who wouldn't like to know the answers to those questions."

Reading on, you are amazed to learn that "Astro" will tell you all these things, free of charge. Simply mail twelve cents to cover costs, your name, and birth date, and the future will stretch before you, an open book.

So you do it.

Thirteen Adverts

There are thirteen similar ads in the magazine and you figure that when it comes to something as important as the future, it's well to consult as many experts as possible, so you send them all twelve cents and your birth date. If some insight into the future is good for you, more will be better.

Then you're off in a cloud of dust. For the next few days postmen stagger to your door, burdened with extra sacks of mail.

"Your ruling planet is Neptune," says the first letter. "Your colors are white, pink, green and black; your precious stone the aquamarine; your lucky day Friday."

"You have a sympathetic nature—inclined to worry—have great abilities, but undeveloped—restless and unsettled. Love and marriage have always been a matter of serious concern to you, and it is important that you select the right partner. I can tell you more about that next time."

Something Else Again

Says the second: "Your ruling planet is Jupiter. Your colors are gray and blue. Your precious stone is amethyst."

"You worry over unimportant matters—wanderlust and love of romance—great abilities, but undeveloped. You must make no mistake concerning your life partner. I can help you with this."

And next time:

"Your ruling planet is Saturn. Your colors are white, tan and purple; your precious stone coral; your lucky days are Sunday and Wednesday."

"You have a dreamy nature and have often been misunderstood—inclined to worry—selection of a life partner has always been a matter of concern to you and another time I can go into details."

With each letter comes a circular offering to sell you a "sign of the Zodiac" ring, guaranteed to bring good luck and happiness, for only \$2.25.

"Astro" Is Stopped

So credulous is the United States public that since October 1923 when "Astro" opened his studio, he has made \$281,250.

But his business is at an end. Postmaster General Harry S. New today announced that fraud orders have been filed against "Astro," and another of his ilk, charging use of the mails to defraud.

"Astro" was a trade name used by Derick L. Boardman and L. Sonneck. Sonneck told the authorities his knowledge of the stars had been gathered traveling around the world in the marine corps and that his "readings" were gathered from books and encyclopedias. He has been getting between \$200 and 1,500 letters a day.

If the thirteen similar businesses advertised in one current magazine have done a similar volume of business, suckers have been tricked out of three and a half million dollars in the past few months.

How is "Les Misérables" pronounced: what does it mean?

Pronounced La-mi-ze-ra-bl accent on fourth syllable. It is translated "the miserable ones," or "the unfortunate."

Is it true that one does not weigh any more after eating a meal than before?

It is not. One will not weigh quite as much more as the total weight of food eaten, due to the fact that the body is continually losing weight by perspiration, and by exhalation of moisture and carbon dioxide gas from the lungs. But he will weigh some more after eating than immediately before.

Who are the Black and Tans?

A faction of the Republican party in the South which favors the equal representation of white and colored races in the party conventions. Opposed to them are the "illy whites," who wish to make the party a "white man's party."

What is the "Cave of the Winds" located?