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What Is a Republican?

WHAT is a Republican? The question is becoming almost as hard to answer as the famous old query: "Why is a mouse when it spins?"

Out in Wisconsin the plain voters think they know a Republican when they see one and, after looking over all the possibilities in the State, they picked out young Bob La Follette and sent him to the United States Senate, bearing a label which said, in effect, "This is our idea of a Republican."

Actually, the label was merely the certificate of the Secretary of State telling that the new Senator had been duly elected under the law of Wisconsin and the Constitution of the United States. The fact that he was elected as Republican was only to be learned from the newspapers which told that he had more votes in the Republican primary than all his opponents put together and then as the Republican nominee had a bigger majority over his Democratic opponent than most any other member of the present United States Senate.

Does that make him a Republican? Many members of the Senate think not. To be a Republican, they argue, La Follette should prove he is willing to take orders after he gets to Washington. He must forget the instructions of the Republicans in Wisconsin and become as nearly like the average Republican Senator as possible. As soon as he convinces them that he is ready to be average, they will ratify the decision of his State as to his Republicanism.

Meantime a committee has been seeking to determine the question. The chairman of the committee is Senator James E. Watson of Indiana, a fitting man for the purpose, for Senator Watson was once investigated by a congressional committee himself. That was before he became a Senator, but after he had been a member of the House. It was charged that he had been employed as a lobbyist for a certain group of manufacturers who wanted a certain kind of tariff. The congressional committee, a majority of them Republicans, summed up its opinion of Mr. Watson in the following language:

"The committee questions the propriety of one who has been a member of Congress and attained a personal and political influence, capitalizing that influence in pressing legislative propositions upon Congress for hire by personal contact and personal efforts with members, as was done in this case, and we confess to a feeling of regret that upon any question, whatsoever its merits, the lobbyist for it should be able to say, as Mr. Watson said in this case (p. 2571 of the hearings), 'I had various members of Congress coming to report to me about how their delegations stood.'"

That is Senator Watson. That is the man to tell the country who is a Republican and who is not!

Let's Accept the Bid

THE United States, Russia and Germany have been invited to meet with the League of Nations to discuss further disarmament plans.

America should accept the invitation. President Coolidge has been talking of some such conference for this year and here, at last, is his opportunity.

Of course we have little or nothing to scrap in the way of armaments, either on land or sea. But that should not prevent us lending our moral aid to those who have.

The invitation to Russia is almost startling, coming as it does, as a sort of reversal of policy on the part of the great powers. Also it is of the utmost importance. We have not recognized Russia, of course, but that should not cause us to hold off. Rather Russia's presence should be an added inducement for us to be there.

Some time ago this paper published the details of Russia's new universal and compulsory military service law. Soon Russia will have well over a million men under arms and ultimately she will have a first and second line of reserves totaling from twelve to fifteen millions. We showed how this means a new and

very great menace to world peace and how it would inevitably drive all Europe to go armed to the teeth. No arms conference, therefore, would be worth anything, we pointed out, that did not include Russia.

Well, Russia has now received her invitation. She says she is willing to disarm if others will. Germany, soon to enter the league, also has hers. And we have ours. That is, we have all been invited to meet with the rest of the nations to arrange for another arms limitation conference.

We should, by all means, accept the bid—although Washington is not likely to be chosen as the seat of the conference and despite the fact that, so far as we are concerned, we already stand virtually disarmed.

Cape Cod and Alabama

THE President's attitude toward government ownership becomes clearer.

The Cape Cod canal up in New England should be purchased in behalf of the people, he advises Congress in his opening message. He points out that "for many years our country has been employed in plans and operations for development of our intracoastal and inland waterways."

The Muscle Shoals dam down in Alabama should, on the other hand, be sold, he believes. He does not point out that complete development of the Alabama project would make the Tennessee River navigable far into the most promising industrial region on the continent.

The difference between the New England and the Alabama projects is that private interests cannot make much money with the former but can with the latter. And that is a lot of difference.

The Duvall Inquiry

IT is reported that the Marion County grand jury probably will not return any indictments in connection with campaign contributions to the Duvall-for-Mayor Club. This appears to be just as well under the circumstances.

The side of the question that interests the public is not so much that of whether corporations contributed either to the Democratic or the Republican campaign funds as the fact that paving interests evidently contributed to both funds.

It is not unlawful for paving interests to contribute, but it is unlawful for corporations to contribute. The public is not interested in whether paving interests contributed as individuals or as corporations.

Neither is the public interested in seeing some one in the Duvall organization indicted merely on a legal technicality.

Be a Santa Claus!

IT is NASMUCH as ye have done it unto one of the least of these—"That is the spirit of Christmas. The joy of the holiday season lies not in receiving but in giving. How much more joy there is in giving to the deserving needy.

Last year The Times tried the experiment of bringing the deserving needy and Indianapolis citizens with generous hearts together. The response was wonderful and it was an everlasting tribute to the generosity of Indianapolis people.

This year The Times is doing the same thing and there is every indication that the response will be bigger than ever. The Times gets nothing out of its Santa Claus program, but the knowledge that it has done a small part in helping needy families. The giver gets nothing out of it except the knowledge that he has fulfilled a pleasant duty of the Christmas season.

Every day The Times is printing a list of needy families who deserve to be helped on Christmas. If you wish to help, The Times will put you in touch with a family. The names of families will not be printed and the names of the givers will not be printed. We believe that is the true Christmas spirit.

Here is your opportunity to be a Santa Claus in your own way.

famous. He also wrote "Tinderbox" and "Big Claus and Little Claus" in the same year. He was both a poet and a novelist. He died at Copenhagen, Aug. 4, 1875.

Can you name some famous Shakespearean actors of the past and present?

Eminent Shakespearean actors of the past and present are: Edwin Booth, Tom Salvini, John Edward McCullough, Edwin Forrest, Edmund Kean, Henry Irving, E. H. Sothern, Julia Marlowa, Fritz Lieber, Walter Hampton, John Barrymore, Robert Mantell, Sir Herbert Beerbaum-Tree.

Where is the city of Ratisbon? It is an ancient city of Bavaria on the right bank of the Danube. It has endured seventeen sieges since the tenth century, the last being that conducted by Napoleon in 1809.

RIGHT HERE IN INDIANA

By GAYLORD NELSON

ONE-MAN STREET CARS

THE Indianapolis Street Railway Company is considering the feasibility of putting into service on some of its shorter, light traffic lines a new type of small one-man street cars. This, it is believed, will reduce operating costs.

The company now operates one-man cars on the Alabama, Minnesota and Lexington lines.

There are only two ways the financially harassed trolley system can close the gap between outgo and income. One is by increasing revenue; the other is by reducing operating expenses.

The first method has been tried without conspicuous success. The fare increases granted caused a dwindling of the ranks of customers and the deficit continues to mount. The present plea to the public service commission for authority to double the price of transfers probably will have the same effect.

The second method has been tried without conspicuous success. The fare increases granted caused a dwindling of the ranks of customers and the deficit continues to mount.

Why not, for a change, attack the problem from the other angle—operating expenses?

If the one-man cars can be operated more cheaply the experiment is worth trying. On many of the city lines the present cars of the two-man type are filled to a quarter of their capacity or less during all except the rush hours. So for most of the day the conductors are just scenery for which the passenger pays. All the customers want to buy is transportation.

ALL FOR STATE ROADS

EARL CRAWFORD, member of the Indiana highway commission, at a meeting of highway and municipal contractors recently, opposed the disbursement of state funds for the construction of one-third of the gasoline tax collected by the State. He argued that the money should be spent on the State highway system.

"You can't solve road problems by making them local propositions," he said. "If the counties only knew it, their greatest relief would come when the main arteries of traffic are established, thus drawing the load from the county roads."

Quite naturally State highway officials regret to see any funds collected by the State diverted to county roads. They like to spend it themselves.

It is important, of course, to push work on the State highway system as rapidly as funds will permit. That being the heaviest traffic and the improvement of State roads will benefit the largest number of people as they are the main arteries of travel.

But many people don't live on State roads. They have only a secondary interest in the main arteries of traffic and are dependent on county roads in getting to market, the movies, and other important affairs of life. So there is, and always will be, considerable gasoline—on which the gas tax is paid—burned in wearing out county roads.

Indiana has more than 70,000 miles of roads—of which less than 5,000 miles are in the State highway system. More than 80 per cent of the roads are county and local. Why shouldn't 90 per cent of Indiana's road mileage receive a minor fraction of the gas tax?

SHEIKS NOT ALONE TO BLAME

WOMEN, representing the Garfield Civic League, complained to Prosecutor Remy the other day that slick-haired sheiks in autos and on downtown corners are annoying, south side maids and matrons. They demanded suppression of the nuisance.

Probably a devastating and exterminating war on drugstore cowboys and mashers by police authorities would be welcomed by many mothers with nice daughters. The scalps of a few sheiks could be taken without loss to the community.

Certainly women, young or mature, should be able to traverse Indianapolis streets without being subjected to the guile and insulting advances of imitation Lotharios. As a part of the local fauna and flora the masher is neither beautiful nor edible. He is just a pest—like mosquitoes or weeds.

But he can't be eradicated entirely by public authorities impelled to activity by a deputation of women. The sheik accosts passing fair ones because he has found out by experience that some of the girls fall for his advances. The party of the second part by dress, looks or actions frequently just begs to be approached and insulted. If the accoster was sure to be indignantly rebuffed and metaphorically impaled on a hat pin whenever he made advances he would soon seek other diversions.

Police may now the sheik crop from time to time without achieving more than temporary results. A lot of the sheik stuff can be eradicated by parents wielding the family hair brush on the sheik daughter of the house.

WHY IS A TOWNSHIP

H. SHERWOOD, State superintendent of public instruction, in addressing the annual convention of the Indiana Association of Township Trustees Wednesday, said the township is not a satisfactory unit of taxation for school support. It denies children of poor and wealthy townships equal educational opportunities.

It was a sort of Daniel-in-the-lion's-den performance, Township

trustees roar and paw the air at any suggestion that the present system of township control of schools is not perfect.

A railroad, pipeline or other public utility may give one township taxable values far in excess of a neighboring township, although the latter may contribute as much to the business of the utility, he said. Because of such inequalities one township in the State has only \$640 in taxable wealth for each school child while another has \$30,000 in taxables per child.

The system of township government once served a useful purpose in Indiana. Towns were few, population predominantly rural, roads bad, and a trip even to the county seat an all-day adventure. Then the township was a social unit and the logical unit of government.

All that is changed. Time and space have shrunk. Good roads and the automobile have made the whole county instead of the township a neighborhood. Practically township lines mean nothing. The county is the logical administrative area.

Under the circumstances why continue township organization and government at all?

It is only a governmental vermin appendix which could be amputated without detriment to the body politic—an archaic survival of governmental forms like the English king whose only real power is to set the styles in apats.

A Sermon for Today

By Rev. John R. Gunn

Text: "Let us run with patience the race that is set before us."—Heb. 12:1.

CERTAIN distinguished gentlemen were having a discussion in the presence of Pit, the English statesman, as to the quality most needed in a Prime Minister. One said it was eloquence, another said it was knowledge, another said it was will. "No," said Pit, "it is patience."

Patience is the mainspring of all great things. It is the quality that keeps the world moving forward. It is the quality that keeps the world moving forward.

It requires patience to succeed at anything. It was patience that kept Demosthenes exercising his voice for years, until he overcame an impediment in his speech and became one of the greatest orators of all the ages. It was patience that kept Michael Angelo at work for many weeks, retouching one of his statues, bringing out a muscle here and softening an angle there.

It was patience that made Gerard Dow spend a whole day giving the right effect to a dewdrop on a cabbage leaf in a matchless work of art. It was patience that kept Paderewski practicing from twelve to eighteen hours a day, until he became one of the world's greatest musicians.

"The heights by great men reached and kept Were not obtained by sudden flight; But they, while their companions slept, Were toiling upward in the night."

All recognize this as true. We know great things cannot be achieved without patience. Yet, in moral and religious life, most people seem to think that indolence will accomplish as much as striving. What a serious mistake. As in everything else, it requires careful attention to details, infinite pains and patience to develop and build character.

In all its phases life is a race. The man who wins must run with patience the race set before him. (Copyright, 1925, by John R. Gunn)

What are the words of the Swan Song in Lohengrin?

"I give thee thanks, my faithful swan. Turn thee again and breast the tide. Return unto that land of dawn Where joyous we did long abide. Well thy appointed task is done. Farewell, farewell, my trusty swan."

What is the average pay of a seaman in the American Merchant Marine? The pay varies according to the type of vessel on which he is employed and to the destination of the vessel. In 1925, the average wage of an able-bodied seaman was a little more than \$90 a month.

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Prohibition Point of View

a series of articles by Mr. Gardner reprinted from the newspapers of the various provinces of Canada.

By Gilson Gardner
OTTAWA (By Mail), Dec. 11.—Anxious to get the prohibition point of view, on the prohibition province of Ontario, I went to see Mr. Lyle Reid, former secretary to the provincial premier and an active campaigner against the wet amendment last fall. Mr. Reid is an official and manager of a big insurance company in this city, and is out of professional politics. He is president of the Y. M. C. A. of Ottawa.

Mr. Reid voiced the moral against the mercenary argument. "After all," he said, "a lot of people in Ontario thought they would have better business if the province were wet. This no doubt accounts for the increase in the wet vote last fall. They see the influx of tourists from the United States into Quebec, and see that province drinking itself out of debt, and they are tempted. But I doubt the morality of a State drinking itself out of debt—or getting out of debt by selling drink to others."

"I am not a fanatic on the subject and I am not blind to the evils of the prohibition province. We have many secret stills. We have the bootlegger, we have the illegal drinking, but after all we have certain substantial gains to offset these. We have done away with the local saloon. We have done away with the drunken bum in the small country town. We have made liquor more difficult to get for the working man, and in so doing we have improved his economic and his home condition, and the business of the trades people with whom he deals."

"We have made drinking more expensive and therefore confined it more to the class of those who can afford to drink—to the so-called smart set."

"There is a good deal of talk of drinking by the young people—the flapper and the sheik. In the first place, I think these stories are very

much exaggerated. They tend to get exaggerated by reason of their picturesqueness. Not all young men have the flask on the hip. Not all or any large per cent of the young girls get drunk at dances, and indulge in auto petting parties. There are still boys and girls growing up in homes where parental authority is respected and who do not know the taste of liquor."

"And as to the others I do not think it is due to any system of drink laws or other laws. I think it is a psychological phenomenon. It is the young of this generation—or some of them—experimenting in freedom. Why, or to what end, are other questions? It is not a question of drink or the ease or difficulty of procuring drink."

Mr. Reid said he had received reports that the western provinces are not very well pleased with their new liquor laws' operations, but he has not as yet verified these reports. He says the new "four point four" beer which Premier Ferguson got Parliament to authorize after the fall referendum has not pleased anybody. The drinkers find the beer not strong enough, the prohibitionists find it too strong. In communities like Ottawa the new beer does not compete with the drink of the Quebec Liquor Commission to be had very easily in Hull, just across the bridge. So there are many people who thought they were going to found prosperous drinking resorts on the 4.4 who are finding their hopes in vain.

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Hoosier Briefs

GREENSBURG sheriff is disappointed. Since the county jail has been improved, only one man has been lodged there. He was too drunk to appreciate it.

Thumbs aren't down for Mrs. A. E. Wainwright of Frankfort. One is tied up. She broke it in a fall from a haymow.

Elks lodge will stage its annual Christmas party for 600 children at a Lebanon theater Dec. 24.

Out of fifty-eight rabbits bagged for a Marion church supper, one was scared to death. Three hunters fired at it and missed.

Austin E. Poe is the new commander of the Franklin Spanish War veterans.

LD hitch rack at Hartford City is viewing modern progress. "Wires are being laid underneath it for 'silent cops' on the square."

Where there's smoke, there's fire, according to State Police-man A. H. Ayres, who visited Elwood and other towns in search of a quantity of fags stolen from Portland.

Santa Claus is going to get a real welcome at Frankfort. Electric decorations are being strung on downtown streets.

Orrie D. Sawyer, has been appointed police chief at Kendallville by Mayor-Elect William C. Auman.

New Elks' lodge at Decatur will be dedicated Dec. 15.

Dr. N. R. Melhorn, Philadelphia, will be the principal speaker at the dedication of the new Trinity Lutheran Church at Ft. Wayne.

Elwood will have buffalo meat for Christmas. James A. Creamer, butcher, will offer it.

How An Auto Works

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to The Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1329 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps for reply. Medical and legal advice cannot be given nor can extended research be undertaken. All other questions will receive a personal reply. Undesired requests cannot be answered. All letters are confidential.—Editor

How does an automobile engine work?

The motive mechanism of a gasoline automobile is the engine. Gasoline mixed with air, in proper proportions, is the fuel for the engine. This fuel is introduced into the cylinders through a manifold, and is exploded in successive cylinders by means of an electric spark furnished by a battery, or magneto through the spark plugs. The explosion in each cylinder drives the

pistons' downward imparting force to the crankshaft. This energy is sent through the transmission assembly to the differential gears located in the rear axle housing, and these gears drive the rear wheels which impart motion to the car.

What government department should one write to for information about cultivation of horehound and mint?

Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

What nationality was Hans Christian Andersen, the author of the fairy tales? Did he ever write anything else?

He was born at Odense, Denmark, April 2, 1805. In 1835 he wrote the "Fairy Tales" which made him