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"Give Light and the People Will Find Their Own Way."—Dante.

### Disfranchising Indiana Voters

Unless some change comes in the political plans of Senator James Elton Watson, the Republican voters of this State will be disfranchised insofar as taking any real part in the election of the next President is concerned.

Reports from Washington state that the Senator has succeeded in arranging with the political managers of the real candidates for the presidential nomination for a clear field for his "favorite son" trick of obtaining the delegates from Indiana of his own selection.

With the probabilities in favor of a Republican victory in November, this means that the men and women of this State who vote the Republican ticket will have no voice in the selection of the convention and vote for the candidate named there.

No matter how much they may desire Hoover or Lowden or Curtis, they will be at the mercy of Watson when he gets ready to trade the Indiana delegates for his own political advantage.

There is something grotesquely humorous in Watson clearing the primaries of any real candidates under the plea that he is the "favorite son" of Indiana.

Just how much of a favorite he is may be judged to some extent by the last election, wherein he barely escaped defeat under circumstances and conditions which invited contests and investigations as to the methods used at the ballot box.

The law provides that voters may register their preference for President.

That law was intended to prevent the very thing which is now happening. It was designed to keep politicians from dealing and bargaining with delegates in national conventions. It was designed to let the people pick their own President.

That Senator Watson seriously believes that the Nation would accept him as its President or that he has any delusions that Indiana looks upon him as a favorite son is beyond imagination.

His own party under his leadership has gone into moral bankruptcy.

His present efforts to save it from complete overthrow and defeat is giving little luster to his reputation.

But because of traditions among presidential candidates he has pre-empted the field in Indiana and is bargaining now with the other aspirants for the nomination to stay away from Indiana and disfranchise the voters of his own party.

If Watson really believes he is of presidential caliber, if he really believes that he is the favorite son of his own party, he would bravely invite every other Republican candidate for the presidency to come into the lists and get all the votes they can.

If he does not, he admits weakness and fear; if he does, the result might be surprising.

### Racing the Wind

If the ghosts of the old-time Yankee sea captains still hover around the wharves of our salt-water ports, as some maintain, it is to be hoped that they read the daily papers.

They would be interested, we believe, in the stories about the new ships which American builders are planning for the trans-Atlantic trade; interested, even though they might not be willing to admit that these projected ships would have anything at all in common with the graceful, white-winged clippers of the old days.

If present plans go through, ten or more huge ships will be built. Each ship will be capable of crossing the Atlantic in four days. Upper decks and superstructures will be copied after those grotesque warships, the Saratoga and Lexington, and each ship will carry its own fleet of airplanes.

The old-timers, we repeat, wouldn't admit it; but these ships, nevertheless, will be the lineal descendants of the famous clippers of old. In them the idea that was back of the clippers will be carried to its logical conclusion—and the ghosts of the tarry-handed sea dogs will come into their own again.

Up until a century ago, speed was the last quality one looked for in a merchant ship. The picturesque galleons of Spain, with towering prows and tub-shaped underbodies, needed a stiff gale, as Conrad said, to move at all; and though the Dutch and English improved on these models, their ships were still bluff-bowed and wall-sided, built to plow along at the dizzy speed of four knots if the wind was favorable. Trading by sea was a leisurely occupation in those days.

Then, about 100 years ago, came a change. Merchant competition became keener, and the shippers who could get his cargo there first was the shippers who made the money. American and British designers began narrowing the body lines and improving sail areas. Incredibly beautiful and speedy ships resulted; such vessels as Donald McKay's famous Sovereign of the Seas could maintain a speed of twenty knots an hour if the wind held good.

But the wind did not always hold good, and shippers discovered that steamships, less graceful and less speedy, could make better time because of their independence of the weather. So the clippers became obsolete, and in a few years square sail had practically vanished.

With the passing of the clippers passed the romance of shipping. It is hard to thrill over a rusty steamer, with her dungareed crew and her trailing cloud of black smoke. The risks of seafaring ebbed, but so did the picturesqueness. Utility conquered romance.

But now it appears that the urge that brought the clippers into existence is operating again. Once more ships will take wings. And who will say that the modern wings—speedy airplanes that alight on and

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### Mr. Fixit

Garfield Ave. Residents Protest Changing of Name to Grant; Council Holds Only Remedy.

Let Mr. Fixit, The Times' representative to city officials, write Mr. Fixit at the Times. Name and address which must be published.

Changing of the name Garfield Ave. to Grant St. was protested to-day by a resident in a letter to Mr. Fixit.

Dear Mr. Fixit: A few days ago workers removed street signs on Garfield Ave. and replaced them by new signs changing to Grant St.

This street has been known as Garfield since 1886, and I am unable to think of a name to keep that name. I have talked to at least twenty-five property owners in this street, and none of them would like to change. I wish you would see what can be done.

READER: The name of Garfield Ave. was changed to Grant St. some time ago by the city council and the change of signs is just being made, according to John E. King, former councilman, now with the Indianapolis Power and Light Company.

King said the change was ordered on request of the Indianapolis postoffice because of confusion in mail delivery. Your only course of action would be to persuade the council to order the name changed to Garfield.

### Times Readers Voice Views

The name and address of the author must be given, and every letter will be published. Letters not exceeding 200 words will receive preference.

Editor of The Times: Roy M. Swartz, president of the Sherman Emerson Civic League Federation of the Community City Clubs, at the Chamber of Commerce Friday night, Jan. 27, said it appeared that civil service may be reinstated after most of the Republicans are replaced by Democrats.

He quoted the mayor as having expressed approval of re-establishing at some time civil service for all officers in both departments below the rank of captains. Officers above this rank are executives and should be appointed by the mayor.

I have been a member of the Indianapolis police force more than twelve years and have never held a promotion. I wish to state that civil service as conducted in the Indianapolis police department in the past has a tendency to demoralize the department. Should I look on until the political pets are promoted then as has been done in the past? We are told suddenly "now if the rest of you want to go up you can take the civil service examination."

The stronger your politician is in this examination the higher your grade will be.

Civil service, the way it has been conducted in Indianapolis, is the strong arm of the politician to protect his friends as long as possible. You will have to find something better if you want to fool the politician. There are other problems our civic leaders should not overlook in our city government which should not be left in the dark by giving the police and fire department the front page always. There is a class of people in this city that think the police and fire departments are the whole city government. These departments will take care of themselves if left alone.

Too many dictators always brought on a calamity in any business or government.

FRED G. HESS.

2015 N. Illinois St.

To the Editor:

I am taking this way of letting the people of the city know of some of the good things the police officers of our city do for us. Saturday during the cold weather Officer Huxley found a woman with seven children, from 13 years old to a babe in arms, in distress without any coal or a bite to eat.

Officer Huxley ordered coal and groceries and waited there until the coal and groceries came and he knew they would be all right until Monday, when the churches and charitable organizations, which he notified, could take care of them. I think officers of this kind should be surely praised. A NEIGHBOR.

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### Let's Bring Him Back to Reason



### THE STORY OF CIVILIZATION

#### Lucretius Rejects Immortality

Written for The Times by Will Durant

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it is a difficulty which will make many a theologian sweat; how can the mind act upon the body except through contact and how can anything have contact with a body unless it is itself a body?

Emotions which are usually ascribed to the soul, are obviously bodily conditions.

Emotion "has its seat fixed in the middle region of the breast; here throb fear and apprehension; about these spots dwell soothing joys; therefore here is the real understanding of mind of man."

All the rest of the soul, disseminated throughout the body, obeys and moves at the will and inclination of this visceral "mind."

This will become fashionable science, as radioactivity, after twenty centuries.

Newton will explain light as the emanation of material particles from the object upon the retina; Young and a thousand physicists will confute him; and the laps of time will bring students back to the Newtonian-Lucretian-Epicurean-Democritean view.

He takes quite as seriously as his enemies the thought of another world, but he has not found life so smooth and sweet as to wish for it eternally.

He does not believe in hell, except as a synonym for our existence on the earth; and since death does not cast us into Hades, it ceases to be an evil, and may be met with a certain philosophical superiority.

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Since the soul shares the material structure of the body, it grows with it, and with it decays.

There is no immortality.

"What is the soul? Shall the dateless worlds in dust be blown away? Shall it be remembered and unknown. And this frail Thou—this flame of yesterday. Burn on forever, immortal and alone?"

Did Nature in the nurseries of the night, Tend it for this—Nature whose heedless might shall not let its limbs be yours? Less than that cry the babe was yesterday. The man tomorrow shall be less than this."

Tissue by tissue to a soul he grows. As far as life, death and sleep are concerned, Burn from the root; as far as the sun, Goes from the bubbles when they burst.

Flakes on the water, on the water cease! Atoms of earth, warmth—weariness to rest. Aions to sleep—shipwrecked sailor takes the babe, and casts it bleeding on the shores of death."

In truth Lucretius rejects immortality for that same reason which makes most of us long for it; the fear of death.

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### What Other Editors Think

#### BRIDGE ME ANOTHER

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BY W. W. WENTWORTH

(Abbreviations: A—ace; K—king; Q—queen; J—jack; X—any card lower than 10.)

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