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

### Hoover and the Hoosiers

"I consider Herbert Hoover a man with a marvelous mind. My contact with him causes me to believe he knows more about more things than probably any other man in the country. He is a human encyclopedia of information."

"Indeed, he knows about most everything under the sun, save one, that of politics. His lack of understanding about politics makes it difficult for his friends to convert sentiment into delegates."

So spoke Senator James E. Watson of Indiana a few months ago.

In spite of the Senator's solemn pronouncement of Hoover's unftness, several thousand Indiana Republicans—many, thousands more than legally necessary—have proclaimed their right to vote for Hoover in the State's presidential primary.

Apparently, in the minds of these Indiana Republicans, Hoover's lack of knowledge concerning politics is not a fatal weakness. It might even be suspected that they regard it as part of his strength.

Indiana has a lot of Republican leaders who know about all there is to know about politics. One of them, a powerful leader, is now in prison. Another, an unfortunate Governor, is just out of prison. Still another, an unfortunate Governor in another sense, has just been acquitted by pleading the statute of limitations. These are three in a long list.

And Jim Watson, he knows all about politics. He knows, for example, that the hardest thing to be in a national convention is a favorite son. So he announced himself as the favorite son of Indiana. That meant that other candidates—those who know all about politics—were supposed to leave his State alone until the time came, at the convention, when he would be ready to do business with the highest bidder.

Jim may have no idea—or should have none—of being nominated for the presidency. Jim—in contrast to one of his Ohio neighbors—has a sense of humor. He has an idea that he will control the Indiana delegates and make the best possible personal bargain at Kansas City convention, if they can avoid it.

But the rank and file of Republicans in Indiana know something about politics. Not everything, like Jim, but something. They know all about favorite sons and they know a lot about Jim. They have decided that, this time, they will not deliver themselves into Jim's keeping for the period of the Kansas City convention, if they can avoid it.

They asked Hoover to allow his name to be entered in the Indiana primaries. Indiana Republicanism has been fighting two years, they said, to clean out the boys who know so much about politics. Come over and help us, they said.

They said it in such numbers as to make clear they were voicing the State's earnest desire. Hoover said, "Enter my name."

So the fight is on in Indiana. It should be a grand fight.

### Gaining on Disease

The leaders of the medical profession still have a number of problems to solve; but over many of their old enemies they are asserting an ever-increasing mastery.

Figures issued by the United States Public Health Service show that 1927 saw the typhoid fever rate sink to a lower figure than ever before. In that year there were recorded only twenty-six cases of typhoid per 100,000 inhabitants—less than half the number reported in 1917.

There are many diseases against which medical science at present can do little. But it is becoming apparent that the dreaded typhoid fever is one of those maladies that eventually can be made practically unknown.

### Saving Petroleum

Hubert Work, secretary of the interior, has asked the governors of the oil producing States to co-operate with the Federal Government in getting uniform State and National laws to help conserve our petroleum resources.

We can only hope that his efforts lead to success. Ordinarily we fail to realize just how much our civilization is built on oil; just stop and think for a minute what would happen if we should wake up tomorrow and find our oil all gone. Our entire social fabric would be disorganized.

Oil conservation is one of the most important problems facing us today. It is to be hoped that Secretary Work and the governors can find an effective program.

### The Canal Almost Outgrown

A New York engineer, addressing the New York Chamber of Commerce, predicts that the Panama Canal either must be enlarged in a few years or duplicated by a second inter-ocean waterway.

"The Panama Canal now," he says, "has almost reached the point where it can not handle the trade passing through it."

This is interesting. It was only a few years ago that calamity howlers were calling the big canal a useless burden, asserting that it was not being used enough to justify its existence. One hopes that they heard this engineer's speech.

A gun seventy feet long, weighing 735,000 pounds, is to be set in the defenses of the Panama Canal. Lindy's good will flight was a grand thing, and all that, and its effect really ought to be lasting, etc.

## THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

### Times Readers Voice Views

The name and address of the author must accompany every contribution, but letters will not be published. Letters not exceeding 200 words will receive preference.

Editor Times: I've been free to voice my disapproval of some things I have seen in The Times. Now I want to show my appreciation of things I approve. You editorial recently, "What Is A Radical?" was very fine, only you didn't give the answer to the question.

Now Webster says the word "radical" pertains to the root as fundamental origin, as a radical truth or error. Hence one may be radically right or wrong. However, only those radically right are considered Radicals.

I think we have a very radical Governor, yet he is not considered so by the majority of people. He undoubtedly is very radically wrong, as he has sunk to the lowest depths of error.

Take for example, Gene Debs and Woodrow Wilson. Both were very radical. Most people consider Debs radically wrong and Wilson radically right. Webster says in politics "radical" means "a person who advocates a radical reform."

Radicalism is the doctrine or principle of making radical reform in government by overturning and changing the present state of things. W. B. SCHREIBER, 622 Lexington Ave.

Editor Times: I noticed in The Indianapolis Times of Feb. 29 an article by J. Ed Burk that your police department needed an addition of 150 men to cope with the crime wave and the growing population of your city.

At one time, I was a resident of Indianapolis, and I still believe it to be one of the best cities in the country. Naturally, I keep pretty well posted on its affairs.

I agree with Mr. Burk, and very likely had given the matter a thought before he did. He also urges the various civic and commercial clubs to take action. Now that's the thing to do and your Chamber of Commerce should be the leader. However, I fear that they, the clubs, and citizens, as well, will follow the old slogan of "Let George Do It."

You people of Indianapolis appreciated the fact that in L. Ert Slack you have a very good Mayor.

It may be of interest to you and your citizens to know that Hamilton, Ohio, has gone under the city manager form of government. We hired an outside man, Mr. Price, of Florida, and his salary is \$10,000 a year. We also have seven commissioners, some of whom are Leo Welch, Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Meyers, Mr. Bierman, and Mr. Burke, who is appointed mayor.

Mr. Price is sure on the job and his plan will, no doubt, be a great saving of money for our city.

So you people of Indianapolis get back of Mr. Burk and other city manager form of government workers, to make it a reality in 1930. And in the meantime, see that Mr. Burk's suggestion for more policemen is carried out.

A. J. GAKING, Hamilton, Ohio.

Editor Times: Referring to an article in The Indianapolis Times Times headed "Teachers May Spank Children, Judge Rules."

Has Judge Clifford R. Cameron of municipal court any children in Marion County schools? If not, how can he justly make this kind of a ruling against the parents of the King boy?

I have a girl in the lower grades and she has been jerked by the chin and spanked by her teacher three times I know of. With that kind of a ruling her teacher will think she can handle her any way.

I guess the only chance the parents have is to get up a petition and have the teacher dismissed from school. In my case, I can get several parents to sign same whose children have had the same treatment as mine.

Please advise who this petition should be taken to. K. R. R.

Judge Cameron has no children in Marion county schools. Your petition should be filed with the school board.

F	I	R	E

H	E	L	P

#### The Rules

1. The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, or a given number of strokes. Thus, to change COW to HEN in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

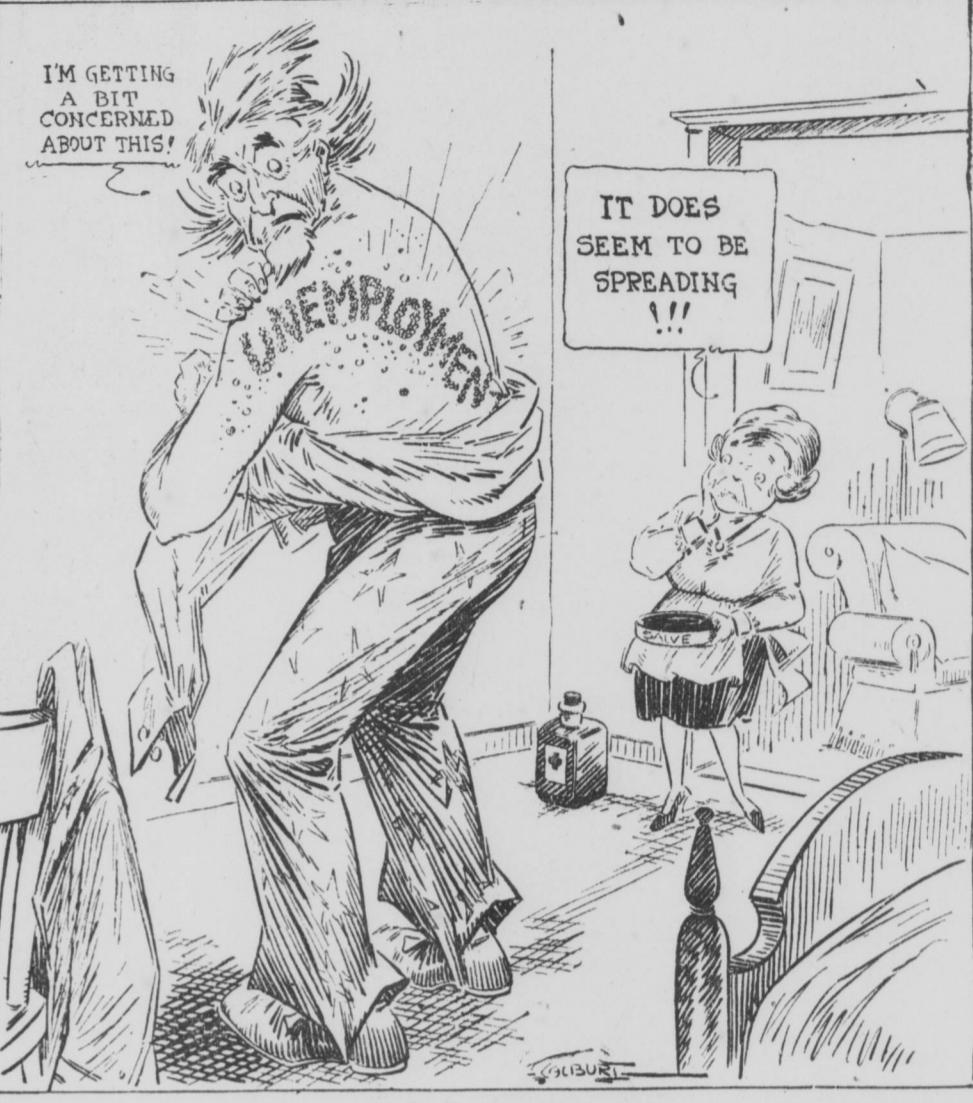
2. You can change only one letter at a time.

3. You must have a complete word of common usage for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4. The order of letters can not be changed.

H	U	E
H	O	E
H	O	D
C	O	D
C	O	Y
C	R	Y

### Not Necessarily Incurable



### THE STORY OF CIVILIZATION

### Church Rules Life of People

Written for The Times by Will Durant

TO GIVE the monastic picture

its fairer side we must place be-

side the monks the nuns. Probably

the world has never seen an organi-

zation more unselfishly devoted to

human kindness than the various

orders which gathered the holy

men of Christianity together dur-

ing the Middle Ages.

The convents were not only the

natural home of saints, like Hilde-

garde and Theresa; they were an

admirable refuge for women be-

reaved or deceived, or left unmar-

ried as a result of the numerical ex-

cess of women over men in an age

afflicted with violence and a thou-

sand petty wars.

In the hands of the nuns and the

secular (i. e. non-monastic) clergy,

the church placed the administra-

tion of its charities; and many of

the great hospitals that survive to-

day were founded in an epoch in

which charity was personal and

private.

Mingled with this good was con-

siderable evil. The writers of the

time are never through denouncing

the immorality of the clergy. Peter

Damian aims his "Book of Gomor-

rah" against the sins of the priest-

hood, accuses them of simony and

concupiscence, and exhorts them to

abandon their lives of frivolity and

vice. St. Bernard preaches still

more violently:

"Foul rotteness crawls

through the whole body of the

church. If a heretic should

arise openly, he would be cast out

and withered; or if the enemy

raided madly the church might hide

herself from him. But now whom

shall she cast out, or from whom

shall she hide herself."

"All are friends and all are foes;

all necessary and all adverse; all

of her own household and none

pacific; all are her neighbors and

all her own; all are her neighbors and

all her own;