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

Brand Destroys Somebody

Representative Charles Brand, Ohio, Republican (pro-Willis), arose in the House yesterday to destroy Herbert Hoover. The destruction was to be accomplished by a speech entitled, "Mr. Hoover, the Supreme Opponent of Agriculture." It had been well-advertised and the galleries were filled.

For ten years, said the Congressman, Hoover had been the enemy of the farmer. He himself had been in the thick of the fight for the last five years, he said, and he knew whereof he spoke.

Representative Theodore Burton, Ohio, Republican (pro-Hoover), replied to the speech. In the course of his reply he produced a letter. The letter read:

"You have the ideas that will put agriculture on its feet, and you have the confidence of the producers of the country of all kinds that would make your leadership easy. Although some of my friends have suggested my name to the President as Secretary of Agriculture, I am inclined to go to the President and urge your appointment. I don't know anyone who fits the place as well as you."

That letter was written three years ago—by Representative Charles Brand—to Herbert Hoover.

Taking Things As They Are

"I don't become incensed," said the secretary of the treasury. "I take things in this world as they are, and act according to my conscience."

It had occurred to Senator Walsh that the peculiar proposition put to Mellon in 1923 by Will H. Hays might have irritated Mellon, Walsh remembered that James A. Patten, the Chicago grain gambler, had been incensed when a similar suggestion was made to him by Hays.

He thought apparently that what would incense Patten surely would incense Pittsburgh's leading banker, to say nothing of Pennsylvania's richest citizen, and certainly to say nothing of the "greatest Secretary of the Treasury since Alexander Hamilton."

But Mellon doesn't get incensed. He and his conscience take things as they are. If the country is trying its hardest to discover some of the facts of the Republican campaign fund scandal, our Secretary of the Treasury feels that it is nothing to get angry or excited about.

If he has information the country can use, he will tell it in his own good time—that is, after the country finds out that he has it, and there no longer is any purpose to be served by remaining silent.

It is an amiable attitude. It enables him to continue content with his own share of life's blessings in the midst of revelations concerning his State's politics, revelations of starvation, and despair in his own coal mines, revelations of corruption striking at the very basis of his Government.

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William Kent

The country loses a valuable citizen in the death of William Kent of California.

Although a man of great wealth, Kent throughout his life gave time, energy and money to furthering causes which he believed would benefit the majority of his fellow-citizens.

His political career began when a young man. He fought political corruption in Chicago. Before his life ended he had joined vigorously in the fight against the encroachments of the power interests.

Kent served three terms in Congress, and was a member of the United States tariff commission for a time. He probably would have been elected to the Senate except for a factional party fight. He was a leader in California's war on graft in Government, and never failed to denounce reaction or corruption.

Few men have left behind them better records, or have been more beloved by their fellowmen than William Kent.

Questions and Answers

You can get an answer to any unanswerable question of fact or information by writing to Frederick M. Kroy, Question Editor, The Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1322 New York Ave., Washington, D. C., enclosing two cents in stamps for reply. Medical and legal advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be made. All other questions will receive a personal reply. Unsolicited requests cannot be answered. Contributors are confidential. We are cordially invited to make use of this free service as often as you please.

EDITOR.

What was the wing spread of Lindbergh's plane?
Forty-six feet.

Who owns the Peace Bridge that was dedicated last August by Vice President Daves and the Prince of Wales?

The International Peace Bridge connects Buffalo, New York and Ft. Erie, Ontario, Canada. It is owned by the Buffalo and Ft. Erie Public Bridge Company, 684 Elliott Square, Buffalo, N. Y. It is a suspension bridge with eight spans. The channel span is 345 feet. The bridge is 100 feet above low water and ninety-five feet above mean high water.

What is Gene Tunney's religion?
Roman Catholic.

How many pounds of opium were imported into the United States in 1926?

For the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926, 107,747½ pounds were imported.

Where does the Missouri River rise and through what territory does it flow?

It is formed in southwestern Montana by the junction of three streams (the Three Forks)—the Jefferson, the Madison and the Gallatin—which rise in the Rocky Mountains. The longest branch, variously known as Jefferson Fork, Beaver Head, and Red Rock, rises in the upper part of Culver's Canyon, 8,000 feet above the sea level.

level, at the southern boundary of Montana; flows west and north to the Three Forks, and thence north and northeast. After a long course west through Montana the river bends to the southwest and crosses North and South Dakota. It is the boundary line between Nebraska and Kansas on the west, and Iowa and Missouri on the east, and finally crosses the last-named State to its junction with the Mississippi, twenty miles above St. Louis.

How many guns are fired as a salute for the birth of a crown prince and a crown princess in Belgium?

One hundred and twenty-one guns constitute the salute for the crown prince and twenty-one for a crown princess.

Is Rod La Rocque married?
He is married to Vilma Banky.

What is the value of a Pilgrim half dollar?
Sixty-five cents.

Where and when was William Haines, the movie actor born?
Staunton, Va., Jan. 1, 1900.

When did Luther Burbank die?
April 11, 1926.

For how long has Babe Ruth been playing professional baseball?
He began playing in 1914.

What does the name Estelle mean?
It is from the Latin and means "a star of brilliancy."

What is blasphemy and how is it punishable?
In English and American law, blasphemy is defined as the criminal offense of maliciously and publicly condemning God, Christ, the Bible or the Christian religion. Although formerly denial of the accepted doctrines of Christianity was punishable as blasphemy, it is now not.

What is a "carcel unit"?
The flame standard officially adopted in France for gas testing; it is equal to 9,615 international candles.

How much corn was imported and exported in the United States during 1926?

Exports amounted to 25,130,000 bushels and imports to 1,053,382 bushels.

How is the card game, "beggery-neighbor," played?

It is similar to "catch honors." The cards are dealt face downward among the players, usually two in number. The players then lay down card after card in turn, face upmost, until a court card is turned up.

If this be an ace the player's adversary pays him four cards; if a king, three cards; of a queen, two cards, and if a jack, one card, while he takes up also all of the cards previously laid down, and puts them underneath those in his hand. If in the course of payment an honor is turned, then the creditor becomes the debtor to the value of the honor. Play continues until one player obtains all the cards in the pack.

How many islands in the Hawaiian group?

Twenty, of which nine are inhabited.

Times Readers Voice Views

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

Editor Times:

In my judgment the biggest statesman in the United States today is Herbert Hoover. He has the finest grasp of national as well as international matters of any man in America.

It was my privilege the greater part of last July to make out an extensive trip through Kentucky, particularly through the flooded districts. Herbert Hoover and the Red Cross nurses were in Kentucky at that time. Hoover did a wonderful work in helping the people to get on their feet again and today his name is a household word all over that State.

I traveled by train, by jolt wagon, on mule back and on foot and talked with mountaineers in log cabins as well as with business men of the cities and it is my firm belief that the Democratic party can nominate, Democrats as well as Republicans are so grateful to Hoover for what he did for their State that they will vote for him no matter who the opposing candidate may be.

The Republican party can not afford to make the same mistake that it made in 1920. The people of the United States today want a statesman instead of a machine politician. It seems very poor policy to nominate a pious for president, when you can nominate a giant. In other words, it seems to me the part of good business to nominate a first class man rather than take up with a man of third or fourth rate caliber.

In my mind there is not the shadow of a doubt that Herbert Hoover can carry Kentucky in the presidential election of 1928. The people of this country are looking for a man of backbone instead of one with wishbone. Very truly yours, STEPHEN V. LEWIS, Lewis Stationery Co., Troy, N. Y.

Editor Times:

I have written this at the request of George Hawkins, chairman of the committee of the Grand Army League, which is to launch a movement in the Indianapolis schools, public and parochial, to stimulate interest in Memorial Day.

The Grand Army League, with its headquarters at Ft. Friendly, 512 N. Illinois St., is a branch of all the Civil War organizations, backing up the Grand Army of the Republic in the principles and ideals for which it fought.

Purpose of the educational campaign is to teach the lads and lassies of today, the citizens of tomorrow, the high ideals of Government permanently established by their grandparents and great-grandparents in the greatest civil war in all history.

Our forefathers established the great American Republic in the Revolutionary War. The Civil War veterans, at the cost of a half million lives, decided that the Government should not perish from the face of the earth.

Our strong national union is the handiwork of the Union soldier of the Civil War. It already has electrified the world and taken root in every clime and country.

We sometimes wonder if our children appreciate our country and our flag as they should. We need more teaching of patriotism at home and in the schools, more patriotic entertainment and a higher class of music.

Education, entertainment and music produce character and good citizenship, the kind that our flag stands for, are needed. Educate the children to take part in the patriotic work and in patriotic societies that will tell the world the story when the "boys" are gone and especially to help in the observance of Memorial Day, May 30.

NEWTON J. MCGUIRE.

What is a "bonded warehouse"?

One used for storing goods subject to internal revenue or customs duty upon which the import has not been paid. Such goods are warehoused under Government supervision. When removed for sale within the United States the duty is paid; when removed for exportation no duty is paid.

Why is it easier to pour liquid from a can when two holes have been punched in the top than when there is only one hole?

When there are two holes the outside air can exert pressure on the liquid in the can.

READ BOOK

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.

BAKE CAKE COKE CORK COOK

That 'Hoover Efficiency' Isn't a Myth



THE STORY OF CIVILIZATION

Church Waits to Destroy Abelard

Written for The Times by Will Durant

ABELARD did not believe it deserved so conclusive a refutation; and he went on to teach the three thousand students who gathered about him that the time had come for man to have intelligence as well as faith; that the time had come to put aside absurdities that would have made the ancients smile.

A little doubt would be salutary in the midst of this multiplying wilderness of dogmas and creeds: "For the first key to wisdom is called interrogation, diligent and unceasing. . . . By doubting we are led to inquiry, and from inquiry we perceive the truth." His students agreed with him.

"They were calling for human and philosophical arguments, and insisting upon something intelligible, rather than mere words, saying that there had been more than enough of talk which the mind could not follow; that it was impossible to believe what was not understood in the first place; and that it was ridiculous for anyone to set forth to others what neither he or they could rationally conceive."

How could the adult minds among the unconverted peoples of the world be brought over to Christianity unless the faith were at least clothed in reason? "How absurd it was," said Abelard bravely, "to force orthodoxy upon a heretic by threatening injury to his body, instead of persuading him back to faith by appealing to his intelligence."

"No one," he writes, "can be refuted except from promises which he concedes." He envied the intellectual freedom of Plato and Aristotle, and scored the common notion of his time that these men, like all who had never been received into the one true Faith, had been damned to hell forever.

The time had come, he thought, when Europe was old enough to begin to reason once more. He foresaw the development of the new science, which he called dialectic, and predicted that the age of reason would follow the age of faith.

With Other Editors

Hartford City News
Hear him! Hear him! Listen to Indiana's S. O. L. (statute of limitations) Governor. "The Republican party in Indiana comes to the voters this year with less to apologize for than ever before. An admirable record has been stabilized in Indiana and when the people speak by votes they will say the Republican party has kept faith with the people, and will serve four years more in the State and Nation."

Thus spoke Ed Jackson before the Republican editors at Indianapolis. As our old friend Perlmutter would say: "Such a brassiness!" Ye gods! Was there ever such an exhibition of nerve? In the face of all the evidence, "Less to apologize for than ever before." This ought to be framed and hung in the Statehouse. It is rich, but not rare, with Republican politicians in Indiana.

Baltimore Sun
Senator Jim Watson of Indiana professed to be shocked and surprised by the news that he must fight Hoover for the Indiana delegation. Within sixty minutes after hearing the news Senator Watson was on his way to his home State. He refused to talk to reporters before he left, except to assert that he would have "plenty" to say when he reached Indianapolis. That is doubtless true, but it comes to mind that perhaps Jim will have plenty to hear, also, when he reaches Indianapolis.

He may hear how the Indiana Republican machine, bossed by Jim Watson, has presented the country with such a spectacle of corruption as it has rarely witnessed before.

He may hear of the revelations of various members of the organization who have brought against other members well-substantiated charges involving every crime

from petty larceny to murder. He may hear how the Governor of the State has been accused of joining with a man now doing a life term for murder and rape in a conspiracy to blackmail a former Governor; and how the Governor escaped, not by acquittal, but on account of the statute of limitations.

He may hear how a paid agent of the Anti-Saloon League assumed as a matter of course that Senator Watson would bring political pressure to bear to overturn a decision of the courts adverse to the agent.

He may hear that every politician in Indiana who is known as a Watson man is now under suspicion on account of the crimes that have been proved against many prominent Watson men.

He may hear that honest men in Indiana are so thoroughly sick of Watsonism and so heartily ashamed of all it implies that they will rejoice at having opportunity to vote for Herbert Hoover, or any other candidate who seems to be reasonably decent.

It is possible, although hardly probable, that he may hear enough to make him realize the enormity of his suggestion that the leader of such a gang as the Watson gang should be nominated for the office of President of the United States.

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TRACY

SAYS:
"There Are a Good Many People in This Country Who Believe Statesmanship Consists in Never Quitting the Backyard or Scratching the Ticket."

Wall Street goes wild, with the bulls in control.

Tuesday's trading made a new record when practically 4,000,000 shares changed hands. At that, it was only a little better than Monday's record of 3,875,910 shares.

Since the beginning of the year, speculation in stocks has been characterized by a feverishness that bodes no good.

Some of the advances can be explained on no other ground than excitement or manipulation.

For the same reason that there is little in the existing situation to warrant the belief that conditions are unsound or that a depression is impending, there is little to justify such wild trading.

Senseless Speculation

No matter how sound business may be, wild trading can throw it into confusion.

Of all factors now threatening industrial stability, senseless speculation probably is the worst. If carried too far this unreasoned inflation of stocks can bring about a crash.

If such a crash comes, it will change more votes than the oil scandal, and the oil scandal has changed enough.

Mr. Hays' Clever Scheme

Speaking of the oil scandal, Will H. Hays certainly devised a clever plan for paying off the Republican campaign deficit without acknowledging subscriptions.

The plan consisted of borrowing Liberty bonds from those who could spare them, then borrowing money by putting up the bonds as security and then using that money to pay off the deficit.

Those who loaned the bonds had not subscribed, and neither had those who loaned money on the bonds, which made it possible to pay off the deficit without reporting receipts from any one.

The system was all right, except that it was discovered and exposed, leaving Mr. Hays and several other folks in a far more embarrassing position than they would have been had they pursued straightforward tactics.

Worst Yet to Come

One way has a way of leading to another.

Interest in the sudden and mysterious improvement of former Secretary Fall's financial situation led to the oil leases. Investigation of the oil leases led to the trail of certain large blocks of Liberty bonds; trailing these Liberty bonds led to the discovery of the Continental Trading Company; discovery of the Continental Trading Company led to the exposure of certain campaign contributions, and exposure of these contributions led Mr. Hays to the witness stand.

The worst of it is that the half has not yet been told, and that the half not yet told promises to be the worst half.

If the inquiry continues to be as successful in making things uncomfortable for the Republican party as it has been, and if as many unscrupulous millionaires are shown to have used the party as a cat's paw for making money, there will be much more in the forthcoming campaign than there was in the joy-ride of 1920 and 1924.

Disaster in California

The California flood is unlike that of the Mississippi. It cannot be blamed on God. Men not only conceived the dam that broke, but built it. It's failure was due to ignorance, carelessness or dishonesty.

Some men, or group of men is responsible for the hundreds of dead and the millions of dollars lost. It is not only a matter of justice, but of practical value to the future of this country that they be held responsible.

People cannot live with the gigantic enterprises that form a part of modern life, unless every precaution is taken to make every safe. The necessary precaution will not be taken unless the cause will to exercise it are brought to book.

Hookworm Politics

Representative Brand of Ohio, ex-corties Herbert Hoover for the presidency because he has been too much abroad and has voted at too few elections.

The idea is not original, and not altogether unpopular in hookworm centers.

There are a good many people in this country who believe statesmanship consists in never quitting the backyard, or scratching the ticket.

Not only Representative Brand, but Senator Frank Willis for whom his heart bleeds over a great debt to such people.

Willis and Kresge

Referring to Senator Frank Willis once more and especially to his "arm" in the growth of chain stores, chain movie, chain broadcasting and the chain system in general, is he not rather unkind of what he and the Anti-Saloon League owe to Sebastian Kresge?

Considering the huge sums of money in which the Republican party deals when it comes to financing primaries and elections, or paying off the resultant deficit, half a million dollars may seem of no great consequence.

Still, it is doubtful if the Anti-Saloon League would be so well fixed as this in the position to do so much for Senator Willis and his kind, if Mr. Kresge had not come across, and it is equally doubtful if Mrs. Kresge would have been in a position to come across, except for his chain stores.