

SPEEDWAY  
AS AN AD  
FOR CITY

JUST how great an asset the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is to the city is demonstrated in the amount of publicity given the city as a result of the race this year. Newspapers as far west as San Francisco and Sacramento carried eight-column headlines on the result of the race, incidentally telling the world at large it was held in Indianapolis.

There is only one other regular sporting event, the world series, that obtains as much general publicity as the annual 500-mile race. There are few other events of any description that win such wide-spread publicity. This publicity is keeping Indianapolis on the map as nothing else could.

Despite the fact, objectionable to many, that the race is held on Memorial day, the event is of immeasurable value to the city. There should be no thought of abandoning the track, as has been suggested. If the present owners do not care to continue the race, citizens of Indianapolis should take over the property and operate it. Advertising pays.

AL SMITH STARTS SOMETHING

THE other day the Governor of New York took his pen in hand and wrote his "Al Smith" on a bill which repeals the State enforcement act. There was quite a hullabaloo about it, because Al had waited a whole month to make up his mind. Since that dramatic moment, the drys have been painting Al with a devil's fork and saying he seceded New York from the Union, while the wets, all of a sudden, have awakened to the fact that Al's head is hoisted over by a halo!

\* What is much more important to the country as a whole is the aftermath of Al Smith's signing of the repealer.

A lot of good folks are taking the attitude that Governor Smith has definitely committed the national Democratic party to the "wet" cause in the coming political campaign. They seem to think the New York repealer forces the "wet" issue on the Democrats because the Republican State prohibition law in that State was repealed by the Democrats as soon as they came into power.

This undoubtedly is what the Democratic organizations of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and other States of that vicinity would like to make of the Al Smith incident. The Democrats in those States are committed to the "wet" plank. They would like to force it on their party generally.

Where they will meet their stumbling block will be in the South, almost solidly Democratic, where the party is strongly "dry" in sentiment.

So, it begins to look as though the Governor of New York did more than merely write his Al Smith to a State prohibition repealer—what he really did was tear his party in twain on an issue that gives national political leaders nightmares every time they think of it.

PLUG UP THE LEAK ON 'GAS'

WHY it should be necessary for any city automobile to travel an average of ninety-six miles a day, as a report to the city council indicates has been done, is not clear. It is realized a city car might be required to travel that distance some days, but for a car to average that distance every day for a month is out of the realm of reasonableness.

It appears that a not very accurate check is being kept on gasoline used by the city. Slipshod methods in this respect lead sometimes to enormous unnecessary expenditures. All business concerns keep accurate checks on gasoline and other supplies used, else such "leaks" would soon eat up profits. There is no more reason why "leaks" should be tolerated in the operation of a city government than in the operation of a business.

WHAT'S FORTY MILLION?

A LAW suit reveals that the late William Penn Snyder left an estate of \$40,000,000. It starts one thinking about our system, when one man can accumulate and leave this much, yet not one American in 1,000 ever heard of him. Did you? He was an iron baron—owned furnaces in the Shenango valley, ore freighters on the Great Lakes and big iron mines in the Lake Superior country, not counting his sidelines.

## Questions ASK THE TIMES

### Answers

You can get an answer to any question, fact or information by writing to the Indianapolis Times, 1322 N. E. 5th Ave., Washington D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps. Medical, legal and other professional advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be undertaken. Papers, speeches, etc., be given. Unsolicited manuscripts will not be answered, but all letters are confidential, and receive personal replies.—EDITOR.

What is ptosis?  
Drooping of the upper eyelid.

I am a war veteran receiving compensation. I have recently developed a nervous disease. Can I get a higher disability rating and have my compensation increased?

If upon proper medical examination the nervousness is traced to war service, you can write to the local representative of the Veterans' Bureau for a re-opening of your case.

Is it unlawful to change your name?

Not if the reason for doing so is an honest one. However, to avoid possible complications later, it is advisable to have the name changed legally.

Has a married man the right to ask his wife where she is going? Yes, but he has no right to compel a reply. Under ordinary circumstances the wife should respond to such a question, if put courteously; but wives have some rights of privacy, even where husbands are concerned.

A reader of this column asks for an outline of the Monroe Doctrine. Any other reader who wishes this information may obtain a bulletin on the subject by writing to our Washington Bureau, enclosing 2 cents in stamps.

Who wrote "The American's Creed?"

William Tyler Page, the clerk of the United States House of Representatives, in 1917.

Does oil shale yield gold?

It has been claimed that gold has been obtained from oil shale, but as says the United States Bureau of Mines indicate that there is little chance of gold or similar precious metals.

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The estimated total for London is 2,164,932,522 and for New York 1,161,861,261.

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We should say "A history," although as a rule the sound of "in" in a syllable unaccented would require the article an. We would say "a history," but "an historical work."

I have a misplaced heart. How can I make money out of it?

Write to the American Medical Association, Chicago, Ill. They will tell you the medical schools and hospitals that will pay you for submitting to investigation and study.

How many children have Helen Gould and her husband adopted?

Two girls and a boy.

How many times was Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy married?

Three.

When was nitrate first mined in Chile? How much does the United States import?

About sixty-three years ago. We import about 1,250,000 to 2,000,000 tons annually.

Which are the most common birds in the United States?

The robin, the English sparrow, the song sparrow, the catbird and the house wren.

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## DO DEAD MASTERS GUIDE HAND OF GIRL?

Detroit Miss Who Declares She Has Never Had Lesson Paints The Christ and Critics  
Marvel at Her Deftness of Touch and Wonderful Skill



MAUDE ROOSE AND (INSET) HER FIRST PAINTING.

### VALLEY OF MAHONING IS THE RUHR OF AMERICA

Youngstown, O., Is Heart of Steel Industry, Not Pittsburgh.

By W. H. PORTERFIELD.

When Judge Gacy on behalf of the steel trust delivered his ultimatum, refusing to abandon the twelve-hour day in the steel mills, W. H. Porterfield of this paper was the only one who was allowed to visit the Mahoning valley, the heart of the steel district, and see how men worked and lived there. Herewith the first of his articles.

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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, June 6.—Here is the heart of steel in America, not Pittsburgh three times as big, seventy-five miles eastward, for Pittsburgh, with all her great steel mills, has other important interests. Youngstown's 150,000 men, women and children think, breathe and have their being in steel.

Seven hundred thousand men and women are employed in the steel and directly allied industries of America, stretching from Warren and Niles, Ohio, where McKinley lived, down through the once beautiful valley of Mahoning, through Youngstown, East Youngstown, New Castle, Farrel, Briar Hills, and away to Pittsburgh over the mountains.

Starting only a generation ago because of local deposits of high voltage coal in the Mahoning valley, Youngstown has grown beyond the most fantastic dreams of the local boomers.

Today half-mile long trains bring thousands of tons of Michigan iron ore from Erie ports sixty miles away to be turned into steel by the miracle of coke and the incandescence of man.

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