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MEET THESE PROBLEMS! **S**CHOOL will be out again Friday. With the closing come two problems for the grownups to meet. One of them has to do with providing something to occupy the children during the summer and the other has to do with making provisions for adequate school facilities next winter.

Indianapolis is rapidly developing park and playground facilities. This is commendable. There can hardly be too many playgrounds and too many of these can not be equipped with swimming pools. Every year a number of children drown in old-fashioned swimming holes where they didn't know the water was deep. Let's have more protected swimming pools. Then let's keep the small boys and others away from streams where there is no protection.

The second problem, that of adequate school facilities, is moving slowly toward a partial solution. The city school board has a definite building program and this is being worked out through all the meandering channels provided by law. It is hoped school buildings will be erected in Indianapolis before very long.

The use of portable, poorly heated and poorly ventilated frame school buildings is nothing short of criminal. They are a blot on the reputation of the city. Their abolition is a problem that should be worked out during the summer. Nothing should be put in the way of sane, economical building program, not even politics or personal prejudice.

WOMAN BOSS AT CAPITOL **W**HY don't the women's organizations run a woman for President of these United States? Leo R. Healy asks this question in a letter to the New York Times.

The same idea has occurred to all of us at some time or other, probably. It certainly has given many a cartoonist and joke writer a "hunch" on a dull day.

But, after all, why not?

The average woman makes a bigger success of her home than her husband makes of his business. Men are forever getting fired from their jobs or failing in business and have to start all over!

For getting results and keeping up to schedule, a Mrs. President would have an inherited or intuitive natural instinct.

It's a rare man in the White House who doesn't lag.

Another excellent quality, universal among our women, is the feminine insistence on a periodical housecleaning. A woman can be flat on her back and with one foot in the grave, but never too low to worry because housecleaning is delayed.

Wouldn't it be a choice thing to have some one in the White House with this moral and nervous housecleaning spirit! The "works" in Washington needs a frequent "hoeing out."

When it comes to a woman's ability to handle the presidential job, it's a certainty that plenty of women could be found who'd be efficient at it. She'd at least have sense enough to seek competent advisers—and adopt their recommendations. That's the system for any president, male or female, the same as for any boss.

As we size up the situation on a hot day, the chief handicap to running a woman for President is that the men-voters, who swing the balance of power, might display their customary intelligence and elect a bathing beauty or a movie vamp.

P. S. Catherine did a mighty good job of ruling Russia. So did Victoria in England. Not to mention Wilhelmina in Holland, Cleopatra in Egypt and the hundreds of women who ruled as the powers behind the throne all through history.

Questions

ASK THE TIMES

Answers

You can get an answer to any question by writing to the Indianapolis Times, Washington Bureau, 1322 N. W. Avenue, Washington, D. C., inclosing 2 cents in stamp. Medical advice cannot be given, nor can extended research be undertaken on papers, poems, etc., presented. Unsigned letters cannot be answered, but all letters are confidential and receive personal replies.—Editor.

What is the highest altitude ever reached by a mountain climber?

With the aid of oxygen Captain Finch and Capt. Geoffrey Bruce last year reached an altitude of 17,300 feet (over four miles), or 1,700 feet from the summit of Mt. Everest, Asia, the world's tallest mountain.

Were candles found in the tomb of King Tutankhamen?

Mention is made of tapers of bronze, trimmed with gold and ivory, which had twisted linen wicks soaked in oil and attached to rods by circlets.

Who declared war in 1870—France or Germany?

France.

What is the difference in the relative amount of sweetness in one pound of brown, one pound of granulated, or one pound of confectioners' sugar?

Practically no difference. Brown is perhaps slightly less sweet. Powdered sugar seems sweeter because it is finer and more quickly dissolved in the mouth, and we get the sensation of sweetness sooner.

What is white gold composed of?

Gold, 75 per cent; silver, 15 per cent; copper, 10 per cent.

Is American rosin considered as good for stringed instruments as the Italian rosin?

No, Italian is preferred.

What was the story of the disappearance of the Cyclops?

The U. S. S. Cyclops, 19,360 tons displacement, left Barbados, West Indies, on March 4, 1918, and has not been heard of since. She had on board a crew of fifteen officers and 221 enlisted men, also, as passengers, six officers and fifty-one enlisted men, as well as the American Consul General at Rio Janeiro, Brazil. The disappearance of this ship has remained a mystery.

Is there any evidence that America and Asia were ever connected by land?

According to Science Service, the evidence of a land bridge between these two continents is circumstantial.

National Symposium Reveals Dry Law Modification Trend

By NEA Service

WASHINGTON, June 14. **W**—As a presidential campaign nears, national leaders are slowly being beaten down in their panic-stricken efforts to keep prohibition outside the pale of politics.

Throughout the nation wets are strengthening their positions. And judging solely from a symposium undertaken by NEA Service for The Indianapolis Times, they are, in widely scattered places, carrying public opinion with them.

This, however, is not surprising, the even tenor of the dry camps.

Sub-surface rumblings broke into the open when Governor Al Smith of New York signed the bill repealing the State enforcement act. Wisconsin immediately oiled its repealing machinery and the lower house of the General Assembly has passed a measure similar to that enacted in New York, which now awaits Senate action.

An Illinois legislator, recalling that a referendum of the people in his State carried wet by 512,000 last year, has introduced a repealer.

Sentiment in New Orleans received a jolt when Governor John M. Parker congratulated Governor Smith for having "backbone."

Membership in the Association Against the Prohibition Amendment has more than doubled in San Francisco and other coast cities.

The wets have unified their ranks. They want two things:

Beer and wine. No whisky.

They realize, and hope, that booze is dearer than last year's styles.

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