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## Best Job in Town

The man whose father brought him up to be a President now has a son he hoped some day will be Marion County treasurer.

Being President used to be a pretty fair job. He got to live in a nice big house with the rent, light and heat furnished by the Government; he got his picture in the papers almost as much as the Prince of Wales; he even got into a lot of histories and he received a salary of \$75,000 a year.

Of course there was quite a lot of worry connected with the job, but one could afford to shoulder considerable care for \$75,000 a year and the plaudits of the party organs.

This is a materialistic age. Honor is very fine, but laying hold of all the gold we can honestly assemble is the chief business in life of too many of us. The materialistic philosophy is that honor will come as a matter of course to him who can garner more money than the President of the United States.

What more golden opportunity for fortune and honor, then, than that which lies before the youth of Marion County?

Get elected county treasurer and receive \$105,000 a year.

This stupendous figure is what Councilman Edward B. Raub says he discovered was the pay of the county treasurer last year, as a result of our fee and salary law and the treasurer's interpretation of the Barrett law.

The law gives the treasurer \$7,500 a year and a percentage for collection of delinquent taxes. The treasurer says the law also gives him the interest on the million dollar Barrett law fund, intrusted to him as trustee. Raub says the law does nothing of the kind, that the treasurer should leave the interest in the fund to take care of the deficit which grows annually as the result of prepayment of Barrett law installments by property owners desiring to avoid interest charges.

Raub estimates the treasurer pocketed \$60,000 in interest from Barrett law funds last year.

One hundred and five thousand dollars a year for administering the financial affairs of one county when the President, held responsible for the prosperity of a Nation, gets \$30,000 a year less!

The treasurer does not have to shoulder the whole responsibility either. The county auditor and commissioners usually get the blame for high taxes. Marion County could almost afford to pay all the expenses of a special session of the Legislature to correct the evil, if that is what it takes.

Raub, however, says he expected to demonstrate that if present laws were rightly interpreted the boys still could not be regarded as foolish for hoping to be President.

Every taxpayer should support Raub and the State board of accounts in their efforts to straighten out the tangle.

## Latin-America and the United States

President Coolidge, in welcoming the first Pan-American Congress of Journalists to this country, departed from the formal phrases usual at such times and took occasion to recall to us that our cousins in the south were using the printing press and universities to spread truth years before we were.

No less than eight institutions of higher learning were founded in South and Central America prior to the establishment in 1636 of Harvard, the oldest university in the United States, the President reminds us.

Also, he points out, the first printing press on this side of the Atlantic was set up in Mexico in 1539; and the second in Lima in 1586. It was not until 1639 that the first printing press in what is now the United States was used at Cambridge, Mass.

Drama, the arts, poetry, fiction, criticism, political writing, and scientific research have reached a high state of development in the Latin-American republics. Some of the South American newspapers are among the foremost papers in the world.

It is interesting, and wholesome, too, for us, absorbed in our own national achievements, to remember these things.

## Poor Papa

Silk stockings and shirts for mama these days, according to all reports, but some one apparently still wears cotton. It must be poor papa.

It was testified before the Senate committee now investigating the United States tariff commission that United States manufacturers turned out cotton shirts worth \$241,000,000 in 1923. They also exported \$2,961,000 worth. And only \$10,000 worth came into the country from abroad, over the high tariff wall.

Further it was testified that in 1924 684,000,000 pairs of cotton stockings were made in this country, of which 60,000,000 pairs were exported. And only 5,124,000 pairs were imported.

The tariff was so high that foreign shirts and socks were kept out almost entirely. Yet the cost of production apparently was so low that our manufacturers could compete in foreign fields successfully against the cheaply-made foreign product.

One tariff commissioner says he tried to get the United States tariff commission to investigate this queer state of affairs, to see what bearing it might have on the price papa pays for his shirts and socks, but the majority of the commission was against him.

## Scrub Behind the Ears

If the weather man doesn't send along a cold wave to make the chimneys belch forth a new sooty coating Indianapolis has a pretty fair start for the Clean Up, Paint Up campaign, which opens Monday.

Hard rains have removed much of the grime. Mother Nature has done her part.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce is doing its share by sponsoring the campaign. City officials and civic clubs promise to make things hum in their respective spheres.

It appears that after all cleaning and painting up is up to Mr. Citizen himself.

The city street cleaning department can wash

down the pavements and sweep away the debris; the ash trucks can haul away hundreds of tons of trash and make the alleys spick and span, the parks and boulevards can be all slicked up, but what boots it if private premises remain cluttered up with the winter accumulation of leaves, broken limbs, weathered newspapers and hand bills?

What good will it do Miss Indianapolis to wash her face and leave the grime behind the ears.

The street cleaning department used to boast that this was America's cleanest city.

Why not? We have as industrious a citizenry as any. And after all, the chief magic in cleaning up is elbow grease.

So, let's all have the rake, trash basket, paint brush and blower outfit ready by Monday.

While we're at it, let's not stop with the front and back yards. It will not hurt to remove a few fire hazards from the basement and attic.

Our opinion is that we have enough rain in April without people trying to give picnics.

A brute is a man who brings company home for dinner without calling and letting his wife know.

A big bum seems to be a man who gets in the way while his wife is trying to spring-clean the house.

Polished floors will not be scratched if you will make the family go barefoot.

Autos and radios, you can't look at either and tell what distance you will get.

Sour cream will not be noticed in coffee if you throw it out the window.

As ye sow, so shall ye have to keep on working with it if you don't want to reap weeds.

Never be too pleasant at breakfast. It makes you eat so much you feel badly the rest of the day.

Do not be alarmed too easily after washing your ears. All noises naturally sound greater then.

Among the strange things in this life are bald barbers, skinny cooks and lazy married men.

A gentleman should always precede his lady friend through the windshield.

The difference between some people's singing and having a fit is they can't help having fits.

## Dutch Responsible For Game of Golf

You can get an answer to any question of fact or information by writing to The Indianapolis Times, Washington, D. C., enclosing 2 cents in stamps for reply. Medical, legal and marital advice cannot be given nor can extended research be undertaken. All questions must be received by the editor. Unsigned requests cannot be answered. All letters are confidential.—Editor.

Who originated the game of golf and when was it first played in the United States?

Golf is called the national game of Scotland, although it possibly is of Dutch origin. The Romans played a game called "paganica" with a crooked stick and a ball of leather stuffed with feathers, and in England, during the reign of Edward III, that game was called "bandy ball" or "cambuca." The Dutch game differs greatly from the Scottish and it is maintained that golf is a lineal descendant of the game called "shinty," but it is more probable that it is a combination of both. Shinty is a rude game of force, combination of both. In the United States, New York was the first to take up the game, although there is a tradition that golf was played on the Pacific coast by a band of old sea captains in the sixteenth century. The St. Andrews Golf Club was the first formed in the United States (Nov. 18, 1885), followed almost immediately by others throughout the country.

Is a square inch greater than a cubic inch?

A square inch and a cubic inch can not be compared, for the square inch is a measure of area and the cubic inch a measure of volume. You can compare area with area, as a square inch with a square foot, or volume with volume as a cubic foot with a cubic yard, but not area with volume.

What do the letters "A. S. C." signify, appearing after the name of the camera man in a motion picture?

American Society of Cinematographers.

Can electricity be weighed?

The smallest unit of electricity is the electron, which has been weighed. The force developed by a current of electricity is determined in absolute units by weighing with a current balance.

What will take a spot of oil off a corundum emery wheel?

Gasoline.

How many stories does the Woolworth building in New York have?

From the street to the observation gallery the building is 58 stories. There are three stories underground.

Of what is monel metal composed?

It is an alloy of approximately the following composition: Nickel, 67 per cent; copper, 28 per cent, and 5 per cent of other metals (iron, manganese, silicon.)

Is Pearl White still playing in the movies?

She has retired from the screen and is playing on the French stage in musical comedy.

What is the chemical composition of "bakelite"?

It is produced by a chemical union of phenol and formaldehyde. It is an amber-like product, characterized by electrical insulating properties, great strength, insolubility in all known solvents, and resistance to most chemicals.

Who was Boccaccio?

One of the three great writers of the Italian renaissance, the other two being Dante and Petrarch. Boccaccio was born in Paris in 1313 and died in 1375.

Was the body of President Lincoln ever moved after it was first buried in the cemetery at Springfield, Illinois?

It has been moved six times, but always in the same cemetery, which is Oak Ridge cemetery, a mile and a half north of Springfield, Ill. Dec. 21, 1865, the remains were originally placed in a temporary tomb on the hillside. Sept. 8, 1871, the casket was placed underground. In 1883 a large vault in lieu of a grave was constructed beneath the marble floor of the catacomb, in which the caskets of Lincoln and his wife were placed. March 10, 1900, incident to removal of earth to get a rock foundation on which to rebuild the monument, a transfer was made to a temporary tomb. On Sept. 28, 1901, the casket was placed in the vault at the base of the monument shaft.

How old is Clive Brook, movie actor; is he married, and what is his address?

He is in his 35th year and is married. His address is Cecil B. De Mille Co., Culver City, Cal.

On what day did Easter Sunday come in the year 1911?

April 16.

## RIGHT HERE IN INDIANA

By GAYLORD NELSON

### IN THE AIR

Harry S. New, Postmaster General, during a recent visit to Indianapolis, predicted that this city would have air mail service within a very short time. Contract has already been let for a route from Chicago, through Indianapolis, to Atlanta. As soon as the planes are built the service will be started.

Hard upon the heels of his statement comes the word that the establishment of an airport at the Motor Speedway is agreeable to the owners of that property. "Write your own ticket and send us the details," was the reply of Carl G. Fisher and James A. Allison when asked for the use of the speedway.

After a year of talk, Indianapolis teeters right on the brink of doing something in the field of commercial flying, an air mail route, a convenient, accessible landing field, "everything."

And it's time. All this talk about commercial flying and airports is not just blowing civic bubbles.

Within the past few months the Government has expanded the air-mail service by establishing a dozen new routes, operated by contract with private concerns. A privately-owned passenger-carrying line is in operation between Los Angeles and Salt Lake. A couple of days ago an American explorer flew from the northernmost point of Alaska, hundreds of miles over the Arctic waste and returned safely.

Almost before we realize it we will be in the air on a big scale. The day of air transportation is here.

### ALMOST A PERFECT TAX

The gasoline tax poured into the Indiana State treasury \$7,653,049 last year, according to figures just released by the United States Bureau of Public Roads. Among the forty-four States levying a gas tax, Indiana ranked sixth in the total amount collected from that source in 1925.

The levy on motor fuel is the most successful and productive money raising scheme devised by the State. No other tax yields such large receipts with so little fuss, resentment and opposition from the taxpayer.

A perfect tax, one that falls with the least jar equably and justly on those who pay, is about as rare as a perfect husband. To most of us a perfect tax is one that we can evade and our neighbor pays. But the gas tax is almost a perfect tax.

People who quiver with indignation when a nickel is sawed loose from them in general property tax, customs dues or such levies, pay the tax on gasoline affably and without any painful realization that they are paying.

Sage economists say the gas tax is all wrong in principle. It is purely a sales tax such as experience has shown to be usually unsatisfactory and generally a failure. Yet in practice it is a brilliant success.

Probably the reason the gas tax is so successful is that the money thus raised is spent where people can see the results. It goes into good and better roads to the direct benefit of the people who pay the tax. It is not squandered for gilding the dome of the Statehouse or for other governmental frills.

The gasoline levy proves that even the weary and impatient taxpayer doesn't mind contributing a dollar to the public treasury if it yields a visible dollar's worth of public benefit.

### FAR FROM THE POORHOUSE

The Ford Motor Company in 1925 earned net profits of \$94,660,397, according to the estimates of financial sharps who have studied the company's annual financial statement, filed in Massachusetts yesterday. The statement places the company's assets at \$742,913,564.

The value of the physical assets, plants, properties and cash in the bank, of the Ford concern is greater than the total assessed valuation of the city of Indianapolis. And the annual net profit of the enterprise would, if divided among the people of Indianapolis, give each man, woman and child here \$200.

As Henry Ford, his wife and son own the whole Ford business, that family is not exactly on the way over the hill to the poorhouse. Far from it. And they are going in the opposite direction.

Uncle Henry can amuse himself with old-time fiddlers and the revival of old-time dances if he pleases. He can put it all over Old King Cole and summon fiddlers three or three hundred without seriously impairing his bank roll.

And twenty-five years ago he was working for a modest salary and tinkering on his home-made gas buggy during spare moments. He was trying to make an automobile.

Maybe he never succeeded. Opinions differ as to whether the inventor is an automobile or only the suitable butt for jokes. Some serious thinkers regard Henry himself as somewhat of a joke. Perhaps he is. But see what he has done in twenty-five years, and the checkbook he now wields. Let them laugh that off.

### JUST A MIRAGE

Arrival of one thousand cases of the much advertised 3.75 per cent malt tonic in Gary for sale to thirsty and anemic Hoosiers has spurred Anti-Saloon Leaguers and prohibitionists to activity and vociferous protest to prevent sale of the stuff in bone-dry Indiana.

Dr. E. S. Shumaker, Anti-Saloon League superintendent, sought to have an affidavit sworn against the first druggist to sell a bottle of the brew and thus precipitate a test case. But the police chief

of the Lake County metropolis refuses to cooperate. And the test case hangs fire.

Whether sale of the beer tonic is contrary to the State's dry act will probably be decided in due time. Meanwhile the dregs need not be alarmed nor the wets bubble over with hope just because a few cases of the stuff are sold in Indiana.

Wherever the brew has been put on the market its advent has been hailed with joy by the thirsty and lamentations by the arid. But the joy has been short-lived.

In Milwaukee and Chicago earnest experimenters, who rushed to purchase the tonic, found that it was just what the manufacturers claimed, a bitter unpalatable drink. Cut with near-beer, it had no kick, no more exhilarating than near-beer. The demand immediately dwindled and vanished. Another hope blasted.

Probably if it is introduced into Indiana the same fate will befall it. Thirsty Hoosiers will give it a trial and then go back to milk, canned heat and other alcoholic beverages with which they are familiar and which carry a jolt.

It isn't malt and hops the wets want, but alcoholic kick. So the new tonic is a failure as far as the two-handed drinkers are concerned. To the prohibitionists, preparing to fight its sale, it is a phantom. To the hopeful wets it's just a mirage.

### GLEE CLUB HEARD

Approximately 400 persons heard the program presented Friday night by the men's glee club of Heidelberg University of Tiffin, Ohio, at the Second Reformed Church, Merrill and S. Alabama Sts. The program was under the auspices of the Reformed churches of Indianapolis.

## She Cried; Dad Beat Her



Frank Hopkins, Washington, D. C., was sent to a hospital for mental observation, because he beat his daughter, Louise, 5, when she awoke in the night and cried for her mother.

## THE VERY IDEA

By Hal Cochran

### IN THE SPRING

'Tis only the tale of a poor married man—a thing that has happened to me. Just try and recall the same thought, if you can. If married, you'll quickly agree.

Most any day starts and you're all full of punch. At the office you're pluggin' away. The sun starts to shine and, while eating your lunch, ya long for the end of the day.

I'll lie me out homeward, ya think to yourself, and I'll get out the rake and the spade. I'll get all the seeds and the bulbs off the shelf, 'cause a garden has got to be made. You manage to plough through the long afternoon. Then ya grab up your hat and your coat. You're soon hearing home, and you're whistlin' a tune. Yea, the spring air's gettin' yer goat.

"Oh, goody, you're early," the wife loudly cries. (Now, ain't this the luck of a feller?) The thought of the garden work rapidly dies. She's planned on your cleanin' the cellar.

Hairdressers say the bob is a permanent thing. What women would like to have is a permanent permanent wave.

When a girl says, "I'd just like to see the man who could make me promise to love, honor and obey him," she probably means it.

Wonder what the man who said, "My kingdom for a horse," would give for an automobile.

Why not let Sir Thomas Lipton win the next yacht race with America? He can take the cup back where they've got something to pour into it.

A. Obid traveled from Italy to Wilkesbarre, Pa., when he was 17, and started out sailing salted peanuts. Now, at 50, he's the peanut king and has salted a fortune.

The safe was thief-proof, so they said.

And when it was installed, 'Twas robbed, and so they claimed that that Was proof a thief had called.

He had a real lumbago walk. Yet health was quite in trim. He walked that way to fit the shirts His wifey made for him.

When a fellow promises a girl he'll be "faithful to the last," she immediately wants to know who the others were.

Advice to mothers: Don't let it make you "just sick" if your young son has sneaked out behind the garage to smoke cornsilk. Give him dad's old pipe. If someone has got to be sick it might just as well be the boy.

A word to the wise is unnecessary.

### FABLES IN FACT

THE YOUNG MAN HAD BEEN BEGGING THE GIRL TO MARRY HIM AND SHE CONTINUALLY SAID NO PERIOD FINALLY COMMA HE SAID COMMA QUOTATION MARK MY TRAIN LEAVES IN FIFTEEN MINUTES DASH DASH CAN'T YOU GIVE ME ONE RAY OF HOPE QUESTION MARK QUOTATION MARK AND TELL GIRL DID DASH DASH BY TELLING HIM HIS WATCH WAS FIFTEEN MINUTES FAST PERIOD (Copyright, 1926, NEA Service, Inc.)

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