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KNOW YOUR STATE

INDIANA, first in the invention of motor propelled vehicles, retains the leadership of the Nation in the volume and value of automobile accessories and parts, the distinction of being first in the number and value of finished automobiles having passed to the State's northern neighbor, Michigan. Indiana ranks high as a producer of motor trucks.

THE BUSINESS METHOD

The proposal to change the present form of city government to the modern manager plan should be hurried.

Other cities have found the elimination of partisan politics from city affairs to be very profitable.

The present form of government is an invitation to misuse the powers of government to aid the big political parties.

There is, of course, no connection between city affairs and the national parties.

There is no reason why men should be chosen to offices of mayor or councilmen because they happen to believe or not believe in the tariff or the world court than there would be to pick them because they happened to be left-handed or cross-eyed.

But we have permitted city offices to be used for building up political machines which give us bad government in the county and State and Nation.

The city manager plan substitutes efficiency for city affairs.

The committee of citizens which proposes to ask for a vote on the question should hurry their plans to get a very early election.

The present city council, having power to do so, is threatening to buy public utilities. Perhaps they should be bought and owned by the people. The people might do much better with them than is being done by their present owners.

But no one would pick the present council as the board of directors to carry on any important piece of business.

No group of stockholders of a fifty-million-dollar enterprise could by any stretch of the imagination pick the present council as its board of directors and give them full authority to incur huge debts.

Whenever the utilities are bought, the transaction ought to be handled by a man whose judgment, honesty and ability is beyond question.

The change to a city manager may help Indianapolis get that sort of a public servant to handle important affairs.

THE DEPOSITORS' MONEY

The Georgia Bankers' Association says it is "shocked" by the closing of eighty-three banks in that State and the disclosure of "amazing and unavoidable conditions."

The bankers' association should be shocked. A situation where a fly-by-night investment house, not even listed as bank or under banking supervision, handled reserves for eighty-three supposedly regular banks certainly is shocking.

The question is: What's going to be done about it?

The bankers' association suggests hiring lawyers, having investigations and possibly prosecutions. That may put somebody in jail, but it won't restore the depositors' money.

Nebraska, pioneer in such legislation, boasts that no depositor in its State-chartered banks has lost a cent in eighteen years.

Many bankers dislike deposit guarantee laws. They say they penalize the careful banker, making him pay the losses of the reckless. It is reasonable argument, but the fact remains that such insurance is the one known way of giving the depositor complete protection.

In ten years banks having over a billion dollars of deposits have suspended payments.

In 1925 over 600 banks closed their doors.

The responsibility lies squarely on the shoulders of the bankers. If they want better banking laws they can have them.

WHEELER DECLINES, BUT—

The movement to make Wayne B. Wheeler himself chief of the Government's prohibition enforcement officers grows with amazing rapidity.

So fast has it grown that Wheeler himself saw fit yesterday to spurn the crown. Usually a political movement of this kind needs to be nurtured for months before it gets to the point where the coy candidate demands that he be coaxed.

But it is only four days now since the Times nominated Wheeler himself for the job General Andrews is ready to lay down. In that time, the ardent drys of the country, as fast as they could be reached, have come forward with hearty endorsement. Yesterday Gilbert O. Nations cheered the nomination. Today Deets Pickett, Pussyfoot Johnson is yet to be heard from.

But the country wants Wayne B. Wheeler—himself. There can be no doubt of it. They want him to attempt publicly and officially what he has been attempting privately and unofficially all these years. They want him to come out of the critic's seat and take his place on the stage. They won't accept refusal.

And from the tone of Wheeler's refusal, which you will find on another page, it is a fair guess that they won't have to take it. Wheeler himself leaves the way wide open. His refusal doesn't sound at all final. If, he says; and in case, he says. Likewise, unless and until.

Well, his conditions can be met.

This newspaper is prepared to urge that he be given everything he asks for, even the Army and Navy in addition to the coast guard, if he wants them.

The campaign for Wheeler himself must go on. Have you written to President Coolidge yet? Your neighbor has. It's up to you now. The President never will know what this great, wide country wants unless you tell him. The movement is gaining great force. The statement by Wheeler himself has given it added impetus. Get in on it now, not after the thing has been done.

When your little grandchildren gather around

THE INDIANAPOLIS TIMES

Tracy

New Jersey Owes Something to Some Innovative Persons

By M. E. Tracy

It was amid lightning flashes and sheets of rain that the State of New Jersey made its latest and most dramatic move in the Hall-Mills murder case which has defied solution for exactly four years.

Mrs. Hall, wife of the slain minister, was formally charged with the crime two weeks ago. Now her brother and cousin are under arrest.

Instead of depending on purely circumstantial evidence, as is necessary in most cases of the kind, and as it was supposed would be necessary in this one, the State is presenting two witnesses, who claim to have been within earshot and eyeshot of the murderer when committed.

Ludwig Van Beethoven was born Dec. 16, 1770, and died March 26, 1827, making the coming year the one hundredth anniversary of the composer's death, and the entire year in music circles is to be made a Beethoven year, beginning with the programs arranged by the fall and winter season by prominent artists and musical organizations.

The climax of the events arranged in connection with the anniversary will, of course, be reached in March, but it is the purpose of the committee to begin at this time its dissemination of material as to Beethoven's life and works, and to arrange the programs of Beethoven compositions to be given under its stimulus and auspices not only in the leading cities of the country and in the colleges and universities, but, in cooperation with local musical societies in many of the smaller towns and even villages, wherever music lovers can be found and their interest aroused.

Also a State officer, who figured prominently in the first investigation and who says he was bought off for what he knew coming from San Francisco to give evidence.

Such developments, when added to the religious angle of this tragedy, the high social position of the parties involved, the sex element and the fact that it has obviously been covered by a conspiracy of silence make it one of the most interesting in all the annals of American criminology.

It should be cleared at any cost not only to vindicate the law, but because if it is not cleared up, suspicion, gossip and slander will dog the lives of innocent people for years to come.

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Waking

Two great airways designated by President Coolidge—one from coast, and one from Chicago to the southwest—at last we are waking up to the value and possibilities of commercial aviation.

The Postoffice Department has done

splendid work in blazing the trails, but the time has arrived when private enterprise, assisted by the Government, perhaps, must lend a hand.

If we would have airplanes and aviators for defense in time of war, we must develop them through commerce in time of peace.

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What's the Difference?

New York's proposed referendum on prohibition is legal, according to Justice Crain of the Supreme Court of that State.

It may prove futile if literally interpreted, he holds, but that does not make it unlawful.

"It's constitutionality," he declares, "does not depend on its utility or futility, its folly or its wisdom," but on whether it was authorized by a real legislative act within the meaning of the State Constitution.

Getting away from technicalities, why shouldn't the people of a State be allowed to express their opinion with regard to national laws and policies?

What does that involve, except the right of petition?

If the people of New York were to sign a memorial and send it to Congress, who would say they had done wrong, no matter what law, or policy it opposed.

If we do the same thing through an official vote, what is the difference?

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Yes, He Knows

"Marry young," advises David Boddy, and he ought to know.

Though 82 years old, he is still an active operator on Wall Street.

What is more in point, he lived with the same wife sixty-three years and "loved her more than ever" when she left him last March.

Boddy says a good wife is a great help and that, no matter how the cynics sniff, there are plenty of loyal, right-minded girls left.

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Professional Piffle

If a doctor can make yellow diamonds blue, what is there wrong in his publishing the fact?

Suppose he does get a little advertising out of it, why should his brother doctors haul him over the coals?

What has the color of diamonds to do with medical ethics, or a process by which the color can be changed, or even the fact that a doctor discovered the process?

Yet, Dr. C. Everett Field must explain.

The Queens County Medical Society, of which he is a member, wants to know all about it—not the process, you understand, but the publicity.

He did not submit his statement to the "censors" before giving it out, which is one of the deadliest sins a regular doctor can commit. He just told the good news like an ordinary man.

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Brennan Strategy

Most everybody took it as a joke when the Democrats of Illinois nominated George Brennan for United States Senator.

"Just a little show of appreciation for the Chicago boss in a State which is Republican by half a million," was the prevailing comment.

Then came the local investigation disclosing all kinds of corruption and resulting in 100 indictments, then Jim Reed's committee uncovering

slush funds to the extent of \$1,000,000 and making a lot of trouble for Colonel Smith, the Republican nominee, and finally Brennan himself telling everybody about his big insurance business that employs 500 persons and suggesting that politics was only a sideline with him.

The race does not appear so funny, or another to get their pictures in the papers, immediately suppose they would adorn the silver screen.

In the entire galaxy of highly paid stars you will find on another page, it is a fair guess that they won't have to take it. Wheeler himself leaves the way wide open. His refusal doesn't sound at all final. If, he says; and in case, he says. Likewise, unless and until.

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New York Committee Outlines Plan for the Centennial of Beethoven

Dancer Booked at Circle



Violet Maye

One of the featured performers will be Violet Maye, a singer and dancer. Webb's band is one of the most

novel which has been presented

at the Circle this season. Webb

is said to be the originator of

novelty bands, and has been identified

as a band leader for over fifteen

years.

How to Swim—No. 24



Make the hands work in floating

By Lillian Cannon

Regarding floating, it is well to remember that floating is merely a resting device and it is not important to be able to float absolutely motionless.

Few men, unless very fat, will be able to float in fresh water, although women find it easier, and even in salt water it is not easy unless one has the gift.

YOUTH GRANTED REPRIEVE

Bu United Press LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 14.—Governor Adam McMullen today granted Donald Ringer, youthful Hastings murderer, a reprieve until Sept. 10, and at the same time announced that the pardon board would announce its decision as to whether to commute Ringer's sentence to life imprisonment at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

The same resting result can be obtained by lying on the back and moving the hands in figure eights with the palms opposed to the water at all the time.

This will give almost as much rest as absolute floating and the hang of it can be learned very quickly and very easily. The body will hang almost perpendicularly in the water.

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THEY GOT THE MELONS

Theft at Grocery Reported to Police as Daylight Hold-up.

Answering a daylight hold-up alarm, Sgt. John Voldenrauer, in charge of police emergency, today found three Negroes had stolen three watermelons at Mrs. Habeed Hanan, grocer keeper, 2107 E. Twenty-Fifth St.

When a Negro grabbed Mrs. Hanan she went into her house adjoining the store for a gun. When she returned she saw the thieves fleeing.

REQUISITIONS APPROVED

Requisitions for Noble Snyder and Chippy Chapman, Goshen men, wanted in Cass County, Michigan to face charges of robbery, have been approved by Governor Jackson.

DEAR MR. FIXIT: I wrote to you about a month ago in regard to fixing the sidewalk in front of my new home, 2526 Adams St., which is all broken. You said the contractors would be held responsible.

They have not repaired it yet. Can you tell me when that is going to be taken care of? L. H.

There has been a slip. A. J. Middleton, chief inspector of the city engineer's department, promised fast action.

Questions and Answers

You can get an answer to any question or problem you may have by writing to The Indianapolis Times, Washington National Bank, New York City, or Washington, D. C. Inquiries concerning business, medical, legal and marital cases cannot be answered. All other questions will receive a personal reply. Letters will be answered in general. All letters are confidential.—Editor.

What should be done with a baseball bat to keep it in good condition when not in use.

A small amount of natural oil should be applied to the bat and rubbed in thoroughly with a bone. The bat should be stored in a cool place.

How many homes and how many farms are there in the United States? 24,351,676 homes and 6,448,343 farms.</