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AUTOS AS ABATING

Legislation If Enacted at This Session Will Be Fairly Reasonable.

## GROWING INDIANA INDUSTRY

Eight-Inch Letters Would Be Entirely Too Large.

The inevitable automobile bill has made its appearance in the Legislature, and it is not without reason that the storm of popular protest that sought expression in so many dramatic bills two years ago, has been directed at this measure.

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The Star-Hat-the Largest Circulation in Indiana.

Prophecy of Weather Man.

Forecast for Indiana for the week ending Jan. 24, 1907.

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INDIANAPOLIS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1907.

Despite Funeral Services at Home

Missing Man Is Thought to Have Fled From City.

FORGERY OF NOTES CHARGED

Loss by Financial Crash of Elevator Co. Will Be \$150,000.

PRINCETON, Ind., Jan. 30.—Charges of forgery of notes in connection with the crash of the Princeton Elevator Company, holding a loss of \$150,000, and the lack of a witness to testify positively that Henry H. Agar, manager and treasurer of the company, met his death in the Lafayette, has led to the conviction that the millionaire publican is alive and well.

His home, however, and the family in Princeton, has led to the conviction that the millionaire publican is alive and well.

So intricate is the tangle of the company's affairs, and so many demands have been made upon the receiver for an accounting for losses, so sensational and tragic are the circumstances surrounding the disappearance of the millionaire, that the directors of the company declared today that when all the facts in the case are known, the receiver will prove to be one of the most popular of the State's officials.

Forgery Is Alleged.

The particular forgery which has aroused the suspicion that Agar may have fled from the city, is a check for \$100,000, which is attached to several other checks for a total of \$150,000, which Agar is alleged to have forged.

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Alleged Murderer and Wife Who Appears Against Him.

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\$1.00 to \$3.50.

and cheerful Cravats, 48c, 55c and \$1.00

**AT THE WHEN**

Dozen \$1.00 Soft and Stiff Shirts reduced to 69c.

Merchants' Association



## SPECIAL OFFER

Not good after February 15, 1907, and only one to a customer. This fine 6 1/2 inch Globe and Pair of Gold Fish, worth 60c, for 2 tops from

**WHITE LINE**  
Shining Powder and  
**5 CENTS**

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Delaware St., Indianapolis, Ind.  
Take Garfield Car.

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The inevitable automobile bill has made its appearance in the Legislature, but it is not accompanied by the storm of popular protest that sought expression in so many drastic bills two years ago. The vehicle itself has been improved, horses and their drivers have become accustomed to it and a sobering sense of responsibility is developing among the increasing numbers who use the motor cars.

No words are too strong to condemn the reckless driver of a machine who needlessly injures person or property by fast driving or throws women and children into fright with possible serious results. The Legislature is likely to take a serious view of such offenses and should do so. Perhaps the greatest need there is in the field of auto regulation is some system that will bring the stern hand of the law down upon irresponsible chauffeurs who run wildly, often when alone with their machine, away from the watchful, restraining eye of the proprietor. Accidents are likely to be the outcome of such cases, and punishment of some sort should be at hand for reckless young fellows who take out machines they do not own and run them about at breakneck speed, in imminent danger not only to the machine itself, but to persons and animals in their path.

Perhaps the sense of responsibility which always exerts a sobering effect upon automobile owners is the eventual solution of this vexed problem of speed, for there are cases when three miles an hour in a crowded street would be more criminally culpable than forty miles an hour on a smooth stretch of country road where not a human being or vehicle of any sort is in sight. The result aimed at is safety, and to attain this end personal care and consideration are more effective than any law can be.

## Proposed Regulative Bill.

The bill before the Legislature at this session re-enacts the present speed limits of eight miles an hour in the "business and closely built up portions" of towns and cities, fifteen miles in other parts of town, and twenty miles in the country, and then adds this clause:

Upon approaching a bridge, dam, sharp curve or steep descent, and also in traversing such bridge, dam, sharp curve or steep descent, a person operating a motor vehicle shall have it under control and operate it at a rate of speed not exceeding one mile in fifteen minutes (that is, four miles an hour), and upon approaching a crossing of intersecting highways at a speed not greater than is reasonable and proper, having regard to the traffic then on such highway and the safety of the public.

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Another change that is proposed is with reference to the number on the machine. The figures are now to be four inches high, but it is proposed to have them eight inches high, with the letters in the State's name four inches instead of three as at present.

The only other change is increasing the present \$50 fine to \$50 to \$500 for the first offense, \$250 to \$300 for the second, \$300 to \$800 for the third and providing imprisonment also for the third offense of not more than thirty days in the county jail.

### On the Right Lines.

All these changes are conceived in the right spirit and with possibly some slight alterations might well be adopted. The penalty of imprisonment should operate to advantage upon reckless drivers to whom the possibility of damages to be sustained by their owners might prove of little weight. The difficulty would be that continued prosecutions might be resorted to on the part of some enemy of an automobile owner and repeated for mere spite-work. Probably it would be well to have some discretion lodged in the court as to the imprisonment feature; for as it stands it would be easily subject to grave injustice.

The bill is on the right track in the matter of the signs, for the tags at present in use are hard to distinguish. It is proposed to have black letters on a white ground, which is infinitely preferable to the unsatisfactory metallic tags now in use. Black on a white ground or blue on a white ground will be much better. White letters on a blue ground are giving much satisfaction for street signs. A four-inch letter or figure of this sort would be seen distinctly, but five inches would be better and is used successfully in New York and Pennsylvania. Eight inches is an unnecessary and ridiculous size. The front

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first came out and the other half was crazy to get at it with a club. As we get used to these things, they lose the power to fascinate or hypnotize and also the power to throw us into paroxysms of fear and rage.

One reason for the decreasing antagonism to the automobile is the fact that people are becoming used to it. The horse, also, which was once its consistent foe, has learned to put up with it, just as he had to adjust himself to traction engines and trolley cars. Just as a horse will stand by a thrashing machine without blinking, or go to sleep standing by a sizzling locomotive, so man's noblest friend is ceasing to prick up his ears at the automobile.

In spots there still lingers a resolute and tireless determination to impede the automobile's path. Sometimes the motorist meets a rig and gets a signal to stop. The man seizes the horse by the head and the woman stands across the road with waving umbrella or parasol. But old Dobbin stands peacefully in his tracks, refusing even to see the machine which his master and mistress take delight in bringing to bay.

These operations are gradually losing their interest and importance, even in the eyes of the performers. A numerous class of automobile buyers and users consists of farmers, who are finding it increasingly useful in getting in a hurry to town and back.

### A Great Indiana Industry.

In the Legislature there is a growing recognition of the fact that the manufacture of automobiles is a great Indiana industry. There are twenty-five motor-car factories in Indiana, of which nine are located at Indianapolis. They employ from 12,000 to 15,000 people and put out

a product of \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 annually. The State is second in the Union in the number of cars produced. The product of Indiana consists principally of small and medium sized cars, such cars as the State itself provides a large demand for. Indiana has come to be recognized as very progressive by automobile manufacturers, and the ratio of increase in cars used in this State is keeping well abreast of that of any other State in the Union.

Indiana roads are considered fair, but there is no doubt but what there is plenty of chance for improvement, and with better road conditions, which are of equal advantage to the user of a horse and the farmer, since it is not the automobilist alone who profits by these conditions, a still greater increase in the use of the automobile is assured, to say nothing of the result which the more favorable road conditions will have upon the farmer in bringing his product to the market.

The incidental benefit to roads is, in fact, one of the automobile's chief claims on consideration; for it is largely through the efforts of automobile organizations that the Legislature of New York has appropriated \$50,000,000 for good roads.

The pioneer automobile country is France, where the industry leads all other manufactures in value of output. It is supported and encouraged by the French Government. This is even more true of the German Government's attitude toward the industry. In Russia the manufacture of automobiles is actually conducted by the Government.

### SUICIDE AT INSANE HOSPITAL.

Within a few hours after entering the institution, John Potter Jr. of Madison, an inmate of the Central Indiana Hospital for the Insane, committed suicide by hanging at that place late Tuesday night. The body was found in his room early yesterday morning.

Potter, who was 31 years old, became mentally unbalanced about six weeks ago. He was brought to Indianapolis and placed in the Insane Hospital Tuesday. At that time he was not violent and manifested no inclination to take his life.

The Important Duties of Physicians and