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WHAT'S THE GAME?

If B. S. Grosscup, general counsel of the Northern Pacific railway, speaks "by the card" it looks as though the railroads were going to try for force something in the next campaign. Mr. Grosscup, after returning to his home from the east, where he had interviewed President Roosevelt, railroad men and others, declared that the president does not like the attitude of western state legislatures. Then Mr. Grosscup made the following significant statement:

"Two solutions of railroad questions will be national issues. Either the states must abandon attempts to regulate railroads by legislation and turn over the affair to the national government to regulate rates on an equitable appraisement of value of railroad property, or the only other solution will be government ownership. This will inevitably follow the refusal of the states to turn over the control of railroads to the government."

As the states are not likely to abandon their constitutional rights to please the railroads, it may be taken for granted that the railroads are getting ready to play a pretty big game in 1908. The precise nature of this game, however, has not yet been developed.

Next year national politics will be "ripe" and very naturally in the states where governors and congressmen are to be selected, the political lines will be tightly drawn. Elections are to be held in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Maryland, South Carolina, Mississippi and Kentucky. All these states have Democratic governors except Massachusetts and New Jersey if they would get together have some hope of carrying. It is thought that they might carry New Jersey if they would get together, but they are troubled with internal dissensions. Maryland is close, but the recent mayoralty victory in Baltimore gave the Democrats high hopes. Rhode Island is Republican except as to governor, and the result there for that office cannot be foreseen.

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Commander.

Fifty Years the Standard

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER

A Cream of Tartar Powder
Made From Grapes

NO ALUM

BASE BALL DOPE.

The Decatur Democrat shoots off a few rabid remarks about Bluffton's first ball game that are entitled to stir up the old animosity and prevent games being played between the two towns this year. There ought to be a strong rivalry between Bluffton and Decatur, but there is no call for such bitter feelings as has been shown in the past. There are some mighty good fellows in Decatur and there are some here. Decatur is going to have a good ball team and Bluffton is going to have a better one. All we want is a chance to show samples.—Bluffton News.

Suttles, the captain and manager of the Van Wert team, called up last evening and wanted to borrow several men to play with Van Wert against Portland. Manager Behringer would not let any of his men go as he needs them himself to perfect his team work. Portland defeated Van Wert by a score of 8 to 2 and knocked two pitchers out of the box.

Infeliers Cook, whom manager Behringer had signed for third base, will not report, he having gone to Marion, Ohio, in the O. P. league. While Cook was a fair ball player, there are many who are better, and Manager Behringer has the wires busy getting a line on a man to fill his shoes.

Hartford City fans predict a general shake-up in the line-up of the Athletic baseball team before the present week closes. The board of directors are also taking notice. Two or three of the directors say they will pass no favors to certain individuals when the crash comes. That Indiana independent ball has been underestimated is an acknowledged fact. To remain in the ring in this section of the continent each and every man must be a ball player from top to bottom.—Hartford City News.

The members of the ball team were not able to practice yesterday afternoon owing to the heavy rain that fell in the morning. Manager Behringer was disappointed over this condition of affairs, as he hoped to give the men several hours of good stiff practice. However, he is unable to control the elements, and is forced to take the bitter with the sweet.

A telegram was received last evening from infelier Berger, stating that he could not report for duty here owing to other duties. Manager Behringer at once got busy and got his wires out for another man. He has several good men in view, and says that he will be satisfied with any of them. It is now a case of signing the first man he hears from.

Infelier Cook is expected to join the team some time today and as he has been playing considerable base ball this spring, will not need much preliminary work out and will only have to get next to few signals and signs that Manager Behringer has prepared for his men to work under. Cook is reputed as being a fast man, and a good hitter, and from the tone of his letters is confident of making good from the start.

The fans are eagerly awaiting the sound of the gong announcing that the season of 1907 is under way, and are impatiently waiting until Decoration Day rolls around. Nothing but base ball can be heard on the streets, and some of the fanning bees are something awful. The fans, however, have placed their confidence in the new manager and are certain that we will have the champs.

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JUNIOR RECEPTION IN DECATUR CHURCHES

Given to the Seniors and the Faculty

WAS VERY BRILLIANT AFFAIR

One of the Very Prettiest and Most Enjoyable Affairs in Decatur History Occurred at the Dugan Home.

By Pearl Burd.

The Junior class of the Decatur high school entertained the Seniors and the faculty of the school last evening at one of the most charming affairs of the season, given at the home of Miss Francis Dugan on Monroe street. White roses and ferns banked on the mantles, with the strips of delicate blue paper running from the chandeliers to each corner decorated the parlors. These were the colors of the Seniors and a huge bowl of pansies and violets with the Juniors colors of black and gold arranged similar to the parlors, were the decorations of the library, while the reception room, the prettiest room of the home, with the large open stairway was lovely to behold, and these showed the hard labor that each Junior did. This room was to represent the Decatur high school, the colors being purple and gold. Pansies, immense ferns, tulips and wild violets formed the pretty background of the room.

The Misses Frances Dugan, Pansy Bell, Messrs. Harry Welty and Irvin Case received the guests at the door as they arrived, and the little Miss Naomi Dugan received them at the stairway and Dorothy Dugan showed the guests to the different rooms. Immediately following the arrival, each guest was handed a dainty hand-painted card, the design being purple and gold. This contest was "All about Kate," a pretty book was awarded to Miss Dunathan. Next came a plant contest, which was a unique feature among contests. Mr. Baumgartner proved the leader by answering the most questions.

During the next hour ten small tables were scattered around in the rooms and an elegant five-course luncheon was served in a very pleasing manner by the following boys: Dan Tyndall, David Studebaker, George Nachtrieb, Robert Peterson, Carl France. At the close of the fifth course, excellent toasts were given by four teachers, one Senior and Junior. These showed that each one had given special time on his toast for they were especially fine, and worthy of praise. Those who participated in this and their titles, were: The Decatur High School, by superintendent Beachler; To the Seniors, Miss Dunathan; To the Juniors, Miss Byler; To the Seniors and Juniors, Mr. Baumgartner; To the Senior Girls by a Senior, Walter Bartzell, and Farewell to the Seniors by the Junior president, Harry Welty. The favors of the evening were white roses.

The remaining portion of the evening was pleasantly spent in dancing and having a general good time. One number of the evening which was highly appreciated was the music rendered by one of the most talented young musicians of the city, Mr. Johnnie Wembott. He needs no praise here for every one knows what a skillful player he is. This was truly the most brilliant reception ever given by any Junior class of Decatur. Those who belong to the class are: Misses Francis Dugan, Francis Bryson, Clara Boknecht, Pansy Bell, Etta Branderberry, Lucile Gillig, Fancheon Magley, Fannie McConnell, Florence Kunkle, Helen Evans and Messrs. Harry Welty, Irvin Case, William Conrad, William Hammell, Ray Teeple.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our many friends and neighbors for the kind assistance during the illness and death of our husband and father, and also desire to thank our friends and the employees of the Penn. Erecting shop of Ft. Wayne for the floral tribute and also the Rev. Dornseiff for his many calls and his kind words.

Mrs. F. N. Christianer and children.

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We desire in this manner to thank the many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the illness and demise of our beloved wife and daughter, and especially do we desire to thank the Rebekah Lodge and others for the beautiful floral offerings proffered.

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