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GIVE US A REST ON POLITICS.

Nothing has appeared in print of late that so fully, clearly and comprehensively sets forth the sentiments of this paper as this charming scintillation by the Atlanta Constitution:

Fortunate is that man, whether editor or 'slight, unmeritable' voter, who can resist the thunder of national politics and the verbal pyrotechnics of those who sit in the lime-light or its shadow, sufficiently to take a sane view of the situation. We have found one such man. Discouraging with a meek logic in the Indianapolis News, he says:

"It occurs to us that there is no special reason for any great excitement or bother at this early day about the next presidential campaign or candidates. All in good time. The people have a year of prosperity before them yet—as prosperous, apparently, as any of the golden years that have gone before. Their politics is not in chaotic shape, and they are not to be diverted just yet from the serious business of life. And they are abundantly able to take care of themselves at the proper time."

Our hand goes out in sympathy to this eminently sagacious gentleman. What's the use?

It looks like dollar wheat! The corn crop is beginning to make a noise like an overladen cornucopia.

The cotton farmers are better organized than at any period in their history and more determined than ever to get a legitimate price for their product, now selling above 1 cents.

American factories are playing a cheerful tune from Kennebunkport to Portland. American mines are pouring out coal and metal in an increasing volume. The railroads are generally being tamed. Even the Standard Oil octopus carries an affrighted complexion, the color of chalk.

National prosperity is too generous, too sensible, to be being hamstrung by politics.

Discuss politics? Oh, yes! We'll have to do it now and then.

But summer's coming on. The surf is rolling upon the beach. The breezes are playing with the trees in the mountains. The tennis court beckons! The golf links become seductive!

Let's forget politics awhile—or put ice about our collar bands when we thresh each other in joint debate.

And, pray, why should people be pestered with politics at a time when their minds are engrossed with affairs of life that require the greater part of their time and attention? There is absolutely no occasion for political agitation and strife the remainder of the present year. Next year, when we shall have a presidential contest on our hands, politics will of necessity, if not of choice, occupy much of the people's time. Let that suffice. For the next six months let us enjoy immunity from politics.

Richard Harding Davis is after King Leopold, of Belgium. He holds that monarch responsible for many unprintable and unthinkable atrocities perpetuated upon thousands of human beings in South Africa. An eastern paper says upon this subject: "Christian people throughout the world, and especially in the United States, 'the land of the free and the home of the brave,' should register their protests and get their representatives to protest against such a diabolical, inhuman system."

THE FATAL EIGHTH

Proved Hoodoo for Local Ball Team

KOKOMO WON SECOND GAME

Of the Series—Spoiled a Nice Game

by Securing Eight Hits in Two Innings.

The second game with Kokomo-Sharperville combination went to the visitors yesterday easily by a score of seven to one, they practically winning the game in the eighth and ninth innings when they scored six of their seven runs by several desperate batting rallys, which carried the local team off its feet. For seven innings the score was one and one, it being as pretty a contest as any one would desire to sit and look at, some very pretty fielding stunts being performed by both teams while some of the plays were also of the very ragged nature. Owing to the absence of pitcher Geyer, and pitcher Way having worked on Thursday, outfielder Bid Burns was pressed into the box and asked to perform before the natives and for seven innings he cut up like a real everyday pitcher, having curves and speed that seemed to mystify the visitors; however in the eighth the visitors started off with two hits, then the next two men were out, then the batting bee started in and before the visitors could be stopped they had pushed four men across the counting territory. As the locals seemingly could not touch Lacey, the visiting pitcher to any extent they were easy. Just to make the game good and solid the visitors scored two more in the ninth by good clean hitting and one error making their total seven and thus giving the visitors an even break on the series. The team played a nice fielding game, but was awful weak with the stick, as they seemed helpless against the mysterious delivery of "Blondie" Lacey, who did the neat little stunt of pitching both the games against the locals. With all the members of the team playing their regular positions and a regular pitcher in the box the result of the game might have been different, as the visitors have no license to beat us at

any stage of the game. The following score reveals the whole story:

Decatur.

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Nash, If	4	0	0	1	0	0
Behringer, ss.	4	0	1	2	1	2
Linderbeck, cf.	4	0	0	1	0	0
Burns, p	4	1	1	2	1	0
Weber, 1b	3	0	1	8	0	0
Pierce, 2b	3	0	0	1	2	0
Witham, 3b	3	0	0	2	5	1
Way, rf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Winger, c	3	0	1	10	0	0
Totals	31	1	4	27	9	3
Kokomo-Sharperville.						
Shinn, If	5	0	0	2	0	0
Comigore, 1b	5	3	2	9	0	1
Dowling, ss	5	2	1	3	5	0
Wise, 3b	4	0	2	2	3	1
Mairn, c	5	0	1	4	1	1
Fiant, 2b	5	1	2	2	0	1
Grimes, rf	4	0	3	2	0	0
Lacey, p	4	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	42	7	12	27	11	4

Score by innings—

Decatur 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 1

K.-S. 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 4 2 7

Stolen bases—Behringer, Burns, Witham, Winger, Nairn. Sacrifice hits—Weber, Wise. Two base hits—Johannes, Struck out—By Burns 10; by Lacey 3. Struck out—On based—Decatur 4; Kokomo-Sharperville 9. Time of game 1:25. Umpire—France.

NOTES.

One more added to the loss column.

Burns pitched an excellent game, having ten strike outs to his credit.

Linderbeck made the star play of the game when he caught a fly ball in right center with one hand after a hard run and by the way this catch saved us two scores.

According to the dope as figured out by Secretary Vaughn, Weber, our first baseman, leads the team in hitting, having a per cent of 429. Guess that's going some.

Old reliable Jim Pierce always can be found ready and waiting at second base, and handles everything that comes his way in a perfect manner. While not the fastest man in the world Jim is generally Johnny on the spot at that.

Bluffton went down in defeat before Lebanon yesterday by a score of 5 to 4.

Frankfort defeated Dunkirk yesterday by a score of 6 to 5.

Manager Behringer's two errors came in the first inning on easy

chances, and fortunately did not cost a run.

Lacey pitched both games for the visitors and was seemingly more effective yesterday than on the first day he worked. He depends strictly upon a curve ball and control and he has both.

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According to the language handed out by "Cap" Cherry, the flag on the court house at Decatur will fly at half mast tomorrow night—Journal-Gazette.

The management was in communication by telegraph last night and this morning with Grover Thomas, backstop for the last season's team, ending by securing his promise to join the team next Monday. He is at present playing ball at Waukegan, Ill. Since the release of Gus Vogal the team has but one catcher. Hardin when at least two should be carried. Thomas will catch a portion of the games, alternating with Hardin at first base and Pfefferle will be sent back to his old position at short—Bluffton Banner.

According to the Hartford City papers, Weber, the big first baseman, having received offers from both Decatur and Bluffton, flipped a coin to see which place he would go. It came tails and to Decatur he went. The way the coin fell showed him to be one of those unlucky ball players and we're glad we didn't get him—Bluffton Banner.

Guess the independent teams will take notice. The Shamrocks are not claiming the independent state championship, but when it comes to playing to big crowds, getting away with games with a regularity that is remarkable, the semi-pros have a record that stands alone. Eight scalps out of ten encounters, all with ball clubs, that are ball clubs, is going some. Decatur will be next. The Indian sign will be tacked on the Adams county professionals at league park next Sunday.—Ft. Wayne News.

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