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### IT DOES THE BUSINESS

Tuesday a load of one hundred bushels of new oats was sold to Decatur grain dealers, because the price was four cents more than that offered at Monroe. That four dollars accompanied by several other dollars, was spent among Decatur merchants. Who profited by that transaction? Does not good markets do the business? And who but the merchants are directly benefited by high prices for grain and produce? Any merchant engaged in putting the brakes on good markets is simply curtaining his own revenue. The thing to do is to throw down the bars and give the farmers a better market than any other town. When that is done, Decatur business men will increase their own trade fifty per cent.

All records were broken yesterday when a clean cut Amish, attired in his usual dress, subscribed and paid for the Democrat. It is the first instance on record. We will bet that this fellow has heard something, and we have a sort of a feeling that he, too, is reading up on markets. It's a great business.

### BETTER MARKETS THE BATTLE CRY

For the benefit of the Decatur market trust, individually and collectively, we desire to announce that the organization of the Business Men's Produce company is progressing at a clip that counts. It has reached the stage where its successful formation seems assured. The farmers are showing so much activity that it could not fail, if it wanted to. In fact, the farmers prefer to themselves organize a Farmers' Grain and Produce Company, but clear headed business men are frowning upon this movement. They feel that the business men of Decatur cannot afford to permit this clear distinction to exist. Better markets, not better but best, markets, is the battle cry of the business men.

Some time ago the paper trust was broken up. There has never been a day since when paper could be purchased for the same price asked for it before the trust was dissolved. But the strangest part about it all is, you can write to any paper house in Chicago, Cincinnati, Detroit or St. Louis and get exactly the same quotations on the same kinds and grades of paper. They all have the same price to all. Now will some one arise and explain this condition? The trust is "busted," you know, but the fact is prices have been gradually pushed up until they are 40 or 70 per cent higher today than they were before the "busting" took place, and newspaper men begin to realize that "trust busting" is not profitable to their lines of business. The trust has perhaps been superceded by a "gentlemen's" understanding—Columbia City Post.

The democratic editors of Indiana were favorably impressed at French Lick with Congressman Adair of the Eighth congressional district. If Samuel Ralston is not in the race for governor, it is apparent that the editors will pretty generally advocate the nomination of Adair.—Plymouth Independent.

Out in the country the farmers are anxiously watching the growth of the corn. Corn requires 120 days to develop and mature, and much of it was not planted, because of the cold spring, at a time when it is ordinarily some six inches high. Numerous rains further retarded its growth, and unless the autumn weather be exceptionally favorable, much of the crop is liable to prove a loss.—South Bend Times.

### HOMeward BOUND

(Continued from page 1.)

Bluffton and Mr. Lautis near Markle. They are interested in mining and from all appearances are flourishing. They have interests in Washington and also at Goldfield, Nev. We spent the evening at the home of Mr. Peay. Spokane has the greatest water power anywhere in the west, operating street cars, electric lights, mills, factories, and everything where power is required and has plenty to spare.

We left Spokane this morning at 9:25 a. m. It is only fourteen miles to Idaho, which we crossed before we knew it, it being only forty-three miles across at this point. Then we headed into the mountains and began crossing Montana. We are running at an average speed of thirty miles an hour. If we keep this up we will get through the state at 6:45 tomorrow evening, making over 900 miles across, counting the crooks in the railroad.

We saw some beautiful country today, and some that was not so beautiful. There is an Indiana reservation in the valley of Clark Fork river that is very fine, and it is said that one of the old chiefs living near Plains is worth more than a million of dollars. He has in one herd of cattle more than 20,000 head. He formerly owned a herd of Buffalo, 200 in all, which he sold at \$300 per head. He owns 1,800 horses that run on the plains. Not long ago he had a trunk stolen in which he had \$30,000. Notwithstanding all this, he wears a blanket and gets drunk about once a week on an average. If any of your readers desire to write him, direct to Plains, Mont.

We are now making preparations to put on an extra engine or two, to push us over the continental divide. I believe they call it, anyhow it is a sure divide and I would not give a continental to get up on it. They say it will take three engines to pull us over, but that is tame. When we came over the Shasta road from California to Oregon, we had three engines in front and two behind. It was night when we came over and about all we saw was Shasta Spring, where we got a drink of seltzer water, and saw the falls. We will get to Livingston in the morning, where we expect some mail from home and a paper. If everything is reported all right at home we will "do" Yellow-stone Park for a week and then come home.

There were a great many things happened while we were away that would not be proper for the public to read, but which I would be glad to tell to any person applying confidentially.

We have seen the Pacific coast and candidly, if it were not for the east furnishing so many tourists, she would go to pieces in a year. Everybody out there who does anything wants a tip, and are not backward about saying so. Will tell you more when I get home.

Yours,  
R. K. ERWIN.

### THE WAIL OF THE TAILENDERS

Oh, what a headache. If it had been anybody else but Decatur we could have smiled in our misery, but with that bunch putting it over us, never. It was a case of not being able to hit, slow and stupid fielding and rotten work, pure and simple, all the way through and unless something is done to put some good, wholesome ginger in the team it will not be hard to guess where we will end the season in the league race.—Bluffton Banner.

A number of people returned from Monmouth on the noon car after attending the funeral of Mrs. Lyman Hart.

The Knights of the Holy Grail will hold their regular meeting on next Monday night instead of Tuesday night on account of several of their members who could not attend on the regular night. Refreshments will be served at this meeting.

## A DOUBLE HEADER

### Lots of League Ball at Bluffton Today

### RAILING GOES TO TECUMSEH

His Release Purchased from Dallas, and They Now Claim Him as Their Own.

STANDING. Played Won. Lost. Pet.  
Decatur ..... 3 3 0 1.000  
Richmond ..... 4 3 1 .750  
Portland ..... 4 3 1 .750  
Kokomo ..... 4 1 3 .250  
Van Wert ..... 4 1 3 .250  
Bluffton ..... 3 0 3 .000

The heavy rain yesterday afternoon that fell in Bluffton caused a postponement of the game between that city and Decatur, and in all probability saved the asphalt city lads a nice beating, as the local team went over chock full of confidence and were going to take Bluffton's measure, whether or no. The postponement of yesterday's game caused a double header to be played at Bluffton today, so that the teams could thus manage to keep their schedule up. Railing and Alberts were scheduled to pitch for the locals, and Bluffton undoubtedly will use Hull and Guhl, their two star men, and two warm games may thus be expected. The local management, after thinking that they had everything finely fixed and the team placed for the remainder of the season, received a severe jolt last evening when Railing showed them a message from Tecumseh, Mich., informing him to report at once as they had purchased his release from Dallas, and he was now free from that team and was their property. Tom seemed rather disappointed, but as his baseball future depends upon his own actions, he will report to Tecumseh Friday morning. This will necessitate the securing of another pitcher, and Geyer will be retained until another man reports. Mr. Holthouse is hot on the trail of another good man, and will fill the vacancy to the best of their ability.

Van Wert, O., July 31.—In today's game between Richmond and Van Wert the umpire gave the game to Van Wert 9 to 0. After only one ball had been pitched, trouble arose over pitcher Wentz, who it is claimed was signed by both Van Wert and Richmond. Wentz was in the box for Van Wert when Richmond protested.

**PORTLAND DOWNS KOKOMO.**  
Portland, Ind., July 31.—Superior fielding on the part of Portland and errors by Kokomo gave the second game to Portland, by a score of 2 to 1. The features of the game were the base running of Parker and Harden of the Portland team, both taking chances many times and beating out the ball. The only feature that marred the game was the continual rag-chewing of the Kokomo players among themselves on the bench. The umpiring of Thompson in his second game here was very satisfactory to both teams, no kicks being registered by either team against his decisions.

R. H. E.  
Kokomo ..... 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 4 4  
Portland ..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 2 0 x 2 4 0  
Batters—Lacey and Orr; Gray and Harden. Struck out—By Lacey 4; by Gray 6. Base on balls—Off Lacey 4. Fit by pitcher—Gray, Comingor, Gillis Passed balls—Orr. Earned runs—Kokomo 1. Double plays—Plant to Wise to Comingor. Time of game 1:20. Umpire—Thompson.

### AT THE END OF TWENTY ROUNDS

Jimmy Britt Puts it all Over Battling Nelson.

San Francisco, July 31.—In their third encounter, the first two clashes having gone to the Dane, Jimmy Britt after being the guest of the former's sister, Miss Mary Mylott.

Mrs. Robert Pelham and daughter Mrs. J. Briggs, of Geneva, who have been visiting friends at Bluffton, passed through here today enroute to their home.

Otto Wemhoff and Miss Stella Wemhoff left at noon today for Chicago where they will attend the funeral of Albert Walsh, the unfortunate young man, who was killed by a burglar this evening.

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### HARD BLOW ON LIQUOR TRAFFIC

Prohibition in Georgia Means Loss of Many Millions.

Chaos reigns in the liquor traffic as a result of the passage of the prohibition bill in Georgia. Dispatches from Savannah and other cities tell a story of financial loss that runs into many millions. Augusta will lose \$2,500,000 in property values and license taxes. Columbus will lose heavily. Atlanta's loss will almost treble that of all other whisky sell places in the state. Brunswick's loss will run above the million mark. Macon will suffer heavily in the loss of revenue from many saloon properties, and one of the finest breweries in the south. It was stated that the railroads have offered to transport breweries and stills to other states free of charge. Florida and Alabama are the states to which the whisky interests will move from Georgia.

## MEAN BUSINESS

### Inspecting Plans for Motor Car Company

MAY WANT BIDS MONDAY

Will Rush Building of Decatur's First Factory—Future Still Looks Rosy.

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They both brought additional words of encouragement as to the future of this soon to be Decatur manufacturing plant. Besides, the several cars sold in Chicago, many individual orders have been taken and in all they see nothing short of a promising future for them and their new industry. The truck displayed in this city a few weeks ago has been sold.

They are figuring on sixty days to complete the building and hope to be moved in and thoroughly established in Decatur by the time of the Chicago automobile show, November 30. At the Chicago show they expect to make certain the future of the Coppock car and company, and after that time business will be rushing at the Coppock Motor Car company, postoffice address Decatur, Indiana.

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Madison street is being rushed to completion by contractor Julius Haugk and today crushed stone was hauled off and leveling was done preparatory to finishing the west end of the street.

Letters received from Charles Lose and Will Berling, who are enroute to Jamestown, to take in the exposition, say they are having an enjoyable time and like the surrounding country very much.

A number of farmers have already finished their threshing, but not much new wheat has yet come onto the market, and in all probability will not for several weeks, until the remainder of the crops have been attended to.

The commissioners will have a busy session next week, they having among other things the compiling of their estimated expense for next year. The county council meet the first of September, when they pass upon these estimates.

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