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QUESTIONS OF THE HOUR

As usual, the buying and selling price on butter and eggs was telephoned to each dealer this morning. Who made that price, and why is he interested in a low buying market?

Will farmers sell their produce to the store of a market trust, when they can get more money from hucksters at their door?

Is it not human nature to think that if a trust rules the buying and selling price of produce, that the same kind of a "gentleman's understanding" exists and governs the sale price of merchandise which this merchant sells?

Is it a good business proposition to hammer down the buying price of produce, when in reality you want customers and buyers for the merchandise on your shelves?

Are not merchants pulling some one else's chestnuts out of the fire, when

they fail to make high prices for produce their best drawing card for business?

What makes more business in a town than high top prices for everything the farmer sells?

QUITE AN ACORN

Sometime ago one of the new deputies in the state auditor's office and there are about a dozen new deputies, costing \$30,000 a year—was delegated to start a little boom for Cortelyou for vice-president on a ticket with Fairbanks. This new deputy had access to a small paper in a small town in Hamilton county and there he launched the great Fairbanks-Cortelyou combination. News of the achievement was spread quickly abroad. It was such an innocent, spontaneous thing! And now the Cortelyou end of the ticket is the settled policy of the whole Fairbanks outfit. The fellows who are blowing the Fairbanks bubble are afraid of Governor Hughes. Both Hughes and Cortelyou are New Yorkers. The idea is to have Cortelyou head off Hughes. Cortelyou is secretary of the treasury. He is close to Wall street. Fairbanks has long been a part of Wall street. The combination of Fairbanks and Cortelyou would be a dandy—for Wall street. This is the great political oak that is expected to grow out of that Hamilton county acorn planted by the new deputy in the costly state auditor's office.

THERE ARE ONLY A FEW

Good nature is as contagious as measles. You cannot live in an atmosphere of cheerfulness without absorbing some of it, in spite of yourself. The greatest benefactor of the race is the chronically cheerful person—the one who finds it impossible to look upon the dark side of things even when he realizes that he should. There are only a few of this class in existence, but they make themselves

With the home very prettily decorated with ferns and leaves was what characterized the delightful informal thimble party given by Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison yesterday afternoon at her beautiful home on Jefferson street, in compliment to several out-of-town guests, who were: Misses Margaret and Sailey Vesey and Katherine Vesey Mrs. Bertha Winch, of Ft. Wayne, Mrs. Bosserman, of Cincinnati, Ohio, Miss Mienhardt, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Charles Simcock, of St. Louis. During the afternoon the guests were greatly favored by several vocal solos by Mrs. Bosserman, of Cincinnati, and Mrs. C. B. Wilcox, of Decatur, and a reading was rendered by Mrs. Dolly Britton. The hostess served a dainty two course luncheon to her guests, who numbered fifty ladies.

At Krick's woods yesterday a small company of the young girls who belong to the Queen Esther Circle held an old fashioned picnic all day, enjoying the pure country breeze. The dinner consisted of all good things of the season, and when the girls returned they reported they had the best picnic of the season.

The Women's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist church held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mrs. Fred Mills yesterday afternoon. There were several fine papers read, and especially fine music rendered during the afternoon. At the close of the business period, light refreshments were served by the hostess. The attendance was excellent.

A number of playmates and friends gathered at the home of Master George Brown, to celebrate his twelfth birthday anniversary. Wednesday evening, Master George is making his home with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Roth. Many games were played, after which ice cream and cake was served the following guests: Bertha Bischoff, Dora Manley, Anna Raver, Bessie Cook, Hathwing Reinking, Berline Miller, Charlotte Cooke, Ida Knavel, Pearl Knavel, Vena Roth, Ferdinand Reinking, Hugo Reinking, Herb Blecke, George Erhardt, Otto Miller, Chalmer Miller, George Brown, Charley Brown, Davey Roth.

Dainty invitations have been issued this afternoon for an informal thimble party Tuesday afternoon given by Mrs. F. V. Mills. The ladies are invited to spend the afternoon and to meet Mrs. Charles Simcock, of St. Louis, and Mrs. Walter Kauffman of the city.

Persons in the city from Markle west of here, today say that the brick work on the nine new business blocks in that town will be completed this week. The town was almost completely burned. Several were amused by the fact that this morning work was held up on two of the center rooms, while it was continued at the end. They say that a slight disagreement between contractors and owners of the one block Saturday evening came near ending in a fight.

IT WILL EXCEL

Poultry and Pet Stock Show at the Fair

ENTRIES ALREADY BEING MADE

It Will be a Great Show of Poultry and the Best Ever Seen at the Great Northern Fair.

The Poultry and Pet Stock department at the Great Northern Indiana Fair this year promises to excell any former exhibit ever given under the auspices of this association, and entries are already being received by the secretary, C. D. Kunkle. The premiums, although not the largest in the world, meet with the requirements of all other fairs and the inducements given are equal to any other county fair in the state. Superintendent Arnold Ashbaucher, who has this part of the show under his supervision, has been given instructions to furnish the exhibitors with all the accommodations within his reach and he is making every effort to get ready to handle the large exhibit that is bound to come. With the number of fancy chicken raisers and pet stock raisers we have in this county, this part of the fair should be a hummer. The stock entered must be in the name of the actual owner, who shall also be a breeder of the variety entered. The poultry must not show any symptoms of disease, else they will be excluded, and all entries must be single birds, unless otherwise specified. The examination and awarding of the premiums in this department will commence on Wednesday at ten o'clock a.m., and will be continued until the judges have completed their work of scoring.

The association desires the assistance of every citizen of the county to make the fair this year the largest and grandest that has ever been held and it is now up to the chicken and pet stock men to get into the band wagon and have their exhibits ready to show at the Great Northern Indiana Fair, on August 27, 28, 29 and 30.

THEY TAKE ONE

Bluffton Given a Christmas Gift

FIRST INNING A HOODOO

It Lost the First Game for the Locals

—The Features Were Many and Brilliant.

STANDING.

	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Per.
Portland	5	4	1	.800
Decatur	4	3	1	.750
Richmond	5	3	2	.600
Van Wert	5	2	3	.400
Bluffton	4	1	3	.250
Kokomo	5	1	4	.200

The tail-enders captured a game yesterday afternoon at our expense, but at that they did not increase enough per cent to get out of the last hole and for the present at least, they will be forced to content themselves to watching the procession move off and leave them standing. Bluffton may talk of losing hard luck games, but the one we lost yesterday to them was a heart breaker, when you take into consideration that we outfielded them and came within an ace of equaling them in the hit column, and after the first inning, we outplayed them to a standstill. To make a long story short, we practically lost the game in the first inning, when Railing passed one man, hit another and then permitted three hits, which resulted in four runs and the game. After that the locals played the tailenders off their feet and cutting out the first inning, the teams would undoubtedly have been playing yet. But unfortunately, the first inning looked like a stone wall, the farther the game progressed. Alberts relieved Railing after the first inning, and for the remainder of the game held them safe. Guhl was on the slab for the Blufftonites and during the forepart of the game he practically had the locals guessing, and held them safe; however, in the latter part of the game the locals got to him good and plenty, and threw a scare into the Bluffton fans by securing four clean drives and forcing three runs over the plate. But the handicap was too big and we were practically up against it and as much as we hate to say it, our old rivals showed us the way to head in at. This was Bluffton's first victory since the organization of the league, and, of

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THEY ELECT THEIR OFFICERS.

The School Board Organized Themselves Last Night.

The members of the Decatur public school board last evening met in executive session and proceeded to reorganize their body, this being brought about owing to the election by the common council some time ago of D. B. Erwin to succeed R. D. Patterson. By a unanimous vote A. H. Sellemyer was elected president; F. V. Mills, secretary, and D. B. Erwin, treasurer. There was nothing of importance to transact at this meeting other than to request the retiring treasurer to file his report, which was done and the board adjourned.

DEATH OF MRS. PETER FULK.

The Announcement Will Cause Sorrow Among Friends.

Mrs. Peter Fulk, a well known and

respected woman residing near Honduras, died at noon today, but we were

unable to secure any of the facts

concerning her illness or demise.

The call was received by Yager Brothers,

and just merely announced that she

had died and that their service was

desired and we will be unable to learn

anything until their return this evening.

Mrs. Fulk, however, was well

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upon numerous occasions with W. E.

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the city. Full particulars will be published in Saturday's issue.

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TO BE MARRIED SUNDAY.

A Happy Occasion at the Meshberger Home.

At 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the home of the parents of the groom in French township will occur the wedding of Miss Kathryn Meshberger to David F. Moser, two of the well known and popular young people of that locality. Invitations have been issued to about twenty-five guests. Miss Meshberger is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Meshberger, of Linn Grove, and is an estimable and popular young lady. The groom-to-be is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter F. Moser, living in French township, and is engaged in farming. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. J. L. Buyer, pastor of the Evangelical church, and will be followed by a big wedding dinner, which will be served to all the guests. The newly married couple will make their home on a farm near Linn Grove.—Berne Witness.

Mrs. O. P. Edwards, of Leipsic, O. returned to her home this afternoon after visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Niblick for several days. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. A. D. Suttles, and children.

COURTHOUSE NEWS

Monroe Township Re-monstrates Again

ONE LONELY MARRIAGE LICENSE

School Board Files Their Bonds—But Little Other News to Hand You.

Two remonstrances were filed at the auditor's office, which will likely continue to make Monroe township dry for the next two years. One of the remonstrances was against the general traffic in intoxicating liquor, and the other was against granting a license to A. Hochstetler, who has given notice that he would apply at the August term of commissioners' court. Both remonstrances were signed by 383 voters, of Monroe township, these signatures being obtained by Fred Rohrer and E. M. Ray, who are acting as attorneys in fact.

A marriage license was granted to David F. Moser, aged thirty, of French township, and Kathryn Meshberger, aged twenty-one, of the same township.

The members of the school board have filed their bonds, that of President Sellemyer and Secretary Mills being for \$10,000, and that of Treasurer Erwin for \$30,000.

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GOING TO BUILD?

HERE was a time when about all a man had to do to build a house was to chop down a few trees, get his neighbors together, and have a "raising bee," and in a short time a log house was the result. But little, if any, hardware was used. Today all this is changed, and builders' hardware is an important part in the plans and specifications. Doors and windows must be equipped with artistic and serviceable locks, and a great deal of taste is shown in the selection of this important part.

WE CARRY A FULL STOCK OF

HARDWARE

Sash, Doors, Glass, Paints and Oils, Building Paper and Roofing

WE DO ALL KINDS OF

Spouting and Tin Work

SCHAFFER HARDWARE CO.

Clearance SALE

WE now commence our August Clearance Sale of Summer Footwear.

Our object in conducting this sale is not profit, but to close out as quickly as possible, REGARDLESS OF PROFIT all Summer Shoes, in preparation for Fall.

Such price reductions as we offer here make it an object for you to buy, not only for your present requirements, but in anticipation of your future needs.

Oh, yes, we know some stores advertise cut prices all the year round—"lose money all the time"—in business for fun, etc. Note the reductions carefully, WE DON'T DO IT THAT WAY. Twice a year, and for a few weeks each time, we hold these sales and we can afford it.

Winnes Shoe Store

Only Ten Days More

Will My Special Offer on

Pictures Last.

The work I am offering you is the

best the market affords and at this

time you are practically securing this

work at cost.

This work is far superior to oil