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She was united in marriage to Washington Steele April 3, 1853. To this union were born four children: Mary Frances Swartz, Emma Koos, Eli W. and John Dayton Steele, all of whom are still living. Of her father's family, two sisters yet survive, Mrs. Washington Kern and Mrs. Henry Strube. Mrs. Steele exhibited many traits of character that distinguished her and endeared her to her many friends. She was a ceaseless worker, possessing an energy and endurance known to but few women of today. Not seemed too great an undertaking for her. Notwithstanding her thrift had been abundantly rewarded and the efforts of her children to induce her to take life easier, she continued to work, not so much for the sake of accumulating as for the enjoyment she got out of the task itself. Her home was a spacious model of neatness, and its hospitality has been shared alike by rich and poor. Although of late years not an attendant of church, she enjoyed pastoral visits and the discussion of religious subjects. She professed faith in the Redeemer and loved to hear the reading of the Word and was especially delighted with the singing of hymns. In her girlhood days she regularly attended divine services in which were doubtless sown the seeds of the faith which sustained her in her old age. She enjoyed a large circle of acquaintances and intimate friends, who held her in highest esteem for the womanly virtues that made her the devoted wife, the fond sister, the loving mother and home maker that she was.

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BY THEIR OLD RIVALS

Tailenders Surprised Everybody by

Taking Two Games Here

Yesterday.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS.

Portland 0; Kokomo 5.

Van Wert 7; Richmond 3.

Decatur 4-3; Bluffton 5-6.

STANDING.

Won. Lost. Pct.

Richmond 16 12 .571

Decatur 16 1' .552

Portland 16 13 .552

Kokomo 13 16 .448

Van Wert 13 16 .448

Bluffton 12 16 .429

FRIDAY SCHEDULE.

Van Wert at Decatur.

Bluffton at Richmond.

Portland at Kokomo.

Strange things do happen in base ball, things you can't figure out; it happens in the big leagues, likewise in the smaller ones. It is with the deepest regret we announce the loss of two games in one day to our friends, the enemy, from Wells county. It happened yesterday right here at home. The visitors had their batting eyes along and walloped two of the best pitchers in the league, Engle and Alberts, for twenty-one hits. They also played well in the field and deserved to win.

The box scores tell the story. In the morning game the locals started off with two runs in the first, made another in the fifth and one in the ninth. The visitors scored two in the fourth and three in the sixth, several errors by the locals aiding them materially.

In the afternoon, the old reliable "C" Alberts seemed to have an off day, and the Bluffton team swatted him for seven hits and four runs in the first two innings. They added another in the third and one in the sixth. The locals rallied in the seventh and chased in three runs before a man was down. With two others on bases it looked like something doing, but a fly out and a double ended it. Large crowds attended both games.

MORNING GAME.

Decatur.

AB R H PO A E

Behringer, 2b 4 0 0 5 1 2

Pierce, rf 5 1 2 2 1 1

Cullen, 3b 3 1 0 1 2 0

Weber, 1b 4 1 0 9 0 0

Burns, If 4 0 1 2 0 0

Wallace, ss 4 0 2 2 1 1

Winger, c 4 0 0 5 0 0

Engle, p 3 1 1 0 5 1

Totals 33 4 6 27 11 6

Bluffton.

AB R H PO A E

Hoyd, cf 4 0 2 2 0 0

Larue, 3b 4 0 0 1 2 0

Wills, 1b 5 0 1 11 0 0

Fogel, c 5 0 1 4 2 0

LaBelle, ss 4 1 2 1 4 1

Partlow, rf 3 2 2 0 0 0

Ryan, If 3 0 0 3 0 0

Donovan, 2b 4 1 1 3 3 1

Hull, p 4 1 1 1 1 1

Totals 36 5 10 27 13 3

MORNING GAME.

Decatur.

AB R H PO A E

Behringer, 2b 3 0 0 2 3 0

Witham, 2b 2 0 1 0 0 0

Pierce, rf-ef 5 0 3 1 0 0

Cullen, 3b 3 0 0 1 0 1

Weber, 1b 4 0 0 10 1 1

Burns, If 2 0 0 1 2 0

Alberts, p 3 0 0 1 2 0

Wallace, ss 3 1 2 3 3 0

Way, rf 1 0 0 0 0 0

Johnson, cf 3 1 1 0 0 0

Quinn, c 4 1 1 9 2 1

Totals 33 3 8 27 14 3

Bluffton.

AB R H PO A E

Boyd, p 5 0 1 0 1 0

Pfefferle, ss 3 0 0 2 2 0

Larue, 3b 1 1 0 0 0 0

Wills, 1b 5 0 2 14 1 0

Vogel, c 4 1 2 6 0 0

LaBelle, 3b-ss 3 0 1 1 1 1

Partlow, rf 3 1 2 0 0 0

Ryan, If 3 1 0 1 0 0

Donovan, 2b 4 1 1 2 5 0

Gehl, cf 3 1 1 1 0 0

Totals 34 6 11 27 10 0

Summary:
Two base hits—Larue, LaBelle, Vogel, Wallace. Base on balls—Off Alberts 2; off Boyd 5. Struck out—By Alberts 7; by Boyd 5. Left on bases—Decatur 8; Bluffton 5. Double play—Wills unassisted; Pfefferle to Donovan to Wills. Wild pitch—Alberts, Boyd. Hit by pitcher—Larue. Sacrifice hits—Larue, Partlow. Stolen bases—Ryan 3, Guhl. Time of game—1:30. Umpire—Burke.

TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE.

Reported by the Decatur Abstract and Loan Company. Money to loan at lowest rates of interest on farms and city property with privilege of partial payments.

Jno. D. Reiter to Ada H. Smith; part lot 328, Decatur, \$2,400.

Luella Sullivan to William Richard; in lot 975, Decatur, \$400.

Roy Wolford to Luella Sullivan, in lots 974, 975, Decatur, \$200.

Daniel Bailey to Peter Bailey, 80 acres Monroe township, \$1.

Orel Gillon to Samuel Kaehr, 25 acres French township, \$2,375.

Lewis Kirkland to Olive Kizer, part section 3, Hartford township, \$470.

Philip Harlow to William Shoemaker, part section 29, Wabash township, \$1,200.

Fred Neaderhouser to Magdalena Neaderhouser, lot 402 Berne, \$1,200.

United States to Patrick Bradley, 40 acres section 32, Blue Creek township.

Melissa Barto to Marcus G. Barto, part section 32 Blue Creek township, \$500.

Ida M. Bollinger to Joseph Humann, 80 acres section 28 Washington township, \$1,000.

Absolom E. Everhart to Wm. A. Moser, in lot 64 Monroe, \$400.

Jane A. Steele to Mary A. Steele, lot 516, Decatur, \$1.

Ota M. Bearssley to C. D. Lewton, 160 acres section 7 Union township, \$10,875.

PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned will offer for sale at his residence, three miles north and three-quarters of a mile east of Preble, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a.m., on Thursday, September 5th, the following personal property: Sorrel colt, coming 3 years old; 2-year old colt, 6-year-old driving horse, 6-year-old western mare, black mare with foal, team of work horses. Two cows one with calf by her side; two steers, spring calf. Twenty head of shoats weighing about 140 pounds each, thirteen spring pigs, three sows with pigs, three sows, will farrow soon; full-blooded Victory boar. Two dozen chickens. McCormick binder, McCormick mower, hay rake, two wagons, gravel beds, Cassady riding plow, walking plow, three breaking plows, shovel plows, carriage, spring wagon, buggy, two sets double work harness, two sets single harness, double set buggy harness and other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms of sale—All sums of \$5 and under