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Gompers, Hughes, Coolidge, Bryan, Harvey, Hoover and others are in the procession of leading minds invited to consult with Mr. Harding at Marion this week and after it's all through the president-elect will have to finally and definitely make up his mind that he was right or wrong during the recent campaign. Which shall it be?

You can still add your name to the membership of the Red Cross in Decatur and you certainly ought to. It is fine to have such an organization when we need it and we need it all the time. Without argument you know the good work of the visiting nurse and the great help of the Red Cross in times of need. Why not add your dollar and your name today?

Decatur is to have a Kiwanis club, a real asset to any city. The Kiwanis and the Rotary clubs in the various cities of this country have demonstrated their worth in assisting every good movement, modestly but effectively and it is pleasing to know that this city is to have another splendid organization of this kind.

The Chicago Tribune warns the country that Japan is really and truly preparing for war against this country. It is not a sensational story, but

Bigness Necessary for Service

IN some farm operations, in many manufacturing lines, and, more particularly, in refining and distribution of petroleum products, large scale operations are essential to insure maximum economy and service.

The production of crude oil varies but little on account of seasonal changes, and the refining processes are continuous operations.

The consumption of petroleum products, however, varies widely with the season. In summer, consumption far outstrips production, while during the winter months the reverse is true.

To prepare himself for the summer rush, the oil refiner, who is ambitious to render a maximum service, must operate his refineries at full capacity throughout the year, and must provide adequate storage to take care of his surplus output during the winter months, and store it against a day of maximum demand when the country roads and city boulevards are crowded with machines, and the farmer has his tractor in the field.

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contains numerous facts to support its contention. Japan will learn a sorry lesson but, just the same, it would as all wars are, be expensive in various ways for this nation. Perhaps, after all, we need the league of nations and the disarmament of the world.

The visit to Decatur today of the world famed sculptor, Pompeo Coppini, who will be a guest of the Rotary club is considered an honor to those who know of the wonderful success of this great man. He has been the artist who has produced some of the greatest statuary work in this country, a big man in a big work and the local club is to be congratulated on the privilege of entertaining him. At present his big work is that of completing a wonderful monument at the University of Texas at a cost of a quarter million dollars and a work of art that will stand for centuries. Decatur welcomes him.

According to the Indianapolis Star the republican leaders of the state and members elect of the legislature, have finally discovered that the taxes in Indiana have doubled during the past few years. It's true of course and the queer thing about it is that no one believed it during the campaign. A number of instances are now given where the people in cities are paying more than double and the state levy this year calls for \$115,000,000 in the state as compared to \$57,000,000 five years ago. Sure it's doubled and worst of it is that it will continue to increase under the centralized plans. Just now there is nothing to do but pay and make resolutions for the future. Perhaps another time the politicians will not be able to throw so much sand in your eyes.

The county farmer's association of Blackford county has adopted a resolution urging the coming legislature to dispense with the state highway

of county superintendent. While we with many others believe the state highway commission law needs revision we also believe it would be a serious mistake to dispense with the county road superintendent and revert to the old manner of road supervision. In this county with eight hundred miles of macadam road and an investment of two million dollars it would be wasteful not to have an officer whose one and only business is to maintain the highways. During the past years a number of plans have been tried but none have proven so satisfactory as the present one which with perhaps a few changes will continue to be the most popular that can be drafted. New laws and changes are sometimes expensive and just now we don't want any needless waste.

Bluffton is having a rather interesting discussion over whether or not the gymnasium and other school property should be used for properly supervised dances. It has waged into a combat of forces for and against the proposition. Mothers, many of them who understand their children and are not of yesteryear, favored it and the effort was supported by the Woman's club of that city. The ministerial association with of course many enthusiasts opposed it on the grounds that to dance is sinful. The latter won out last evening when the school board voted to stand by their previous orders against permitting dancing on school property. We do not believe dancing is a grave evil though it often becomes so because of the lack of proper regulation and chaperonage. However, until every one agrees to that a school board can scarcely do other than was done at Bluffton for the schools are maintained by all citizens and there should be no division as to policies. Otherwise, the schools must suffer.

Deputy Sheriff Roy Baker accompanied William Philip Smith to the epileptic village at Newcastle Monday.

Miss Florence Holthouse was detained from her work at the county clerk's office yesterday because of illness.

WILL PREACH SUNDAY

Rev. R. Elliker, of Tamms, Ill., will preach at the Reformed church next Sunday morning and evening. Rev. Elliker is one of the young ministers of the denomination, and the public is invited to hear him.

RICKETS DID THIS.



Before this five-year-old Vienna girl was operated upon in the American Convalescent Home her leg was even more horribly deformed from rickets and she was in constant instead of intermittent pain. Now at least her leg is straight again, and by degrees she is learning to walk. Rickets is the aftermath of under-nutrition, and it is to cut down the harrowing prevalence of such disease as this among the children of Europe that eight American relief organizations are making a joint appeal under the name of the European Relief Council for funds to succor the millions that face a winter of horror. They are the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Service Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution committee, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the X. M. G. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

The urban population of the United States is about 4,000,000 more than the rural, while in 1910 the rural was about 7,000,000 more than the urban.

The Glad Hand Was Extended

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forty-five miles southeast.

The trip has been a revelation for the wonders of Mexico are beyond description. Torn asunder by revolution after revolution, her railroads destroyed, her manufacturing industries generalized, she has in the past six months risen Phoenix-like from the ashes of ten years of bitter strife—and today—holds up her head and extends a hand of hearty welcome to her neighbors on the north to enter her gates and assist in rehabilitating her country. Her hospitality has been unparalleled, the glad hand has been extended everywhere to her guests of honor and all acclaim them will go home bearing a message to their people that a new star has arisen in the constellation of republics—The New Mexico.

Sincerely,
J. E. THOMAS.

The cost of the British army of occupation on the Rhine was 3,600,000 pounds of sterling a year.

Recovered Coin After Fifty Years.

Fifty years ago when the foundations were being laid for the Washington statue in front of Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, John Nash, then a pollieeman, threw a two-cent piece into the hole being dug for the foundations. Recently when some changes were being made to the statue, Nash recalled the incident and stirred up the dirt and uncovered the coin. It will be hung in Independence hall. Incidentally, Mr. Nash recalled that two cents had a buying capacity at that time treble that of today.

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