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ARE YOU WITH US?

We believe in Decatur because we believe in it. We believe in it because it is a good town, regardless of its few defects, and its people are the equal of those to be found anywhere on the face of the earth. This town may not have the wealth of some more favored communities, but it has character, and character is a possession which money cannot buy. If you believe in this, your home town, you are bound to like it, and if you like it there is no effort toward improvement too great for you to tackle. We shall never grow tired of asking our readers to have faith in their home town. When you feel like criticising it, check the words before they are spoken and weigh the defects with the advantages. Compare it with other communities of similar size, and then ask yourself if, after all, you are justified in criticism. You can always find something good to say without hurting your conscience or straining your reputation for veracity. And even then there will be good things in the community that you'll overlook.

We're a good town now, but faith in it, loyalty to it and its citizens and business men and united action in pushing through improvements which all of us know are needed will make it still better. Don't stop with the statement that "something ought to be done." Get with your neighbor and figure out some way that it can be done. You'll find the majority with you—and this town is just like every other good town in one respect—the majority are always in favor of the things that will benefit and help the community at large.

If the average man were told that railroad crossing accidents took the lives of 7,000 people and caused property damage of \$4,500,000 in one year he probably would shrug his shoulders and say "it serves 'em right." For the average man does not see the personal side of the warning. He sees carelessness in others, but fails to see it in himself. Nevertheless, the same figures show that one motorist in every three is careless at railroad crossings, approaching them in haste and not looking for trains.

On the line of the Southern Pacific last year 1909 motor cars and trucks were wrecked at crossings. In 490 cases motorists ran into trains, and in 122 cases machines plunged through crossing gates. In the 970 cases in which drivers ran into trains 136 people were killed and 405 injured. The note of warning in this report should be taken seriously by you, Mr. Reader. The other fellow always is reckless, in your opinion, and when you have an accident you are the reckless chap to the other fellow. The railroad grade crossing is a death trap. It should be regarded as such and approached carefully, watchfully and with a lot

of caution. It may take a moment longer to make a safe trip across, but this moment lost may mean the saving of life and property. The chap who rushes across occasionally reaches a destination he had no intention of seeking when he started out. "Make haste slowly" is a mighty good plan when you are driving an auto near a railroad crossing.

Considering the fact that the Holland-St. Louis Sugar company lost many thousand dollars this year and that the outlook for them is not as bright as many would like it, the new contract now offered for beet raisers is fair and magnanimous. They announced today they will guarantee five dollars per ton and will give the additional advantage in case of an increased price of sugar. They should be heartily supported for there is no doubt they have gone the very limit in efforts to make a liberal offer to the farmers who engage in the beet business. They should have no trouble this year in securing the contracts for 10,000 acres for the reduction is much less than on wheat, corn or oats and the minimum price is guaranteed.

Uncle Joe Cannon, eighty-five years old and nearly blind, announces he will not be a candidate for reelection to congress where he has served nearly a half century. Until a few years ago he was a powerful leader and decrepit as he is now, he is still as much force as a good many of the supposed to be law makers. He has been a great figure in American politics but his day is over and he has the good sense to know it and also that making a campaign this year is not going to be such an easy task and so he gets out while the getting is good.

Realizing that the proposed new tax to take care of the bonus bill would be a very unpopular measure at this time when business is struggling to get back on her feet, Senator Smoot proposes a bond issue to be taken care of by the big banker and distributed over a period of years. This is much more sensible and will meet general approval if the law makers who seem to be against the bonus will agree. Arthur Brisbane asks why the government don't issue more money and just take care of it since the per capita of cash is too low any way.

And now after we have all written and said so many things about the wonderful achievement of peace in Ireland comes the announcement that the Emerald Isle is on the brink of civil war. Several have been killed and the affair is again getting the best of the authorities. The world will soon be convinced that about half the people in Ireland don't feel right unless there is a battle on.

WANTS PARDON

Indianapolis, Feb. 14.—The case of Lacy Zarnes was to come up before the pardon board today.

Just because he longed to see his wife and children at home he escaped from the state farm. He hurried as fast as he could and had been at home only a few minutes when officers arrested him and sent him back.

Zarnes, who was sentenced for a liquor law violation, was then sent back for from two to five years. This was last July.

The case was reopened at the request of penal farm officers. It is the intention of the board to recommend clemency, according to Chairman Seidenstecker, as Zarnes' wife and children are now being supported by neighbors.

Zarnes is from Knightstown.

The board is considering 51 new cases and five reopened cases during the February session.

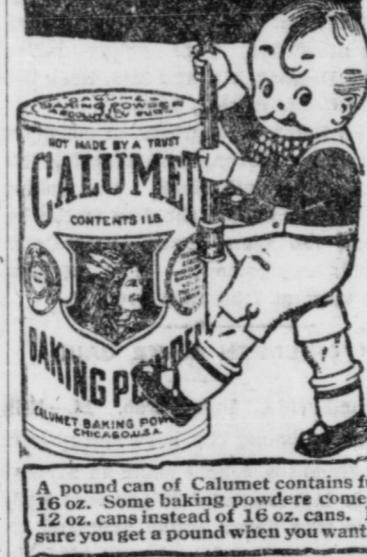
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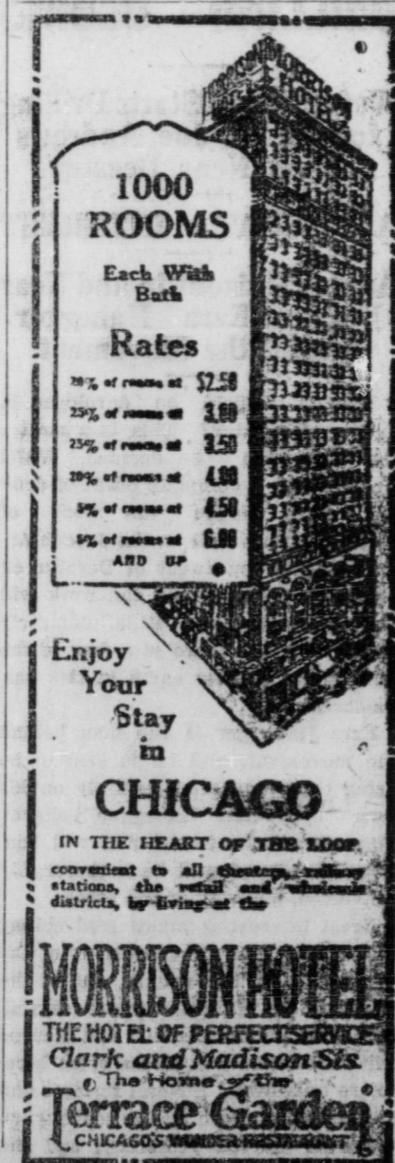
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INDIANA DOWNS MICHIGAN

Bloomington, Ind., Feb. 14—Indiana basketball quintet defeated Michigan here last night, score 15 to 14.

Rev. B. N. Covert returned yesterday to his work at McCormick Seminary after spending the weekend in this city.



DOINGS IN SOCIETY

CLUB CALENDAR

TUESDAY

Y. P. A. Business and Social Meeting—Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Runyon.

Reformed Church Women's Missionary Society—Mrs. Fred Heuer.

Shakespeare Club—Mrs. John Tyn dall.

W. C. T. U.—Mrs. Jacob Atz.

Reformed Ladies' Missionary Society—Mrs. Fred Heuer, 2 o'clock.

United Brethren C. E. Valentine Social—Church Basement.

K. of P. Family Dance—K. of P. Home.

Queen Esthers—Miss Naomi Hark less.

Wednesday

So-Cha-Rea—Mrs. R. O. Gass.

Phoebe Bible Class Banquet—Mr. and Mrs. Otto Kirsch.

Historical Club—Mrs. Clyde Noble.

Ladies' Aid of Reformed Church—Mrs. Fred Heuer.

Historical Club, 2:30—Mrs. Clyde Noble.

THURSDAY

So-Cha-Rea Club—Mrs. Raymond Gass.

Silent Workers Class of U. B. Church—Mrs. J. D. Wischaupt.

Baptist Missionary Society—Mrs. Will Winnes.

Loyal Daughters Class—Mrs. Robert Garard.

Helping Hand Society—Reformed Sunday School Room.

FRIDAY

D. Y. B. Class, U. B. Church—Mrs. Ethel Myers.

K. of C. Hall—8 o'clock shower for Marcella Kuebler.

Philathea Class—Mrs. C. A. Garrett.

The Silent Workers class of the U. B. church will meet Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. D. Wischaupt. 37-3

The Baptist Missionary society will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Will Winnes. The meeting was postponed from last week.

The members of the D. Y. B. class of the United Brethren church gave a farewell surprise Monday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Delmar Douglas, at their home on North Tenth street. Mrs. Douglas is a member of the class, and the family will move to a farm on a Decatur rural route soon. The evening was very pleasantly spent in conversation, games, etc., and Mrs. Douglas was presented with a beautiful gift in token of the esteem in which she is held, and for the faithful work in behalf of the D. Y. B. class. Light refreshments were served.

Mrs. Ethel Myers, of Thirteenth and Elm streets, will be hostess Friday evening to the members of the D. Y. B. class of the United Brethren church. This is the regular meeting of the class, and assistant hostesses will be Mrs. Artie McGill and Mrs. Ollie Mills.

The Delta Theta Tau held their regular meeting last evening at the home of Mrs. Herman Ehinger on North Fifth street. Plans were completed for a private valentine dance to be given by the members of the sorority at the Masonic hall on the evening of February 15. Excellent music has been secured and an enjoyable evening is assured the young ladies and their friends.

The Delta Theta Tau sorority met last night at the home of Mrs. Herman Ehinger on North Fifth street. After a good business meeting a social hour was enjoyed. Later a delicious luncheon was served. Miss Lucile Raudemak of Sigma Chapter, Marion, Ind., was a guest at the meeting.

Miss Rose Conter entertained the Bachelor Maids at 6:30 dinner last evening. Clever little valentines formed the place cards. Club prizes were awarded to Mrs. James Brown, Mrs. Dick Boch and the guest prize to Miss Margaret Smith. The club guests were Mrs. James Cowan and Miss Margaret Smith.

The Philathea class of the Baptist church will entertain the Baptist Brotherhood next Friday evening at

the home of Mrs. C. A. Garnett. The other hostesses will be Miss Jessie Winnes and Mrs. H. H. Laumann. The meeting will begin promptly at 7:30.

OPIE READ MONDAY

Opie Read, the well-known novelist and short story writer, has been secured to lecture here next Monday evening on the Lyceum course.

Almost everyone knows Opie Read. He is, with one possible exception, the author of more widely-read books than any other living American author, and his ability on the platform is as great as his excellence as an author.

Writing of Mr. Read as a platform man, the Redpath Bureau, through which he comes here, says: "Opie Read is like no one else in the world.

His very presence lends strange

attraction to his stories. You may

have enjoyed his books in the solitude

of your library, perhaps you have been

stirred by his plays or spent delightful

half-hours in the reading of his clever

character sketches, but unless you have sat within the sound of his

voice and heard the quaint tales from

his own lips, you do not fully appreciate the genius of the man."

Mr. Read has been enthusiastically

received by audiences all over the

United States. The following com-

ment from the Cincinnati Enquirer is

typical of the impression made by him

as an entertainer: "A large audience

composed of the best citizens, assem-

bled last evening to hear Opie Read,

the novelist and story teller. The

The distinguished gentleman was given

a hearty welcome. The entertain-

ment was a delightful one all the way

through and the audience was enthu-

sastic."

Mr. Read it is said, is one celebrity

who can be depended upon to fill his

dates at the appointed time.

Mr. Read will appear here, as the

final number of the lyceum course put

on by the Woman's club.

William Page and son of Warren, Ohio, spent Monday in this city.

FOR APPENDICITIS

Mrs. A. A. Stove was operated up on this morning at the Magley hospital for appendicitis. Mrs. Stove recovered nicely from the effects of the anaesthetic, and it is believed her recovery will be rapid.

IT WENT TO THE SPOT

Lingering colds and coughs that hang on and wear one out are difficult to get rid of, but Henry E. Campbell, R. F. D. No. 3, Adrian, Mich., writes: "I had a bad cough for three years. Tried several cough medicines. Got little relief. I tried Foley's Honey and Tar. It went to the spot. There is no better remedy on the market."

Good for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough—clears the passages; soothes irritated membranes; stops tickling in the throat. Contains no opiates. Sold everywhere.

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LOST A CHANCE

The greatest and most priceless treasure in the world is youth. It is the sunrise of your life and a great day's work is before you until this sun has set.

In what position do you expect to find yourself in the declining years of life? Make the best of your opportunities—Save—it is up to you.

Will you let us help you? Then place your money in our bank. One dollar starts a Savings Account. Do not delay.

The Peoples Loan & Trust Co.

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The Convenient Kind of Coffee

The woody fibre and chaff which make the messy coffee grounds have been refined away by Mr. Washington's refining process. Just the absolutely pure, delicious coffee. No waste.