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With most farmers losing money this year the state tax board comes along and slaps on twenty percent to the value of farming implements. How will that benefit the farmer?

If in doubt as to the value of second hand automobiles just add twenty percent to their assessed valuation and then you'll have the state tax board's figures as authority.

With employment of labor at its peak in Decatur and with the annual campaign of the Holland St. Louis Sugar company coming on within the next six weeks or two months, things will be humming here all winter and will give everybody who wishes to work an opportunity to do it.

Fifteen new houses have been built in Berne this year. Two of the principal streets are being improved and the thriving little city is taking on metropolitan style. Besides a petition for a new drainage ditch has also been filed in court here and several new residence districts have been opened within the last year. There are not many towns as progressive and solid as Berne and Adams country citizens feel justly proud of this home-boosting community center.

The Chautauqua is pleasing hundreds and the programs so far have been the best ever. Last evening's entertainment was worth more than the price of a season ticket. The Sidney, Ohio, municipal band gave an excellent concert and Director Worrall can feel proud of his boys. Although not having the reputation of a nationally known band organization the Sidney band boys played like veterans and their concert was enjoyed. Burgdorfer, not using a first name, but traveling under the name of the "apostle of fun" proved to be one of the biggest headliners on the program and convinced his audience that he was entitled to his classification. Those who missed hearing Burgdorfer missed a circus, so to speak. His wit, humor, jokes and impersonations were supreme and he kept the large crowd laughing every minute for over an hour. He made you forget your troubles and at all times was bringing out the funny side of life. Burgdorfer will please wherever he goes and those who heard him last evening are glad he

came.

United States Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi, who is Decatur's distinguished guest today, speaking at the Chautauqua this evening, is the type of man who proves to everyone that America is the land of opportunity, if one has the will power and ambition to get ahead. Sixteen years ago Senator Harrison was a humble, but ambitious waiter in a restaurant, later a newspaper agent, a baseball pitcher, earned enough money to educate himself, became a school teacher, studied law, was admitted to the bar, served as prosecuting attorney in his district and became the youngest member of Congress and later was elected to the United States senate where he ranks as one of the most brilliant and influential senators in the upper house. The story of his life reads like a romance and should encourage every young man to do his best, to be determined that he is going to do something for himself, his family and his country, to be of service to mankind. Senator Harrison is capable of discussing "The Problems of the Day" at the Chautauqua this evening and the public is invited to hear him.

The Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment company of Kalamazoo, Michigan has a clever way of advertising to the trade. The company at all times signs the merits of the famous celery and manufacturing center in which it is located. A letter is sent to the trade every month in which some good plan of boosting and promoting the welfare of one's city is given. Under the head of "If you want your town to grow bigger you must help it to grow better," the company sent out the following letter last week to several local customers receiving a copy and it contains a thought worth reading. It follows:

"No matter whether your town be little or big, you undoubtedly have, or at least you should have a business men's organization commonly called a Chamber of Commerce.

"We have been a member of a similar organization for many years and have carefully watched its action, also the reaction through its efforts or lack of efforts in the community.

"It has a paid secretary. He usually remains for a few years, just long enough for him to become somewhat intimately acquainted and useful, and then he fits to larger and better paid field.

"This secretary is as a rule a mighty fine chap, who has been "trained" through his "school," or in other words he has been imbued with the idea that the secretary's job is to bring in new industries. He is not by any manner of means entirely to blame for holding this narrow and erroneous idea of how he should function. At every meeting of the Chamber, one or two gentlemen will bob up and speak somewhat along this line: 'If we want this town to grow, gentlemen, we must get new blood, new industries, and right here is where we should spend our efforts and our money.' He wipes his brow, seats himself, looks around for approval, and after mild clapping of the hands the meeting adjourns.

"We may be old-fashioned. Of one thing we are sure; we are either very much behind or ahead of our time because we disagree with the last speaker very emphatically.

"Assist in every reasonable way

the worthy business enterprises you new have. Forget all about making your town a bigger town, but bend your efforts to make it a better town in which to live and transact business, and the business will just naturally follow. When those on the outside see that it is to their advantage to get on the inside, you will not have to bribe them or tease them. They will come in because they are selfish and want to better their condition."

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SMALL MELON CROP
Wet Weather Prevented Cultivation
In Southern Indiana

Princeton, Aug. 2—Gibson county's yield of watermelons and cantaloups will be below normal this year because wet weather conditions during the early part of the season prevented proper cultivation, according to county Agent Mood.

Many farmers, becoming discouraged, plowed up the ground they had planted in watermelons and cantaloups and replanted it with corn.

Pat Harrison Gives Address

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est Mayor in Ohio will deliver his interesting lecture on, "The Destiny of Democracy." His lecture is a plea for greater efficiency. His talk will be well worth hearing.

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