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Again this morning we have direct evidence of the serious results from fire in a short time. The savings of years are wiped out by flames, smoke and water in a single hour. Those who suffered financially have our sincerest sympathies but we know these men well and believe they have the courage to make the best of things as they are and go on to success again. This is Fire Prevention week in Indiana, designated as a six-day period to call attention to the people that fire losses in this country are too great and to ask assistance of everyone in lessening the totals by looking carefully for causes of fire. From this morning's disastrous conflagration we should take warning and do two things at once—first, all we can to prevent fire; second, see that we have ample insurance in good companies.

The fire ladders did all they could with the appliances they have in this morning's fire. It seems to us that they may need more ladders and some equipment which they do not have and if this be true it should be taken care of at once. The citizens of a community usually wait until after a serious fire before they really protect the city with a first class fire fighting apparatus. We need a new motor truck and some other equipment and we should arrange to get them as soon as possible.

Just at this time we know of a number of residence properties in Decatur which can be purchased for much less than they are worth if you tried to buy a lot and build and there is nothing gives a person such a feeling of security as owning your own home. Some may think it is cheaper to rent than to own property but you are mistaken. The man who rents twenty years has a stack of rent receipts but the man who buys, has his property. Owning your home means thrift and puts a different sense of responsibility on you, makes you a real citizen and a substantial one. This is a mighty good time to buy a property which is sure to increase in value while you are paying for it and means a life insurance policy and a bank account combined.

A scientist in the west claims to have made progress in production and control of lightning, with devastating possibilities. A scientist in the east reports progress in bottling sunshine. These notes may be of interest to students of advancing science, but the layman acquainted with bootleg booze will incline to opinion that the makers of outlawed liquor have beaten both to it. They have been producing lightning, in liquid form, since the adoption of the eighteenth amendment and have used that product with devastating effect. Bottled moonshine is even more deadly than imprisoned sunshine. If the country seeks a terrible weapon to hurl at the enemy, let it choose bootleg booze.

Another terrible accident yesterday when a Pennsylvania fast line hit a bus carrying a crowd of children to school, killing eight, fatally injuring three and more or less seriously hurting a number of others. The driver was killed and the children cannot tell just how it happened, but before they knew what was happening they heard a roar and instantly came the crash. The reports indicate the driver was not paying attention and drove in front of the train. It should serve again as a lesson to teach us that we can't be too careful.

The auto races tomorrow should attract a real crowd for those who like thrillers, will see them. There are many starters, including the best in the middle west and if the weather is good, look for some record smashing. The affair is put on by local men who deserve your support and who have worked hard to make the event a success. We hope it is in every way.

Those of our readers who do not consider advertising news are just foolishing kidding themselves. The advertisements in today's paper contain interesting messages from our merchants concerning things in which you should be greatly interested. They tell you of the styles, the prices, the best in groceries, shoes, clothing, drugs, dry goods, hardware and everything you need for your comfort. Of course its news and you should read it as carefully as you do any part of the paper.

Talk about needing houses. Miss Esther Sellemeyer, who is visiting here, after four or five years as a missionary in China tells about the town in which she has been living. In area, it is about the size of Decatur, not any larger, says Miss Sellemeyer and the population is 75,000. Of course most of us wouldn't want to live the way most of the natives do there, but what if we had to?

Huntington papers insist that the Decatur boys outweighed them and thus account for the Yellow Jacket victory. We don't believe the average weight of Decatur players was as much as that of the visitors. The game was won by better football playing by every member of the team.

Each department at Washington is demanding more money and insisting they can't get along on the old appropriation. They have nothing on the rest of us, we all need more but the trouble is the fellow at Washington seems to get it easier than most of those who have to work.

The difficulties of Governor McCray are at least saving him from accepting or declining invitations to speak at public gatherings. Demands along that line it is said have fallen off about ninety-nine per cent the past month.

The sugar factory will open Monday which means that many farmers will soon cash their harvest and three hundred men will be given employment, all of which helps the community.

Do your Christmas shopping early and get out of the way of the rest of us who won't do it until we begin to hear the tinkle of Santa Clause's sleight bells.

Gray is frequently used as a trimming for blue or black gowns, and gray shoes are very smart now.

The Fourth Down

By
Willie Punt

This from the Huntington Press: "Steman's high school varsity was not able to withstand the overwhelming weight that was sent against it yesterday at Decatur and the Red and Black squad was defeated 19 to 12."

Shame on you Yellow Jackets. Next time you must pick on someone your size. In our opinion, if there was any advantage in weight, it was in favor of Huntington. Instead of against them. But, then, they had to have some kind of an alibi after making all those pre-game boasts.

Jack Teeple, Yellow Jacket half, evidently made a fine impression on the Huntington scribe. Lamp this: "Teeple, the one football player of the Decatur squad, seemed to make holes in the Huntington line at will. He is the outstanding player of the Decatur team and any team in the state would be forced to acknowledge him one of the best players in high school ball."

We give all due credit to Jack, and he deserves much—but one player can't win a football game by himself. How about that line, Huntington, which held your pets to one first down during the game? There must have been at least one or two football players in there to stop your mighty Gaskins et al.

At last the Press has corrected that impression that C. C. H. S. defeated D. H. S. 56-0. The "Sport Hot Shots" column stated yesterday that it was Decatur Catholic high which met defeat.

Our friend, Mr. Leadpencil, of the Wabash Times-Star, tried to kid us before the Huntington game, as follows:

"Decatur high school, according to Willie Punt in the "Fourth Down" of the Decatur Democrat, is about the cat's whiskers. They won a game last Saturday 37 to 0 but then they were playing Anderson. Now next Saturday they are going to meet Huntington and unless we are badly mistaken, Decatur will go home with the short end of the score."

You were badly mistaken, Lead. But we're going to give you a chance to get even with us. The Wabash Hillclimbers have defeated Ft. Wayne Central and held Manual of Indianapolis to a 7-0 score. Next Saturday they meet Goshen at Wabash "and if we are not badly mistaken" Wabash will emerge from the conflict "with the short end of the score."

We reprint this from the Huntington Press, without comment: "From appearances Huntington high school football men can still stand some dummy practice. In the game yesterday, the Decatur men made huge gaps in the Red line."

Our choice: Emerson to beat Ft. Wayne Central, Goshen to beat Wabash, Peru to beat Manual, South Side to beat Kendallville, Warsaw to beat Elkhart, Iowa to beat Purdue, and Indiana vs. Northwestern???

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