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Why not settle the controversy as to whether or not a Defense Day is the thing by having it on the Fourth of July? We always had an idea that that was partly the purpose of the day. Certainly we don't need any more holidays and we doubt if any real American needs any inspiration to make him fight to defend his country if it's necessary. We are wasting a lot of energy and effort and some are inclined to believe there may be some politics mixed up in the word battles now on.

A lady who has been kind enough to send us news frequently, complained last evening that there were not enough news items in the paper from her section of the city and seemed to think it was because of some design on our part. We assure her this is not the reason and that we will be more than delighted to publish news if we can get it. Our telephone number is 1,000 and we hope that when any accident occurs, when you know of anyone being ill, when you have complaints of reckless driving or disturbances, you will all call us. We make every effort to get the news and we want it all. If you will help us a little occasionally we're sure you will be better pleased and we will be appreciative and delighted.

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on the sheets they can—they are expected to—and the state board has simply gone over them and placed a valuation much higher, and it affects the man who has given in honestly just as it affects that man who was not quite so liberal. These are the things that disgust the taxpayer with the state tax board.—Bluffton Banner.

Senator Jim Couzens, Michigan, is practically on the standpat republican blacklist. He is persona non grata at the White House, and the national committee, as well as the Michigan state committee, has no use for him. Couzens insists that there is something wrong in the treasury department. He believes, sincerely, that the prohibition laws are being shamefully violated by Prohibition Director Haynes. Because of this belief he demands that an investigation be made of Mr. Mellon's department. And for his independence he is outlawed by the standpat republicans. What a contrast! Senator Newberry, convicted of buying his way into the senate, was upheld at every turn by the republican old guard—the same men who are now displeased with Couzens. It was perfectly proper, said the standpatters, for a man to buy his way into the senate. They now say it is highly improper for a republican to ask an investigation of a republican department in Washington. It there is nothing wrong in the department why the objection? Certainly no harm can result from such an inquiry.—Huntington Press.

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Spots

National League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	62	34	.646
Chicago	55	41	.573
Pittsburgh	52	42	.548
Brooklyn	52	46	.531
Cincinnati	50	51	.495
St. Louis	41	56	.423
Philadelphia	38	57	.400
Boston	47	60	.381

American League

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
New York	58	43	.574
Washington	57	43	.570
Detroit	55	44	.556
St. Louis	49	48	.505
Chicago	48	51	.485
Cleveland	46	54	.460
Boston	43	55	.439
Philadelphia	41	59	.419

American Association

Team	W.	L.	Pct.
St. Paul	61	43	.587
Indianapolis	55	42	.571
Louisville	55	46	.545
Kansas City	49	52	.485
Toledo	46	53	.465
Columbus	46	55	.455
Milwaukee	46	55	.455
Minneapolis	44	61	.419

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

American Association	
St. Paul, 11; Milwaukee, 8.	
Indianapolis, 7; Columbus, 0.	
Louisville, 3; Toledo, 2.	
Kansas City, 7; Minneapolis, 6.	

American League	
St. Louis, 2; New York, 3.	
Cincinnati, 2; Boston, 3. (15 in'gs.)	
Chicago, 0; Brooklyn, 4.	
St. Louis-Philadelphia, rain.	

National League	
\$100-coupon book—Frank Hurst, Teeple & Peterson.	
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\$75-coupon book—Olive Marbaugh, Mrs. Moyer.	
\$50-coupon book—Bernard Kintz, Mutschler's Meat Market.	
\$25-coupon book—Miss Lizzie Peter-son, Niblick & Company.	
\$15-coupon book—United Brethren church, Decatur Lumber Co.	
\$10-coupon book—P. B. Lehman, Mutschler's meat market.	
\$5 in currency—Charles Ross, El-der's Service station.	
\$5 in currency—Georgianna Kitson, Decatur Lumber Co.	
\$5 in currency—Catherine Dixon, Niblick and company.	
\$5 in currency—Edgar Berger, Ash-baucher's Tin Shop.	
\$5 in currency—Florna Michand, Kuebler & Co.	

Large Crowd Attends
Gift Distribution

The usual large crowd attended the gift distribution held today by the Decatur merchants. The drawing took place at the corner of Second and Monroe streets. Following is a list of the winners and the local business house which issued the winning tickets:

\$100-coupon book—Frank Hurst, Teeple & Peterson.

\$100-coupon book—Marion Reber, Fisher & Harris.

\$75-coupon book—Olive Marbaugh, Mrs. Moyer.

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