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BUS. REGULATION:

The highway commission was created in this state to designate, build and maintain good roads. That body has certain general authority over motor traffic which is entirely proper and necessary if the highways are kept in good condition. Motor buses used for commercial purposes, however, are in a different class from pleasure cars. They are usually heavy, they maintain fixed schedules between certain points and regularly use roadways to which they have contributed little. In maintaining fixed schedules it is almost necessary for them to assume certain privileges over other traffic. The wear and tear on state-maintained highways by commercial buses is concededly heavy and far in excess of the amount they contribute for repair and maintenance.

So far as the use of highways is concerned, it appears that motor buses might rightfully be placed under the supervision of the highway commission, but there are other questions to be taken into consideration. Steam roads and electric lines are subject to the public service commission, which sets up rules and regulations, fixes schedules and arbitrates differences between the carriers and the public. Motor buses are in direct competition, both in passenger and freight service, with railroads and interurbans, and it would seem only fair that all carriers by placed under the supervision of the same body. We do not believe there is any danger of the public service commission fixing regulations for motor buses that would make such service prohibitive. Motor transportation has a distinct place in Indiana. In this city, for instance, motor buses are used as feeder lines to the interurbans and railroads. A schedule of passenger and freight service from Seymour to communities off railroads is made possible by motor buses.

Shippers who use bus lines are entitled to ordinary precautionary measures. They have a right to know that if shipments are damaged in transit the carrier is financially responsible for the loss, the same as if they ship over railroads or interurbans. The problem of regulating buses is a difficult one as they use a right-of-way for which their competitors pay a large sum each year in taxes to build and maintain. That right-of-way belongs to the public to which other motorists have equal right. The legislature should see that bus service is protected without interfering with public rights. It appears that the public service commission is the proper body in which to vest such supervision.—Seymour Republican.

There is always something to find pleasure in if you are a genuine optimist. An eastern exchange discovers. The value of toys and games entering the United States from foreign countries in 1924 will be about \$7,000,000 according to the National City bank, New York city, and the total exports and imports of toys and games in the last 10 years, "although a World War period, is more than \$79,000,000." The value of the output of toys by American manufacturers has advanced from \$4,000,000 in 1909 to \$55,000,000 in 1923. Among other

Flashlights of Famous People

Face to Face With TOM MIX

The Wild West Hero of the Screen

The spirit of the Alamo is still aglow in the Lone Star State. Tom Mix was born in Texas. You can tell that the moment you begin talking with him. It was in El Paso county, on January 6, 1880, that he emitted his first wild west whoop.

As soon as he was old enough he became a cowboy and rode the ranges of the Southwest on to Wyoming, Montana, and the Canadian line. Before he had a mustache he enlisted in the army and served in the Philippines, the Spanish-American War and the Boxer uprising in China. For his bravery in the latter campaign he received a medal and a citation. Later he could not resist the call of the bugle and enlisted in the British army during the Boer War, and fought in South Africa in the siege of Ladysmith.

With such a war record behind him it is not surprising that he was elected sheriff of Montgomery county, Kansas, when he returned home to "settle down." He made a success of his job as an officer of the law and was later elected to the same position in Washington county, Oklahoma. When he completed his term of office there he was made Deputy United States Marshal and enforcement officer of the Eastern District of Oklahoma. This position was too tame for Tom, and so he enlisted in the Texas Rangers. After three years with this militant outfit he was made foreman of the famous "101 Ranch" in Oklahoma, and as a real cowboy won many national riding contests and rodeos throughout the West.

In 1910 he became interested in wild west movies. He finally determined that pictures of this type were his sphere and applied to a director who tested his histrionic ability. When he had finished the director looked him over and said:

"As an actor you're rotten, but you certainly can ride. One the strength of your performance as a broncho buster you are hired."

His first picture was "The Feud," then came "Rough Riding Romance." Continuing in this line of picture, he soon became a popular hero with the movie fans.

Some thrilling experiences came to Tom Mix in the making of pictures. In the "Big Town Round-up" he had several hair-breadth escapes from death. In "The Speed Maniac" he experienced more real speed than in any other race of his life. There was no trick shooting in that reel. He

Editor's Note: Send ten names of your favorite famous folk; now living to Joe Mitchell, Chicago, The Attie, Waldorf Astoria Hotel, New York City. The readers of this paper are to nominate for this Hall of Fame.

hings, these figures show that there still are children, and adults also, who love toys and games. It is nice to know that most children are as human as those of the past and not scornful of playthings. It is nice to know that a woman 103 years old in New York is a cross-word puzzle enthusiast. There are people who would have us forget all play for the serious things of life. But look what has happened to some of the people who have.

If the right-of-ways can be secured between this city and the county line the contract for the new highway between here and Fort Wayne will be let next month and work will start early in the spring. That's an important statement and we hope that every land owner will cooperate with the committee and the commission, provided the plans are satisfactory when given here Friday evening. The road committee and the Decatur Industrial Association will stand with the farmers along the line and the meeting to be held here is one for the purpose of securing all the information, details and terms of right-of-ways. If every thing is satisfactory, then let's all hop to it and do the thing up in a few days.

Well we shall soon know now whether the legislature will do as Chairman Wall wants them to do—pass a few important bills and go home—or as Boss Stephenson says—appropriate so much money and pass so many foolish bills that we will all be sick. They meet Thursday and can continue sixty days but they can also adjourn any time they want to.



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"The great thing in pictures is action—the kind that speaks louder than words."

seems fond of real "hornet's nest" situations. In the picture of that name, the scenario of which he helped to prepare, he incorporated more of these situations than is usually included in the life of the average dare-devil.

With his usual self-reliance he wrote the scenarios for his last three pictures. Tom Mix in his library writing a novel is quite as interesting as Tom Mix in the studio. He acts the part out before a mirror a la "Merton of the Movies," and then sits down and writes about it. He gets in every motion and makes a notation of every facial expression, even to the lifting of an eyebrow or the curling of the lip. Everything is carefully recorded for, as he says:

"The great thing in pictures is action—the kind that speaks louder than words."

Tom has a way of mixing with his friends of the screen and stage, as well as those who have no part in the profession, which endears him to them all. His big success is "Teeth." It has set the movie fans on edge and exploited dentistry as a new adventure. It has the zipp and go of his many wild west pictures and was as adventuresome as life in the ranges in Texas at the time when Tom Mix was swinging a lariat to rope a heifer instead of a salary of six figures.

Tom is a tall man who maintains the bearing of a soldier. Quick and decisive in his motions, his big brown eyes have a genial smile in their depths that make you almost forget what he looks like. But even if you can't remember his facial expression once you have left him you know that you will never forget to like him. Speaking of training for pictures, Tom spoke like a real college professor:

"Study and work—you never know when what you have learned will be called for in a picture. I began in pictures, you know, because I could ride a horse."



WINTER SCENES AROUND
RIGDON

Corn-stalks standing, broken, wind-blown—

Faded gold on fields of snow,
Where the rabbit vainly hides him
From his hungry hunter-foe.

Through the stalk-fields and the stub-
ble

Where the clover grow so rank
Herds of cattle roam by frozen
Pools where they in summer drank.

Along the woody fencerows, sparrows
Feed from nature's bounteous
hand—

Providence thus proved its mercy—
Thus protects the farmers' land.

Every morning flying westward
Come the thinning flocks of crows,
Every evening, ere the sunset
Back again the current flows.

Smoke from half a hundred chimneys
Tells of warmth and friendly cheer,
While to country store and office
Farmers come from far and near.

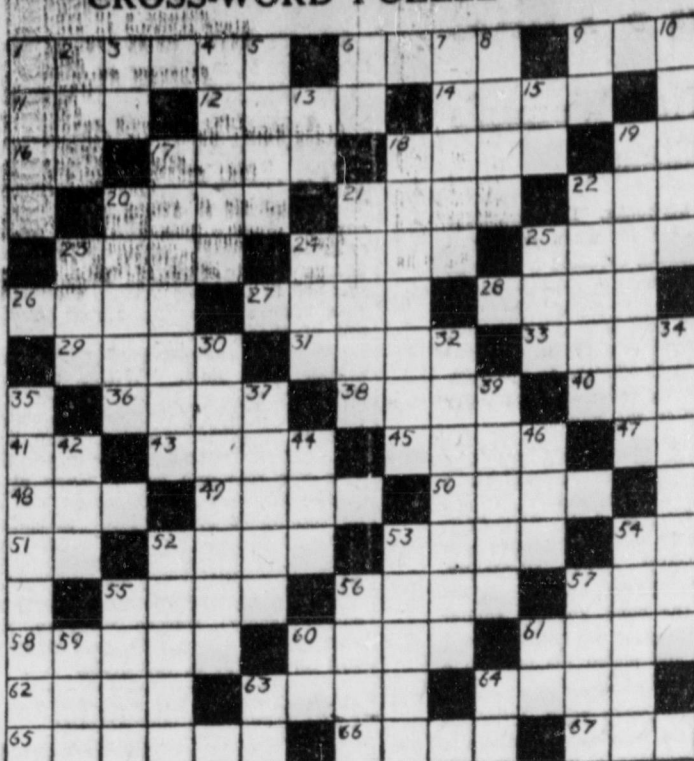
In the twilight farmhouse windows
Broadcast, "Neighbor folks, hellow!"
With a gleam, full, rich and ruddy,
Shining out across the snow.

—A. D. Burkett

New Highway Completed

Celina, Ohio, Jan. 6.—The new concrete highway from this city north to Mercer, has been completed and opened to traffic.

CROSS-WORD PUZZLE No. 31



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Horizontal.
1—Stiffen
6—Part of a ship
9—Short poem
11—Play on words
12—Italian city
14—Acquire by labor
16—Month of Hebrew calendar
17—Part of the whole
18—Transportation charge
19—Point of compass
20—Strike an attitude
21—Pace
22—Obstruct
23—External opening of the ear (pl.)
24—Turn toward
25—Quick a boy
26—Sail
27—Cleave
28—Like
29—Pain
30—Long narrative poem
31—Open slightly
32—Book
33—Only
34—Boy's name
35—Part of verb "to be"
36—Fish
37—Part of a church
38—Note of musical scale
39—Number below eleven
40—Mid
41—Term
42—Fringing meadows
43—Small
44—Fort
45—Like
46—Lunar measure (pl.)
47—English statesman (Eighteenth century)
48—Australian bird
49—Baking accessory (pl.)
50—Insignificant
51—Yawn
52—Chinese measure of account
53—West Java
54—Crumbly deposit, chiefly clay and calcium carbonate, used as a fertilizer
55—Acquired by labor
56—Ancient capital of Phoenicia
57—Like

Vertical.
1—Bridge
2—Vat
3—Article
4—Irritable
5—House
6—Personal pronoun
7—Quit
8—Challenge
9—Preposition
10—All
11—Not you
12—Note of musical scale
13—Cereal grass used for making molasses
14—Clique
15—Kind of shoes
16—Strike
17—Dwells monotonously on same subject
18—Stringed instrument
19—Snake
20—Enemy
21—Any of a family of extinct flightless birds resembling the ostrich
22—Foe
23—Brilliance
24—Give out again
25—Ballot's stew flavored with wine
26—Corrupt
27—Happening
28—Humans
29—Attempt
30—Finish
31—Fit for insertion into a mortise (carpenter's term)
32—Curly
33—Enough
34—Be afraid of
35—Kick
36—English title
37—By way of
38—Father
39—Southern state (abbr.)
40—Middle-western state (abbr.)
41—Personal pronoun

Solution will appear in next issue.

Solution of Puzzle No. 30.

KID ALE IDA
ORAL RAN KNEW
SINAI DRIVE
SCUD ITEM
EDEN EVEN
TAR SIEVE TAG
IS TEA GO
SPA MELOD BET
BIER EASY
WANT COPS
BASKET SKULLS
ODES ONE LAOS
MED POT YEW

***** TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY *****

From the Daily Democrat files
20 years ago this day

Indiana oil drops to 93 cents.

J. D. Hale installed as commander of Sam Henry Post, G. A. R.

Committee closes deal for purchase of lot from Amos Foreman for new Carnegie Library building.

Arthur Boery and Laurie Meyers leave for Geneva, Arkansas to work in a timber camp.

Skating at Steele's park pond, at 10c per.

C. M. S. gives informal ball at their club rooms.

Bluffton tax rate is fixed at \$4.48.

Mrs. W. A. Kuebler gives "kitchen" shower for Miss Emma Jackson.

Messrs. Coverdale, Linn, Stone, Spangler, Kirsch, Teeple and Niblick elected on Decatur Cemetery Association board.

Big Features Of RADIO Programs Today

TUESDAY'S BEST RADIO

WEAF, New York, 432-M, WFL, Philadelphia, 395-M, WCAE, Pittsburgh, 463-M, WEEI, Boston, 303-M, WGR, Buffalo, 319-M, 9 p. m. (E.S.T.)—Oriental program by Eveready En-

tertainers, including "In a Persian Garden."

WGY, Schenectady, 380-M, WRC, Washington, 469-M, and WJY, New York, 405-M, 8:15 p. m. (E.S.T.)—WGY Players in "Rosemary," comedy drama.

WCX, Detroit, 517-M, 10 p. m. (E. S.T.)—Red Apple Club.

WBAP, Fort Worth, 476-M, 9:30 p. m. (C.S.T.)—Rotary club program.

***** AUCTION SCHOOL NEWS *****

—by—

"Bob" C. Smith

Better late than never! That is what Mr. Chester L. Tanner, of Florence, Kentucky, and Mr. Louis Exgensperger, of Dayton, Ohio, had to say when they came into the school today, just one week late. It was surprising to the students, however to know how readily they grasped the idea of selling.

Bargains! Bargains! "Nothing else," are being had at the evening auction sales held by the students. A new supply must be purchased to continue the sales for the students have sold out almost the entire stock that was on hand.

A treat was in store for the Auction students at the Yeomen's hall Monday evening. We were invited to the hall and were delightfully entertained by Decatur's social leaders, old and young. A cake-walk was staged and all joined in and made contributions. Col. Pettit was the fortunate one to receive the cake and it was immediately put up and sold at auction after a short toast by Col. Pettit. Mr. Bottema sold the cake very satisfactorily. Following this several boxes of candy were offered at auction, and all sold satisfactorily by the new auctioneers. Many enjoyed the square dances, but the feature of the evening was staged when Mr. Bergquist sang in mel-low tones while the violin and piano played a dreamy waltz that would make the birds in the trees wake up and sigh to the beautiful tone of the singer and the soft footsteps of the dancers.

All of us want to thank the people of Decatur for the hospitality shown to us student auctioneers and faculty. Last Sunday was "all out to church day" and the students made it one hundred per cent. Three accepted Christ, (that is known of) and prob-

ably more will before the school term closes. In order to make a first class auctioneer it is necessary to be a leader in the things that are right, and this starts first in the church.
Cal Yost, made a business trip to Cherubusco this morning.
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Resolution No. 1

Be it resolved, That I will put aside all extravagant habits and expensive follies, and shall, hereafter, place all of my earnings excepting my necessary expenses and a nominal amount for recreation and advancement in a savings account drawing compound interest.

Be It Further Resolved, That I shall at once start a savings account by making a deposit with the

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MILK Tall cans Pet, Carnation 10c
or Borden's Milk.....
Small Cans.....5c

BROOMS 5 Sewed Quality Brooms 45c
Regular 60c value, ONLY

Corn Meal New Yellow or White 5c
Granulated, lb.

FLOUR Gooch's Wonder Bread Flour 1.40
24 pounds for
48 pounds for.....\$2.80

ONIONS Yellow Danver Onions 25c
11 lbs. for.....

Oranges Sun Kist Naval Oranges 35c
Not the small size. Dozen

Apricots Large cans California 20c
Apricots in syrup.....
Dozen cans for.....\$2.32



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