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The weather last evening and this morning was of the gray, damp brand, not conducive to good cheer but we are all thankful that during the past week the farmers have made much progress in getting out their corn and beets.

Write Congressman A. H. Vestal and Senators Watson and Robinson and urge that they take care of the interests of Decatur in the proposed "pork" bill. We have waited long and patiently. Let's show a little pep now.

Thanksgiving Day was fittingly observed here and the occasion was the usual happy one. Of course today most of the folks are trying to get over the effects of too much to eat and finishing what was left from the feast but happy over the recollections of a happy day.

The football season is over and we are sorry. It's a fine, clean, outdoor sport that helps to make one forget the troubles and worries of every day life. It's good for the folks to be interested in how the games will result and it's fine to take an occasional day or half day off to witness this great American sport.

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**Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle**

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er director, Earl Crawford, in his efforts to place the Indiana state highway commission on a business basis and to remove its administration from political influences, and we respectfully request his reappointment."

While conditions appear better than a few months ago, we insist that healthy good times cannot come until the farmer sells his crop and his years work at a profit. It costs an average of sixty-eight cents per bushel to raise corn in the middle west. There is no justice in forcing them to sell that crop at from fifty to sixty cents. The farmer must work twelve to fifteen hours a day for months to produce the crop upon which we live throughout the year and until he is paid in comparison with returns from other labor conditions will continue bad. There should be some means of guaranteeing to the farmer payment for his work even when crops are large enough to produce a surplus.

Publicity is a great thing and the oftener we receive complimentary notices in the metropolitan newspapers and magazines, the oftener they talk about Decatur, the better it is for the community. In the recent issue of Literary Digest appears a half page advertisement for the Ferguson Construction company of Cleveland. It contains a picture of the General Electric plant at Decatur, together with the statement that it was built under a contract by which they received a bonus for completing the building ahead of schedule and referring to the local plant as one of the most modern and best of the G. E. branches. A full page circular sent out by Doubleday, Page & Company, famous publishers, contains a reprint from one of French Quien's articles on the Gene Stratton-Porter memorial. These things all count and should help us in making this a better community, better known.

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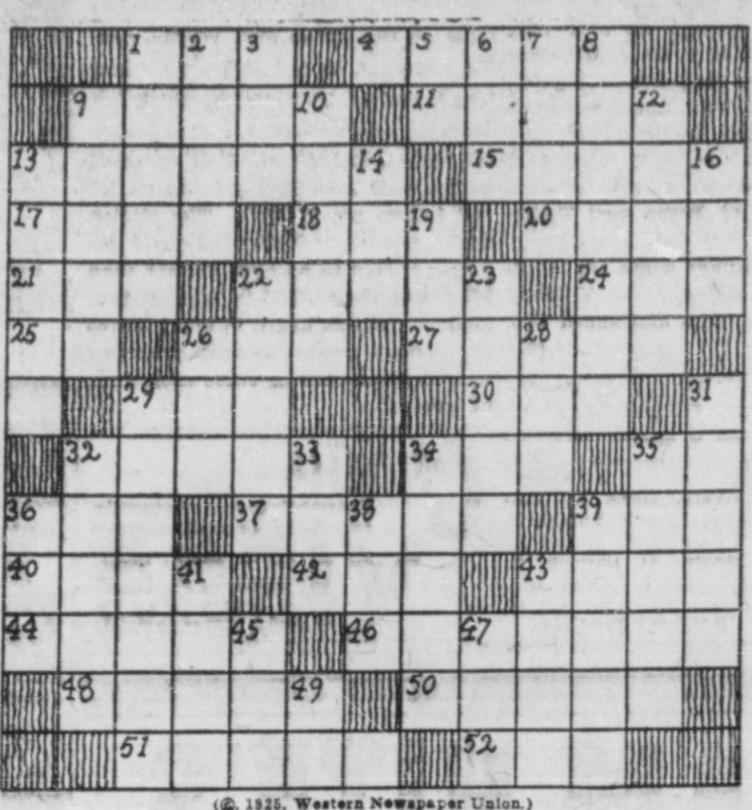
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**DAILY DEMOCRAT CROSS-WORD PUZZLE**



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**Horizontal.**

- 1—Cry of a sheep
- 4—Domestic animal
- 5—A paper
- 12—Water container
- 13—In that place
- 17—Rodents
- 20—Butter substitute
- 21—Anger
- 24—Ignition (abbr.)
- 25—Personal pronoun
- 26—Battle
- 29—To prohibit
- 30—Small carpet
- 32—To jab
- 33—To hire
- 34—The man
- 35—Rude house
- 36—Boy's name
- 38—Vehicles
- 42—Metal
- 44—To soften
- 45—To try
- 50—Bones of the leg
- 51—Tears
- 52—Printing measures

Solution will appear in next issue.

**Vertical.**

- 11—Hastened
- 18—To pilfer
- 22—Ability
- 27—Rotates
- 36—Distant
- 48—Scarce
- 49—Taste
- 53—Sediments
- 54—At this time
- 55—Hour (abbr.)
- 56—To devour
- 57—Reverberation
- 58—Potato skin
- 59—Journal of personal activities
- 60—Mistake
- 61—Sediments
- 62—Atrocious
- 63—Indefinite period of time
- 64—To waver
- 65—Sediments
- 66—To dry
- 67—Sediments
- 68—To chafe
- 69—Doctrinaire
- 70—Buckets
- 71—Warm
- 72—Stringed instrument
- 73—Brother of a religious order
- 74—By way of
- 75—Condemns
- 76—To conserve
- 77—To stop a horse
- 78—Over there
- 79—Definite article
- 80—Road (abbr.)

**THE POOR FISH**

Said the fish to the man . . .  
On the rivulet's brink,  
As he reached for a bottle  
And started to drink:  
"I am just a poor fish;  
And when hungry I eat;  
I am lured to my death  
By what seems to be meat!"

"It is true I'm a fool,  
And I don't stop to look  
When a minnow I see  
If it's tied to a hook,  
I take a long chance  
For the food I require,  
But not every minnow  
Is tied to a wire."

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**Indiana Is Becoming Large Industrial State**

Indianapolis, Nov. 27.—(United Press)—Indiana will soon be one of the largest industrial states in the nation, according to Lionel B. Edie, director of business research of the school of commerce and finance at Indiana university.

The prediction was made today by Edie to the Indiana Development council of the Indiana State Chamber of Commerce and other organizations which are preparing for an "all Indiana" campaign.

The development problem of the state, Edie, said, centers around the bringing to Indiana of industries which have a large demand for the state products.

"The mining industries alone cannot become of sufficient importance to hold large possibilities of growth and expansion," the report said. "By drawing upon the resources of metals, Indiana can develop the manufacture of iron and steel. The possibilities of expansion by this general course of action are great."

Schools Asked To Observe Indiana Day

Indianapolis, Ind., Nov. 27.—Dr. H. N. Sherwood, State Superintendent of Public Instruction has issued a statement asking the school officials of the state to make a proper observance of Indiana Day, December 11. In writing the school officials, Superintendent Sherwood said in part:

"The last General Assembly made December 11, "Indiana Day," inasmuch as our state was admitted to the union on December 11, 1816. It was not the intention of the Legislature to add a holiday to our present long list but rather to set aside a day on which we might commemorate the achievements of our state and stress the qualities that make for good citizenship.

"With the admission of Indiana, the Union numbered nineteen states. It was then a going concern. It had

weathered two storms that seriously threatened its existence, one made historic by the Kentucky-Virginia resolutions, the other by the Hartford convention. Indiana came into the union after the Hartford convention. Her people had faith in the national government and federal constitution. It was another manifestation of what, in all probability is the outstanding single fact in our history, the victory of the forces of union over those of separation.

"This day also calls to mind the contribution of the United States in the field of government. What was once thirteen sovereign and independent states with rivalry and jealousy became a union in a federal state. It was the first state of this kind in the history of the world. Other states organized after this pattern have appeared. Today we talk about the United States of Europe. It is a compliment to the idea of federal government which America has given the world.

"The anniversary of Indiana's admission to the Union is an excellent time to emphasize the duty of voting. It is said that in the last general election only fifty-one per cent of our voters went to the polls. No one is entitled to the privileges and protection of our government who fails to meet the obligations of citizenship. It is just as necessary to vote as to pay taxes. Good citizens should weigh the issues of the day and voice their sentiment at the polls.

**Newspaper Ads Bring Large Profit To The City Of Richmond, Ind.**

Richmond, Ind., Nov. 27.—The city of Richmond has \$2,000 today to spend in newspaper advertising of its municipal electric light plant.

A 10 to 15 percent increase in the plant's business in recent years was attributed entirely to newspaper advertising and the city "dads." In fixing the 1926 budget, included \$2,000 to continue advertising in the newspapers next year.

**Girl Falls In Love With Man Who Says He Is Martin Durkin**

Chicago, Nov. 27.—(United Press)—

Introduced to a man whose name was given as Martin Durkin, Anna Epperson, 20, of South Bend, Indiana, immediately fell in love with him, and a few days later wrote to her father, R. Epperson, 404 East Donald street, South Bend, and told him that she was going to marry Durkin.

"I know he is a murderer," the letter said, "but we all have our faults."

Epperson became alarmed and got into communication with the Chicago police. Police conducted a raid on a local rooming house yesterday and arrested Anna and several men.

The man whom she was going to marry was Sam Albane. Albane was released when he said it was only a joke about his being Durkin.

Anna and two men were due in morals court late today.

**Two Killed In Gun Battle In Chicago**

Chicago, Nov. 27.—(United Press)—

Sergeant James Carroll and Ben Custer, a taxicab driver were killed and another policeman and a civilian were severely wounded here today by four men, who police think were beat on robbery.

First reports were that the leader of the band was Martin Durkin, the "shooting sheik" who has killed a federal official and a policeman in two sensational shooting escapades.

Captain Benjamin Enright, after an investigation, declared the affair was an attempted hold-up.

Carroll and Patrolman James Henry were on guard in a saloon on South Halstead street on a tip that Durkin was in the neighborhood. Near 4 a.m., there was a rap on the door. It was opened and four men rushed in and started shooting. Carroll and Custer fell dead, and Henry and Gus Soeldner dropped, severely wounded. The four men then ran out and disappeared.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**In Memory of Lewis C. DeVoss**

Lewis Cass DeVoss, son of David and Dorcas DeVoss, was born August 28, 1848 in Randolph county, Indiana. He was admitted to the Bar in the year 1882, and shortly thereafter settled at Decatur, Indiana, where he at once entered upon the practice of his profession, and where he continued to live and to practice law until his death, which occurred on November 23, 1925. At the time of his death he was a member of the firm of DeVoss & DeVoss, the firm consisting of himself and his son, Huber M. DeVoss.

The Jay County Bar had a very high regard for Mr. DeVoss, both as a man and as a lawyer, and the news of his death is a great shock to us. Mr. DeVoss was one of the ablest trial lawyers in the state, and his death is a distinct loss to the Adams County Bar and to the people of Adams county.

With the Adams County Bar and the people of Adams county the Jay County Bar mourn his loss, and extend to his bereaved family our sincerest sympathy.

JAMES J. MORAN,

JOHN M. SMITH,

TODD WHIPPLE,

EMERSON MCGRIFF,

R. D. WHEAT.

Committee of the Jay County Bar Association.

**Ouch! Lumbago Pain! Rub Backache Away**

Instant Relief with a small trial bottle of old "St. Jacobs Oil"

Kidneys cause Backache? No!

They have no nerves, therefore can not cause pain. Listen! Your backache is caused by lumbago, sciatica or a strain, and the quickest relief is soothing, penetrating "St. Jacobs Oil."

Rub it right on your painful back, and instantly the soreness, stiffness and lameness disappears. Don't stay crippled! Get a small trial bottle of "St. Jacobs Oil" from your druggist and limber up. A moment after it is applied you'll wonder what became of the backache or lumbago pain.

Rub old, honest "St. Jacobs Oil" whenever you have sciatica, neuralgia, rheumatism or sprains, as it is absolutely harmless and doesn't burn the skin.

**Chicago and Return at Fare and One-half Nov. 29 to Dec. 4 (inclusive)**