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During the sixth inning at the ball game Sunday a roan team of horses which were hitched to a light surrey took fright at one of the ball players running after a foul ball, broke loose and started down the race track. An effort was made to stop them as they started, but they eluded their captors and went the full half mile in time that would have made Lou Dillon ashamed of herself. The team was finally captured near the grand stand by one of the Chattanooga ball players. No damage was done to speak of, by the team in their wild run, although the track was lined with rigs.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Teeple left last Sunday for Boulder, Colorado, where they will visit for some time with relatives and look over the great Northwest. Mr. Teeple has severed his connection with the Hub clothing store and will take this trip before fully determining what he will do. Mr. Teeple has for the past six months been acting in the capacity of head clerk and assistant buyer for B. Kalver & Sons, and gave perfect satisfaction while there. His place will be taken by Robert Ehinger. Mr. Teeple stated to a representative of this paper that the cause of his resignation was due to too close confinement, and that he expected from this on to do outside work.

About the only new developments in the affairs of the Cincinnati, Bluffton & Chicago railroad is the filing of three more mechanics' liens by H. Blodgett and F. H. Bracey. Blodgett has two claims, one of \$45,722.88 and another of \$5,869.30 and he files his liens against right of way, franchises, roadway, ties and steel. F. E. Broey's claim is for \$50,000 against franchises, right of way, roadbed, track, fences, sidetrack, building bridges and water tanks. Both the claimants were connected with the construction of the line. Bracey was construction manager for the entire line and Blodgett was subcontractor for four miles of grading from this city westward. Everything is moving smooth along the railroad. The ballasting is going along rapidly and the bed is being put in first class condition.—Portland Commercial Review.

Decatur horsemen shipped to Winchester last night eight of the fastest steppers that have ever left our city to win laurels on the turf. These horses are pacers and trotters and all have marks worthy former campaign service. The string left last evening over the Grand Rapids railroad and under the care of that veteran trainer and driver, Dick Sillick, who is confident that he will return with the long end of the money. For weeks this trainer has been working his horses out and getting them into condition and the eight horses that left last evening were in the best possible shape. The names of the horses that he took with him are True-worth, trotter with a mark of 2:21 1/4. Little Dick, a pacer with a 2:20 mark. Dazzard, a pacer with no mark; Chilcote, a young trotter; Charlie R a fast colt; Van Camp, a coming trotter; Foreman a fast trotter, and Vizzard a most promising pacer. With this bunch Decatur should certainly be well represented on the turf this fall.

The postmaster general has sent out orders to the postoffices concerning some rather important changes in the rural route rules. Hereafter all mail boxes on the rural routes will have to be equipped with suitable signals for the purpose of indicating whether or not there is mail therein. Another important change, and one that will work for economy for the farmer as well as less labor for the carrier, is that two or more families will be allowed to use one mail box providing that the families sign an agreement and file it with the postmaster. This will do away with so many boxes at cross roads and lanes which are not traveled by the carrier. The postmasters will be allowed to order for prospective patrons an approved box selected by the patron and upon the patron's request, he shall but he will not be allowed to receive compensation for the act. In some places there are cross roads where patrons have boxes and it makes an array of them that is startling. Under this new ruling a multiplicity of boxes can be avoided where patrons desire to do it, and would result in a saving to them.

The singing of Miss Carrie Thomas at Sunday's Methodist services was a feature that delighted the vast throng who heard her. She is a sweet and prepossessing girl and has a cultured voice such as you seldom hear. Her legion of friends were lavish in their bestowal of praise and congratulations upon her distinction as a singer. She has a bright future, and a multitude of friends who wish her well.

The Union Chappel Sabbath school is making arrangements to hold a Sunday School picnic August 20th. There has already been twenty-nine invitations issued to twenty-nine different Sunday schools and it is thought that the most of them will be in attendance. A real good old-fashioned picnic is predicted and a social good time with plenty to eat is guaranteed. This Sabbath school has attended many picnics as a school within the last ten years, and has not had any of its own within that time, so the officers of the school are endeavoring to conduct a picnic on the date mentioned that will make up all the lost time and we believe it will be safe to say that they will do as they advertise and if any one fails to attend they will regret it afterwards.

Monday was the last day of grace for the little squirrel. After Monday they are common prey and may be shot and killed provided the owner of the woods in which they happen to have their den does not put up a sign warning hunters away. This year the squirrels have had two more months in which to frisk and play about their old den trees than usual, the last legislature out of the kindness of its big heart passed a law that gave the little fellows immunity for this much longer time. Squirrels are plentiful this year. Every woods where there is enough timber to furnish them with good dens resounds with their scolding and parties who have been picnicking and have had an opportunity for observing say there are more of them in the woods than for many years past. It is hoped that they escape with their lives again, not wishing any hunter bad luck but just wishing that the squirrels have the long odds.

Mrs. Lulie Clay Brock, of Cynthia Ky., is in town soliciting funds to be used in the defense of Caleb Powers, who is serving a life sentence in the penitentiary of the Blue Grass state for complicity in the murder of Gov. Goebel. The history of the nine trials of the case is so fresh in the minds of the readers of the daily papers that it is no longer a matter of news. Mrs. Brock is one of the official representatives of the organization which is endeavoring to create a fund of sufficient proportions to meet the expense of carrying the case through the United States Supreme court. The friends and relatives of Powers believe him innocent, and have already exhausted all the means in contesting the case in the state courts. Mrs. Brock is stopping at the Hotel Marsh. One of the contributions received by her today was the sum of \$20.00 from republican office holders and others prominent in the affairs of that party. Mrs. Brock left on the afternoon train for Greenville.—Van Wert Bulletin.

A Portland dispatch says: For the alleged "swiping" of the affections of another woman's husband, Mrs. Neece, of Decatur, was thoroughly thrashed on the streets by the wronged woman Thursday and was run out of town. Mrs. Neece came here from Decatur ostensibly as a housekeeper for widowers and claimed to be in quest of a situation. But she seemed to find more fascination among married men so the story goes, and among other things, held clandestine meetings with the husband of a woman who was not lacking in pluck. Mrs. Neece was leaving a restaurant near the Lake Erie depot last evening when she was accosted by Mrs. Bud Hudson. Mrs. Hudson was angry and after but a word she "waded in". Besides giving the woman a number of physical welts, she went after her head gear and other wearing apparel. A hat and jacket were reduced to rags and raw material and then tramped in to the earth. The restaurant keeper rescued the Decatur woman, who left town on one of the night trains. It there is any truth to the article the lady must be using an assumed name, as no one recognizes her by the name of Neece.

The case of the state of Indiana vs Val Snell was heard Saturday before 'Squire Smith. The charge was provoke and the prosecuting witness was Mrs. Ollie Radcliff, who claimed Val had talked about her. About ten or twelve witnesses were examined and Squire Smith's decision was for the defendant, the young man going acquit.

Charles McBarnes, the young son of Joe McBarnes, met with a serious accident Monday morning while assisting his father in cutting wood for William Arnold, who lives just south of the county infirmary. Charles had picked up a large chunk and laid it down in the proper shape to strike and when the ax came down it hit the wood in a gancing manner throwing the ax over against his left foot cutting clear through the shoe and cutting a gash in his foot four inches long. The young man was at once placed in a buggy and hurried to town. Dr. McMillen dressed the wound, requiring a number of stitches to close them up. One of the leaders of his toes was severed completely. The young man has quite a sore foot and it will be some time before he will be able to get about.

Thursday morning at an early hour Officer Fenstermaker arrested one Edith Kessler, aged twenty years, on the public square and lodged her in the county jail with a charge of insanity against her. On Saturday night she was ejected from the home of J. B. Adkins, for whom she had been working as a domestic, for alleged unseemly conduct, and early Sunday morning was found asleep on the back porch at the home of W. H. Fowler at 235 Maple Lane. She stayed at the Fowler home all day Sunday, leaving there at night on Sunday and being found on the square yesterday morning as indicated above. The young woman came to this city from Chattanooga, in Mercer county, and about two months ago was summoned home by the death of her father, who committed suicide by hanging. She never seemed exactly right mentally since her return, and it is thought the shock of her father's death unbalanced her mind.—Lima Gazette.

On and touching the 3rd 4th and 5th general storm conditions will develop and pass from west to east across the country. Sections which have been visited by many electrical, rain and hail storms during much of July and August, will most likely have the same character of storms during this period, but sections which have had little rain for weeks prior, we fear will get more threatening storm clouds and bluster than rain during these disturbances. After heavy storm and bluster about the 3rd, 4th and 5th look for rising barometer, westerly winds and cooler. On and touching the 8th and 9th, under the influence of reactionary storm forces the temperature will rise to some of the highest readings of the summer, the barometer will fall and severe storms and bluster will visit many localities in their sweep from west to east. This heated spell will not break down until after the new moon on the 11th, with strong probabilities that it will last to the regular storm period extending from the 12th to the 17th.

It is reported from New Orleans that Jeremiah Schell, formerly of Bryant and Fort Wayne, is at the head of a \$600,000 irrigation scheme in Louisiana which is one of the biggest undertakings of the kind in the world. Schell, it will be remembered was a former business man of Bryant and better remembered for his connection with the J. F. Schell Loan & Investment company of Fort Wayne. At Bryant he built a heading factory which he afterwards placed in the hands of a stock company, taking the management to himself. This failed and \$28,000 was lost to the stockholders. From there he went south and then to Fort Wayne. He organized the investment company which went along smoothly for nearly two years and then the crash came and over a hundred thousand dollars was lost to investors. He was very prominent in church and Sunday school work and made friends. There never was, perhaps, a more successful promoter or better talker, and nothing is too big for him to undertake. A number of Adams county citizens have paid him handsomely for their acquaintance with this prince of grafters.

The large bank barn of Henry Peters who lives one and one-half miles north of Magley was completely destroyed by fire Sunday morning at two o'clock, and his loss will reach in the neighborhood of \$1500, which amount is partly covered by insurance. The Preble Township Insurance company carried the risk. Mr. Peters is at a loss to tell how the barn took fire, but is of the opinion that it was combustion. He also had a fine registered bull burned, also fifty tons of hay and two hundred bushels of grain.

Passengers on the G. R. & I. northbound train Saturday evening witnessed a small-sized riot in which everyone luckily escaped with nothing worse than bruises. The scrap occurred in the smoker and was participated in by four young toughs who had boarded the train at Fort Wayne. The car was crowded and when one of the scrapers drew a big revolver and tried to shoot, there was some real excitement. The conductor finally called for assistance and succeeded in distributing the disturbers along the track at intervals of five or ten miles.

From Domestic comes a story of brutish cruelty. Manuel Reece, according to the story which has reached here from seemingly reliable sources, one day last week attacked his aunt a woman past 70 years of age and choked her in such a manner that fears are entertained of her ultimate recovery. Reece is a man about 45 years of age, and he resides in Nottingham township, southwest of Domestic. Some time during the later part of last week he went to the house of his father, southwest of Linn Grove, in Adams county, and assisted in cutting the wheat crop. He was driving the horse to the binder, using a long fish pole to whip them. During the day he broke the pole and went to the house after another. His aunt was at the house when he arrived and she told him that she couldn't supply him with a pole, probably for the reason that she knew of no other. This angered Reece and it is claimed that he made a vicious assault upon her. According to the story Reece seized her by the throat and choked her so hard that a blood vessel in her throat was burst as a result of his cruel force. The aged woman has been confined to her bed since that time and has been under the care of a physician. It is said that the matter will be brought to the attention of the Prosecutor Moran of Decatur, and if he does not take action the grand jury will be given the facts. Public indignation is greatly aroused and Reece is being universally condemned. He is a married man, having a family. Those who know him say that he is of ungovernable temper and a perfect demon whenever aroused.—Portland Commercial Review. Prosecutor Moran was interviewed this afternoon and stated that he had heard nothing of the affair. Unless someone acquainted with the facts will file an affidavit, then the proper course will be for the grand jury to investigate and this will be done. Should the old lady die however, it is probable that some one will file an affidavit immediately.

The corner stone laying at Mount Pleasant will occur tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock and no doubt a large crowd will attend. Rev. McCarty requests us to announce that everyone is invited. The regular Sunday services will be held at Alpha church tomorrow morning at 10:30.

The Commercial club committee composed of H. R. Moltz J. T. Merryman J. W. Tyndall and F. M. Schirmeyer brought cheering news from the president of the Clover Leaf. By invitation they spent Thursday with him in Toledo, and that conference disclosed their readiness to take up the proposition of a Clover Leaf division for Decatur. The terms of the same are short and sweet, and show the same business sentiment that was so noticeable in Mr. Shonts, the president, during the negotiations several months ago. They want the ground which in dimensions is no small affair, seven tracks to be used at once, and they want the wherewith to erect a twelve-stall round house. In addition to this they themselves will build an ice plant for the icing of their beef trains and other perishable freight and which in itself will employ some twenty men. They will build an elevator and make Decatur a railroad terminal division freight and passenger. The estimated cost of what is expected from here is \$20,000. The round house will cost \$12,000 and it will be one of the largest in use. In a few days or a week President Shonts will forward in writing what they will do and what they expect the citizens here to do, and then with this clearly outlined, a petition will be presented the county commissioners and a special election asked, so that every legal voter in Washington township may register their approval or disapproval of the project. It is by far the best business proposition ever offered, and the amount of money it will take to locate this valuable railroad industry, will come back in taxes in less than ten years. It is the kind of business that has a ready season twelve months in the year. Besides the direct benefit from the railroad the increased population have to live like other people and that means more houses and a greater demand for the necessities and luxuries of life. In fact it will be the greatest industrial revival that ever struck this corner of the earth, and every man woman and child will be the recipient of untold commercial benefits. According to the terms already set out, it is now up to us. If the people here are in earnest about their manifestations of wishing to make Decatur greater and better now is the opportune time. The division means a great deal more than the division. It means many more hundreds people, many hundreds more homes occupied, many hundreds more people to be fed and clothed, many hundreds more newspapers to read and all this means that the taxable valuable will be perceptibly increased. In short and in fact, it is a proposition that can not be adversely considered for even a single second. It is now thought that a special election can be pulled off before another month and it is now time for every person to begin an active personal campaign in favor of making Decatur a railroad city.

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