

TWO INNINGS IN A SEA OF MUD

Van Wert Fandom and I-O
Teams Defied Weather
Man Thursday.

MUNCIE GAME IN DOUBT.

ATHLETIC PARK IS A SEA OF
MUD AND GAME MAY NOT BE
POSSIBLE—MASON FINED BY
NATIONAL COMMISSION.

(By Tort)

Van Wert fandom, after having two opening games postponed, arose in its might yesterday and defied the extremely damp weather merchant. The honk, honk wagons were assembled, and in a drizzle the Richmond and Van Wert teams were escorted to the park, where a big crowd of half-drowned, but eager fanatics, roared with delight when the mayor strode through the sea of mud, made a neat little opening address and then pitched the ball across the plate.

After two rounds of desperate fighting against the weather merchant and J. Blivius, the two teams gave up the contest, which resulted in a draw, 5 to 5. Brown started in to twirl for Richmond. He found it impossible to control the mud-caked ball and before the close of the round five Buckeyes had scamped over the plate. In the second round Richmond began to get busy and tied up the score. It was then decided to call the farcial game.

Richmond is billed to open the local season today with Muncie as the attraction, but it is extremely doubtful if the game will be called owing to the fact that Athletic park is a sea of mud. It will take lots of hot sunshine to make the diamond at Athletic park fit to play on.

It was learned today that Neil Mason, one of the local twirlers, has been fined \$200 by the National Commission for failure to report to the Keweenaw, Ill., club of the Central Association. Mason accepted terms with that club this year, but when he received an offer from the Richmond club he decided that he would report there. The Indiana-Ohio league is still an "outlaw" organization, notwithstanding the fact that the league constitution provides that the league shall be under national protection and a class D organization. As long as the league remains "outlaw" Mason can remain with the locals, but should the league go under protection it will be necessary for him to report to the Keweenaw club. Van Wert is harboring one outlaw player, Manager Louie Hunt, who is the property of the Sharon, O. P. league club, and Huntington is harboring one outlaw player, Pitcher Prough, who is the property of one of the clubs in the Iowa State league. Even though several valuable players would be lost by the league becoming affiliated with organized baseball, this step should be taken, and without further loss of time.

WHO WILL WIN?

NATIONAL LEAGUE.			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Chicago	11	4	.733
Pittsburgh	9	4	.692
New York	10	7	.588
Boston	10	8	.556
Philadelphia	8	9	.471
Cincinnati	5	7	.417
Brooklyn	7	11	.389
St. Louis	3	13	.187

AMERICAN LEAGUE.			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Philadelphia	12	7	.632
Cleveland	9	6	.600
New York	10	7	.588
St. Louis	10	8	.556
Chicago	8	8	.500
Boston	8	11	.421
Washington	6	11	.353
Detroit	5	10	.333

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.			
	Won	Lost	Pct.
Indianapolis	14	5	.736
Columbus	12	7	.630
Milwaukee	12	7	.632
Toledo	10	6	.625
Louisville	13	8	.619
Kansas City	7	11	.389
St. Paul	5	15	.250
Minneapolis	3	16	.158

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS.

National League.	
No games.	Rain.
American League.	
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American Association.	
Indianapolis 2, Minneapolis 1.	
Louisville 3, St. Paul 0.	
Kansas City 1, Columbus 0.	
Milwaukee-Toledo—Rain.	

A baby girl has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Vance who reside in the Doddridge settlement, seven miles southeast of Centerville.

What Was Left.

"Mostly of Chicago" is the way a man described his residence. His characterization seems reasonable. When he was six years old, he cut off one of his toes with a scythe. When he was eight, he shot off two joints of one of his fingers. He ran away from home when he was fourteen, and the frost of a winter night took off three more toes and the tip of his nose. At twenty-five he lost his entire right foot. A drunken half-breed bit off an ear in the Klondike, a Dakota corn sheller took his left forearm, and since then he has lost three fingers, a joint from another finger and one eye.—Youth's Companion.

PATRY: Gold Medal Flour is very highest quality

Affairs of the Sporting World

(By Tort)

If the general dampness is not soon dispelled there will be heard all over the land resounding crashes of minor leagues going to the wall.

Every game in the National and American leagues was postponed yesterday on account of rain. This shows that the present contemptible weather is general throughout the country.

In the event that the weather does not clear up by tomorrow morning, the formal season opening of the Richmond Country club will be postponed.

Now that Hans Lobert gives promise of developing into one of the greatest stars in the game, the Cincinnati management is figuring on trading him to the St. Louis Nationals.

President Herman, of the Cincinnati

Reds denies that he has purchased Third Baseman Dave Brain of the Boston Nationals.

Now that tears and threats have failed to move the stony heart of the W. M., let's take the matter into the courts and get out an injunction against him.

Bull Durham, the Van Wert outfielder, is on the hospital list and has been sent to his home. Manager Hunt has ordered him to rejoin the team at Richmond, May 15. Wonder if it will still be raining then?

The Muncie team arrived here this morning ready for the opening series in this city. Manager Jessup wired to Manager Baird at Logansport last evening, telling him that it would be impossible to play here this afternoon, but as Baird and his hired men were in Muncie, the telegram did not reach him.

CONTINUED RAIN IS DOING DAMAGE

Every Day This Month the
Weather Man Has Been
Very Unkind.

ALL WORK IS DELAYED.

NOT ONLY ARE THE FARMERS
COMPLAINING BUT OTHERS IN
BUILDING TRADES HAVE KICK
TO REGISTER.

"Rain, rain, go away, come again another day." That means tomorrow. Just the use of setting the date any further in the future? It has rained every day this month. The total precipitation as recorded at the government station at the pump house of the water works company is 3.19 inches for seven days. The reading is made at night, so the rainfall of today has not been measured. The conditions in the city and country are practically the same. There is nothing but mud on the country roads and city streets.

The only difference is in the thickness. The country has the lead in this respect because the roads are not provided with drainage.

Construction work in the city has been delayed. Spring plowing and planting in the country have been prevented and farmers have begun their season of complaint. It is probable that contractors for public improvement will have to ask for extensions of time. The rain has interfered with their work to such an extent they have been unable to carry it on as rapidly as expected when the contract was made.

Various reports are made of the damage that will accrue from the ill will of the weather man. Telegraph reports from all sections of the United States indicate the rains are general. Great damage has been done in some vicinities and the flood stage is expected.

Conditions in Wayne county are serious in several localities. In the neighborhood of Economy many acres are under water and there is no prospect it will drain away in time to permit plowing and planting early enough to save the corn crop of the year.

Some farmers have been so pessimistic as to bid good bye to the corn crop and have asserted they will not attempt to raise corn.

The constant rain has had effect on the wheat crop and the blades are assuming a yellowish appearance. Wheat was damaged badly in some sections by the hail storm. Oats is not regarded as a very reliable crop and present indications are far from encouraging.

LEADS.

Apropos of beads, etymologists tell us the word comes from the rosaries which from time immemorial have been used to keep count of prayers, for "biddan" is to pray in the old Anglo-Saxon tongue, and "beadsman" is one employed to pray for others. "Beodan," to proclaim, is a kindred word and has its outcome in the "bidding prayer" of our universities, when pious founders are remembered to the edification of graceless undergraduates and in the "bidding" of an auction room, when one proclaims to what price one is willing to go. The tiny balls of wood or pearl or seeds or gems strung together for the purpose of counting prayers are used by Hindus worshipping of Buddha, by Greeks, by Persians, by Roman Catholics, and from those prayer chaplets the word has passed to mean any pierced round ornament.—Modern Society.

Driving Men From the Table.

Baptista Porta gives six processes for driving hearty eaters from the tables of great men. The most effective was to give them an hour before eating a glass of wine medicated with belladonna, so that attempts to masticate would occasion spasms of the jaw. The most disgusting was to set before the gluttonous viands sprinkled with dried hoppers' blood and pieces of cart-gut. He says, "If you cut sharp strings small and sprinkle them on hot flesh, the heat will twist them and they will move like worms."

His Victory.

A physical culture tutor said at the end of a recent women's boxing and fencing exhibition: "Physical culture among women, women's growing strength and pluck, lend interest to marriage, change marriage's complexion."

"How is poor Smithers gettin' on?" said one man to another.

"Well," said the other, "Smithers is now almost recovered from the beating he gave his wife last Saturday night."

—Los Angeles Times.

THREATENS ROBBINS WITH AN UMBRELLA

Mrs. Margaret Wyong Objects
To Questioning From
Attorney.

WIELAND CASE IN COURT.

WELL KNOWN MAN ACCUSED OF
COMMITTING ASSAULT AND
BATTERY UPON HIS LANDLADY
—HE ISSUES A DENIAL.

This morning in the city court the case of Harmon Wieland, charged with assault and battery on his landlady, Mrs. Margaret Wyong, was heard. Just before the case was called B. C. Robbins, attorney for the defendant, met Mrs. Wyong in the witness room and asked her to tell him her version of the affair. She told him that she would tell her story to the court. Mr. Robbins then asked the woman again to make a statement to him, warning her that she should tell the truth out of court as well as in court.

Mrs. Wyong became indignant and informed Mr. Robbins that if he insisted that there was a possibility of her telling a lie she would hit him over the head with her umbrella and then call an officer.

This little side feature to the case developed while Mr. Robbins was cross examining Mrs. Wyong. She indignantly informed the court that Mr. Robbins had attempted to quiz her prior to the hearing. Judge Converse informed her that any attorney had this right. She then said that Mr. Robbins had no business to talk to her as he did and that she had threatened to hit him with her umbrella.

In giving her testimony regarding the alleged assault and battery Wieland had committed on her, Mrs. Wyong stated that he and his wife boarded with her and that he owed her \$10 room rent. She said that he first refused to pay this but that after she had demanded a settlement Mrs. Wieland advanced \$7 to her. The following day, Mrs. Wyong stated, Wieland came to the house with an express wagon and attempted to remove his household goods. She told him and the expressman that she would not permit the removal of these goods until Wieland had made a final settlement, which amounted to \$3. They then walked past her and up the stairs. In a few minutes, she said, Wieland started down the stairs with a basket full of goods. She blocked his way and he jabbed her with the basket, knocking her against the wall. He then shoved her with his fist but she succeeded in upsetting the basket.

While Wieland was collecting his belongings, Mrs. Wyong stated she called to a woman to run for a police officer. She then went down stairs and locked the door. When Wieland came down stairs Mrs. Wyong informed him that she had a revolver and that she would use it on him if he attempted to place hands on her again. Wieland, she said, then handed her an envelope containing money. She said that Wieland remarked "there is your \$3." Mrs. Wyong stated that when she opened the envelope she found that there was only \$2.70 in it. On the witness stand Wieland testified that he did not assault the woman, but acted in self defense. He also said that he objected to paying the woman the full amount of her claim because it was more than he owed her.

After Judge Converse had heard all the evidence in the case he dismissed it, not believing that the testimony introduced by the state justified a conviction.

Just Like Rich Folks.

"Marshall Field, Jay Gould and Potter Palmer habitually carried only small amounts in their pockets," said the man who has a taste for the odd.

"Well," responded his friend, "when I am gone you can truthfully say the same about me."—Washington Herald.

The Lesser Evil.

"Of course," the tragedian was saying, "in the theatrical business a short run is bad."

"But," interrupted the critic, "a good, long walk is worse, isn't it?"—Exchange.

One Exception.

"You know," began Lovett, "it is said that 'love levels all things.'"

"Yes," remarked the crusty bachelor, "it may level all things except the lover's head."—Philadelphia Press.

Every man has just as much vanity as he lacks understanding.—Pope

CHARGES AGAINST FACTORY OWNERS

Claimed That They Do Not
Want Sale of Light Plant
Because of Low Rates.

EXAMINATION IS FAVORED.

THOUGHT THAT THE INNER
WORKINGS OF THE PLANT
SHOULD BE PLACED BEFORE
THE PUBLIC.

A local business man in replying to a communication signed by "W. W. S." and which appeared in the Palladium last Tuesday, states that those who are kicking so hard against the proposed sale of the municipal lighting plant to the Richmond Light, Heat & Power company, are factory owners who secure a greatly reduced rate from the city for light and power for their factories and for their homes. The citizen referred to, further states that so long as this condition of affairs exists the factory owners do not care a snap of their fingers whether the municipal plant is being operated at a loss and that it is the cause of keeping the tax rate at a high figure. The reply to the "W. W. S." article is as follows: Editor of Palladium:

Replying to the communication signed by W. W. S., printed in your paper Tuesday evening, May 5, would say that W. W. S. pictures a very deplorable state of affairs for the city if they should sell their light plant to the Light, Heat & Power company, or any other corporation.

Does W. W. S., or any other citizen, really believe that a franchise, wherein the maximum rate was established, could ever be broken or got around? Can he name one single instance where the maximum rate, established by a franchise was ever raised? There is no case on record of a corporation ever succeeding in raising the rates established by its franchise.

The communication of W. W. S. casts a reflection on the legal talent of our city. We certainly have a number of lawyers. In our city, any one of whom could prepare a franchise that would be impossible to break, especially on the rate question.

W. W. S. in his communication is giving his views from the standpoint of a factory owner, which between the lines reads as follows:

Fellow Citizens and Taxpayers—You pay the regular rate to the city for light and bear the expense of maintaining the city light plant so that we factory owners, (the favored few) can get our light and power for our factories and our homes, at a greatly reduced rate. We know that the expense of operating the city plant has been, and will be, the cause of raising the tax rate, but our saving in operating expense, on account of very low rate at which we secure current for light and power purposes at our factories, will more than offset the extra amount, if any, that we would have to pay, due to the increase in the tax rate.

Do not permit an investigation of the books in the office of the city light plant, for that would show the public just how we were favored at their expense, and we would be compelled to pay our proportionate rate for light and power.

W. W. S. plainly states in his communication that "the interests with which he is connected has been maintaining its own separate power and 'light plant,' but he does not say that 'we use current from the city plant for light and power,' which is well known.

Inasmuch as an official of the Light, Heat & Power company, Mr. E. E. Witherby, has stated in public that "the city electric plant was losing money, and he could prove it," let us give him every opportunity to do so, let us co-operate with him, and find out if there is any truth in his statement.

If an examination of all the books of the City Light Plant, by recognized expert accountants, should show that the city was losing money, I for one would vote to sell the light plant. Turn on the light, have an investigation and find out where we stand. Yours very truly,

A CITIZEN

BAD TRACTION WRECK

Two Men Are Near Death's
Door and Many Are
Injured.

ON UNION TRACTION LINE.

Logansport, Ind., May 8.—Two are dying and six others are in St. Joseph's Hospital, injured, as a result of a collision at Hilltop, on the Indianapolis division of the Indiana Union Traction line, between a limited car, running 50 miles an hour, and a work car.

The dying are J. E. Wirt, motorman on the work train, both legs broken and skull crushed; John Quinlan, lineman, both legs broken, spine hurt.

The seriously injured are H. C. Biles, passenger motorman, skull fractured; J. E. Griffiths, conductor, back injured; Charles Apple, lineman, serious injuries to head.

Among the passengers injured was R. G. Backus, a Cincinnati newspaper man. The employees who were hurt live in Indianapolis.

ART EXHIBIT TO BE A SUCCESS

Arrangements for the Event
Are Rapidly Being Com-
pleted by Association.

SCULPTURE A FEATURE.

MRS. JOHNSTON HAS SECURED
ABOUT SIXTY PIECES REPRESENTING THE WORK OF SOME
OF MOST FAMOUS PEOPLE.

Every indication points to the most successful exhibition ever given by the Richmond Art association, when that of this year is opened next month. Arrangements for the details are being completed rapidly and nothing is being left undone that will add anything to the value and attractiveness of the display, which will be made June 9 to 23. A meeting of the officers of the organization was held yesterday afternoon. Those present were Mrs. M. F. Johnston, T. A. Mott, Miss Carrie Lesh, Miss Alice Unthank, Elwood Morris, Mrs. James Morrison, Miss Alice Locke, John F. Robbins, C. K. Chase and Mrs. Paul Comstock.

Mrs. Morrison reported for the arts and crafts committee that a prize of \$5 will be awarded for the best piece of handicraft having artistic merit done by a resident of Wayne county. The award will be made by a jury of three, consisting of Mrs. James Morrison, Miss Margaret Overbeck and Miss Alice Locke. It is the hope of the board that in this way some good work will be brought out and a permanent group of workers here in Richmond established. Any handicraft to be entered in this exhibit should be sent to the home of Mrs. Elmer Eggenmeyer on South Eighteenth street, May 19 and 20 for inspection by the jury. Work will be received in ceramics, medals, textiles, leather, wood, etc.

Mrs. Paul Comstock reported that the historic exhibit being arranged by the regent, Mrs. Will Gaar and various committees of the Daughters of the American Revolution, is progressing finely and will be an interesting and attractive exhibit.

John F. Robbins suggested it might be possible to secure the loan of a great painting done by a famous English artist through a friend at Greenville, Ohio. The board encouraged Mr. Robbins to make a special effort to obtain this painting.

Mrs. Johnston reported that pictures for the exhibition have begun to arrive at Muncie and the display will open May 14. She has secured sixty pieces of sculpture in small bronzes and plaster representing such names as Daniel French, Eli Harvey, Chester Beach, Miss Clara Hill, Mrs. Bessie Potter Bonhoo, Louis Potter, Lorado Taft, Nellie Walker, Leonard Cruikshank, Janet Scudder, Louise Eyre, Caroline Ball, Helen Hibben, Richard Bock, etc. These pieces are carefully selected from eastern exhibits and the Chicago exhibit and will be an unusually attractive feature in the twelfth annual exhibition in this city as well as at Muncie.

The board of the Reid Memorial church offered the association an organ recital by Miss Laura Gaston. Remembering what a delightful occasion the recital was last year the directors accepted the offer with much appreciation. The recital will be given on the afternoon of Friday June 12.

The subject of making the exhibition understood better by the public was discussed at length. In view of the number and variety of the exhibits this year in old and new metal work, it was decided to ask Mrs. Herman Hall of Chicago to give her lecture on "Antique and Modern Goldsmiths' Work." It will be illustrated by a display of jewelry which she will bring. It was decided to hold a general meeting of the association in about two weeks to hear reports from all committees having the various exhibits in charge.

Jeffrey—How does your brother take married life? Esther—According to directions. His mother-in-law is living with him.

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EVENTFUL LIFE OF NAT U. HILL COMES TO CLOSE

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ferred to retire to his business at Bloomington.

Hill was nominated for state treasurer in the campaign of 1862, defeating Thomas Millikan of New Castle, John Dyer of Hammond and Jake Joel of Crawfordsville in the state convention, after an interesting contest lasting three ballots. He was elected in 1862 and renominated by acclamation in 1864. He was on the ticket that profited by the Roosevelt landslide. A short time before the expiration of his last term Hill was critically ill for several weeks, suffering a severe nervous breakdown, but he apparently had recovered his strength and his friends did not know that he was suffering from any disease.

Nat Hill was a good friend to those who came in close contact with him. "I never knew a more tenacious fighter than Nat Hill," said one of his political friends today. "There is not a republican in Indiana who will not seriously regret his death."

DINGY, DARK READING

A Proposition to Print All of
The Newspapers on
Black Paper.

MANUFACTURERS FAVOR IT.

Appleton, Wis., May 8.—Wisconsin manufacturers of print paper have put forth a proposition which, if adopted, will revolutionize the print paper industry of the country and the newspaper industry as well. They propose that newspapers in the future be printed on black instead of white paper, thus bringing about a saving of millions of dollars annually in pulp wood, assisting in the preservation of forests and reducing the price of paper to about one-half the present price.

Black paper can be made of old newspapers, and almost any fibrous stock, while white paper requires spruce and hemlock wood.

Wisconsin paper manufacturers intend bringing the matter before the Eastern manufacturers, and, if possible, bring about a central action with the publishers of the country.

TWO ARE KILLED

Storm in Chicago Carries
Death and Destruction
With It.

WIND OF UNUSUAL FORCE.

Chicago, May 8.—Two men were killed, many pedestrians were put in peril by falling live wires and a score of others were blown down and injured in a terrific wind and rain storm which set in early today and still continues.

The official report of the weather bureau was that the wind attained a maximum velocity of 10 miles an hour but in the suburbs and along the lake shore the force was much greater than this.

John Lucas, 65 years of age, employed by the Belt Line railroad, was blown down several times by the wind at Seventy-fifth and Halstead streets. He died within a few minutes of heart disease, superinduced by the rough treatment he had received.

Frank Jonas, a teamster, was blown from his wagon at State and Randolph streets and died an hour later.

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