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FLAG Day was not observed to an appreciable extent in Patton this year. More's the pity.

WHEN Patton people want to size up a man's meanness properly now days they say: "He is penurious enough to watch a base ball game from the Chest Springs road."

The quality of base ball furnished proves conclusively that Patton has one of the best amateur nines in the state. That being the case, it is up to the sport loving people of the town to see that the patronage is commensurate with the playing. Base ball is usually an expensive luxury in the small towns and it is only by the most liberal patronage that the management is able to make both ends meet. Uniforms, balls, bats, etc., cost money and lots of it. Patton now has a base ball club to be proud of. Show your appreciation of it in a substantial manner.

SOME kind friend of the COURIER has taken the trouble to send us a copy of the Charleoi Mail containing a marked article landing the Indian Bill show. All of which is very nice of the aforesaid K. L., but wholly unnecessary. The COURIER had seen the article before, it being a stereotyped one sent out by the energetic press agent of the attraction(?) in question for the use of lazy newspaper men. The COURIER received one before the show visited Patton, but preferred to use one we wrote ourselves. From the expressions heard since the COURIER write-up appeared, we are convinced that it was far more truthful than the one kindly furnished by Indian Bill, if it did lack the literary merit.

A BRILLIANT EFFORT.

The young man who essays the management of the St. Francis college base ball team, and does the heavy newspaper writing for the quitters from Loretto, is out in a signed article in different newspapers giving his version of the termination of the game played at Patton, and is aided and abetted in his untruthful assertions by the editor of the Oresson Record, who heads the article "A Hold-up in Broad Day-light."

Of course, the young men from the college naturally feel a little chagrined at being honestly beaten at Patton after winning games from such strong clubs as Nicktown and Baker's Cross Roads, but they should not allow their disappointment to take the form of slandering an honest citizen, who happened to be selected as umpire and was fortunate enough to live in Patton. It shows bad taste to say the least.

Any one who knows anything about Dr. H. A. Seitz, the umpire, likewise knows that he is the soul of honor far above showing partiality to a home club, and as for a knowledge of base ball, as well as foot ball or any other clean, honest sport, he knows more than all the quitters of the St. Francis nine combined.

So much for the "inexensably bad decisions." Now as to the game itself. The truth of the matter is the St. Francis nine, resplendent in the new uniforms kindly donated by Chas. M. Schwab, the steel magnate, came to Patton expecting an easy victory. Once upon a time some girl had told them that they could play ball and they were foolish enough to believe it. Sad, sad illusion.

They were up against the real thing here and that's what hurts. Instead of having an easy victory, they found in the local team foemen worthy of their steel and with the score a tie, 2-2, in the eighth inning, and with two Patton men on bases and another one safe on first, realized that the only way to prevent an inglorious defeat was to kick, and kick hard, and this they did.

The umpire, however, had played ball himself, although never in such slow company as St. Francis, and was "on" to all such tactics. The decision he made was right and just and he refused to change it. That's all there is to it, the record of the Bird of a manager

to the contrary notwithstanding. The COURIER has no quarrel with the St. Francis base ball nine. In fact, it believes them to be a lot of nice little girls; but it does hate to see them make monkeys or Birds of themselves without cause. All the world hates a quitter, and that's why their idle vapourings will not be taken seriously. Verbum sap.

REPORT of the condition of The First National Bank of Patton, in the state of Pennsylvania, at the close of business June 9th, 1903.

Assets and Liabilities	\$ 67,952.11
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	1,257.28
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	100,000.00
Reserves on U. S. Bonds	4,500.00
Stocks, securities, etc.	25,401.88
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	2,584.00
Due from National Banks (incl. 86c. per cent. reserve)	600.20
Due from State Banks and Bankers	16,181.75
Due from approved reserve agents	86,703.98
Internal revenue stamps	119.94
Cheques and other cash items	6,287.61
Notes of other National Banks	839.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents	107.07
Legal monies (Specie)	213,000.00
or reserved in legal tenders	32,400.00
back, viz: (1. for notes, 25,000.00)	
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation)	1,000.00
Total	\$ 707,952.11
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 100,000.00
Surplus fund	20,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	6,749.61
National Bank notes outstanding	100,000.00
Due to State Banks and Bankers	3,706.81
Individual deposits subject to check	294,094.82
Demand certificates of deposit	6,287.61
Time certificates of deposit	171,927.82
Certified checks	4,646.92
Total	\$ 707,952.11

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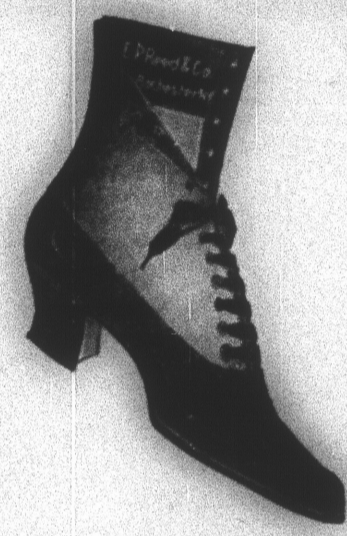
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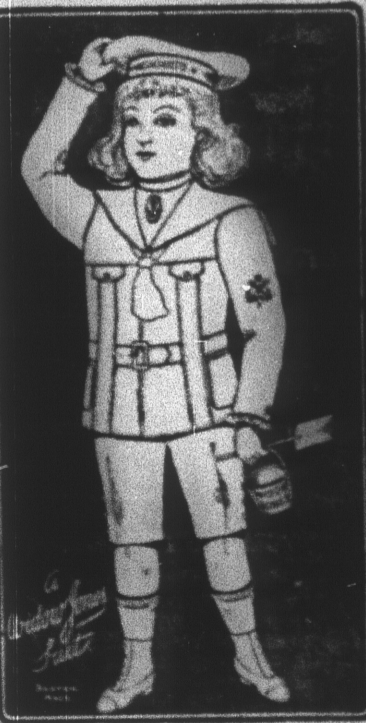
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