

Office. Some of the people standing by got quite a⁶ laugh and Mrs. Allen came out embarrassed. Again "Str-muff" Ballard's Southern talk fascinated the people on the train, Jack lived in Texas 8 months and talks like he lived there all his life.

We wanted to beat St. Joseph so we decided to stay in and go to bed early. Dr. Allen, Bob Allen, Black, Buecher, Dixon, Schnellbacher, and Desmitt pitched pennies in one of the rooms. Bob Allen came out a dollar winner. I shall take life long writing this diary - I gather all my material during the day and I lie in bed writing it just before I go to sleep. What a system!!! That's all for today - Good night.

December 30 -

Not much happened today except it rained all day and we had to stay in. A murder was committed last night just across the hall from where Fitzpatrick and I roomed. It threw quite a scare into us. Half of the boys slept most of the day, but Fitzpatrick wrote letters most of the day. There is some girl that caught his fancy back home and he has been writing her letters every town we stopped on this trip.

Sporby "mooch" T. Godden used the bowling alley grip on stopping St. Joseph's severely cold. Ask Sporby to show you how he did it. Black, Dixon, Buecher, and Schnellbacher really played a wonderful game against St. Joseph's and the vents prove it. Some karos won the game I was unable to receive the ball that was used in the game as a souvenir. Black got a ball at Buffalo and Buecher got one at N.Y.