

# Missing pike piques Brown Countians!!

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10 miles farther to trade at Columbus, they would rather go there than put up with the primitive stretch of road near the Monroe County line. In fact, reported the *Telephone*, "A number of them have gone so far as to threaten to use their influence with neighbors to pull the trade away from Bloomington."

Concluded the newspaper. "A citizen (presumably of Monroe County) suggested to the *Telephone* this morning that the businessmen should take the matter in hand, and in order to protect their own interests, see if something cannot be done towards getting the road improved."

About a month later, in a little article, the newspaper reported "The pike election held in Perry Township yesterday failed to carry by a majority of two to one." It is not clear which pike was being considered.

As if in reply, a few days later there appeared a banner advertisement across the bottom of the *Telephone*. It said "All the Pikes lead to Bloomington. THE REAL THING."