

# Pamphlet to follow husband's angry ad?

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little glimpses of Bloomington in the ads. Noble Russ of Benton Township was looking for the return of his "Strawberry roñd" mare, and David Maxwell was offering some 12 or 15 barrels of old dry salt for sale or trade for corn.

Admittedly, the style of newspapers was different then. It was the custom of the *Post* and other newspapers to reprint articles from each other, leaving little room for new news. The most extensive articles Deal ran dealt with Indiana University or the prospects of a railroad to connect Bloomington with the outside world.

On March 18, 1836, the *Post* contained a long article about "Bloom-

ington and Its Future Prospects." It said in part, "As for health and morality, there is no town in the West that surpasses it . . . Our farmers and mechanics are aroused from the lethargy which they had fallen into and all is industry and cheerfulness."

Should the reader have wondered what on earth ailed the farmers and mechanics, the explanation was shortly forthcoming. "The favorable change is easily accounted for. Money is plentiful, the farmer and mechanic can now get a fair price for their labor."

The author of the article about Bloomington ends with a list of its assets: IU, three common schools, four meeting houses, four physicians, three lawyers, 12 stores, one

drug store, one grocery, three tan-yards, two carding machines, two oil mills, three cabinet shops, three blacksmiths, one gunsmith, two wagonmaster shops, two saddle shops, four tailors, four shoemakers, one tinner, one wheelwright, two barbers shops, three taverns "and last thou has not least NO GROG SHOPS."

Among the few real local news items was one announcing a "Female Exhibition," which did not, after all, turn out to be anything risqué. It was merely that the young ladies of the County Institute were going to "speak a few pieces, selected from our best authors."

Next week: Deal delves into politics.