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ECHOES FROM BIG FLOOD

Greatest Flood in History of the County Over and Repair Work Begins.

MAILS COMING IN

All Trains Running Again, Roads Passable, Interurban is Ready.

The greatest flood in the history of Adams county seems to be over. The water has fallen about ten feet and the river will soon be back in its banks unless more rains soon fall. The repair work has begun in earnest and another week will find much done along that line. The train service is again almost normal, the lines having been repaired by Saturday evening so that mail was received on all the lines. The tracks have been temporarily repaired and the work of reballasting will go on as rapidly as possible. Luckily not a bridge was washed out in this county. The interurban will soon be running again. A large force of men worked all day Sunday at the plant and had the cars in fairly good shape by Sunday night. It is believed the regular service can be started by Tuesday. The sugar company's plant is being overhauled by a force of forty men. The seed has all been removed and an effort is being made to dry the seed that got wet. This will be thoroughly tested and will not be sent out unless in first-class condition as the company has plenty of seed without using any of that which got caught in the floods. The sugar company is also anxiously awaiting word from Dayton and Indianapolis. At the former place they had \$8,000 pounds of sugar in storage and a large amount at Indianapolis. It is not known yet whether or not any of it was lost. The roads to and from Decatur are all passable and the rural mail service is going in old fashioned style. While the property loss here was great, we can congratulate ourselves that it was no worse and that not a life was lost.

Mrs. Dunn Storm-stayed.

Mrs. C. R. Dunn was one of the Decatur people stranded in Ft. Wayne during its floods and witnessed much of the suffering, though the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cook, with whom she stopped, was out of the flooded region. Mrs. Dunn was enroute home from Pawpaw Lake, Michigan, where she visited with her mother. She arrived at Kendallville Monday night and stopped at the hotel over night. She was able to proceed at far as Fort Wayne Tuesday afternoon, where she found everything tied up by the storms. She was not able to get home until Saturday afternoon over the G. R. & I.

The Coles Are Safe.

After nearly a week of intense anxiety, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Kohne were rejoiced to receive at 10 o'clock Sunday morning, telegram from Hamilton, Ohio, that their daughter, Ida Irene, and her husband, Charles Cole, were safe. The message was sent by Charles Cole's father, J. C. Cole, and was sent from West Hamilton. The son is engaged there with his father in the hardware business, their store being located on the west side of the river. Their residences are located on the east side of Hamilton, which as learned from newspaper dispatches, is badly flooded. As the message was sent from West Hamilton, it is supposed here that the families were forced away from their homes into the business section of the city. No details were given and more word is being anxiously awaited. In the meantime the Kohnes sent a telegram, offering help, if needed.

Says "Cheer Up."

Judge W. J. Vesey, who is with F. M. Schirmeyer and the other members of the party on the Panama trip, was wired of his heavy Fort Wayne loss while at the Gulf of Mexico. He immediately sent a telegram saying

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CASE GOES TO JURY.

The \$300 damage case of William Bernard against Contractors Myers "Cheer Up." A part of the Vesey greenhouses which were submerged again this morning, the case going to the jury at 2:20 o'clock this afternoon. The evidence was completed as the day they went under the water. The loss by fire is approximated at \$20,000 and the loss to the green houses

at Saturday, today being given over to the arguments of the attorneys.

QUARTET COMING

Will be Here from Chicago Today to Give Lecture Course Entertainment.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Tonight---Professor Rice Receives Assurance of Their Arrival.

The music-loving public will be pleased to hear that the long-delayed Euclid Male Quartet and Bell Ringers will be here today to fill their engagement at the Bosse opera house this evening for the last number of the high school lecture course. There was some fear that the prevailing floods might prevent their arrival. City School Superintendent E. E. Rice, however, received an answer to his message, in which the company stated that they would be here from Chicago, if the trains were operating. The trains over the Erie from Chicago have been in operation the greater part of last flood week, and are giving excellent service, so the company's arrival today is assured. This is the entertainment that was to have been given January 1, but was called off on account of a mix-up of dates. Their repertoire is extensive and varied and consists of classical selections, both secular and sacred, folk songs, popular ballads, plantation melodies, sentimental, pathetic and humorous numbers, also readings. The company carries a fine set of organ chimes, also.

ARE HEROIC GIRLS

Telephone Girls Stick to Post Through Thick and Thin---Alleviate Fear.

OF ANXIOUS PUBLIC

Kindnesses Rewarded by C. J. Lutz Family---Express Appreciation.

During the past twelve days of terror, when winds and floods created such havoc, the brave telephone girls, staunch and true at their posts, were instrumental in alleviating the suffering and danger, by giving relief calls and doing all in their power in that way. Their kindness has been rewarded in many substantial ways by those who stop long enough in their daily rush, to think but among their most treasured remembrances is a kind note of thanks from the family of Attorney Clark J. Lutz, whose residence was wrecked week before last. The letter accompanied two large five-pound boxes of the finest candy. All was much appreciated, especially the letter. While heart-felt thanks often rise silently from the heart, it is so rarely that we wait to write or speak the words, before it is too late. The following letter is therefore treasured most highly by the girls:

To the Girls at the Telephone Exchange:

The wonderful love of the Master is most fittingly demonstrated by the deeds of kindness. It is a pleasure to know that while your name may not be written on the world's roll of benefactors, yet your acts of kindness are indelibly written on the tablets of our memory. Kindly accept the enclosed as a slight token of our gratitude, for your many kindnesses in our recent trouble, and may God bless you.

Sincerely,

THE LUTZ FAMILY.

The girls may truly be called heroines. Through thick and thin, fair and foul, they stuck to their posts, some working both day and night, to alleviate a frantic public.

ARRIVAL OF BABY GIRL.

Bervie Luella is the name of the baby girl born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Smith Saturday. Both mother and babe are improving nicely.

FUNERAL WAS DELAYED.

On account of the floods, the funeral of William Archbold, who died at Ossian last Wednesday, was not held until Sunday, in the hopes that the high waters would have subsided until then to allow more of the relatives to attend. Several from this city and vicinity attended, the deceased being a brother of Mrs. William Murphy of this city, of Ezra Archbold of Fort Wayne and of the late James Archbold of east of the city. He was also an uncle of the Jason Archbold family. Mr. Archbold was about seventy years of age and had been ailing a year from a complication of diseases. He was at one time a resident of Adams county. He leaves the following children: Mrs. Mart Henline, with whom he lived at Ossian; Burt and James of Ossian, Elizabeth Ormsby, Michigan City.

REPORT IS GOOD

Rev. R. L. Semans Closes Two Years' Service at Local M. E. Church.

WAS A BUSY MAN

Local Church Has Given More Than \$4,600 as Gifts During Year.

Yesterday was the last Sunday of the conference year at the Methodist church. There were large congregations at all the services. Eleven were received into the church. The pastor reported the amounts contributed by the congregation for benevolent enterprises. There has been paid to the pastor for the boards of home and foreign missions, education, home for the aged, and other causes, \$950, an increase of over \$300 over last year. The Woman's Home Missionary society has raised \$285. Various other gifts, including local charities, bring the total of gifts, outside of local church expenses and ministerial support, up to over \$4600. This includes a bequest of \$2,500, paid by Mrs. Emma Daniel to the Board of Foreign Missions. Mr. Semans, the pastor, has served the Decatur church two years. In that time he has received into the church 104 new members, has officiated at twenty-five marriage ceremonies, attended thirty-eight funerals, and made 2,600 pastoral calls.

Rev. Semans will go tomorrow to Tipton to attend the annual North Indiana conference, which begins Wednesday. He is a member of the examining board to meet Tuesday.

MOTHER'S DEATH

Learned by Charles Helm a Week After Her Demise

—Lost Telegram.

NEVER REACHED HIM

First Word Came in Letter Saturday a Week After Her Death.

Not until he received a letter Saturday from Vermontsville, Mich., did Charles Helm learn that his aged mother, Mrs. Angeline Helm, had passed away a week ago last Saturday and was buried last Tuesday. A telegram announcing her death was sent out of the office at Vermontsville on the Sunday after her death on Saturday, but owing to the general floods, this was held up at some place along the line and Mr. Helm did not learn of her death until the belated letter arrived Saturday, a week after her death. The mother was seventy-nine years old. Last fall she suffered a fall in which her hip was broken, and this injury, together with infirmities superinduced by old age, contributed to the cause of her death.

According to the wish of Mrs. McLean the funeral and burial will take place at Los Angeles. She was a faithful and loving mother and a good Christian woman. She was a devout Catholic and the funeral services will be held in St. Vincent's Catholic church, with Father Glass officiating.

Surviving are the following children: Miss Nettie, Denver, Colo.; Clem, Washington, D. C.; Emmett, Fresno, Cal.; Miss Jessie, Los Angeles. The husband died a year ago last December. Two brothers: Frank Farrell, Hammond; Ed, of Chicago, and a sister, Mrs. Lucy Gibson, of Hesse Cassel, survive.

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