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ECHOES FROM BIG FLOOD

Greatest Flood in History of
the County Over and Re-
pair Work Begins.

MAILS COMING IN
All Trains Running Again,
Roads Passable, Inter-
urban 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 80,000 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-strayed.
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 as 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 "Cheer Up." A part of the Vesey and Schirmeyer families were submerged in greenhouses which were submerged and have been uncovered, and many of the roses were found as fresh and pretty as the day they went under the water. The loss by fire is approximated at \$20,000 and the loss to the greenhouses, \$75,000. It is only partially covered by insurance.

The Welkers Fled for Life.
Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Baumgartner received a letter this morning from their daughter, Bess, wife of Ben Welker, at Delaware, Ohio, that they escaped with their lives from the floods there, but had to run through the alleys and over fences to escape to the higher parts. They were awakened Wednesday morning at 2:30 o'clock from their sleep, by the screams of women and children, a square away, whom the waters had reached, and they immediately arose and fled. Mr. and Mrs. Welker have not yet gone to housekeeping, but live in rooms with others, and while their loss is not great, they escaped with only what they wore at the time. Later, the men went back to the flooded home, moved the goods upstairs, and thus saved much for the family with whom they lived. They were away from the house two days, before the waters subsided, but the family has now gone back. The Y. M. C. A. (Continued on Page 2)

AT AGE OF NINETY
Mrs. Nancy Foster Succumbed to Infirmities of Old Age This Morning

AT 2:30 O'CLOCK
Mrs. C. F. Moore Passes Away at Home of Aunt, Mrs. Moltz.

Arriving at the age of ninety years last March 4, Mrs. Nancy Foster, a well known lady of near Wren, Ohio, succumbed to infirmities this morning at 2 o'clock, two miles north of Wren, Ohio. She was a daughter of Zachariah Tindall, and was born in Pennsylvania, March 4, 1823.

She was twice married, first to Mr. Bowen, and then to Josiah Foster, who died forty-six years ago. She resided at death with her daughter, Mrs. Rebecca Moser, where she had lived sixty-one years continuously. She was a resident seventy-one years in Van Wert county, Ohio. Mrs. Foster leaves the following children: Cyrus Bowen, Ohio City; Zachariah Bowen, Wren, Ohio; Sarah A. Laisure, Ceylon; Margaret Palmer, Van Wert, Ohio; Martha Jane Dull, Gladwin, Mich.; Rebecca Moser, Albert Foster, Convoys, Ohio; Amanda Conner, two miles north of Wren; Josiah Foster, Wooster, Ohio. A son, Jesse Foster, dropped dead last winter. Surviving sisters are Mrs. Edith Blair of Pennsylvania, and Mary Ann Copper of South Bend.

The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the United Brethren church, at Wren, Ohio, the Rev. G. H. Hamilton of the Baptist church officiating. Her grandsons will act as pall bearers.

The dreaded disease, tuberculosis, again won another victory when Mrs. C. F. Moore, of Saginaw, Mich., passed into the great unknown at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Mandy Moltz, on North Ninth street, at 3:15 this morning. Mrs. Moore came to visit with her aunt a short time before the holidays and while here the disease gained such rapid headway that it was impossible to remove her to her home. Mrs. Moore was formerly Miss Artie Archer and was born at Salem, Ind., May 5, 1855. When but eighteen months old the mother died and shortly afterward she was adopted by the aunt, Mrs. Moltz, who gave her every kindness and care. When eighteen years of age she was married to C. F. Moore. To this union were born five children, four of whom with the bereaved husband survive, the children being Robert, Audra, Clarence and Dorothy, and one son, Rollin, preceded her to the great beyond. No funeral arrangements have as yet been made, with the exception that interment will be made in Maplewood cemetery.

CASE GOES TO JURY.
The \$300 damage case of William Bernard against Contractors Myers and the City of Decatur was taken up again this morning, the case going to the jury at 2:20 o'clock this afternoon. The evidence was completed 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, but 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 little 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 \$4,600. 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 Vermontville, 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 Vermontville 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. Mr. Helm visited with his mother in January, this being the last time he saw her alive. She leaves but one other child, a son, W. J. Helm, with whom she made her home.

FUNERAL TODAY

Services for Mrs. Uriah Grim Held at Concord Lutheran Church Today.

DIED ON SATURDAY

Had Been Ill a Week With Measles and Later With Pneumonia.

Funeral services for Mrs. Matilda Grim, wife of Uriah Grim, whose death occurred Saturday afternoon at 1 o'clock at her home at Williams, were conducted this afternoon at 1 o'clock at the Concord Lutheran church in Root township, in charge of the Rev. A. K. Mumma, of Hoagland. Mrs. Grim had been ill a week with measles and later contracted pneumonia, which ended in her death. Her maiden name was Malinda Merriam, she being a daughter of William and Susannah Archbold Merriam. She was born in Washington township, February 23, 1854, and was fifty-nine years of age at death. She resided for the past twelve years at Williams, prior to that living south of this city. She was a well known woman and loved by all who knew her. She was a member of the Methodist church. Surviving are the husband and the following children: Charles, William, Vernon; Matie, wife of Albert Numbers, of Ossian; Effie, wife of William Draper, of Monmouth; Edna, wife of Albert Deam, of Fort Wayne. A sister, Mrs. Marion Johnson, resides at Monroe.

Mrs. Grim's body will be laid to rest in the Reynolds' cemetery.

MRS. MCLEAN DEAD

Decatur Lady Passed Away Sunday Morning at Los Angeles, California, at

AGE OF EIGHTY-ONE

Had Been in West With Daughter, Jessie—Burial in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Mary Wemhoff yesterday received a telegram bringing the sad news of the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Catherine McLean, who passed away Sunday morning at 1206 South Flower street, Los Angeles, Cal. Mrs. McLean and daughter, Miss Jessie, left this city for Los Angeles, October 4, 1910, and have resided there since, in the hope that the climate would prove more agreeable to Mrs. McLean's health and prolong her life. Two years ago, while there she suffered a severe attack of pneumonia. Last Christmas she suffered another attack, but had grown better and was able to be about the house again. It is thought a recurrence is the cause of her death.

Mrs. McLean was eighty-one years of age last Easter Sunday, March 23. She was a native of Ohio, but came when quite young with her parents to Hesse Cassel to live, her maiden name being Catherine Farrell. In 1862 she was married to Henry McLean. Mr. McLean was at that time a soldier in the civil war and while at home on a furlough the wedding took place, he returning to the war to serve until its close. At her marriage Mrs. McLean came to this city to live and spent the remainder of her life in this city, until going to Los Angeles.

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 (Gigson), of Hesse Cassel, survive.

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.

HEALTH TALKS.

Clean up in every possible manner. Sunshine and fresh air will rout leadly germs. Heat the houses well and let them dry out as much as possible before spending a night in them, as safeguards against colds and pneumonia. Clearing away refuse of every sort is not a sentimental affair but a business proposition. It is well to boil even cistern water in the inundated districts before using it.

HAVE RETURNED HOME.

Mr. and Mrs. James Haefling and children, Margaret and James, Jr., returned home Sunday evening from Terre Haute, where Mr. Haefling has been employed as state accountant since November. Mr. Haefling left this morning for Indianapolis, where he will audit books until Wednesday or Thursday and then return to Terre Haute and finish auditing the books at that place.

SEIZE GROCERIES

Federal Troops Take Charge of Stores in Dayton—End of High Prices.

THE FLOOD NEWS

Shawneetown, Illinois Seems to be Doomed—Hamilton Lost Heavily.

Dayton, Ohio, March 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Every grocery store in the city has been seized by the military authorities following complaints against several dealers selling their goods at exorbitant prices. Soldiers are on guard at every store and relief workers are handing out the supplies. The merchants will be paid reasonable prices for their goods from the relief fund.

Shawneetown, Ill., March 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The greatest rise in the history of the Ohio river is sweeping down on this city and preparation to save loss of life and to confine the damage to property only is being carried through. An exodus including every woman and child is in progress and only a few hundred men, merchant doctors, soldiers, and professional men are remaining and even as this story is going out over the sole remaining telephone connection with the outside world, word is brought that all chance of reaching the camp established in the hills two miles away, is gone and those remaining are in a trap, saved only unless the levees break.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—With the recovery of the body of P. R. Graves and an unidentified man the death toll numbers three. Mrs. Mary Smith a widow was down in her home after standing for 36 hours in water up to her chin.

Hamilton, Ohio, March 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—One hundred dead and property damaged to the extent of four million dollars is the official estimate of the flood destruction. Sixty bodies have been recovered and many more have been found today. The number that went down the river cannot be estimated. A subscription was opened today to secure \$500,000 to loan to property owners at low interest.

Columbus, Ohio, March 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Money is needed immediately for the relief of the flood sufferers. Newspapers advise are that already \$1,250,000 has been subscribed for that purpose.

Cairo, Ill., Mar. 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The levee is still holding out today and wire communication with the outside world is maintained. The local forecaster states that the Ohio river will probably reach a higher mark than that attained during the big spring flood.

Evansville, Ind., Mar. 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Ohio river here passed the forty-five foot stage Sunday and is still rising. It is expected to reach a higher mark than that attained during the big spring flood.

FINANCE KING DIED IN ROME

J. Pierpont Morgan, Head of Wall Street, Starved to Death in Hotel.

SICK EIGHT DAYS

Body Refused to Take Nourishment—Wall Street is Unaffected by Report.

Rome, March 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—J. P. Morgan died in the Grand hotel at 12:05 this morning. The end came peacefully while the great financier was still unconscious. Herbert L. Satterlee and Mrs. Satterlee, the daughter of the banker, and the doctors surrounded the bed. Morgan's death was due to the lack of nourishment, his system not being able to even assimilate liquid food injections. Death was expected when the banker was stricken Easter Sunday with a recurrence of acute indigestion and caused the hasty removal from Egypt the later part of this month. He lost strength rapidly when the muscles of his throat refused to do the work imposed upon them and the doctors resorted to liquid injections but gave up all hope when they saw the body would not even assimilate liquid. J. Pierpont Morgan was born in Hartford Conn., April 17, 1837, was educated in the English high school of Boston and the University of Gottingen in Germany. Upon returning to America he entered the banking house of Duncan, Sherman & Co., later becoming connected with the George Peabody & Co., of London. In 1871 he became a partner of Drexel Morgan & Co., and which later became the J. P. Morgan & Co. It was in this firm that Morgan gained the reputation of being the world's greatest financier. Mr. Morgan has long been noted for his active and large benevolence, his gifts to different institutions amounting to a large fortune.

New York, N. Y., Mar. 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The Wall street generally today estimated the personal estate of J. P. Morgan to be \$250,000,000. His supremacy in financial circles was not due to his great wealth, but the enormous value of his banks, trust companies, insurance companies and other corporations controlled by him. The Pujo committee's statisticians placed the combined holdings controlled by Morgan at fourteen billion dollars.

New York, March 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Street markets here and in London opened this morning flurried with fractional letters but quickly recovered. Preparation having been made for weeks for just such an emergency on account of Morgan's death and no serious consequences are expected.

M. E. BROTHERHOOD.

Lecture by Dr. Roy Archbold is Postponed.

It has become necessary for the M. E. Brotherhood to postpone its meeting and lecture from tomorrow until Friday of next week, April 11. Dr. Roy Archbold has consented to give a lecture tomorrow evening on the care of the teeth. This was to be illustrated with stereopticon views from Toledo, Ohio. The order was sent in ten days ago, but was held up by the flood. He has now received notice that the views cannot get here this week, so the later date was set for the lecture.

NEW FORM OF PROPOSALS.

Postmaster W. A. Lower has received a new form of site proposal for those desiring to send in sites for the new federal building. Those who have already sent in proposals need not change to the new form unless they desire to do so, but they can look over same by calling at the postoffice and may change if they feel that the new proposal gives and advantage. The decision will be made April 8th, according to the legal notice now being run Tuesdays and Fridays in this paper.