

MANY THINK!

when the Creator said to woman, "In sorrow shalt thou bring forth children," that a curse was pronounced against the human race, but the joy felt by every Mother when she first presses to her heart her babe, proves the contrary. Danger and suffering lurk in the pathway of the Expectant Mother, and should be avoided, that she may reach the hour when the hope of her heart is to be realized, in full vigor and strength.

MOTHER'S FRIEND

so relaxes the system and assists Nature, that the necessary change takes place without Nausea, Headache, Nervous or Gloomy Foreboding of danger, and the trying hour is robbed of its pain and suffering, as so many happy mothers have experienced. Nothing but "Mother's Friend" does this. Don't be deceived or persuaded to use anything else.

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INDIANA DISPATCHES

GRIEF TELEGRAMS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE HOOSIER STATE.

Happenings of Interest in the Every Day Life of Indians Concisely Told and Especially Prepared for Our Many Busy Readers.

PETERSBURG, Ind., Jan. 4.—The coal mine a half-mile south of this place belonging to the Jabez Wooley Coal company caught fire Sunday morning and is still burning. There were six mules in the mine and they were burned to death. When the fire was discovered the employees covered the entrance to the shaft, hoping to smother the flame. The fire is supposed to have originated from the accumulation of gas. About 75 men have been thrown out of work.

GAS DECISION.

Injunction Issued Against the Richmond Natural Gas Company.

RICHMOND, Ind., Jan. 4.—Judge Henry C. Fox, of the Wayne circuit court, handed down a decision yesterday in the case of Charles H. Clawson against the Richmond Natural Gas company to enjoin the company from cutting off his supply of gas because he had refused to comply with an order of the company raising the price of natural gas from 12½ cents (for heating purposes) to 20 cents a thousand cubic feet, when used for illuminating purposes. The decision was for the plaintiff. The greatest interest has prevailed in the suit, for it involved the people's rights as patrons of the company, and the outcome is the cause of much rejoicing.

INDIANA AGRICULTURISTS.

Meeting of the Various Organizations at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 4.—The Indiana industrial associations' congress met this morning in the statehouse and will be in session most of the week. Mayor Taggart welcomed the delegates to the city and this afternoon Governor Mount and ex-Governor Matthews lead the discussion of the "Cattle Industry of Indiana." The best culture problem will receive considerable attention during the meeting.

SWINGING TO A RAFTER.

Was a North Salem (Ind.) Merchant's Body Found in a Barn.

NORTH SALEM, Ind., Jan. 4.—Robert S. Campbell, a well known and highly respected citizen of this place, committed suicide by hanging. His body was found swinging from a rafter in a barn, he having used a bridle rein for a rope. For many years he was engaged in the hardware business, and was comfortably fixed financially. No cause can be assigned for his self-destruction.

JOHN J. NEWMAN DEAD.

Was a Member of Elkhart Council and Once Prominent in Ohio.

ELKHART, Ind., Jan. 3.—John J. Newman, member of the city council, died Saturday of jaundice. He was 71 years old and had lived here since 1875. Previous to coming here he was prominently connected with public affairs at Cincinnati and Middletown, O. He was a delegate to the Ohio convention that nominated Governor Brough.

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FUNERAL OF TREASURER KIRKLEY.

FOWLER, Ind., Jan. 3.—The funeral services of the late County Treasurer James Kirkley, who committed suicide by shooting himself Thursday night, were held at the M. E. church in Fowler, his old home. He was an Odd Fellow, Knight of Pythias and belonged to the A. O. U. W., all of which orders participated in the exercises at the grave, the Odd Fellows having charge.

ALLEGED \$13,000 SHORTAGE.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., Jan. 4.—Experts Madison and Duncan, who are investigating the books of the city officials for the past 10 years, report a shortage of about \$13,000 in the accounts of ex-City Treasurer Wesley W. Hauck. The announcement caused a sensation. Mr. Hauck claims it is an error and that he will be able to show it to be so.

LITTLE GIRL SHOT BY HER BROTHER.

VINCENNES, Ind., Jan. 4.—James Shepherd, 16 years old, pointed a revolver at his 10-year-old sister and playfully remarked he would shoot her. She bantered him and he pulled the trigger. His sister fell shot just above the heart. The young man realizing what he had done placed the pistol in his mouth and pulled the trigger, but the cartridge failed to explode. The girl will die.

HEAD CRUSHED BY A FALLING TREE.

HAYDEN, Ind., Jan. 1.—David Haynes, 26 years old, was instantly killed while cutting down a tree near here. A large maple tree lodged and Mr. Haynes started to cut down the second, which soon broke under the extra weight. A heavy slab split and flew backward, striking Haynes under the chin, crushing his head.

KILLED BY FALLING ON A CROWBAR.

LOGAN, Ind., Jan. 4.—William Bagmyer at the Van Baskirk sawmill, near here, in climbing into a wagon, slipped and fell on a crowbar which was standing upright. The crowbar entered his groin, penetrating the diaphragm and displacing the left lung. The injury resulted fatally.

SANDBAGGERS AT MITCHELL.

MITCHELL, Ind., Jan. 1.—David Lee, of Banker, Ore., who has been visiting relatives in this county, has been sandbagged. He was found in an alarming condition, but may recover. He was relieved of \$41 and a watch.

RURAL FREE MAIL DELIVERY.

DALEVILLE, Ind., Jan. 4.—The experiment of the free delivery of rural mail begun here little more than a month ago is proving a success, and is accepted as a great boon by the farmers. The cost of delivery and collection has been a fraction over 2 cents for each piece.

French Republic Given Judgment For \$57,760 For Loss by Fire.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—Judge Grossen in the federal court has ordered judgment entered in favor of the French republic and the French exhibitors who lost property by the fire at the manufactures building Jan. 8, at the world's fair. The judgment of the French republic is for \$57,760, the full amount claimed.

HEAVY JUDGMENT.

NEW YORK, Jan. 4.—The appellate division of the supreme court has handed down a decision in the suit of General W. W. Averill against A. L. Barber and others, awarding the old cavalry officer nearly \$700,000 as his share in the profits of the Barber Asphalt Paving company on contracts for paving in this city, Washington, Buffalo and other large cities.

RUSSIANS TRICKED THE CHINESE.

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The Shanghai correspondent of The Daily Mail says: "The Russians tricked China into consenting to an occupation of Port Arthur by representing that the British fleet was coming to capture it. They also asked the Chinese to prohibit the English from landing. The latter refused; but the Englishman going ashore at Port Arthur is shadowed by the Russians."

RETURNED TO PRISON.

MURRAY, Ky., Jan. 4.—On the last night of Jailer Farley's term the jail was broken open and all the prisoners escaped. The principal one was Ballard Haynes, awaiting trial for killing his brother. One prisoner, Jambo Willis, returned yesterday, having grown tired of wandering about the country.

SILVER SAVED HIS LIFE.

WINCHESTER, O., Jan. 1.—Samuel Moore, of Decatur, 10 miles below here, was cleaning a gun when it was discharged. The load struck Moore in the groin, but four silver dollars in his pants pocket prevented the shot from entering the flesh.

WANTS SENATOR MILLER SEAT.

AUSTIN, Jan. 1.—Governor Charles A. Culberson has announced himself a candidate for the United States senate to succeed Roger Q. Mills, whose term will expire in 1898.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

TAXES FOR THE YEAR 1897.

Notice is hereby given that the taxes levied for the State, County, School and other purposes in Adams county, Indiana, are due and payable at the Treasurer's Office of said county in the city of Decatur, in full or at option of the taxpayer, one-half including road taxes in full on or before

The First Monday in May, 1898,

The same being the 2nd day of May, 1898. The second half (in case the first half is paid when due) becomes due and payable on or before the

First Monday in November, 1898,

The same being November 7, 1898.

The following table shows the Rate of Taxation on each One Hundred Dollars worth of property, and also on each Poll and dog in the several townships and corporations in Adams county, Indiana, for the year 1897. When so much as one-half of the taxes charged to a taxpayer are not paid on or before the first Monday in May, then the whole amount will become due and delinquent, and the penalty attached.

NAMES OF CORPORATIONS AND TOWNSHIPS.	State Tax.....	State School.....	Beneficent Fund.....	State Sinking Fund.....	Educational Fund.....	County Fund.....	Decatur-Bluffton R. R.....	County Sinking Fund.....	Tumple Fund.....	Township Fund.....	Special School Fund.....	Road Fund.....	Township Bridge Fund.....	Tuition Fund.....	Poor Fund.....	Corporation Fund.....	Library Fund.....	First Half.....	Second Half.....	Total Rate.....	State Poll.....	State School Poll.....	Tuition Poll.....	Special School Poll.....	Corporation Poll.....	Total Poll.....
Union.....	9	11	5	3	13	42		5	43	10	40	10	10	05	1			81	73	1 57	50	50				1 00
Root.....	9	11	5	3	13	42		5	43	20	12	25	10	07	1			96	60	1 56	50	50				1 00
Preble.....	9	11	5	3	13	42		5	43	15	10	30	10	10	1			94	53	1 47	50	50				1 00
Kirkland.....	9	11	5	3	13	42	21	5	43	10	15	10	10	10	1			89	69	1 58	50	50				1 00
Washington.....	9	11	5	3	13	42	21	5	43	25	08	15	10	05	4			97	72	1 69	50	50				1 00
St. Marys.....	9	11	5	3	13	42		5	43	06	20	15	05	20	2			85	64	1 49	50	50				1 00
Blue Creek.....	9	11	5	3	13	42		5	43	10	15	10	10	10	1			79	58	1 37	50	50				1 00
Monroe.....	9	11	5	3	13	42		5	43	20	10	10	05		1			66	51	1 17	50	50				1 00
French.....	9	11	5	3	13	42		5	43	12	15	10	05	05	1			72	57	1 29	50	50				1 00
Hartford.....	9	11	5	3	13	42		5	43	10	35	10		10	2			79	69	1 48	50	50				1 00
Wabash.....	9	11	5	3	13	42		5	43	15	15	10	08	05	2			77	59	1 36	50	50				1 00
Jefferson.....	9	11	5	3	13	42		5	43	20	40	10	10	05	2			94	74	1 68	50	50				1 00
City of Decatur.....	9	11	5	3	13	42	21	5	43		32			35	4	1 22	3	1 49	1 49	2 98	50	50			50	1 50
Town of Geneva.....	9	11	5	3	13	42		5	43		35			40	2	1 10		1 34	1 34	2 68	50	50	50	50		2 00
Town of Berne.....	9	11	5	3	13	42		5	43		15			25	1	1 00		1 11	1 11	2 22	50	50	25		2 00	3 00

DOG TAX.—Each male dog \$1.00, each female dog \$2.00. In addition to the above there is levied \$2.00 on each male dog and \$5.00 on each female dog in the city of Decatur, and \$1.00 on each male dog and \$2.00 on each female dog in the town of Geneva, and \$2.00 on each male dog and \$3.00 on each female dog in the town of Berne.

ROAD TAX RECEIPTS.—Should be presented on or before the first Monday in May, as the road tax is all included in the first installment. Road tax receipts will not be taken for second installment of taxes. Examine your receipts before leaving the office and see that all your property is described. Also see that change is correctly made.

PARTICULAR ATTENTION.—Those who have lands and lots or other property in more than one township must see that they have a receipt for all. County orders cannot be paid to any person owing delinquent tax; all persons are warned against purchasing such orders. (The books will positively be closed on the first Monday in May and the first Monday in November.)

Assignees, guardians, administrators and others who pay taxes on property in trust, and persons whose taxes are complicated, such as undivided estates, are earnestly requested to come before the last few days.

The taxes of the Waggoner-Patton and Decatur and Bluffton gravel roads are now due and payable at this office and are subject to the same penalties as other taxes if not paid.

The municipal taxes of the city of Decatur and the towns of Berne and Geneva are payable at this office.

The annual sale of delinquent lands and lots will take place on the second Monday in Feb. 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Attest:

NOAH MANGOLD,

Decatur, Indiana.

JONAS NEUENSCHWANDER,

County Auditor, Treasurer Adams County.

LEGAL ADVERTISING.

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Sipe, late of Adams county, deceased. The estate is probably solvent.

A. J. Sipe, Administrator.

December 28, 1897.

Lotz & Snow, Attorneys.

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ELECTION NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders in the Decatur Cemetery Association that there will be an election held at the store of Henry Winnes, in the City of Decatur, on

Thursday, January 6, 1898

at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing seven trustees for the Decatur Cemetery Association for the ensuing year.

J. H. Strunk, secretary D. C. A.

December 29, 1897.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Elizabeth Sipe deceased, will offer at public sale, at the residence of the deceased, seven miles east and one mile north of Berne, Indiana on

Thursday, January 20, 1898,

The personal property of the decedent consisting of two milch cows, one yearling heifer, two hundred chickens, grain, hay and corn, wagons, plows, household goods and other articles not herein mentioned.

TERMS OF SALE: A credit of nine months will be given on all sales over five dollars. Sums under five dollars cash in hand. The buyer giving his note with approved security, paying valuation and appraisal fees bearing six percent interest after maturity. Sale to begin at 10 o'clock a. m.

ANDREW J. SIRE, Administrator.

Lotz & Snow, Attorneys.

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NOTICE TO TEACHERS.

Notice is hereby given that there will be a public examination of teachers at the county superintendent's office in Decatur, Indiana, on the last Saturday of each month. Manuscript made in other counties will not be received.

ceived. Applicants must be seven years of age before the 1st of July. Besides the statutory branches and science of education, applicants will be required to answer a list based on selected literature—the selection made by the state board of education.

The examination in the science of education ("Practical Teacher") and the general culture book ("Teaching the Language Arts," for the six months beginning with the November examination) will be based on the township institute work for this year, covering one institute at each examination.

November—Outline one.

December—Outline two.

January—Outline three.

February—Outline four.

March—Outline five.

April—Outline six.

The work in reading will not be based upon any particular text book. Teachers' examination begins promptly at 8:30 a. m.

Yours very truly,

IRVIN BRANDYBERRY,

County Superintendent.

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENTS.

The state of Indiana, county of Adams, ss.

I, the Adams circuit court of Adams county, Indiana

1898.

Husta Helm vs. George Helm

No. 561. Complaint for Divorce.

It appearing from affidavit filed in the above entitled cause, that George Helm, the above named defendant, is a non-resident of the state of Indiana.

Notice is therefore hereby given the said George Helm that he and appear before the Honorable Judge of the Adams circuit court on the twenty-first day of February, 1898, the same being the nineteenth day of the next regular term thereof to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur, Indiana, on Monday, the seventh day of February A. D. 1898, and plead by answer or demur to said complaint, or the same will be heard and determined in his absence.

Witness my name, and the seal of said court hereunto affixed, this twenty-eighth day of December, 1897.

JOHN H. LENHART, CLERK.

By E. BERT LENHART, Deputy.

Elias G. Coverdale, Atty. for Pl'tf.

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EXECUTOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Notice is hereby given that I, John T. Francis, executor of the last will and testament of William Michl, deceased, late of Adams county, Indiana, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me as executor under and by virtue of the will of said decedent, will

offer for sale at private sale at the law office of Francis & Merryman in the city of Decatur, Indiana, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on (or after if not then sold)

Thursday January 27, 1898.

to the highest and best bidder, the fee-simple of the following described real estate situated in Adams county, State of Indiana, to-wit:

The south-east quarter of section twenty-three (23) in township twenty-seven (27) north, range thirteen (13) east, containing one hundred and six (106) acres.

Terms of sale:—One-third (33) cash and the time of deferred payments will be fixed on the day of sale to suit the convenience of the purchaser as near as can be. The deferred payments are to bear six per cent interest from date and to be secured by first mortgage security to the approval of said executor.

JOHN T. FRANCIS, Executor.

Francis & Merryman, Attorneys.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

The State of Indiana, Adams county ss.

In the Adams circuit court of Adams county, Indiana

Company vs. Caroline David, John S. Bowers

No. 222.

By virtue of an order of sale to me directed by the clerk of the Adams Circuit Court, of said county and state, I have levied upon the real estate hereinafter mentioned and will expose for sale at public auction at the East door of the Court House in the city of Decatur, Adams county, Indiana, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. on

Saturday, the 15th day of January, 1898,

The rents and profits for a term not exceeding seven years, of the following described real estate, situated in Adams County, Indiana, to-wit:

The east half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section ten (10), township twenty-eight (28), north range fifteen (15) east, in Adams county, State of Indiana.

And on failure to realize therefrom the full amount of judgment, interest thereon and costs, I will at the same time and in the same manner aforesaid, offer for sale the fee simple of the above described premises.

To satisfy said order of sale this 15th day of December 1897.

PETER P. ASHBACHER, Sheriff.

By FRANCIS E. MCLEAN, Deputy.

Francis & Merryman, Attorneys for Pl'tf.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Abraham Walters, deceased, in pursuance of the order of the Adams Circuit Court, of Adams county, Indiana, on or after if not then sold

Saturday, February 5, 1898.

at the law office of Francis & Merryman, in the city of Decatur, Indiana, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., will offer for sale, at private sale, to the highest and best bidder, the fee simple of the following described real estate situated in Adams county, Indiana, to-wit:

The south half of the south-east quarter of the north-west quarter of section thirty-two (32), the following described tract to-wit: Commencing at a point forty rods north of the south-west corner of the south-east quarter of the north-west quarter of said section thirty-two, thence running north twenty rods, thence east twenty rods, thence south twenty rods, thence west twenty rods, thence north one hundred and twenty rods to the place of beginning, except three rods of the north-west quarter of said section thirty-two, thence running north twenty rods, thence east twenty rods, thence south twenty rods, thence west twenty rods to the place of beginning.

Also the following described tract to-wit: Commencing at the north-east corner of the north-west quarter of said section thirty-two, thence running west fifty-three and one-third rods, thence south one hundred and twenty rods, thence east thirty rods, thence north thirty rods, thence west thirty rods, thence south thirty rods, thence east thirty rods, thence north thirty rods, thence west thirty rods to the place of beginning, except three rods of the north-west quarter of said section thirty-two, thence running north twenty rods, thence east twenty rods, thence south twenty rods, thence west twenty rods to the place of beginning.

Amount of real estate hereby described being fifty-eight acres more or less, all in township twenty-eight north, range fifteen east, in Adams county, Indiana.

Terms:—One-third cash in hand on day of sale, one-third in nine months, and one-third in eighteen months; deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum from date until paid, and to be secured by first mortgage and mortgage security to the satisfaction of the undersigned.

ELIJAH WALTERS, Administrator of the estate of Abraham Walters, deceased.