

CHURCH RESOLUTIONS

Worthy Praise Showered Upon Worthy Church Worker.

The official Board of the Methodist church were in session Monday evening, it being eleven o'clock when they completed the regular business of the last quarter of this calendar year. It has been a pleasant as well as a prosperous year for the church, and at this time sufficient money has either been paid in or will be, to liquidate the current expenses and obligation contracted, and this is certainly a pleasant state of mind for those in charge of the financial part of this great religious institution. The board while in session also paid a very deserving compliment to the presiding elder, Rev. W. H. Daniel, and also to the pastor, Rev. John C. White, by the unanimous adoption of these resolutions:

Be It Resolved, That this Quarterly Conference appreciate the faithful labors of our Presiding Elder, Rev. W. H. Daniel, and his untiring effort to maintain the spiritual welfare of the church at this charge, and his earnest constant endeavors to advance the interests of Christ's Kingdom throughout Fort Wayne District. His untiring zeal, his constancy and fidelity and his Christian gracefulness have been an inspiration to better things and more faithful service. May God still bless and prosper him. We wish that the conference return Rev. Daniel to the Fort Wayne charge.

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Be It Resolved, That while it may be true that the highest and best reward that ever comes to man is the consciousness that he has done the best he could, yet as human creatures we owe it to each other in every laudable effort of life to say "You have done well." There fore this Board takes delight in seeing that our Pastor John C. White, by his pure and upright life, his companionable fellowship among us, his earnest, able and faithful preaching of the pure word of God and his personal spiritual helpfulness has enabled many in this community to take a higher, larger and better view of life, strengthened the spiritual life of the church and endeared him self to us all. We do therefore express our high appreciation of Brother White and of his faithful labor among us during the year, and no less do we appreciate his sweet spirited wife who has contributed in no little degree to his success. We wish that he may be returned to this charge for the ensuing year.

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Those resolutions speak the minds and hearts of the congregation and are deserving praise of labor in the church. Rev. Daniel is an old hand at the business, and does his work thorough and well wherever placed. The pastor, Rev. White is both an able and sincere minister of the gospel. His sermons are with eloquence and logic and better still he practices what he preaches. Never has the congregation been so united as under his pastorate, a fact that tells much as to his ability. His return is the united wish of the church, and anything else would bring a storm of disapproval. The official board are

DR. CANADA

Ophthalmic Specialist.

Practiced to the correction of the eye. Glasses fitted to the eye, with its numerous actional symptoms; to improve vision and for loss of accommodation due to age.

REFERENCES THE BEST.

At Dr. Canada's office, at Decatur, Ind., First Tuesday each month.

to be congratulated on their good judgment in paying a deserving tribute to those entitled to it. A few bouquets in life are worth more than a cart load, contributed when the storms of life are ended.

Free Delivery.

WASHINGTON, March 6—The post office department Saturday established a free delivery service at Decatur, Ind., beginning June 1.

The above dispatch tells its own story and but little comment is necessary. It gives simply two facts, namely first, the free delivery is an assured fact having now passed through the red tape program. Second—the date is June 1st, two months later than we were lead to believe by Inspector Burr. However it was almost impossible to conclude arrangements for the service by the time fixed by the inspector. Free delivery has been due Decatur for several years and it is good tidings to know that it is coming at last. Aside from being a matter of convenience, it adds a metropolitan air to the city and means much to all of us. An examination for carriers will be held soon and as stated before three men will be chosen for the positions. They will serve under the civil service and hold their position during good behavior. As previously stated they will make four business and two residence deliveries each day. O. J. Bayes has begun work of numbering the houses and L. H. Corbin is posting the names signs for the various streets. This work will be completed within a week or two and everything will be in readiness for the mail system long before the chosen date June 1st.

HAVING TROUBLE.

Needles and pins,
Needles and pins
When a man marries
His trouble begins.

This old mother goose adage was never better illustrated than on Saturday evening. At nine o'clock of that date Frank Brandyberry and Ada Baiber were untied in the holy bonds of wedlock, the happy event occurring at the home of Mose Badders at Monroe. An hour later Deputy Sheriff Dallas Butler appeared on the scene and arrested the groom on a charge of larceny. Consternation reigned for a few moments Frank denying the charge, while his fair bride wept on his manly shoulder, but the hub-bub availed nothing for Deputy Butler stood firmly by his duty, informing the newly made benedict that he must either go to jail or give a \$100 bond. The later was finally arranged and Mr. and Mrs. Brandyberry were left to enjoy their honeymoon. The affidavit against Frank was filed Saturday by Miss Clara Wilhelm of this city who alleged that he had borrowed a ring from her, valued at sixty five dollars and had refused to return it, notwithstanding her frequent appeals. The papers were filed before Squire Smith and the trial will come up for hearing in his court Saturday afternoon, that being the date set. Saturday always was "the worst day of all" on which to marry.

FLAX INDUSTRY.

Mr. John Niblock, who resides with his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Mylott in this city, is at present engaged in an interesting discussion by mail with the agricultural department of the U. S. concerning the flax industry of this country. Mr. Niblock is one of the best posted men in the country on this subject and the communications which follow are self explanatory and interesting:

U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., Feb. 17, 1904.

Mr. John Niblock,
Lock Box 825, Decatur Indiana.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of February 15, in regard to flax fiber production, has been received. Please accept my thanks for the information which you have so kindly given me in regard to the conditions of the flax industry in Ireland and Scotland.

I am well aware that there is a decided shortage in the flax crop in Europe. I will send to you, under separate cover, a copy of a recent report on the condition of the European flax market. It seems probable that there may be a demand from our American manufacturers for American grown flax fiber, within the next two years, especially if this

fiber can be prepared and put upon the market in commercial quantities of good uniform quality.

During the past summer Prof. H. L. Bailey of the Agricultural College of North Dakota, who has devoted several years to the study of flax production, has made a special study of the industry in Holland, Belgium and Russia, for this Department, and he has secured seeds of several types of fiber and seed producing flax, which will be grown by the Experiment Stations in this country, and also by expert flax raisers who are now cultivating flax for fiber on a commercial scale in the United States, and who have a thorough knowledge of the production flax fiber.

Very truly yours,
Lyster H. Dewey,
Botanist in Charge of Fibre Plants

Decatur, Ind., Feb. 22 '04.
Lyster H. Dewey,
Dept. Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:—Yours of 17th inst., with consular reports received with thanks. The report is instructive and corroborates the statements I have already made to your department in a former communication, Scotland, England and the United States are almost dependent on the Russian flax districts for their supplies of flax fibers, most of which is of a cheap and low grade. Irish, French and Belgium fine linen countries and damask manufacturers do not use this cheap Russian fiber, consequently are not dependent on Russian supply. These countries produce their own fiber. We do not for certain reason that I can enumerate if desired. That American flax spinning interests are going to be seriously disturbed is clearly in evidence as you must admit from consular reports. We shall shed no tears at their discomfiture and if they weep, they may weep alone. When their purses became phlebotomized from high tariff benefits, they began to hunt over the universe for cheap raw material and found their bonanza in India jute and Russia flax, the two cheapest and most inferior classes of fibers known to the factories of the world and our America flax farmers had to burn their flax straw crop. This is an epitomized history of the flax crop during the past twenty years. That the American flax spinner will be obliged to get their supply of flax in his own country if he continues in business is clearly evident and that demand will be an immediate one. It is obvious that the Agricultural Department will be obliged to put forth its best efforts in aiding intelligently in the building up of an industry that once flourished without props. It may require a little assistance now to make it regain its legs but not for long. I cannot endorse your prospectus on reconstructing this business by experiment stations with which you prepare to cooperate an institute equipped with a staff of botanists to experiment on vegetable plants and other food products. This profession and skill does not embrace the science and practical knowledge of preparing flax fibers from the plant, for his knowledge begins where the botanist ends, on the production of the plant. I respect the science of botany when limited to its functions, but there is no part of this business of flax production that comes by intuition. Keep this always in view—it is a profession acquired only by practical application and there is no other avenue to approach it. I will advise you further by and by

John Niblock.

SAD THOUGHTS.

By CURTIS JOHNSON.

Tis sad to think of mother, feeble old and gray,

Out of whose life all joy has gone

All through the sin of an erring boy.

Tis sad to think of a mother

Sorrowing day after day

For the boy of her grieving heart

Who has so sadly strayed apart.

Tis comfort to think of mother

As night after night she prays

That after such experiences

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Her heart beats hopefully.

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For peace, for happiness, for love

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PROBS. NOMINATE CONGRESSMAN

MUNCIE, Ind., March 3—The prohibition convention of the Eighth congressional district met here yesterday afternoon. The convention was called to order at 2 o'clock. Chairman Tarmohlen was unable to be present and Dr. W. D. Simmons was made temporary chairman. L. V. Shoemaker was made temporary secretary. The Rev. Aaron Worth of Bryant, Jay county who has been called the "Grand old man of the Prohibition party of the Eighth district" was nominated by acclamation as the party's candidate for congress. L. Masters, of Muncie was nominated by acclamation for the position as district chairman. He was empowered to select his own secretary and treasurer. W. Harkins and R. T. Lindsey were selected as delegates from Delaware county to the national convention. Other delegates are Oscar Current, from Jay county and B. J. Courtney from Randolph county.

John Young who until recently has been a stable boss for A. Tabman has left Monmouth and it is said that his friends there are not sorry. He was married some time ago to a daughter of Martin Lord. A few days ago he took a gold watch the property of his wife and very highly prized, to Fort Wayne and pawned it for three dollars. A relative of Mrs. Young got track of the watch and recovered it Thursday, and now John has left for other scenes of labor.

The Rev. J. S. Cain of Geneva was in the city Wednesday. Rev. Cain is heartily in favor of Portland for the 1905 conference of North Indiana Methodists and says that when the question comes to a vote in the conference at Muncie next month, Portland will be the winner by a two thirds vote. The invitations which have been sent out from this city have created a favorable impression and besides this he says there are many Methodists in Indiana who for years have wanted to come to Portland.—Portland Commercial Review.

These nine qualities go to make up a well rounded man: Brains, education; special or technical knowledge, manual dexterity or strength; tact; energy; grit, honesty; judgement; judgement or common sense and good health. Plenty of men, who possess only three of the above qualities can be hired at any time for laborer's wages. Add four of these qualities together and you get a high priced man. The man combining five of the qualities begins to be hard to find; and those with six, seven and eight are almost impossible to get.

The Berne saloon cases were the all absorbing question in the circuit court room Monday when the case of the State vs Samuel Springer, charged with selling liquor without a license was tried before a jury composed of John Edwards, Abe Stoneburner, Michael Gaffer, Jacob Sherry, John Baker, Peter N. Moser, Jacob P. Klopfenstine

Jacob Bollenbaucher, Daniel Huffman, William Singleton, Jeff Manley and Norman Lotzenhizer. The state is represented by J. C. Moran and the defense by Schafer Peter son and C. J. Lutz.

Married—Miss Silvia Rhodes and James Canham last Saturday evening in the Baptist parsonage. The bride is an ordinary town girl, who doesn't know any more than a rabbit about cooking and who never helped her mother three days in her life. She is not a beauty when limited to its functions, but there is no part of this business of flax production that comes by intuition.

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H. B. Gordon, who has been confined in the county jail since Wednesday when he made that sorry visit to the Citizens bank was taken from the jail at 11 o'clock Saturday and arranged before Justice A. G. Lewis, Deputy Sheriff Barr and City Marshal Stephens accompanied him to court. The affidavit charging Gordon with conspiring with Robert J. Knox to defraud the Citizens bank with a raised check on the bank of Lewisburg, West Virginia, was read to the prisoner by Justice Lewis and Prosecutor Wheat explained to the court that Gordon desired to the waive preliminary hearing and be bound over to the circuit court. The court then said that he would fix the bond at \$10,000 and ordered the prisoner returned to jail until bond in such amount is furnished.

At Fort Wayne Judge O'Rourke of the circuit court has quashed all of the indictment for embezzlement against former County Auditor William Meyer. There was one indictment of eight counts, charging him with embezzling \$900 from each of the clubs of the Western Base ball association. The indictment alleges that he was the president and therefore one of the partners. The indictments against him charging him with embezzling the funds of Allen county while acting as Auditor were also quashed on the grounds that three terms of court have expired and the state has not made an attempt to prosecute them. This invalidates them under the state law. Since Meyer has been indicted he has settled up all his shortages, both with the base ball association and with the Allen county treasurer.

The complete report of John D. Nidlinger's sale of Duroc hogs shows the best average of any sale held in the United States for two years past. Buyers were here from Burlington, Monroeville, West Point, Hartford City, Redkey Fair Oak, Churubusco, Columbia City, Warren, Westchester, Wabash, Berne, Middlepoint, Willshire, Galena, Ill. Henry, Jacksonville and various other places. Forty five head of Durocs as fine as ever went out into the world's markets were sold, bringing \$1652, an average of \$42.75. Mr. Nidlinger's fall sale with an average of \$41 broke all previous records and the spring sale has even surpassed that event giving him the two highest priced sales in the United States for Durocs. Many prominent stock men were here yesterday and praised the stock very highly. Mr. Nidlinger is justly proud of the result of his efforts and will make his fall sale even bigger than ever. The highest priced hog was No. 36 which was bought by Hahn & Son of Burlington for \$97. Eight of the hogs sold for better than fifty dollars each.

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Notice is hereby given that Clark J. Lutz, a commissioner appointed by the Adams Circuit Court of Adams county, Indiana, in the case of Sophia E. Hause, et al. vs Margaret Ruppert, et al., to make a sale of certain real estate in said cause, will on

Saturday, April 2nd, 1904, at the law office of Clark J. Lutz, over the First National Bank, in the city of Decatur, Indiana, offer for sale at private sale for not less than the appraised value thereof, the following described real estate in said cause of Adams in the state of Indiana, to wit:

In lot number eight hundred and fifteen (815) in John Meibers addition to the city of Decatur, Adams county, Indiana, as the same is designated on the recorded plat of said addition to said city.