

CHURCH RESOLUTIONS

Worthy Praise Showered Upon Worthy Church Worker.

The official Board of the Methodist Church were in session Monday morning, 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 received or will be, to liquidate the current expenses and the balance 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 constance 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.

John Niblock
J. T. Merryman
A. R. Bell
John W. Vail
A. J. Smith.

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 to each other in every laudable effort of life to say "You have done well." There fore this Board takes delight in saying 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 beam 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

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 postoffice 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 Badgers 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 hubbub 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 flax 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 phletoric 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
Her boy shall make a recompense
Tis grand to think of a mother
Of her confidence so sweet
Even thou, thou art most unworthy
Her heart beats hopefully.
Tis sweet to think of mother
As from all life's trouble and care
For peace, for happiness, for love
We turn to her and God above.

Marriage Licenses.

Frank Stuekey to Mary Yoder.
George Spriser to Bessie Orr.
Frank Brandyberry to Ada Baiber

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 Sprunger, 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 Peterson and C. J. Lutz.

Married—Miss Silvia Rhodes and James Canhan 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 by any means, and has a gait like a fat duck. The groom is well known here as an up to date loafer. He has been living off the old folks all his life and don't amount to shucks. They will have a hard life while they live together, and the News has no congratulation to offer, for we don't believe any good can come from such a union.—Opolma (Miss) Times.

A happy surprise was perpetrated on Mrs. Katie Kimsey of Tenth street Saturday evening and the happy event continued over Sunday, being a house party. The affair was completed through the efforts of her daughter, Miss Mary, of this city, and her son Clinton of Fort Wayne. A crowd from that city arrived on the eight o'clock train Saturday evening and returned home this morning, the party including Misses Ruth Melotte, Ellen Dreftinger, Bessie Orr, Mary Bennett and Messrs John Orr, Ben Bennett, Harry Bennett and Clinton Kimsey. Every hour was a pleasant one notwithstanding the bad weather.

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 partnership. 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 treasury.

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.

AN OPEN LETTER

TO THE PEOPLE OF DECATUR

From Smith, Yager & Falk, Our Well Known Druggists.

To Whom It May Concern;

Of late there has been a good deal of discussion in Decatur in regard to advertised medicines and their value—the papers are full of them.

We want to say to every man, woman child in Decatur that we believe the most valuable preparation of cod liver oil—the best tonic, reconstructer, health restorer and strength creator—we have ever sold in our store is Vinol.

Vinol is not a patent medicine, it contains no injurious drugs, and it actually does contain all of the medicinal curative elements taken from fresh cod's livers, but without a drop of oil to upset the stomach and retard its work, and, moreover, it is delicious to the taste.

Vinol acts first upon the stomach, tones up the digestive organs, creates an appetite, purifies and enriches the blood and strengthens every organ in the body to do its work as nature intended.

Vinol is recognized throughout the world as the greatest strength creator for old people, weak sickly women and children, nursing mothers and after a severe sickness.

Vinol cures hacking coughs, chronic colds, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles. Unequaled to create an appetite and to make those who are too thin fat, rosy and healthy.

Vinol is sold everywhere on a positive guarantee that, if it does not give satisfaction, the entire purchase money will be refunded. Smith, Yager & Falk, Druggists.

NOTICE.

I am doing shoe repairing and am located in Kauffman & Smith's harness shop, next door to Schlegel's blacksmith shop. Bring in your shoes if they need any repairing.

Peter Conter.

Clover Leaf Excursions.

Danville, Ill. Central Illinois Teachers' Association, March 25-26, 1904. One fare for the round trip from stations in Illinois. Tickets on sale March 24-25, 1904.

Lebanon, Ind. State Convention Missionary Society of the churches of Christ in Indiana, May 18-20, 1904. One fare for the round trip from stations in Indiana. Tickets on sale May 17-18, 1904.

San Francisco, Cal. National Association of Retail Grocers of the United States, May 3-8, 1904. Tickets on sale April 22-30, 1904.

See nearest agent, Clover Leaf Route, for full particulars, or address C. D. Whitney, General Traffic Manager, Toledo, Ohio.

Legal Advertising

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENTS.

The State of Indiana, ss. county of Adams, ss.

In the Adams Circuit court, February term, 1904.

George Aumiller, guardian of Frank Aumiller, vs. Mary O. Downey, John D. Downey, Alice A. Cottesippen, et al.

Partition of Real Estate. No. 6711

It appearing from affidavit filed in the above entitled cause, that Ulysses Cole and Cassius Cole, of the above named defendants are non-residents of the State of Indiana.

Notice is therefore hereby given the said Ulysses Cole and Cassius Cole, that they be and appear before the Hon. Judge of the Adams Circuit court, on the 25th day of April, 1904, the same being the 13th Judicial Day of the next regular term thereof, to be held at the Court House in the City of Decatur, commencing on Monday, the 13th day of April, A. D. 1904, and plead by answer or demurr to said complaint, or the same will be heard and determined in their absence.

WITNESS, my name, and the Seal of said (SEAL) Court hereto affixed, this 25th day of February, 1904.

DAVID GERBER, Clerk.

By Paul Baumgartner, Deputy.

Merryman & Sutton, Attys for Plaintiff

COMMISSIONERS SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

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. Hudnutt et al vs Margaret Beppert, et al, to make 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 the said county of Adams in the state of Indiana, to-wit:

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.

Also lot number seven hundred and thirty-two (732) in Adams county addition to the town (now city) of Decatur, Indiana as the same is designated on the recorded plat of said addition to said said town.

Also part of the south half of section eighteen (18) in township twenty-eight (28) north of range fourteen (14) east in said county of Adams, state of Indiana, and more fully described as follows:—

One hundred acres off the east side of the southwest quarter of section eighteen (18) township twenty-eight (28) north of range fourteen (14) east in Adams county, Ind., being the east part of said south west quarter of section eighteen (18) heretofore conveyed by Christian Fuhrman to Charles Fuhrman containing one hundred acres more or less; also the lot or fractional number five (5) of section eighteen (18) township twenty-eight (28) north of range fourteen (14) east in said county, state containing thirty-three (33) acres more or less; also fractional lot number six (6) of section (18) township twenty-eight (28) north of range fourteen (14) east containing sixty-four and 50-100 acres more or less, all in Adams county, Indiana, except from the above described land the following tracts:—

Commencing at the southeast corner of section eighteen (18) township twenty-eight (28) north of range fourteen (14) east in said county and stretching westward to the section line twenty (20) perches to the state line road, thence with said road in a northerly direction twenty-one (21) perches, thence east ten (10) perches to the bank of the river at the mouth of the run, thence with the bank of the river to the fraction corner where the east line of said section intersects the west bank of said river twenty-six (26) perches thence with said section line nineteen (19) perches to the place of beginning containing three acres more or less.

Also, except the following tract of land: Commencing at the southwest corner of section eighteen (18) township twenty-eight (28) north of range fourteen (14) east in Adams county Indiana, aforesaid, running thence east two hundred and twenty-six (226) rods and twenty (20) links to the center of the river road, thence north forty-two (42) degrees west, eighty-two (82) rods and six (6) links, thence north fifty-six (56) degrees west one hundred and sixty-four (64) rods to the half section line, thence west forty (40) rods and twenty links to the northwest corner of the east half of the southwest quarter of aforesaid section eighteen (18) thence south one hundred and sixty (160) rods and four and one-half (1/2) links to the place of beginning, being the tract of land heretofore conveyed by Charles Fuhrman to Samuel Fuhrman.

Said real estate will be sold free of all liens and for not less than the appraised value thereof and in separate parcels.

TERMS OF SALE.

One-third cash, in hand on day of sale; one-third in twelve months, and one-third in twenty-four months from date of sale. Deferred payments to bear six per cent interest from date and to be secured by freehold and mortgage security to the satisfaction of said commissioner.

Said sale will be continued from day to day until all of said real estate is sold.

51-4 CLARK J. LUTZ, Commissioner.

Mortgage Loans.

Money Loaned on favorable terms, Low Rate of Interest.

Privilege of partial payments, Abstracts of Title carefully prepared.

F. M. SCHIRMAYER,
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Decatur, Indiana.

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Prescriptions filled to the correction of defects of the eye. Glasses fitted to relieve strain, with its numerous functional symptoms; to improve vision and for loss of accommodation due to age.

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