

Resign from the Ministry.

Rev. W. H. Daniel, presiding Elder of the Fort Wayne district of the North Indiana Methodist Conference and who for several years served as a faithful pastor of the church here will tender his resignation from the ministry at the coming session of conference which convenes at Muncie next week. He has been in the ministry for thirty two years and has served at various places over the district. The following letter explains his reasons:

Fort Wayne, Indiana
March 26, 1904.

Years ago I conscientiously decided that whenever the effective ministry began to undermine my health I should ask for a change of relation. After very much prayer, heart struggle and consultation with loved ones I have at the very last reached the conclusion that such a time has now come. The constant exposure, great responsibilities and arduous labors of a Presiding Elder are beginning to exhaust, quite perceptibly to me, my physical strength—especially my nervous strength. I do not believe that I am fully able for district work longer. But much more serious than the inroads upon my own strength is the precarious and often alarming condition of my wife's health. It has seemed impossible to plan otherwise than to leave her at home all alone while I am away, as I must be, very much of the time. I feel it is not prudent thus to do longer. I owe to her a duty of care and protection which I must discharge.

For the above reasons, after thirty two unbroken years of active ministry, I shall ask, at the coming session of the Conference, a change of relation. To all of my brethren in the ministry with whom I have been associated as Presiding Elder and to all the members and friends of the church in the various charges I express my most sincere appreciation of all kindness shown me. It has been a great delight to be associated with these pastors and people. I shall bear away in my heart only the most tender feelings toward all. God bless them.

I shall strive to be as prayerful and faithful in the Cabinet in caring for the interests of the preachers and people as I would were I expecting to continue to be Presiding Elder of the district.

Yours Most Cordially,
W. H. DANIEL.

It is understood that Rev. Daniel will remove to his farm and spend the rest of his life in quiet. It is hoped by the many friends of the family here that the health of both he and his good wife will soon be restored.

Two Heroes.

The Portland Sun describes the accidental death of Lally and Downing as follows:

Lally and Downing were less fortunate than Rupel. When probably within one hundred yards of the bridge Lally's horse became nervous and plunged off the levee. After a short struggle in which Lally made a desperate but unsuccessful attempt to get his steed onto the levee again, he became separated from the horse and swam for a short distance, but became incumbered by his heavy clothing and an overcoat he fought for his life against too great odds, his strength failed him and he sank beneath the turbid waters of the Salamonina in the fulfillment of the highest motive to which a man can be prompted—that of giving his own life in an endeavor to save that of a fellow man. Al Fulton who was also in the rescuing party, threw a rope to Lally, which had he caught, might have saved his life, but which he missed by only a few inches. The tragic death of Otto Downing

was very similar to the drowning of John Lally. At the point where their horses left the levee, the water is about ten feet deep. Both horses were rescued, as was also the one driver by David Knoll. The body of John Lally was recovered at 1:30 o'clock but Downing was not found until after three o'clock.

Rural Route Directory.

The Adams County rural route directory, published by Charles S. Peterson has been completed and will soon be sent out. The book is accurate and contains the names of every person on every route in the county, being invaluable for people who have business transactions with the farmers of this community. The book contains 120 pages, filled with the names pictures of prominent citizens of the county, homes and public buildings of Decatur and the advertisements of Decatur, Berne and Geneva live business men. In his introductory Mr. Peterson says:

"The Adams County Rural Route Directory was compiled for the purpose of furnishing handy reference book for both merchants and rural route patrons. The book is thorough and complete, or as near so as it is possible to get such work. The names of the heads of all families are in capital letters with the members of their immediate family following. The names in parenthesis are people who get their mail in the same box with his family. In compiling this work I have had the ready assistance of the various merchants and business men whose names appear in the book and their interest in it deserve for them a good patronage from the residents along rural routes. Hoping the book will well fulfill the mission for which it is published and thanking those who so materially assisted me, I am Respectfully
Chas. S. Peterson."

A copy of the book will be placed in every rural route home in the county free of charge, 1500 having been issued for that purpose.

Will Enlarge.

L. Yager Sons will soon own the largest and most modern furniture store in Northern Indiana, as they are now arranging for an addition to their already large establishment. Thursday they purchased from Isaac Peterson, the lot on First street, located directly east and just cross the alley from their present store. On this lot is to be erected a large brick building of a modern and up-to-date pattern. The alley way is to be widened and paved so that several teams can be given room at once and all loading and unloading of goods will be cared for there. A canopy will cover the alley and connect the two buildings so that goods can be handled in the dry even if the weather is inclement. The new room will be used at present for a packing room, ware house and repair shop, but later it is the intention of this enterprising firm to enlarge the building so as to cover the entire newly purchased ground and making a block 264 feet long. When the new ware house is complete the present furniture store will be used only as sales rooms. The Yager store has been a substantial business house here for over forty years and under the management of the younger members of the firm is destined to grow into an establishment of great credit and help to the city as is evidenced by the present move. The firm has realized for years that this step would be necessary and the present crowded condition of their store made it impossible to wait longer. The new block is to be a well built brick and fire proof building and will when completed add to the business appearance of First street.

The Portland Flood.

PORTLAND, Ind., March 26—This city is suffering from a terrible flood as a result of which two lives and thousands of dollars worth of property have already been sacrificed. The rain of thirty-six hours has caused the Salamonina river to raise twenty five feet higher than ever known before and a cloud burst which occurred late last night has caused the most terrible loss ever known in this community. Not until twelve o'clock last night was it believed that any serious results would follow the rains, but at that hour the water rose so rapidly that it was necessary to give a general alarm. Citizens responded promptly, but could do nothing except remove goods in some of the business houses.

BUSINESS HOUSES

LOSE HEAVILY.

The water is still up to the second story of many business houses. At the Merchants hotel it was necessary to rescue the guests from second story windows. So rapidly did the water raise that it was impossible for the people to escape any other way. The Commercial Review office tried to get out an extra this morning but the press was covered with water before they were scarcely started. The heaviest losers among the business men are the Fulton Hardware Company, Cartwright & Headington, dry goods store, The Hood Wholesale grocery store, the Cline & Wilt lumber yards. The Adair hotel or old Hawkins house is the only hotel in Portland which is open to the public.

TWO MEN DROWN.

Though the financial loss is a terrible one and will reach far into the thousands, this fact is lost sight of here because of the death by drowning of two well known citizens, John Lally and John Downing, who met death in their efforts to save the life of a fellow citizen.

STORY OF FATAL ACCIDENT.

A farmer named B. K. Noll was trying to drive into the city. When between the Meridian and Wayne street bridges his horse slipped off the levee. Lally and Downing were near the scene on horseback and immediately drove into the raging waters to save the old gentleman. They never reached his side, however, as both men and their horses soon sank from view. Hundreds of people are dragging the streams in vain efforts to recover the bodies.

FARMER ESCAPES.

Mr. Noll finally managed to crawl onto the top of his buggy and cling there. A bystander finally succeeded in throwing a rope to him and he was rescued from his perilous position.

LALLY KNOWN HERE.

John Lally one of the brave men who met death, was well known here. He is a contractor and with Jack Frost has built several macadam roads in this county. In Jay county he was widely known and one of the most popular men in the county. He was about forty years old and leaves a wife and five children. John Downing the other victim of the flood is a bus driver and worked for the Hotel Adair. He was clever and popular. At three o'clock neither body had been recovered.

WATERS FALL SLIGHTLY.

During today the water has fallen about a foot and it is believed the worst is over, though stories of narrow escapes are still heard frequently.

The citizens of Portland have formed themselves into a big relief committee and are using every possible effort to prevent suffering. The sick and poor are being cared for. It is impossible to even estimate the financial loss but it will be a very heavy one.

Will Put in a Plant.

The Fort Wayne & Springfield Traction company will immediately put in a Cement Block plant with which to manufacture the material for building their power house, stables, stations and substations. A meeting of the board of directors was held Monday at the offices here, at which time it was agreed to purchase such a plant. The deal will be made this evening, it being the intention to buy either Normandie machinery made at Jackson, Michigan or the Winget made at Columbus, Ohio. A temporary building will be constructed at once of sheet iron, on the company's grounds north of town and it is



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Little Satisfaction.

President Shonts, of the Clover Leaf, Thursday received a delegation of business men from Delphos who came to ask that that city be not disturbed as a divisional point on the line. The anxiety of the Delphos people was brought about by the newspaper reports that Decatur was to become the chief interchange point with the Erie railroad. If this is brought about it is probable that crews would run through to Decatur instead of only to Delphos. President Shonts informed the delegation that the matter was yet in a tentative state. There was about fifteen gentlemen in the delegation.—Toledo Bee.

As was supposed the Delphos delegation got but little satisfaction from their interview with the wise Clover Leaf president. The committee appointed here have already got down to work and something of interest will no doubt develop within a very few days. Mr. Shonts has made his proposition and Decatur is going to accept it.

Real Estate Transfers.

John Lehman to Joseph D. Moser lot 413 and 414 Berne \$225.
Barbara Campbell to Catherine M. Cross lot 148 Geneva \$500.
Sarah J. Blackburn to S. B. Fordyce lot 19 Decatur \$100.
Willard Suttles to Henry Delinger lots 674-677 Decatur \$742.
Emerson Beavers to C. H. W. Weiland lot 563 Decatur \$1500.
Wm. Shoemaker to E. H. Stahly pt sec 35 Hartford tp 80 acres 4500.
Samuel O'Connor to Frank Haviland lots 97 and 98 Geneva \$725.
Isaac Lehman to F. G. Eichenberger lots 385 and 386 Berne \$35.
Christian Stengel to Christian Hirschy lot 232 Berne \$1500.
John Hendricks to Eliza C. Johnson lot 85 Monroe \$600.
Solomon Linn to H. C. Kooker lot 741 Decatur \$975.
Isaac Peterson to J. C. Moran lot 29 Decatur, \$800.

For Sale or Rent—A 11 room house with good barn and five acres of ground, on West Monroe street. Inquire of Simeon Weiland, city. 2-2w

ASSIGNMENT FOR BENEFIT OF CREDITORS—NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ASSIGNEE.

Notice is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that the undersigned has been duly appointed assignee, and has qualified as such, of the estate of Louis A. Henning, and the matter of said assignment is now pending in the Adams circuit court of the state of Indiana.
FRENCH QUINN, Assignee.
Dated this March 17, 1904.
Merryman & Sutton, Attorneys. 3-3

CINCINNATI, RICHMOND & FORT WAYNE RAILROAD COMPANY.

Richmond, Ind., March 17, 1904.
The annual meeting of stockholders of the Cincinnati, Richmond and Fort Wayne Railroad Company will be held at the office of the company in the city of Richmond, Ind., on

Thursday, April 7, 1904.

at 10 o'clock a. m., for the purpose of electing eleven directors and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
S. B. LIGGETT, Secretary. 3-3

NOTICE OF MACADAMIZED STONE ROAD PETITION

Notice is hereby given that one, Mathias Thomas together with numerous other persons, resident freeholders and voters in the Washington township, Adams county, Indiana, have filed their joint petition in the auditor's office of said Adams county, Indiana, asking and praying in their said petition that the board of commissioners of said Adams county, Indiana, build and construct a free macadamized stone road in said Washington township, over and upon the public highway situated on the following route, to-wit:

Commencing at the northeast corner of section thirty-five (35), township twenty-seven (27) north, range fourteen (14) east, running thence west on the section line between sections thirty-five (35) and twenty-six (26); thence south on the section line between sections thirty-four (34) and thirty-five (35), or to the township line between Washington and Monroe townships and there to terminate the same being two miles in length; said road to be known as the East Washington township macadam road extension.

Also commencing at the northwest corner of section thirty-four (34), running thence east on the section line between sections thirty-four (34) and twenty-seven (27), township twenty-seven (27) north, range fourteen (14) east, the same being one mile in length. The above road to be known as the extension of the Decatur and Monroe macadam road.

The said improvement prayed for in said petition to be supplementary to and a continuance of said East Washington Township macadamized road No. 3. And that

Monday April 4, 1904.

has been set and fixed by endorsement upon said petition on the day and date when said petition will be heard by said board of commissioners, in their room and office in said auditor's office in the court house in said Adams county, Indiana, and of the pendency of said petition and of the hearing thereof of all persons interested will take due notice.

ABE BOCH, Auditor, Ind.
Adams County, Ind.

NOTICE OF RECEIVING BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC DITCH.

Notice is hereby given, that I, ABE BOCH, auditor of Adams county, Ind., have pursuant to an order of the board of commissioners for the construction of a ditch known as the Miles W. Hemmerick ditch, described as follows:

Commencing at a point ten (10) rods west and ten (10) rods south of the northeast corner of the northwest quarter of section fifteen (15), township twenty-six north, range fifteen (15) east, in Adams county, Indiana, running thence north 40 degrees west 15 rods; thence north 5 degrees east, 21 rods; thence north 37 degrees east, 30 rods; thence north 11 rods; thence west 102 rods; thence north 45 degrees west 9 rods; thence north 67 degrees west, 12 rods; thence south 43 degrees west, 12 rods; thence south 50 degrees west, 6 rods; thence south 65 degrees west, 6 rods; thence north 45 degrees west, 6 rods; thence north 85 degrees west, 10 1/2 rods, and terminating in Blue Creek at a point 10 rods east and 19 rods north of the southeast corner of the east half of the northeast quarter of section 2 township and range heretofore mentioned.

Passing through and affecting the lands of Christopher Byer, Windford M. Suhm, Christ. Kauffman, Alexander Garwood, Elizabeth Parks, Joseph Sims, W. and S. Sims, Nancy Passwater, Charles Morrison, Miles W. Hemmerick, and Blue Creek township as shown by the viewers report.

Will on
Monday, April 11, 1904.

at ten o'clock a. m., at the auditor's office, in the city of Decatur, Indiana, receive sealed bids for the construction of said ditch as follows:

Section 1, from station 56 1/2 to station 27
Section 2, from station 27 to station 0
Bidders will be required to file with their bids affidavits as required by law, and successful bidders will be required to enter into a contract with the auditor for the construction of said work, and to file a bond with surety to be approved by the auditor.

No bid will be received or considered for more than the estimated cost of said work. Detailed plans and specifications will be found on file in the auditor's office.
ABE BOCH,
Auditor Adams county

Do you wish to sell your farm? If so, then list it for sale, with the Snow Agency. It may be advertised or not, just as you prefer. You will be at no expense if the property is left with the agency for the time listed. We have many farms and a large number of city properties now on our list and new properties are put upon the market each week. If wishing to buy, sell or rent property call and examine our prices and descriptions.

Phone No. 203 J. F. SNOW, Decatur, Indiana