

The St Marys river is receding fast and at present is almost confined to its original banks and all danger of high water is now passed, unless the heavy rains that weather profit Hicks, predicts appear soon, and if he has guessed this month as well as last we will certainly have all kinds of bad weather.

The citizens who live along Fourth and Monroe streets are taking advantage of the nice weather and are working on their sidewalks, some of which need raising and other lowering on Monroe street. On Fourth street the sidewalk must all be moved from their present location to out against the curbing and when completed will add greatly to the look of the streets and residents.

Don L. Quinn, of the Decatur Egg Case Company received word Friday from Cardwell, Missouri, stating that a cyclone had passed through that section of the country Tuesday completely destroying their logging camp a few miles from that city, and also injured their railroad to some extent. The amount of the damage they could not state at that writing. It also cut a swath of five hundred feet in width through a section of their best timber, not leaving a single tree stand through this course. The cyclone also struck a small town named Gainsville, which is near Jonesboro Arkansas, completely destroying the town and killing twelve people and injuring ninety six. No word has as yet been received from Jonesboro as this is where the Decatur colony is situated and great apprehension is felt as to their welfare.

Lee Porter one of the best known young men of Decatur left Tuesday morning for Paragould, Arkansas, where he will open an up to date harness shop, the firm being H. S. Porter & Son. Lee is a model young man, thoroughly honest and trustworthy and a splendid workman. Paragould is a hustling western town of 5000 population and the opening is just ripe for an up to date shop such as Porter & Son will operate as they have had many years experience in the business here. The Paragould Daily Soliphone says: "H. S. Porter & Son announce that they will open a new harness shop in Paragould the first of April. They will make and repair everything in the harness line. H. S. Porter, the senior partner of the firm, has been here for several days prospecting and will leave for his home, Decatur, Ind., tonight. His son will be here in time to open on the first. Their shop will be on Main street between the livery stables. They have been in the business in Decatur many years. The elder Mr. Porter expects to become a citizen of Paragould."

J. W. Place arrived from Chicago Tuesday where he was buying goods for the season. He has been busy repairing the damage done to their ice house by the recent floods and reports that the loss will not be nearly so large as was feared yesterday. The river has receded rapidly and Fred Linn and several assistant carpenters began the work of repairing at noon today. The company will save practically all the ice in the old Scheiman building near the Erie railway, but will lose several hundred ton at the Bowers ice house in the north part of town. While the loss will be considerable it is comfort to know that it is not as big as expected. The loss of all the ice in both these houses would not have inconvenienced the Place Company any in furnishing ice to their customers as they always pack the big house just east of their factory first and this contains a sufficient amount for all necessary purposes, the other houses being filled for emergencies such as encountering a winter when ice is scarce. The big ice house stands far above the river and the water failed to touch it by eight feet. Mr. Place said this morning, "We will have plenty of ice to run the season and will be glad to furnish all our customers and as many new ones as we can get."

H. L. Conter believes in the old adage that troubles never come singly. Yesterday the firm of J. W. Place Co., of which he is a member suffered a loss of several hundred dollars from the floods sweeping away a quantity of ice. During the afternoon Herman was working at the Bowers ice house in the north part of town. He was up on a ladder on the sidewalk; the ladder broke and Herman fell to the ground. His left arm was fractured at the wrist, requiring the services of Dr. Boyers, who applied the proper bandages and splints.

Dr. Hurty of the state board of health has issued a statement to the general public asking that all water be boiled before using. Even before the flood devastated the cities and jeopardized the supply of water the quality of it was such that precluded drinking it until it had been boiled," says Hurty. "Now that the flood has added danger to the already large store, the necessity of precautionary measures to preserve the public health is greater than before. 'The great amount of offal and injurious excrement that had collected on the surface of the soil in the city during the winter months was loosened by the avalanches of water and forced through the soils and over them to the streams from which the cities are now securing their supply of water. The evil is accentuated in the use of water in wells. From these no water should be taken for drinking purposes. They are more dangerous at any time and much more so in point of view of the events of the last few days.'

A dispatch from New York says: Employees of the Erie railroad are seeking a readjustment of wages. Last year increases averaging six per cent. were made in all departments. The agreement was to last one year. The agreement employees now wish another advance and their first committee, representing the locomotive drivers, has called on General Manager Stewart before whom the matter was placed. No conclusion was reached but meetings will be held almost daily until the complaints of all departments have been adjusted. The demands of each class of employees are to be considered separately and advances for reductions in wages will depend wholly upon the merit of individual cases. An official of the company said: "We are working in harmony and there is absolutely no danger of any labor trouble on our line. A spirit for reason dominates both parties, and the employees do not refuse to give a point here or there, where it can be demonstrated that the demand is unwarranted. On the other hand the railroad is willing to accede to any reasonable request of its men."

In commissioners court Samuel Soldner and R. E. Smith were appointed viewers and G. E. McKean engineer on the Decatur & Monroe and E. Washington macadam road extension. On the James Hendricks ditch petition, the viewers are Cris Borne, Frank Hisey and George Bright. On the M. F. Aspy petition John T. Kelley, Michael Miller and Jonah B. Corson. On the W. O. Myers petition, George Kintz, John Hessler and J. D. Hendricks. Surveyor McKean will make the survey on all the ditches. The assessment sheets for the P. Holt-house and E. B. Booth ditches have been filed with the auditor, and any time within ninety days, any of those affected may pay their assessment. After the ninety days limit expires, bonds will be issued and interest added. The ninety days limit expires July 8, before which time this interest may be saved. The bonds run for eight years. Bonds were ordered issued on the North Preble macadam road for \$10,660, West Washington extension No. 1, \$3,800, East Washington extension No. 2, \$4,080, Decatur & Bluffton extension No. 1, \$3,800, Decatur & Monroe extension No. 1, \$4,760. These bonds are all for twenty years, with semi-payments. A contract was entered into with Julius Haugk for the erection of a culvert on the Woods macadam road, the contract price is \$138.

The many friends in this city of Rev. Earl Natzger one of the most prominent Methodist ministers in the Northern Indiana Conference, will be surprised to learn that he has been offered and accepted the pastorate of one of the largest charges in India. Of the anticipated change, a special from Richmond to the Indianapolis Star says "The Rev. Earl Natzger, former pastor of the Methodist church at Center-ville, this county, and at present pastor of the Market street Methodist church at Logansport, has been appointed pastor of the English speaking Methodist church at Bombay, India, and will leave for his new home the middle of April. He will sever his relation with the North Indiana Conference next week during the session at Muncie. He is a brother of the Rev. L. J. Natzger, pastor of the Grace M. E. church at Kokomo."

A fire occurred Monday evening in the casting room of A. VanCamp which is run in connection with his Iron Works on North Eighth street, and for a while looked as if it would destroy every thing surrounding it. The building was an old structure setting about forty feet just north of his foundry pro-

Attorney David E. Smith and Rollo Parrish left Tuesday over the Clover Leaf for Independence, Kansas. They will stop at St. Louis and Kansas City and do not expect to reach their destination before Thursday night. Mr. Smith goes to attend to some legal business concerning the case of Geneva vs Gas Company, the result of the destruction of the Geneva school building several years ago and which will likely come to trial at the April term of court. Mr. Parrish will seek a location in Kansas and if the outlook is favorable may remain in the state where potatoes have a reputation of growing large. Independence is in the heart of the Kansas oil field and is said to be a good growing city of about 8,000.

Jury Commissioners David S. Mauller and H. R. Moltz met with Deputy Clerk Paul Baumgartner, Tuesday morning and proceeded to select the grand and petit juries for the April term of the Adams Circuit Court. The men who will serve as grand jurors and whose duty it will be to return indictments against those who have violated the State laws during the past two years are as follows: Frank Hisey, Jefferson



EDWARD C. DEHORITY

Democratic Candidate for Congress in this District. Mr. DeHority is a banker of Elwood.

per, and used as a moulding and casting room, and was as dry as tinder and the fire made great headway in it. The first alarm was sent in by some one from the west end and when the fire department arrived it had gained considerable headway, but after the water was turned on and the company got to working they soon had the blaze under control and in the course of a half hour the fire that once looked so dangerous was completely out and all further danger was passed. In an interview with Mr. VanCamp as to what the cause was, the only theory that he could advance was that a spark in all probability had been blown from the cupola of the iron furnace and easily caught in the dry timber, as his men during the day had been working in the building and had turned out several orders of casting which necessitated a very hot fire and in killing their fires had in all probability left an open space where a spark could have been blown out with the above results. He states that his loss will amount to something like \$200 which was covered by insurance. He also lost a number of patterns and some small damage to a few castings.

township; Peter Beiberstine, French; Daniel Cook, Hartford, Solomon Habbeger, Wabash; Paul Gerber, Wabash and Oliver Walters of Union. They report for duty next Monday morning and will be in session all of next week and perhaps longer. It is understood that they will investigate several important happenings and one or two startling indictments may be a result. The petit jury will report the third Monday of the term and will be on duty when needed during the entire term of nine weeks. The men chosen were William Breiner, Kirkland township; James A. Steele, Kirkland; C. E. Irvin, Jefferson; John Moeschberger, French; J. D. Winans, St. Marys; Chester Buhler, Decatur; George Cramer, Root; William Hilgeman, Jr., Preble; Fred Weiland, Union; James A. Sprague Monroe; B. P. Moyer, Hartford and Abraham Debolt, Union. All are worthy men and ten of the twelve townships are represented on the petit jury. Blue Creek township is the only one without a citizen on either jury. The honor of serving in this capacity is one usually unwelcome to the busy farmer at this time of year, but it is a duty rather difficult to evade.

DIED—At Peru, Indiana, March 29th 1904, the congressional hopes and possibilities of Hon. Geo. W. Steele, late of Marion, Ind., and Dr. Chas. A. Goode, late of Warren, Ind. Of Mr. Steele it may be sad that he was past master of art of politics, wily competitor, and at all times a candidate for anything that he thought possible to obtain. Of Dr. Goode we are constrained to say that he was as yet only a junior in the game of politics and that his daily political demise is particularly to be regretted since it was through no fault of his own that he shuffled off the coil. The political necrology of Dr. Goode began in Wabash in 1902 and was effectually completed in Peru, Ind., on the above named date.—Huntington Journal.

Michael Touhey on Thursday received a letter from his son Frank, who was sent to Jeffersonville some time ago for forging a draft, stating that he was in good health and enjoyed his new home as much as possible under the circumstances and that he as at present working in the chair factory, learning the trade, it being light work and that he enjoyed it. He also states that he sees Kirt Johnson almost every day but can only talk to him when allowed by the guard. He further states that the use of tobacco in any form is not allowed, and he feels the loss of this more than anything else. He also states that he has lots of company, there being some 900 inmates. These inmates are divided into different grades which is denoted by the color of clothing one wears. The undergrades wearing the blue, the middle grade, gray, and the low grades wearing the stripes. Frank is in the middle class and hence wears the gray. They are all compelled to attend church on Sunday and Frank says that he is in love with the preacher and enjoy his sermons immensely. Frank's register number is 4454 where he states any mail may reach him. Of course Frank is not overjoyed with his new surroundings but under the circumstances he will make the best of them.

Mrs. Elizabeth Baughman, wife of Ex-County Recorder Baughman died very suddenly at 8:30 o'clock Tuesday morning, the result of the bursting of a blood vessel near the brain causing an acute stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Baughman has for years been afflicted with heart trouble but during the past winter has been in fairly good health and felt especially good Monday, even assisting her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Weaver, who lives with her, to do the family washing. She arose early this morning and had breakfast ready at 5:30. Just as the family seated themselves at the table Mrs. Baughman became faint and it was supposed had suffered a slight attack of heart trouble. A half hour later she suddenly fell from her chair, Mr. Weaver catching her in his arms. She was helpless but conscious and by shaking her head tried to tell the family that she would recover soon and opposed sending for a physician. However, Dr. J. S. Boyer was summoned but the patient was beyond his aid when he arrived. She sank rapidly and the end came just three hours after the first attack. The news was a great shock to the many friends of the family. The deceased was a native of Ohio where she was born sixty nine years ago. She came to this city with her husband in 1867 and after residing here a short time moved to Steele then known as Salem, where they lived until about thirteen years ago when Mr. Baughman was elected county recorder and the family removed to Decatur where they have since lived. The husband and five children survive, one son, A. B. Baughman, of Steele, having died a few years ago in a manner very similar to that of his mother now. The living children are Mrs. William Tague, Monroe; Mrs. G. R. Douglass, Chicago; Miss Mary Baughman, Fort Wayne; Mrs. Lewis Weaver of this city and Mr. O. Baughman of Kenton, Ohio. At time of going to press the funeral arrangements had not been completed.

Huntington is enjoying all the pleasures usually connected with a romance, while Cupid stands by and smiles, said Thursday's Huntington News Democrat. This morning two strangers arrived in the city over the Erie on train 13. They were a fine looking couple and it did not require the second look to guess that they were lovers or a newly married couple. The former was the correct solution. The lady was Miss Mamie Hostler and the gentleman Walter Collette. They were accompanied by his brother, James Collette. All live at Van Wert, Ohio. What added zest to the story is that Miss Hostler and Mr. Collette are an eloping couple. Three years they had been lovers. Miss Hostler's parents are Roman Catholics and had no objections to Collette, whom they consider an exemplary young man, but they would not consent to their daughter's marriage out of the church. The point was pressed and the parents threatened to send their daughter to a convent when the lovers planned to elope. A rig was secured and they drove to Spencerville where they caught an Erie train and came to Huntington. Dan Collette, the Erie despatcher, is a brother to the groom and they repaired to his place of abode at the Bechtel home, 60 East Franklin street. Later in the day the bridal party were joined by Miss Maude Burdge of Decatur and Miss Isa Davis of Markle. This afternoon the couple were united in marriage by Rev. C. C. Beatty, the Erie despatcher. The happy couple will spend the night in the city and in the morning leave for Kokomo where they will spend a few days visiting. Dame rumor had it that Dan Collette and a young lady from Markle were to assume vows at the same time but this was denied by Mr. Collette. The bride is an exceptionally charming girl and is said to possess many fine qualities. The groom is one of Van Wert's business men being engaged in the livery business at that place.

The third annual After Easter ball given Monday evening by the C. M. Y. S. Club at their beautiful club rooms in the new Studabaker block was without doubt the finest social event of this kind that was ever held in this city and in all probability will never be equaled by a club of like nature. The boys had planned and worked to make it a success and had spared no expense in so doing and many were the compliments that could be heard from all sides today as to the fine manner in which they handled the crowd. The hall was beautifully decorated for the occasion with the club colors arched and draped in beautiful designs, and the large crowd that was present taxed the capacity of the floor space. At precisely nine o'clock the grand march was started and from then on until a late hour the floor was a whirling mass of humanity. Lovely girls with pretty dresses and stately young men gave to the onlooker a pleasing effect. The music was furnished by True Fristoe's Rag Time Orchestra and was played as only this orchestra can play it. Time after time they were encored, responded nobly and kept the feet of the merry dancers busy, keeping time with their quick and snappy two steps. At eleven thirty an adjournment was made and those desiring were permitted to go to the near by restaurants and partake of refreshments but one and all were soon back again and the revelry was resumed. It is rumored that this was to be the last social event that this popular club would give as it was their intention to disband and should this prove true it will be a sad blow to the young society people of this city, as the club was always relied upon to lead in social events. The out of town guests present were, Miss Kittie Braum of Kokomo, Miss May Christen and Miss Kittie McCarty of Fort Wayne, Miss Clara Auspach of Ada, Ohio, Burt Tucker, Frank Foster, J. C. Allman, J. Ehinger, Fred Maranda and E. Ehinger of Huntington, Curly Smith, William Malle and John Hellenkamp of Fort Wayne and Ed Kramer of Geneva.