

AWFUL TRAGEDY

Randolph Brown Com- mits Suicide

Farmer Living Near Dixon Burns His
House and Barn and Then
Takes Poison.

Last Monday's Van Wert Bulletin said: A shocking tragedy was enacted in Union township, this county, Sunday, night, in which Randolph Brown destroyed his home, the barn and other buildings on his farm by fire and then ended his own life by going to a corn field and taking a dose of poison. Brown removed from Fayette county to this county, some six years ago and settled on a forty-acre farm in the above named township. Some time after coming here he had trouble with one of his neighbors, Frank Rogers, over the line fence, in which he received a terrible beating. His friends claim that after receiving the beating his mind showed signs of weakness and he gradually failed. Brown sued Rogers in the local courts for damages and was awarded a judgment of \$150. He gradually grew worse and last spring in one of his fits of violence assaulted his wife. They have three children, one of their sons, Perry, living on a farm in Hoaglin township. Mrs. Brown sought shelter and protection at the home of the latter and sued for a property settlement, which was granted, the court making the division and ordering the sale of the personal property. The sale took place on Monday of last week. Brown claimed that the property was sold too cheap and in his frenzied condition went to the home of his son Perry, where he was so violent that certain members of the family were alarmed and sought a place of safety among the neighbors. On Sunday he returned to his home and made a bed in a corn field. At about eleven o'clock last night the neighbors were aroused by the burning of his buildings and went to the fire to assist in saving a part of the property, if possible. Brown was missing and was not found until this morning, when his body, stiff in death, was discovered in the corn field where he had made his bed. Evidently he died from the effects of a dose of poison. His age was about sixty years. He had in his possession cash and notes aggregating about one thousand dollars in value. It is feared that the fire was destroyed in the fire.

Saves Two From Death.

"Our little daughter had an almost fatal attack of whooping cough and bronchitis," writes Mrs. W. K. Haviland, of Ammonk, N. Y., but when all other remedies failed, we saved her life with Dr. King's New Discovery. Our niece who had consumption in an advanced stage, also used this wonderful medicine, and today she is perfectly well." Desperate throat and lung diseases yield to Dr. King's New Discovery as to no other medicine on earth. Infallible for coughs and colds. 50c and \$1 bottles guaranteed by Blackburn & Christen. Trial bottle free.

BUSY PLACE

Is Office of Superintendent of Public
Instructions.

Very few people realize the great amount of work that is done in the Department of Education at Indianapolis. The State Superintendent is a very busy man. By virtue of his office he is a member of the State board of education which prepares the questions for the examinations which are held each month from January to August, inclusive. The State Superintendent makes the course of study for the public schools and this is constantly being revised. He is the guardian of the school funds, amounting to \$10,500,000. He outlines and directs the work of the township institutes with the county superintendent and township trustees. He prepares an extended report of the educational affairs to each legislature. He is expected to visit every county during each term of office and to lecture to the teachers. He keeps in touch with the work of the superintendents of the state and attends their meetings. He is, by virtue of his office, a member of the board of trustees of the State Normal School. In addition to these duties he must direct the immense correspondence of the office, dealing with every phase of education in every part of the state. All in all the state superintendent leads a very strenuous life. State Superintendent Cotton has just issued the course of study and the township outline for the coming year, and some very practical suggestions are made in them which if carried out will bring good results.

State Health Report.

The September bulletin of the state board of health, which has just gone to press, reveals a better condition in the health conditions of the state in every particular. The number of deaths for the month was 2,658 a rate of 12.2 as against 2,980 deaths in the preceding month, rate 15.2 and 2,766 deaths in September of last year, a rate of 13.4. The death rate for cities for the month is 15.7, a much better showing than that to September, 1903, which was 16.4. A like decrease is shown in the rate of the country districts, falling from 11.8 in September, 1903, to 10.3 in the same month of this year. Diseases claiming the most victims are tuberculosis, 331; diarrheal diseases, 319; typhoid fever, 137; pneumonia, 73; smallpox, 12. There were 146 deaths by violence, also. Fifty counties show a death rate below the average of 12.1 for the state. On the whole the report is very encouraging, as showing that the continual work and campaign of the State Board of Health is bringing about good results.

Notice to the Public.

Cataract and all diseases of the eyes cured without an operation by Dr. G. Thain. It makes no difference how long you have been blind or how sore your eyes are, you can be cured; also, deafness or hard of hearing can be restored. Consultation and examination free. Dr. Thain will return here again and be at the Murray House, Thursday, Oct. 27. 51tf

TELEGRAPH FLASHES.

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 19.—At the meeting of the state board of election commissioners today the final arrangement of the ballots to be used at the coming election was decided on. The arrangement of the ballot as used at the last general election will be retained. This places the democratic ticket in the first column at the left of the ballot, followed by the tickets of the republican, prohibition, people's, socialist and socialist labor tickets in the order named from left to right. There are 3,359 precincts in Indiana for the election this fall, as shown by reports to the state board of election commissioners. Two years ago the plurality of the republican candidate for secretary of state was 35,264 and to win the democrats will have to make a net gain of between ten and eleven votes to the precinct. Four years ago the plurality of the first McKinley elector was 26,479 and if the national election is used as a basis of comparison the democrats will have to make a net gain of about eight to the precinct to win.

Gun Club Meet.

The Decatur Gun club held their first fall meeting Wednesday afternoon at the Bell-View farm and was most successful from every standpoint. There were eight entries for the sweepstakes' event and the contest was spirited. Clark Coverdale, however, getting away with the first honors, "killin" thirty-one clay pigeons, in thirty shots, two clay pigeons being sprung from the trap at one time and Clark hitting both in one shot. For receiving the highest score he was awarded eleven fine chickens. Clark will now represent the Decatur Gun club at the fall meeting of the Fort Wayne Rod and Gun club at Fort Wayne some time next month, and his followers here are all of the opinion that he will be among the top notchers. A number of those who shot yesterday had fine scores. Will Schrock and Charles Colter, however, had the lowest, as it seemed to be their day off and they could hit nothing. Mr. Bell royally entertained the club, giving them the best farm produced, and the boys are loud in their praise toward him. Another shoot will be given again on next Wednesday, which promises to be just as exciting as the one just held.

Public Sale.

Edwin W. France will sell at public auction at his residence three quarters of a mile west of Pleasant Mills, known as the Jacob Yager farm, on Monday, Oct. 31, the following property: Six head of work horses, twenty-three head of cattle, 30 head of hogs, 100 head of full-blooded Plymouth Rock chickens, farming implements, household good, 600 shocks of corn and many articles too numerous to mention.

Noah Stalter will offer at public auction at his residence three and one-half miles southeast of Decatur, and two miles northwest of Pleasant Mills, on what is known as the old Aaron Archer farm, at 10 o'clock a. m., Wednesday, November 2, the following property: Two brood mares with foal, bay horse, 4 years old, 2-year-old Belgian

stallions, 2 yearling colts, 17 head of cattle, 6 milk cows, one 2-year-old heifer, one 2-year-old steer, 4 yearlings, 5 spring calves, 5 sows and pigs by their side, 9 shoats, farming implements and household goods. Usual terms of sale. Four per cent off for cash.

Charles M. Stemen will offer for sale at his residence four miles west of Decatur, and one-half mile east of Peterson, on the Bluffton and Decatur macadam road, on the Will Weldy farm, beginning at 10:00 o'clock a. m., on Tuesday, November 3, the following property: One brood mare, ten years old, with colt, one draft mare, weight 1700 pounds, six year old driving horse, yearling colt, three year old colt, cow and spring calf, four brood sows with 32 pigs by their sides, 4 full-blooded Poland China male pigs, 50 head or more of chickens, farming implements household articles and other goods.

H. Fred. Bohnke will offer at public auction at his farm, 3 1/2 miles north of Decatur, first farm north of the Alpha Church, at 10 o'clock a. m., on Friday, November 4, 1904, the following property: One 8-year-old mare with foal, 15-year-old driving mare with foal, 1 spring colt, 1 good driving horse, 8 years old; 1 top buggy and harness, 1 three-year-old Durham cow, fresh; 1 Jersey cow, fresh; 2 Durham heifers, fresh in May; 31 head of hogs—12 shoats weighing 150 pounds each; 8 Chesterwhite shoats, weighing 60 pounds each; 1 full blooded Chesterwhite brood sow, 15 head Shropshire ewes, 1 Shropshire buck, 1 year old; 1 mower, 1 Milwaukee binder, 1 small body sleigh, 125 oak fence posts, 1 registered Poland China male hog, 1 Chesterwhite male hog, 75 Leghorn chickens, 1 Blackhawk corn planter, 1 corn plow, good as new; 1 breaking plow, good as new; 1 spike-toothed harrow, good as new; 1 wide tired wagon with double bed and manure bed, 1 spring-toothed harrow, set double harness, set single harness, 120 shocks good corn; 40 tons of timothy hay in mow, 8 tons clover hay, and other articles.

Legal Advertising

NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENTS

The State of Indiana, County of Adams, ss.

In the Adams Circuit Court, September term, 1904.

No. 6807. Suit on Note and Attachment.

James S. Boyers vs. Clarence L. Ayers.

It appearing from affidavit filed in the above entitled cause, that Clarence L. Ayers, the above named defendant, is a non-resident of the state of Indiana. Notice is therefore hereby given by the said Clarence L. Ayers that he and appear before the Hon. Judge of the Adams Circuit Court on the 21st day of December, 1904, the same being the 27th judicial day of the next regular term thereof, to be held at the Court House in the City of Decatur commencing on Monday, the 21st day of November, A. D. 1904, and plead by answer or demurr to said complaint, or the same will be heard and determined in his absence.

WITNESS, my name, and the Seal of said Court, this 19th day of October, A. D. 1904.

DAVID GERBER, Clerk.
By Paul Baumgartner, Deputy.
Merriman & Sutton, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NOTICE OF MACADAMIZED STONE ROAD PETITION.

Notice is hereby given that one, J. P. Johnson, together with a number of persons, residents, freeholders and voters of and in the township of Monroe and the town of Berne, 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 Monroe township, over and upon the public highway situated on the following route, to-wit:

Commencing at the northwest corner of section twelve (12), township twenty-six (26) north, range fourteen (14) east; running thence east on the section line between one (1) and twelve (12), connecting the Oak Grove and Pleasant Valley macadam road with the township line between Monroe and Blue Creek townships, terminating at the northeast corner of section twelve (12).

Said road being one mile in length. Said road to be an extension of the Oak Grove and Pleasant Valley macadam road.

The said improvements prayed for in said petition to be a continuation or extension of the Oak Grove and Pleasant Valley macadam road. And that

Monday, November 7, 1904,

has been set and fixed by endorsement upon said petition as 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 all persons interested will take due notice.

ABE BOCH, Auditor.
Adams County, Ind.

NOTICE OF COMMISSIONER'S

SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

The undersigned commissioner, by virtue of an order of the Adams circuit court, made and entered in a cause therein pending, entitled James K. Marz et al. vs. Atha A. Beatty, et al. and numbered 6738 upon the docket, thereon having given notice that at the east door of the court house, in Decatur, Adams county, Indiana, on

Saturday, November 12, 1904,

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, he will offer for sale, at public auction, and at not less than two-thirds of the full appraised value thereof, the following described real estate, to-wit:

Commencing at the southwest corner of the southeast quarter of section nineteen (19), in township twenty-six (26) north, range fifteen (15) east, in Adams county, Indiana; thence east one hundred and twelve (12) rods; thence north one hundred and twenty-two (22) rods and twenty-one (21) rods and one-half (1/2) links; thence west one hundred and twelve (12) rods to the west line of said southeast quarter;

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thence south one hundred and twenty-two (22) rods; thence east twenty-one (21) links to the place of beginning. Containing eighty-six (86) acres of land more or less.

TERMS OF SALE:

One-third cash on day of sale; one-third in nine months, and one-third in eighteen months. Deferred payments to bear interest at the rate of six per cent and to be secured by first mortgage on said real estate.

31-4 DAVID E. SMITH, Commissioner.

NOTICE OF RECEIVING BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC DITCH.

Notice is hereby given that I, Abe Boch, auditor of Adams county, Indiana, pursuant to an order of the board of commissioners for the construction of a ditch known as the James Hendricks ditch, described as follows:

Beginning at a point twenty-eight (28) rods south and fifteen (15) rods east of the north-west corner of the south half of the south-east quarter of section nine (9), township twenty-six (26) north, range fourteen (14) east, in Adams county, Indiana. Running thence north six (6) rods; thence east fifteen (15) rods; thence south six (6) rods; thence east twenty-three (23) degrees, east twenty-one (21) rods; thence north ten (10) degrees, east thirty-three (33) rods; thence west sixty-one (61) rods; thence north five (5) degrees, east fifteen (15) rods; thence north seven (7) degrees, east thirty-two (32) rods; thence north thirty (30) rods; thence east thirty-four (34) rods; thence north four (4) degrees, east eighty-two (82) rods; thence north fifty (50) degrees, west thirty-eight (38) rods; thence north thirty-three (33) rods; thence north fourteen (14) degrees, east eighteen (18) rods; thence north six (6) degrees, east fifteen (15) rods; thence north ten (10) degrees, west thirty-three (33) rods; thence north thirty-six (36) degrees, west twenty-four (24) rods; thence north fifty (50) degrees, west twenty-four (24) rods; thence north eight (8) degrees, west thirty-one (31) rods; thence north nineteen (19) degrees, west thirty-seven (37) rods; thence north thirty-three (33) rods, east and twenty-six (26) rods north of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the township twenty-seven (27) north, range fourteen (14) east, in county and state aforesaid.

Passing through and affecting the lands of Mary J. Erick, R. B. Allison, Chris Mertz, Jacob Scherr, William Swartz, R. E. Smith, Nicholas Wagner, T. L. Seils, Cyrus Smith, Joseph Whittier, C. W. Hocker, James Hendricks Sr., Wm. H. Niblick, Eli Wagner, James A. Laisure, Abe Brandeberry heirs, Hazel Andrews, Z. O. Lowellen and Winfred Smith, Dennis Bart, Charles Moser, Carrie and Lizzie Scherr, Justin Hocker, John Gross, Moses Badders, Vest Johnson, John W. Hendricks, Lucinda B. K. Seiler, Minnie C. Harris, Geo. Albright, E. A. Harker, William Brandeberry, Ella Brandeberry, Elizabeth Verhart, Drusilla Burkhead, Rosa Huffer Teos, B. Oliver, A. B. Bailey, Martha R. Pogue, Mariah L. Wagon, Isaac Huffer, F. Lobenstein, Eliza C. Johnson, Wm. A. Hendricks, Sarah A. Wagner, John F. Hocker, Herman Osterman, Viola Hendricks, Joseph D. Harker, John W. Sweeney, John Huffer, John Crist, Albert Keller, Rachel Elzy, The Carroll Elevator Co., Amos R. Brandeberry, Malinda Hendricks, Monroe township, Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad, and James A. Hendricks, as shown by the viewers' report.

Will on

Tuesday, November 1, 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 132 to station 136	2 " " " " " "	3 " " " " " "	4 " " " " " "	5 " " " " " "	6 " " " " " "
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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, Indiana

Sheriff's Proclamation.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

I, Albert A. Butler, Sheriff of Adams County, Indiana, in the pursuance of the statute in such cases made and provided, hereby give notice to the qualified voters of Adams county, in the state of Indiana, that an election will be held at the usual places of holding elections on

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1904,

for the purpose of electing fifteen electors for the President and the Vice-President of the United States for the State of Indiana, of which all inspectors and judges of elections and voters in said county will take notice.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name this 3d day of October, 1904.

ALBERT A. BUTLER,
Sheriff of Adams County.

NOTICE OF ELECTION.

I, David Gerber, Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court, of Adams County, State of Indiana, do hereby certify to the Sheriff of Adams County, that as a general election to be held

in said county and state, on Tuesday, November 8th, 1904, the following officers are to be elected, to-wit:—

One Governor for the State of Indiana.

One Lieutenant-Governor for the State of Indiana.

One Secretary of State for the State of Indiana.

One Auditor of State for the State of Indiana.

One Treasurer of State for the State of Indiana.

One Attorney-General for the State of Indiana.

One Chief of Bureau of Statistics for the State of Indiana.

One Superintendent of Public Instruction for the State of Indiana.

One Reporter of Supreme Court for the State of Indiana.

One Judge of the Supreme Court for the Second District of the State of Indiana.

One Judge of the Supreme Court for the Third District of the State of Indiana.

One Congressman for the Eighth Congressional District of the State of Indiana.

One Joint Senator for the District composed of Adams and Allen Counties for the State of Indiana.

One Representative for Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Prosecuting Attorney for the Twelfth Judicial District of the State of Indiana.

One Auditor for Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Treasurer for Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Sheriff for Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Surveyor for Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Commissioner for First District Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Commissioner for Third District Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Coroner for Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Trustee for Union Township, Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Trustee for Root Township, Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Trustee for Preble Township, Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Trustee for Kirkland Township, Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Trustee for Washington Township, Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Trustee for St. Marys Township, Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Trustee for Blue Creek Township, Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Trustee for Monroe Township, Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Trustee for French Township, Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Trustee for Hartford Township, Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Trustee for Wabash Township, Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Trustee for Jefferson Township, Adams County, State of Indiana.

One Assessor for Union Township, Adams County, State of Indiana.

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One Assessor for Jefferson Township, Adams County, State of Indiana.

You are therefore commanded to notice hereof as required by law to the voters of said Adams County.

In witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of said Adams County, at my office in Decatur, Indiana, this 3d day of October, 1904.

DAVID GERBER, Clerk.

PAUL BAUMGARTNER, Deputy.

State of Indiana, Adams County, ss.

Albert A. Butler, Sheriff of Adams County, in the State of Indiana, do hereby certify to the above and foregoing is a full and correct copy of the precept for an election, and delivered to me by David Gerber, Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court, of Adams county and state.

Witness my hand and seal this 3d day of October, 1904.

ALBERT A. BUTLER,
Sheriff of Adams County.

State of Indiana, Adams County, ss.

I, David Gerber, Clerk of the Adams Circuit Court, of Adams County, State of Indiana, do hereby certify to the Sheriff of Adams County, that as a general election to be held

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, he will offer for sale, at public auction, and at not less than two-thirds of the full appraised value thereof, the following described real estate, to-wit:

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