

NOTICE TO GRAVEL ROAD CONTRACTORS.

State of Indiana, County of Wells, ss: Notice is hereby given that the Board of Commissioners of Adams county and the Board of Commissioners of Wells county, Indiana, in joint session will, at 9 o'clock a. m. on

Wednesday, September 8, 1909,

at Commissioners' room in the court house in the City of Bluffton, Wells county, Indiana, let the contract for the construction of the proposed stone road on and along the boundary line between the county of Wells and the county of Adams, in the State of Indiana, petitioned for by James A. Eagle et al., and described as follows, to-wit:

Said highway being particularly described as follows, to-wit: Commencing at the northeast corner of section eight (8) township twenty-five (25) north, range thirteen (13) east, and running thence south on and along said county line highway between sections eight (8) and nine (9), seventeen (17) and sixteen (16), township twenty-five (25) north, range thirteen (13) east, to the southeast corner of section seventeen (17), township twenty-five (25) north, range thirteen (13) east, which said county line highway is two miles in length.

Bids shall be for the completion of said road in accordance with the profile and report and plans and specifications therein set out which are on file in the auditor's office in Adams county, Indiana, and in the auditor's office in Wells county, Indiana.

All bidders shall submit with their said bid their bond payable to the State of Indiana in the penal sum equal to double the amount of their bid filed, with approved surety, to be approved by the said boards of commissioners; said bond shall be conditioned for faithful performance of the work bid on according to the plans and specifications and profile of said road; said bond to be for the benefit of any person or corporation who shall suffer any loss or damage by reason of any failure or neglect of any such bidder or bidders to enter into proper contract awarded them by said Boards of Commissioners or to carry out the same in any particular or to pay for any labor or material therefor that shall have been furnished either to him, or any contractor, agent or superintendent under him or them.

Said improvement shall be let as a whole to the lowest responsible bidder by said Boards of Commissioners, who, however, reserve the right to reject any or all bids filed. Time for completion of said road will be fixed by said Boards of Commissioners at time of entering into contract for said work.

Witness my hand this 21st day of December, 1909.

O. D. GARRETT,

Auditor Wells county, Ind.

By order of the Board of Commissioners of Adams county and the Board of Commissioners of Wells county.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS.

Notice is hereby given that bids will be received by the board of commissioners at their September session on

Monday, September 6, 1909,

for the following supplies for use at the county infirmary: Groceries, Salt and Mill Feed, Oil and Gasoline, Drugs, Dry Goods and Shoes, Hardware, Tobacco and Harness.

Bidders will be expected to furnish additional goods if needed, at the prices stipulated in their bids.

MARTIN LAUGHLIN,

WILLIAM MILLER,

HENRY ZWICK,

Board of Commissioners.

Attest: H. S. Michaud, Auditor. 34-26

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR.

Notice is hereby given, That the undersigned has been appointed Administrator, with the will annexed, of the estate of Henrietta Schmitt, late of Adams county, deceased. The estate is probably solvent.

WILLIAM D. CONRAD,

Aug. 30, 1909. Admr.

David E. Smith, Atty. 35-34

Raises White Wyandottes.

W. E. Johnson & Son, Lexington, Ky., say: "Last year we lost one entire hatch of fine White Wyandotte chickens from white diarrhoea. This year we have given our chickens Bourbon Poultry Cure in their drinking water and have not lost any."

Sold by H. H. Bremerkamp.

Miss Ruth Thomas is at Fort Wayne visiting her grandparents.

HIDDEN DANGERS.

Nature Gives Timely Warnings That No Decatur Citizen Can Afford to Ignore.

Danger Signal No. 1 comes from the kidney secretions. They will warn you when the kidneys are sick. Well kidneys excrete a clear, amber fluid. Sick kidneys send out a thin, pale and foamy, or a thick, red, ill-smelling urine, full of sediment and irregular of passage.

Danger Signal No. 2 comes from the back. Back pains, dull and heavy, or sharp and acute, tell you of sick kidneys and warn you of the approach of dropsy, diabetes and Bright's disease. Doan's Kidney Pills cure sick kidneys and cure them permanently. Here's Decatur proof:

John Wagner, retired farmer, 309 N. First street, Decatur, Ind., says: "I was greatly bothered with kidney complaint years ago, but it finally disappeared and did not give me any further trouble until the past few months. Then my back began to ache and the kidney secretions passed irregularly, especially at night. Hearing Doan's Kidney Pills highly recommended, I procured a box from the Holthouse-Drug Co. and after a short use my kidneys were in a healthy condition and my back had ceased to ache. I feel that it is my duty to endorse Doan's Kidney Pills."

For sale by all dealers. Price 50 cents. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United States.

Remember the name—Doan's—and take no other.

NATURE'S REMEDIES FOR DISEASE.

Nature provides more effective remedies in the roots and herbs of the field than were ever produced from drugs.

Thirty years ago, Lydia E. Pinkham of Lynn, Mass., discovered and gave to the women of the world a remedy made from roots and herbs, which has proved more efficacious in curing women's diseases than any other medicine the world has ever known, and today Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is looked upon everywhere as the standard remedy for woman's ills.

NOTICE POULTRY RAISERS

Alonso Thropp, Mt. Carmel, Ill., says: "I was losing on an average of fifteen fowls a day with cholera. After giving the first dose of Bourbon Poultry Cure all around to my flock I never lost another fowl." Sold by H. H. Bremerkamp.

FINE STOCK AT THE FAIR

Because of the rush of entries of cattle and sheep of such quality that they could not be refused, the management of the great Fort Wayne fair which will be held Sept. 14-18, has been forced to enlarge the cattle and sheep barns at the grounds. Among the cattle exhibits will be the famous herd of Herfords from the Studabaker farm, at Bluffton, and the Smith farm, at Decatur, and a great herd of Aberdeen-Angus cattle from the Wilson farm, at Muncie.

Mrs. Edna Mayer is spending the afternoon in Fort Wayne.

When Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Mitterling, of Warsaw, returned to their home Sunday evening, after attending church services, they found the house in darkness, although they had left a kerosene lamp burning, on a dresser in one of the rooms. An investigation revealed the fact that the lamp had exploded and after destroying a large piece of the carpet and charring the dresser, breaking the mirror and burning the woodwork in the room, the blaze had died out.

WANTED—Lady bookkeeper; must be competent, and give reference to good moral character. Apply at office Monroe Grain, Hay & Milling Co., Monroe, Ind. 1td-1tw

Decatur, Ind., Aug. 30, 1909.

Editor Democrat—Since the people of this city have been kind enough to allow me to hold the office of city treasurer since September 1, 1898, I feel that it is my duty as their treasurer to render them a little extra service. If you will allow me the columns of your paper, I will greatly appreciate the privilege of giving the public a complete account of the receipts and disbursements of the city treasury from September 1, 1898, to July 31, 1909. I am a firm believer in the publicity of public affairs, and believe that by laying down the facts before the people that they will enable us to establish firmly the policies of the city on a business basis. Municipal affairs can only succeed when regulated by an intelligent and wideawake people. I mean a people who know a demagogue from an honest man—a people who know that the spendthrift theory cannot be worked on an economic basis. We have people enough in this city to care for her interest, if they only have a chance to get at the facts. Therefore I feel it my duty to open the treasurer's record to every voter. I have watched the city affairs for the last eleven years and have concluded that our greatest troubles come from bad business systems. We have suffered considerably by erroneous methods that lack the qualities of economy. There is only one way to win in this business proposition. The revenues of the city must be cared for. The indebtedness must be cut down, and the enormous interests must be saved to the people instead of the bondholders. With the above objects in view we will show you where the money goes and in future articles we will attempt to show you how at least to keep some of it from going. In the following you will find the receipts and disbursements of the city treasury from Sept. 1, 1898 to July 31, 1909:

Receipts.	Disburse.
General fund \$ 5,192.90	\$ 2,345.16
License	2,927.00
Interest fund	2,662.85
Misc. streets and sewers	3,348.11
Sinking fund	469.91
Fire department	287.19
Salaries	2,772.18
Streets, general	3,018.56
Electric lights	5,747.98
Water works	9,345.26
Temporary loan	19,000.00
Money in treasury July 31, 1899 ..	1,501.47

Total	\$49,194.01	\$49,194.01
Money in treasury Aug. 1, 1899 ..	\$ 1,501.47	
General fund	5,316.42	781.96
Streets, general	3,493.03	
Sinking fund	480.01	
Interest fund	2,720.08	4,036.04
Licenses	3,100.00	
Fire department	221.96	
Salaries	3,355.76	
Electric lights	6,326.75	4,653.87
Water works	10,052.51	11,976.25
Misc. street and sewers	4,265.64	3,623.84
Temporary loans	20,400.00	19,500.00
In treasury July 31, 1900 ..	2,520.17	

Total	\$54,162.88	\$54,162.88
Money in treasury Aug. 1, 1900 ..	\$ 2,520.17	
General fund	5,548.12	526.70
Streets, general	1,176.48	
Licenses	3,091.50	
Fire department	104.50	
Salaries	4,597.51	
Interests	2,778.07	2,114.95
Sinking fund	490.24	949.92
Electric lights	6,680.31	5,377.02
Water works	9,871.77	12,378.27
Misc. street and sewers	3,362.86	2,467.76
Temporary loans	20,500.00	19,400.00
Money in treasury July 31, 1901 ..	2,689.93	

Total	\$53,883.04	\$53,883.04
Money in treasury Aug. 1, 1901 ..	\$ 2,689.93	751.76
General fund	7,029.01	
Fire department	216.45	
Licenses	2,418.25	
Streets, general	2,430.95	
Interests	3,027.17	3,062.76
Salaries	4,168.45	
Sinking fund	244.14	500.00
Electric lights	5,879.22	4,324.42
Water works	12,324.79	12,628.41
Misc. street and sewers	4,599.95	4,227.48
Temporary loans	17,000.00	19,500.00
Money in treasury July 31, 1902 ..	2,401.71	

Total	\$56,212.46	\$56,212.46
Money in treasury Aug. 1, 1902 ..	\$ 2,401.71	
General fund	6,723.51	1,745.75
Streets, general	1,353.89	
Licenses	3,945.50	
Fire department	396.90	
Interests	3,262.24	4,469.68
Sinking fund	1,702.58	1,000.00
Salaries	3,336.33	
Electric lights	7,067.99	4,770.82
Water works	11,916.60	18,490.49
Misc. street and sewers	3,094.13	2,296.66
Temporary loan	12,491.56	17,491.56
Money in treasury		

July 31, 1903 .. 752.84

Total	\$52,604.92	\$52,604.92
Money in treasury Aug. 1, 1903 ..	\$ 752.84	
General fund	7,049.82	2,885.53
Streets, general	2,224.28	
Licenses	4,157.84	
Fire department	1,027.35	
Salaries	2,948.52	
Electric lights	8,141.99	8,081.23
Water works	7,608.92	7,924.92
Sinking fund	1,763.31	1,695.92
Interests	6,335.72	3,115.28
Water works bonds and interest ..	3,840.00	
Special streets and sewers	1,697.29	
Misc. street and sewers	25,699.08	24,977.05
Temporary loans	12,000.00	16,000.00
Money in treasury July 31, 1904 ..	476.65	

Total	\$75,196.81	\$75,196.81
Money in treasury Aug. 1, 1904 ..	476.65	
General fund	7,630.92	2,629.30
Streets, general	804.61	
Fire department	884.15	
Salaries	1,345.99	
Licenses	4,292.00	
Interests	8,842.55	370.87
Sinking fund	819.28	1,849.52
Water works	5,357.55	4,708.32
Electric lights	9,916.32	10,334.93
Streets and sewers miscellaneous ..	9,620.52	7,057.07
Special streets and sewers ..	4,322.90	4,238.39
Water works bonds and interest	9,562.02	
Money in treasury July 31, 1905 ..	7,544.06	

Total	\$51,378.69	\$51,378.69
Money in treasury Aug. 1, 1905 ..	\$ 7,544.06	
General fund	7,261.94	5,996.15
Salaries	1,629.16	
Licenses	4,057.00	
Fire department	438.90	
Sinking fund	2,763.99	2,296.18
Streets, general	547.24	
Interests	6,988.80	4,468.90
Special street and sewer fund ..	3,989.91	
Water works bonds and interests	6,670.60	
Electric lights	13,196.59	18,123.32
Water works	6,766.39	4,794.01
Water meter	344.50	
Streets and sewers miscellaneous ..	4,043.06	3,374.47
Money in treasury July 31, 1906 ..	8,567.81	

Total	\$56,956.24	\$56,956.24
Money in treasury Aug. 1, 1906 ..	\$ 8,567.81	
General fund	11,764.32	19,849.86
Streets, general	313.56	
Licenses	4,025.50	
Salaries	1,316.25	
Interests	4,852.36	
Fire department	47.00	
Water works bonds and interest	8,544.51	
Sinking fund	9,866.00	10,338.75
Refunding bond sale	20,000.00	
Electric lights	15,988.24	20,755.77
Water works	7,866.17	14,913.90
Special street and sewer fund ..	3,129.86	3,437.18
Water meter fund	284.90	647.80
Streets and sewers miscellaneous ..	23,736.98	24,782.23
Water works extensions	547.19	
Judgment fund	2,371.15	2,284.77
Money in treasury July 31, 1907 ..	5,827.43	

Total	\$112,999.08	\$112,999.08
Money in treasury Aug. 1, 1907 ..	\$ 5,827.43	
General fund	10,566.56	12,987.63
Licenses	3,872.50	
Water works extension fund ..	1,448.71	940.53
Judgment fund	2,424.44	2,510.82
Fire fund	932.25	
Interest fund	4,288.95	
Water works fund	23.00	76.60
Sinking fund	4,730.83	3,803.99
Special street and sewer	2,653.78	2,800.89
Electric lights	20,786.74	22,532.24
Water works	8,798.67	8,624.56
Water works bonds and interest	4,436.23	
Streets and sewers miscellaneous ..	16,804.36	16,753.24
Money in treasury July 31, 1908 ..	7,691.54	

Total	\$83,158.27	\$83,158.27
Money in treasury Aug. 1, 1908 ..	\$ 7,691.54	
General fund	11,693.41	15,143.86
Water works bonds and interest	4,445.04	4,723.50
Water works extension fund	932.07	1,314.74
Special street and sewer fund ..	1,889.86	958.05
Interests	4,366.87	
Fire department	1,889.86	
Sinking fund	4,631.90	
Judgment	186.42	175.20
Licenses	3,094.00	
Electric lights	22,954.47	23,068.65
Water works	8,596.66	9,143.48
Streets and sewers miscellaneous ..	15,569.96	16,343.73
Money in treasury		

July 31, 1909 .. 5,039.11

Total	\$83,575.19	\$83,575.19
In articles to follow we will give a recapitulation and will deal with the floating orders and judgment fund. The city finances never were in better shape than right now. The city's condition can be bettered by looking forward and not backward.		
W. J. ARCHBOLD,		
City Treasurer.		

Miss Miriam Belberich returned to Fort Wayne.

Mell Rice returned this afternoon from a business trip to Fort Wayne.

R. E. Peters is working in the interest of the Democrat at Willshire today.

Harry Jeffries will arrive home tomorrow from Rome City, where he is spending a few days.

Chas. Bell, of Fort Wayne, is in the city looking up friends and also attending to business.

Miss Bertha Smith is visiting with relatives at Sturgis, Mich. She will be gone for several weeks.

Miss Della Deam has returned to her home at Bluffton.

G. E. Burrell of north of the city, transacted business in the city.

Prof. Withurst returned to his home at Berne after being here on business during the day.

The Misses Agnes and Fannie Radamacher went to Portland to take in the fair today.

Misses Ruth and Charlotte Hermann went to Bluffton today for a short visit with friends.

Miss Mae Berling and little sister, Mathilde, returned this noon from a short trip to Bluffton.

Miss Flossie Wilcox, of Ossian, who has been visiting Miss Maud Cowly, has returned to her home.

Miss Gaynelle Bunn, of Ossian, has returned to her home after a visit with C. J. Weaver and family.

H. C. Andrews returned to his home at Monroe this afternoon after attending to business in the city.

Mrs. Mary Artman, daughter Ruby, are taking in the fair at Portland, and also visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. James Zimmerman returned to their home at Peterson after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. John Moran.

Miss Leona Opliger returned to her home at Linn Grove, after visiting in the city with her brother, Mr. L. E. Opliger.

Miss Bertha Kohne and Vera Ehligger went to Portland to attend the fair this afternoon and will return this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Drake came home from Goshen, where the former has been visiting with relatives for some time.

Herman Ehinger went to Berne, where he will distribute samples of corn flakes for the company's advertising agent.

O. D. Cartwright, who has served as agent at the Clover Leaf for the past month, left this morning for his home at Mralon.

Miss Neva Haugh returned to her home at Portland, after several weeks' visit with Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Smith east of the city.

Mr. Waddell, the Buick man, who conducted an agency for the company here the past summer, was here today attending to business affairs.

Miss Colesmith, of Delphos, who has been visiting with Chas. Ervin and family, accompanied by Miss Blanche Ervin went to Delphos this noon.

Tomorrow will be the big day at the Jay county fair and quite a number of people from this city and county are preparing to attend. They will go on the morning train over the G. R. & I.

The first frost of the season is said to have occurred last evening and according to Harvey Smith the melon man, it was a good one for a starter. However, it did but slight damage to the growing garden stuff, because of the fact that everything is so dry.

Mrs. Glass, an experienced hairdresser, and Miss Mary Closs of this city, have opened a beauty shop at the Closs home, 26 north Third street, and will do shampooing, hairdressing, manicuring and give massage and scalp treatment. Office hours have been announced for from two to four and from 7 to 8:30 p. m.