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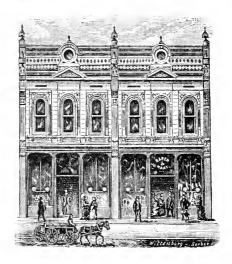
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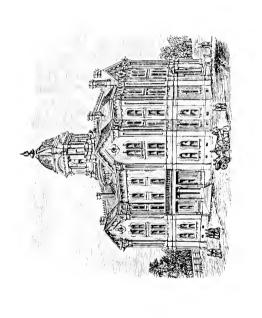
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That our book is not free from errors we do not deny—all things originating from human action have been and always shall be vulnerable to the attacks of criticism. But we hope that our foibles may be dealt with in that spirit of charity which leaveneth the burden of

weakness and aids the power of endurance.

To our many kind friends who have assisted us in the prosecution of our labors of compilation, to our patrons on whom the publication of our work largely depended, we offer our grateful thanks. The work of research alone has been attended with a trial of perseverance that cannot be approximated, while the arduous task of arrangement cannot be comprehended by any save those who are familiar in detail with a work of like character.

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In the vicissitudes of human affairs we find the existence of a general law, that the genius of the world is continual change

"From life to death, from death to life again."

In the common events of life this invariable law of change separates friend from friend—relatives from those most dear to each other; the fireside that is cheerful to-day in a short time may find some, if not all its members, scattered abroad in distant lands.

It is often interesting and useful to trace the leading events of the history of our country, not only from the first appearance of the white man, but back to prehistoric ages, the only proof of which we have exists in the scientific revelations of the scientists of the present day.

But we may note, as we pass, the immutable changes that are constantly being made within the scope of our historic knowledge, and trace the improvements of mankind—in the present age—to the universal advancement in the arts and sciences, agriculture and religion,

In 1814, or a little more than sixty-seven years ago, the organization of Posey County became one of the historical events of the early settlement of the Northwest Territory—two years before the great State of Indiana was admitted to the Union to fulfill a glorious part of America's destiny. Just previous to that time, in 1813, Warrick County, under an act of the Territorial government, was formed, and embraced, according to the bill, "All that territory which lies south of a line commencing at a point on the Wabash River, at the southwest corner of Gibson County, and running east to the line of Harrison County; thence south to the Ohio River," which included the exist-

ing counties of Posey, Vanderburgh, Perry, a part of Crawford, Warrick and Spencer; and which, previous to that time, comprised the greater portion of Knox. The county seat of Warrick at that time was the unpretentious village of Evansville. In the month of September, 1814, by an act of the Legislature, Posey County was formed from parts of Gibson and Warrick. Then, in December, 1818, Vanderburgh was formed from Gibson, Warrick and Posey, when the present boundaries of Posey County were permanently fixed. At the formation of Indiana Territory it was divided into four counties, viz: Knox, Harrison, Clark and Dearborn.

When we look back upon that age from this era of marvelous development and progression, when we draw a comparison of the condition of affairs as they were then and as they are now, we find it hard to believe that such a change as has taken place could possibly be

wrought.

It is hard, indeed, to credit the stories of the severe trials related to us by those who experienced them, and to believe that they are anything more than tales of fiction, emanating from minds full of love for sensation, and from persons courting distinction in connection with deeds of romance. But history is infallible, and for that reason we consult its musty, dust-begrimed pages, to find that their words are verified therein; to find that it is a "twice-told tale."

And through this means, true as holy writ, We find no marks of a mischievous wit: By thorough and close investigation We learn the mighty truth of dissemination.

Yes, the ones who give us statements regarding the condition of things in the days of long-ago, do so with no hope of being made the heroes of a startling narrative, or with any desire to have their names inscribed upon the immortal pages of history, as prominent actors in dramas of tragical situations that never had existence in reality.

Inasmuch as the French claimed all that territory lying west of the Allegheny Mountains, and opposed all attempts made by the English to establish trading posts in that section, a clash of arms became one of the imminent and existing dangers from 1750 until the year 1763, when a definitive treaty between those countries was effected at the city of Paris. February 10th. In the year 1753 the government of England, satisfied that the question of settlement and possession could be decided only by conflict, urged a union of the English colonies, and accordingly preparations in Virginia, for the protection of the frontiers, by raising a military force, were inaugurated. In 1754, George Washington, the first President of the United States, then a young army officer under the British Crown, made, upon the order of the Governor of Virginia, a reconnaissance of the territory lying in

the vicinity of the headwaters of the Ohio, for the purpose of locating military posts and subjugating the country under British rule. It was while Major Washington was at Fort DuQuesne, the present site of Pittsburgh, that he learned from the Frenchmen of the existence of a "small palisadeed fort" on the Ohio River, at the mouth of the Wabash. "where a large mound exists." The "mound" referred to was evidently the work of that peculiar race who inhabited America so many years ago. It is the opinion of those who have made a study of the mound builders, that the representatives of that extinct race of people inhabited Posey County a thousand or more years ago. dences of an extensive knowledge of the arts and mechanics are shown in the relics that they have left behind, a great many of which are in the possession of Mr. Charles J. Hovey and the estate of the late Dr. M. S. Blunt, of Mt. Vernon. The mound from which numerous implements of warfare, cooking utensils and various tools have been taken during the past half century (which was known for a great many years as "bone bank") has nearly all been washed away by the waters of the Wabash River, and which leaves the county nearly destitute of all traces of that industrious, ingenious and peculiar race of people. The early white inhabitants of the county supposed the mound was constructed by the Indians, as a "look-out," and as a protection from surprises by the enemy; but excavations and research of the scientific men of the country, have forced the conclusion that the theory regarding a prehistoric race is the most tangi-They were beyond question much more civilized than the natives discovered by Columbus, and it is therefore to be deplored that their origin, history, progress and decay lie buried in obscurity. Many of their mounds are still in existence in the Mississippi Valley, as well as in Mexico and South America, from which Mr. Hovey has personally taken some rare specimens of their workmanship. theories have been advanced by the historian and naturalist regarding this race, but no positive determination has been reached; and what became of them will probably never be known, as the names of their rulers have not been preserved, nor is there any record of the exploits of their chieftains.

When the European explorers visited this country, nearly four centuries ago, they found the natives wholly ignorant of arts or literature, and without any knowledge of their origin. Nothing could be learned from them concerning their predecessors, either by tradition or otherwise. The origin of the Indian race, therefore, is merely speculative, though the supposition that they sprang from the Mongolians of Asia, crossing probably at Behring Straits and coming south, is not without some reason. The absence of tradition or recorded history makes it impossible to trace the exact source of this race,

though a strong physical resemblance between the immediate descendants of Shem and the American Indians is conclusive evidence that Eastern Asia was the place of their origin. The assumption of this theory being true, they met the descendants of Japheth on the Western Continent in the fifteenth century, after having passed half the distance around the globe, in opposite directions from Mt. Ararat, the point where Noah and his sons took their departure from the ark, after their memorable confinement in that vessel. A few years after this meeting took place the descendants of Ham, the other branch of the family of Noah—who occupied Ethiopia—were brought to the New World from Africa, which was a fulfillment of the prophetic words contained in the 9th chapter and 27th verse of the book of Genesis: "God shall enlarge Japheth, and he shall dwell in the tents of Shem and Canaan shall be his servant."

It will only be necessary, of the several tribes who inhabited this country at the time of the discovery of America, to refer to the Alonquins and the Iroquois. The Alonquins occupied the seaboard of the Atlantic, while the Iroquois made their home in a section of country farther west. Various tribes sprang from the lineage of these two, each adopting customs and laws distinct from the others, between whom a warfare to determine a supremacy was continually carried on. The encroachments of the white man (in the seventeenth century) on their territory, resulted in the formation of a confederacy of the Indians, allying all the tribes, from the lakes to the gulf, in one "common bond of brotherhood," whose mutual object was protection from invasion by the intruders. King Phillip, an Alonquin, assumed control of the forces thus allied, and through his incursions desolation and terror were spread through the British Colonies of New England, from 1675 to 1677, when that bold and invincible warrior died.

The Northwestern Confederacy was composed of the Kaskaskias, Peorias, Michigans, Cahokias, Tamaroas. Miamis and Illinois. From these tribes were descended the numerous other tribes which have figured in our later history, the most prominent of which were the Sacs and Foxes, who, after many hard fought and desperate battles, were forced to conclude a treaty of peace and retire to the country west of the Mississippi River. The chief of the Sacs in later days, (Black Hawk), who will be remembered alike for his bravery and eloquence, at the end of the memorable war which was known by his name, erected a home near the present site of DesMoines, Iowa, where he spent the remainder of his eventful life, engaging in agricultural pursuits, hunting and fishing. He died October 3, 1838, at the age of 71 years.

During the years of French dominition the Northwest Territory enjoyed an era of peace, plenty and happiness. The inhabitants

lived in Arcadian simplicity. Their wants were few and easily supplied from the bountiful soil and the spoils of the chase. The land "flowed with milk and honey;" the government was mild and paternal; love of gain was almost unknown.

The Northwest Territory embraced all that country lying north of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi rivers, which, at the close of the desperate "Seven Years' War," became a possession of Great Britain, the country being formally transferred to that power in July, 1765, when Captain Sterling, of the English army, assumed command of it.

The Territory was under the control of the British thirteen years, when, on the 4th of July, 1778, (when the Revolutionary war was in progress), the red cross of St. George was taken from its heights and went down in blood, and the "glorious emblem of liberty," so dear to the thirteen colonies, was unfurled to the breeze; and the Declaration of Independence, made on that day two years before, was grandly fulfilled, though not until the 19th of October, 1781, was it proclaimed that a new nation was born—a nation that was to achieve wonders and perhaps become foremost in everything pertaining to a high order of civilization before her "rise and fall" had been recorded in the book of time.

At the close of the Revolutionary war the Northwest Territory, under colonial rule, belonged to Virginia until 1784, when it was ceded by that State to the General Government of the United States. By appropriate acts of Congress the General Government established a territorial form of government, giving it the name of the Northwestern Territory, which continued until the passage of the ordinance of 1787. When the civil organization of the Territory was finished, despite critical Indian affairs, emigrants continued to come from the East in great numbers, until 1800, when it was deemed necessary to make another division of the Territory, and Indiana Territory was formed, of which General William H. Harrison, a native of Virginia, received the appointment of Governor, succeeding Arthur St. Clair, who was Governor of "the Territory of the United States northwest of the Ohio" from October 5, 1787, to July 4, 1800.

A memorial was adopted by the Legislature of Indiana Territory, which, on December 28, 1815, was laid before Congress by Jonathan Jennings, the Territorial delegate, and which petitioned that body to order an election in the several counties on the first Monday in May, (13th), 1816, for the purpose of electing representatives to determine the expediency of organizing a State government. The bill was approved and it became a law on April 19th, 1816. The member of the Constitutional Convention elected from Posey County was Dann Lynn, (his opponent being Peter Wilkerson), which completed its labors on June 29th, 1816; and on August 16th, of that year, the first State

election was held. When the Territory of Indiana was originally formed it contained, as has been previously stated, but four counties; but when Indiana was admitted as a State it was composed of thirteen counties, viz: Wayne, Franklin, Dearborn, Switzerland, Jefferson, Clark, Harrison, Washington, Knox, Gibson, Warrick, Perry and Posey, and the county of Posey was so sparsely settled that she commanded very little attention; she was to be brought into importance by the continuous changing of events in human affairs.

Posey County was named in honor of Governor Thomas Posey, a soldier of the Revolution, who administered upon the affairs of the Territory from 1813 until the time immediately preceding its admission as a State; and who, in August, 1816, was defeated as a candidate for Governor of the State by Jonathan Jennings, the total vote cast being 9,145, he receiving 3,934 votes. William Hendricks was elected the same year to represent the State in Congress, while Daniel Grass, of Warrick County, was the first to represent the county of Posey in the State Senate, and Dann Lynn (after whom Lynn Township was named,) was the first member of the House of the Legislature from Posey.

The official returns of the population of Indiana Territory, on December 4, 1815, fixed the number of inhabitants of Posey County at 1,619. Frederick Rappe represented Posey County, on May 22, 1820, in conformity with provisions of acts of Congress, April 19, 1816, and March 3, 1819, as one of ten commissioners appointed by the General Assembly of Indiana, who met "at the house of William" Connor, on the west fork of White River," to "select and locate a quantity of land, not exceeding four sections, for a site for the permanent seat of the State Government," which was done on the 7th of June of the same year; and the acts of the commissioners were approved by an act of the Legislature, on January 6, 1821, "which act declared that the new seat of government should be called by the name of Indianapolis." But it was not until January 10, 1825, that the seat of government was removed from Corydon, Harrison County, the first capital of the State, to the new and existing capital.

While we have referred remotely to the State in general, in other parts of this work, we feel that that portion in which our county is situated should receive particular notice, though circumstances necessitate a brief reference. At this period of time, while reviewing the progress and development of Southern Indiana, during the past fifty years, our pride leads us to conclude that no section of country of the same area, surrounded by similar influences, could have attained the position which she occupies. No country can boast a greater variety of products, a soil of greater fertility, a climate more salubrious, a people endowed with greater energy, enterprise and intelligence. It can be stated without fear of successful contradiction, that Southern Indiana embraces a galaxy of counties than which no brighter constellation can be found. Of these Posey, in many respects, is superior to most of them; while, all things considered, she is inferior to none. For many years "The Pocket" was the subject of derisive remarks, but under the nurturing treatment of her public-spirited residents she has become the wonder and admiration of visitors and strangers. Her commercial and manufacturing interests have increased to a remarkable degree, her population has augmented quite rapidly, her cities and towns have improved in architectural and substantial wealth. her broad acres are intersected by railroads, while the echoes resound with the merry songs of the farmer boy as he drives his team afield. the music of the anvil, the hammer and saw, the puffing of steam and the clear tones of church bells in every quarter. Monuments of learning, of industry and morality are seen on every hand. What a contrast is presented by this picture when held beside that of fifty years ago! It does not seem possible, even in this wonderful age of improvements, that such a condition could be reached within the recollection of that sage of reverential memory, the "oldest inhabitant" With the advantages of advancement in the mechanics and of the improved facilities for rapid and cheap transportation, what position must this favored section occupy ere the lapse of the coming half century? The period, though short, if we can be governed by the past as a criterion, must witness a greater change than imagination c in contemplate. A writer of local reputation, in speaking of this section of the State, says: "Southern Indiana! Glorious Southern Indiana! A land rightly taking front rank among the fairest beneath the sun; with a clime gentle and inviting; a land dotted with opulent cities and smiling villages; a land whose fertile fields and arable plains can produce almost everything that can tempt the palate of man—certainly everything that is absolutely needful and of utility a land tracked and intersected by clear, and bright, and swift rolling streams: with mountains and hills teeming with mineral abundance, which does not lie hidden far beyond the ken of man, but seemingly wearied of lethargy has outcropped and is now sunning its wondrous riches ungathered. Its geographical advantages are peerless. It is the choicest section of one of the most powerful States; it is the pivot of the circle of that Heaven-favored valley stretching from the Alleghanev Mountains to the Mississippi river; it is almost the heart of the American Continent." This certainly is a picture that is not overdrawn, for the features that are enumerated are presented in all the glory of their beauty in this land of great promise and this land of wonderful developement. The compliments that are paid are not exaggerated; indeed, additional statements could be made eulogizing

the condition of this section, and still the actual facts would be under-No land, not existing in fable, has called forth more encomia respecting its many advantages and is the possessor of a more thrifty, enterprising and industrious class of business men or inhabitants, who are more hospitable. The treasures of nature and art and the results of industry are so manifold, that contradiction can not be successfully made. The fame of Southern Indiana abroad has been growing for several years, yet the story of her hidden wealth and developed richness, "as it is seen by the intelligent eye, on a liberal survey," What marvelous changes have indeed been has remained untold. wrought in the fleet passage of a few short years. Eighty-five years ago the solitude of the surrounding forests was first broken by the sound of the white man's voice. Seventy-five years ago the struggles of the pioneers with the Indians began, "when the watch dog was stationed sentinel in the harvest field; when the trusty fire-lock went as regularly to the field as the plow, when the ear of the herdsman was ever on the alert listening for sounds of danger and the silent footsteps of the stealthy foe, and when the return to his lodge at night was the occasion for recounting the perilous adventures of the day and the rendering of thanks to the Great Father of all for His protecting mercies." It has not been more than sixty-five years ago since the "winding trail led from one trading post to another, where some hardy adventurer had planted himself far in advance of civilization for the purpose of traffic and gain with the native tribes." Previous to the year 1811, "the waters of our beautiful Ohio shimmered beneath the laughing beams of a summer's sky, bearing on their bosom the red man's canoe, but they turned no ponderous waterwheel, nor contributed aught to the comfort of civilized man. Our broad acres, blooming in all the loveliness of wild and uncultured charms, presented their virgin bosom to the sun, having wearily awaited, during the long lapse of ages, the fructifying hand of the husbandman.

"Time since then, we say, has wrought many changes, not only in our social and domestic relations, but in the physical aspect of the country. The forests have been subdued, the prairies brought under cultivation, the rivers spanned with bridges, and on their gladsome breasts the 'white-winged navies ride'; cities and towns have sprung up in every quarter, and the sound of the mechanic's hammer, the rattle and whir of machinery keep quick measured time with the rumbling of wheels and the clank of engines. The spire of the church points its mute yet suggestive finger heavenward, the school and college meet us on every hand. Our surplus products crowd the warehouse and weigh down the car. We are no longer compelled to toil unceasingly from 'early morn to dewy eve' to procure a bare subsistence, but have time for relaxation, for mental improvement, for

· elegant leisure,' while our tables groan with plenty, and we stand erect in every presence with a feeling of competence and independence. These results have been achieved by no magical or supernatural influence; nature has not stepped aside from her beaten track to work these changes; no good genii have come from their hiding places to accomplish this task; no enchanter's wand has bid these structures rise; no fabled Hercules, with giant arm, has come to the aid of our pioneers. But all that is rich and beautiful around us, contributing to our sustenance and happiness, is the result of Labor. For the accomplishment of this end, have the weary days and nights been spent; for this have the strong sinews been taxed to weariness; for this men have eaten the bread of carefulness." By labor and by a spirit of public improvement the wilderness of a few years agone has been made "to blossom as the rose," A great deal has been accomplished, a great deal will be done. The car of improvement is whirling along at a rapid rate, and its highway of to-day will not be known to morrow, so numerous will the changes be. Only a few years more and our "short and simple annals" will be a matter of past history. Our customs and our peculiarities will be commented upon and held in contrast with those of the coming generations, just as we have traced the course of people who lived in the past. We must be regarded by our descendents as objects of great curiosity, and it must be a matter of wonder to them why we did not "improve our opportunities and make greater advancements." No doubt the "dullards of the nineteenth century " will be laughed at when their bones lie buried in yon vawning cemetery. We shall pass to that "bourne whence no traveler returns" with a feeling that we have "fought a good fight." and that in our age wonders unparallelled have been achieved. provements upon our inventions will be made, and they will learn from us, just as we have learned from those who have gone before. Alas! perfection can never be attained by man.

The beautiful river which lies at our feet was navigated by our immediate ancestors by the power of muscle; but since then steam has become a motive power and the invention of machinery has displaced physical force. The waters from the river, converted into steam, now drive the vessels which float upon its bosom as "if before the wind."

TOPOGRAPHY, SOIL AND PRODUCTIONS OF POSEV COUNTY—POPULATION AND CHARACTER OF THE SAME—PUBLICIMPROVEMENTS—FIRST SETTLERS—THE BATTLE OF TIPPECANOE AND ITS CONSEQUENCES.

Posey County is situated in the extreme Southwestern part of the State of Indiana, and is bounded on the South by the Ohio river, on the North by the Wabash river and Gibson County, on the West by the Wabash river, on the East by Gibson and Vanderburgh Counties,

having an area of 420 square miles, or 268,800 acres, of which, in 1880, there were 62,750 sown to wheat, 40,860 planted to corn, while 21,613 acres were cultivated in oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, potatoes, melons, tobacco hay, beans, berries, etc. The total valuation of taxables in the County, for 1881 was \$7,522,620. There are probably 125,000 acres of timber land in the County, most of which, when cleared, can be made very productive, and which, during coming years, will contribute largely to its revenue. The following table shows the agricultural, horticultural and other productions of the County for 1880:

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Wheat												62,7	59	971,743	Bush.
Corn															٠.
Oats														15,304	6.6
Barley												Ĭ,	3.3	7,715	
Clover Seed														2,923	
Buckwheat													5		
Clover Seed Buckwheat Irish Potatoes.												5	56		
Sweet Potatoes													1.3	1,167	
Timothy Seed.															
Clover Seed															
Grass Seed															
Apples,															
Peas											٠.			233	
Peaches														4,810	
Plums					,									363	
Quinces														120	
Timothy Hay.												4.7	25	1,355	Tons
Clover Hay L.												12.3	10	3,526	
Flax Straw											, .			8	
Grapes											┆.			10,420	
Tobacco														2,730	
Butter											٠.			153,892	
Maple Sugar .														So	
Honey														12,669	
Various Berries											٠.			1,665	
Cherries											١.			998	
Cider														85,039	
Vinegar														6,978	
Wine														1.538	
Sorghum														1,492	
Maple Syrup .														69	
Milk														534,549	
Eggs.											, .				Doz.

In the consideration of the relation of topography and climate to the health problem for Posey County it is proper to remark that the County is now wholly different from the Posey County of fifty years ago, and deductions based on the early history of the County are of very little value in the discussion of the sanitary conditions of the present day.

The first settlers of this County came from many of the old States, very widely separated, and brought here the heterogeneous habits and tastes which can be found from Vermont to South Carolina, together with a liberal mixture from countries beyond the ocean. These emmigrants found here a soil of unsurpassed richness—a growth of vegetation of great luxuriance—and forests of the most gigantic size. A large portion of the Southern and Northern part of the County was covered with shallow lakes in which grasses and weeds flourished most hixuriantly. The full streams were subject to frequent overflows, and along the banks wide marshes were common. required to convert this rich wilderness into farms and homes was very great, and the pioneers were necessarily an overworked race. The undrained marshes generated malaria by the decay of vegetation and thus malaria found easy access to the systems of the weary workers. Thus came the fever and ague of the west. But these conditions are now completely changed. The early settlers have passed away; the dense forests have been converted into thousands of acres of farming lands; the marshes have, in a great measure, been drained; the streams, deprived of their lakelet reservoirs at their sources, have diminished in size so that overflows are confined now to narrow limits. and the flats have become fruitful fields. "The ax of the woodman carving out a home in the wilderness" has ceased to sound in the County; the cabin of early days has disappeared and the privations of pioneer life are no longer a necessity. The new generation has come into possession of their rich inheritance with well-equipped farms and comfortable homes. The mixed population of native and foreign origin is rapidly becoming homogeneous in habit, and is developing into a hardy and energetic race.

According to the extent of its territory, Posey County contains a smaller proportion of lands under cultivation than any County in the State, though the variety and amount of its products show either a better system of cultivation or a superior fertility of soil than is shown or contained in the other counties. The County is divided into ten townships, viz: Black, Harmony, Robb, Smith, Robinson, Center, Bethel, Lynn, Point and Marrs, the surface gently undulating, rich and productive, well adapted to the cultivation of corn, wheat, oats, barley, potatoes, &c., and with a salubrious and healthful climate. Apples, pears and grapes very seldom fail, while good crops of peaches

are frequently gathered and small fruits and berries of all kinds are easily produced and are beginning to form an important factor in the commerce of the County. The County is well supplied with water for stock from several living streams, which run in all directions. we are advancing too rapidly in the history of the County. Let us retrace our steps, at least in imagination, and begin with the time when such hardy and adventurous pioneers as Thomas Jones, William McFaddin, the founder of "McAaddin's Bluff," (now known as Mt. Vernon) Squire McFaddin, Andrew McFaddin ("Tiddle-de-dum,") an associate of Daniel Boone while in Missouri, "Slim Andy" McFaddin, and others, whom we shall mention elsewhere, camped by the clear waters of our beautiful streams, sleeping under the canvas of their wagons, with tribes of roving savages hovering about on every side; content with their "Johnny-cakes" and wild game for food and the "buckskin and homespun for clothing; when the green hills were covered with a thousand varieties of beautiful flowers; when the woods were alive with the feathered songster, the nimble squirrel and the graceful deer, resting on and under the limbs of the sturdy oak that had never heard the sound of the woodman's ax; when the buffalo and the antelope grazed the sunny slopes and drank the clear, sparkling water from the laughing brooks, without the fear of death dealing missiles from the hunter's rifle; let us contrast the past with the present; let us now take a view in reality, and pass over the well-beaten road with the green hedge or substantial fence on either side, and beyond view the green fields of the stately corn, the rustling, waving wheat and smooth meadow, covered with browsing cattle, sleek horses and bleating sheep—let us rest for a moment and consider in detail some of the many improvements that have sprung up, as if by magic, in our midst.

POPULATION.

In 1816 the vote of Posey County was 326, and the population about 2,240; in 1820 the County contained 4,061; in 1830, 6,540; in 1840, 9,583, or nearly as many as the vote of the State in 1815, at the first election; in 1860, 12,549; in 1860, 16,147; in 1870, 19,185; in 1880, 22,057 inhabitants. Thus it will be seen that the settlement of the County has been gradual since its organization, and that the increase of population has chiefly come from a natural growth. The residents are made up principally of the German and English-speaking classes, most of those of African descent residing in the extreme Southern portion of the County. The chief portion of the Native Americans who settled in the County in early times came from North Carolina and Georgia. At present all the other States of the Union are repre-

sented in the population. The German element came from Wurtemberg, the Western provinces of Prussia, Baden, Hesse and the Palatinate. The principal part of the revenue is derived from the agricultural interests. Its people are generous, intelligent and industrious, and show a disposition to improve the County, to elevate the morals, to educate the youth and to encourage public enterprises that is highly commendable. That class of people known as farmers, as a rule, are in very good circumstances, having good farms with substantial and, in many instances, splendid residences and outbuildings. The many highways which traverse every quarter of the County are kept in very good order, while the smiling villages and towns which dot it here and there bear evidences of thrift and prosperity.

RAILROADS.

The Railroad is a feature in transportation which has contributed most largely to the convenience of the public, while its presence has aided in the development of the country more than anything else per-With the advantages of rapid transit offered in the railway system the progress of a country is assured. What a change it has brought about! In the "good old days of long ago," nearly all merchandise was brought from Louisville, Kv., by wagon, to Posey County, and it is claimed by some that this fact gave rise to the song "Wait for the wagon, and we'll all take a ride." In those days, too, merchants found it necessary to ride horseback to that city when they desired to buy goods, consuming from three to five weeks on the trip. The only means of transportation, indeed, was by horseback for several years. In 1850 the Evansville & Crawfordsville Railroad was built, it being the only road in Southern Indiana at that time. Our merchants availed themselves of the advantages offered by steamboats when they ran, but very frequently went to Evansville by stage after the completion of the railroad and thence East over the Evansville & Crawfordsville Railroad.

In the Spring of 1881 the citizens of Smith Township voted an appropriation of \$8,468 30 (it being two per centum of the valuation of taxable property) to aid the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad in the construction of its line from Owensville, in Gibson County, to Cynthiana. Work was immediately begun and the road was completed soon afterward. A vote for the appropriation of \$55,293.80 in Black and Center Townships was taken and carried in October, 1881, to aid that company in extending its line from Cynthiana to Mt. Vernon, of which Black's portion amounted to \$48,102.20.

In the Spring of 1880, the people of Robb Township voted an appropriation of \$13,199 to aid the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway in extending its line through that Township.

In the spring of 1881, an appropriation of \$16,000 was voted by the residents of Harmony Township to that road to aid its extension from Poseyville to New Harmony. The work was begun in the summer of that year and completed in the month of December following.

Besides these lines of railway, there is another crossing the Southern portion of the County, now known as the Louisville & Nashville Railroad, an account of which will be found under the sketch of Mt. Vernon. The probability is, that the extension of the E. & T. H. R. R., from Cynthiana to Mt. Vernon, will be completed before the Summer of 1882, while it is confidently anticipated that the P., D. & E. Company will finally extend its line from New Harmony to the county seat. At present there are fifty miles of railway in the County, represented as follows. L. & N., twenty miles; P., D. & E., twenty-four miles, and the E. & T. H., six miles, exclusive of switches.

It would seem from the present outlook that Posey County is destined to be a formidable rival of Vanderburgh. Indeed, it is not hard to understand how the former could outstrip the latter in the race for commercial and manufacturing honors, possessing as she does, superior advantages for the development of these interests, which have

been enumerated elsewhere in these pages.

Thus it will be seen that the County is afforded, in addition to the Ohio and Wabash rivers, excellent facilities for the transportation of its products and trade. Its people have direct communication by rail and telegraph, with the whole contside world," and when the fact becomes known that its supply of timber is very great and of a superior quality, its manufacturing interests must be rapidly developed.

MANUFACTURING FACILITIES AND RESULTS.

Fuel is cheap, its geographical position is recognized as fovorable and its close proximity to the iron fields of the Cumberland and Missonri and the vast deposits of lead in Southern Illinois must contribute very largely in the near future to the material growth of the County. These are facts that cannot be overlooked when capital starts on its pilgrimage of investment—they are invitations which cannot be ignored. Why, then, have we not reason to believe that the era marking the dawn of the coming century will be laden with the golden fruit of a remarkable and permanent development? What reason have we to doubt the assertion of General Alvin P. Hovey that, "when her agricultural capacity is fully developed, Posey County can maintain a vast number of agricultural inhabitants?" But to return again to the early periods of the County:

About the year 1792, nineteen years before the waters of the beautiful and majestic Ohio were disturbed by the action of machinery

driven by the power of steam, Thomas Jones, a native of Ireland, left Pittsburgh with a fleet of perogues laden with merchandise. He had no particular place of destination in view, though he contemplated locating somewhere in what is now known as Southern Indiana. had heard some of the French Soldiers who were garrisoned at Vincennes while on a visit to Pittsburgh, say that favorable opportunities were offered to anyone who had the courage and the enterprise to establish a trading post in the neighborhood of the fort, and he determined to profit by the suggestion of the soldiers. He selected his stock in trade, consisting of blankets and whiskey principally, and set out at once upon his lonesome and perilous voyage, accompanied They reached a point just below the present city of by two men. Madison, where they discharged their cargo; and, with horses obtained from the pioneers in that section, removed it to a point on the Wabash river, a few miles below the town now known as Mt. Carmel, Illinois. Here he constructed a log hut and was soon enjoying an excellent trade with the Indians. He remained at this place two years when he concluded to remove his place of business and residence to the region at the mouth of the Wabash river, having learned from parties who went to the "Saline country" for salt that it would be a more desirable place for him to locate. In the Fall of 1794 he reached the mouth of that classic stream, where he and two men, whom he had employed to assist him in removing his stock, constructed a small log house, and where he soon found customers among the various tribes of roving Indians and the white settlers who lived near where Shawneetown, In a small publication entitled The Navigator, Illinois, now is. issued in 1817, the author, in speaking of the country lying contiguous to the confluence of the Wabash with the Ohio river, says; "Here is seen a cabin above the mouth of the river, the remnant of a trading establishment here some years ago, but the waters proving detrimental it was abandoned". The "trading establishment" referred to was the one which Thomas Jones and his companions constructed. As nearly as can be ascertained, the "establishment" was "abandoned" about When Mr. Jones located at the mouth of the Wabash the year 1808. a dense forest covered the entire county of Posey, at that time a part of Knox County. Inquiries and research have failed to elicit any information which would establish the opinion that Thomas Iones was not the first white settler, and for that reason it is safe to say that he is entitled to the honor of being the first white resident of Posey County.

THE PIONEERS OF INDIANA.*

"And now let us glance at the pioneers of Indiana in the different phases of their experience, and in the beauty and simplicity of their

^{*}From the History of Indiana, by Dewitt C. Goodrich and Charles R. Tuttle-1375.

character. The journey from civilization to the forest-home was not among the least of their difficulties. The route lay, for the most part, through a rough county. Swamps and marshes were crossed with great exertion and fatigue; rivers were forded with difficulty and danger; forests were penetrated with risk of captivity by hostile Indians; nights were passed in open prairies, with the sod for a couch and the heavens for a shelter: long weary days and weeks of tiresome travel were endured. Perchance the mother and child were seated in a rough farm wagon, urging them over the uneven ground. were not always blessed with this means of transportation. And, in the best cases, the journey westward was a tedious, tiresome, dangerous one. Often the children sickened by the way, and anxious parents worried over them in a rude camp, until relieved either by returning health or by death. If the latter, a father would be compelled to dig the grave for the body of his only child in a lonely forest. Who shall describe the burial-scene when parents are the only mourners? This is a subject only for contemplation. After a few sad days, the bereaved ones take up the journey, leaving only a little fresh mound to mark the sacred spot.

But these incidents were not frequent. Generally the pioneers were blessed with good health, and enabled to overcome the privations of the forest-travel. At night they slept in their wagons, or upon the grass; while the mules, hobbled to prevent escape, grazed the prairie around them. But the toils and dangers of the pioneer were not ended with the termination of his journey. Perchance the cabin is vet existing only in the surrounding trees. But he never falters. The forest bows beneath his ax; and, as log after log is placed one upon the other, his situation becomes more cheerful. Already the anxious mother has pointed out the corner for the rude chimney, and designated her choice in the location of the door and window. The cabin grows day by day; and at length it is finished, and the family enter their home. It is not a model home; but it is the beginning of a great prosperity, and as such is worthy of preservation in history, on account of its obscurity and its severe economy. But it was a home, notwithstanding; and I venture the observation, that with all its lack of comforts, with all its pinching poverty, with all its isolation and danger, it was often a happy home; and perhaps its growth, in this respect, is not among the greatest of its accomplishments; yet after all, it has become happier, as well as wealthier.

Next to building the cabin home came the work of preparing the soil for agricultural purposes. This was a work of no ordinary magnitude. For miles in every direction, the eye of the pioneer met only a dense forest, broken here and there by rivers and creeks and small lakes. Dams must be constructed; and mills erected on these streams;

and the forest must be cleared away to make room for the cornfield. For the accomplishment of these ends, the pioneer prepared his axe, and day after day he toils on. Tree after tree bows its lofty top. Log after log is rolled into the stream. Through many a long, dreary winter has the early settler pursued these elementary branches of industry. Oft has he eaten a cold dinner in a stormy winter's day, with only a log to serve the double purpose of a chair and table; but, endowed with a spirit of enterprise that knows no faltering, he toiled steadily on.

Spring comes, and he goes forth to prepare the patch of ground for the planter. The team is ready. The father takes his post at the plow; and the daughter takes possession of the reins. This is a grand scene, —one full of grace and beauty. This pioneer girl thinks but little of fine dress; knows less of the fashions; has possibly heard of the opera, but does not understand its meaning; has been told of the piano, but has never seen one; wears a dress 'buttoned up behind'; has on leather boots, and 'drives plow' for her father. But her situation has changed. To-day she sits in the parlor of her grandson, whose wife keeps house through the proxy of one or two servants, and whose daughters are flinging their nimble, delicate fingers over the white keys of a charming Chickering piano, filling the home with a melody that has but few charms for the plain old grandmother. Her mind runs back to the cornfield, to the cabin home, to the wash-tub by the running brook, to the spinning-wheel, to toil and danger: and well may she exclaim, 'Oh, wondrous progress! my life is but a dream'. Truly, our pioneer mothers were hard-working, honest-thinkingwomen. Our highest praise is a poor tribute to their worth.

The character of the pioneers of Indiana is properly within our range. They lived in a region of exuberant fertility, where nature had scattered her blessings with a liberal hand. Their liberties, the vastness of their inheritance,—its giant forests, its broad prairies, its numerous rivers,—the many improvements constantly going forward, and the bright prospect for a glorious future in every thing that renders life pleasant combined to deeply impress their character to give them a spirit of enterprise, and independence of feeling, and a joyousness

of hope. * * *

The rough, sturdy and simple habits of the early pioneer of Indiana, living in that plenty which depends upon God and nature, have laid broad the foundation of independent thought and feeling. The wedding was an attractive feature of pioneer life. For a long time after the settlement of the Territory, the people married young. There was no distinction of rank, and very little of fortune. On these accounts, the first impressions of love generally resulted in marriage. The family establishment cost but little labor—nothing more. A description of

a wedding in the olden time will serve to show the progress made in society, as well as preserve an important phase in history. marriage was always celebrated at the house of the bride; and she was generally left to choose the clergyman. A wedding, however, engaged the attention of the whole neighborhood. It was anticipated by both old and young with eager expectation. In the morning of the wedding day the groom and his intimate friends assembled at the house of his father, and, after due preparation, departed enmasse for the 'mansion' of his bride. The journey was sometimes made on horseback, sometimes on foot and sometimes in farm wagons or in earts. It was always a merry journey, and, to insure merriment, the bottle was taken along. On reaching the house of the bride the marriage ceremony took place; and then dinner or supper was served. After the meal, the dancing commenced, and generally lasted till the following morning. figures of dances were three or four-handed reels, or square sets and jigs. The commencement was always a square four, which was followed by what the pioneers called 'jigging', that is, two of the four would single out for a jig and were followed by the main couple. The jigs were often accompanied with what was called 'cutting out'; that is, when either of the parties became tired of the dance, on intimation, the place was supplied by some one of the company, without interruption of the dance. In this way the reel was continued until the musician was exhausted."

THE FIRST SETTLERS IN POSEY COUNTY.

When the post at the mouth of the Wabash river was abandoned by the French, (1763,) the control of the county passed wholly into the hands of the Indians, who maintained virtual supremacy until 1810. The first white man who settled in the county after the final treaty between England and France, was an Irishman, as has been stated, by the name of Thomas Jones, who, doubtless to strengthen the confidence of the aboriginees, was wedded to one of their squaws according to the usages of the tribes. The exact period of his advent cannot be ascertained, though it is generally supposed by those who knew him, that it was in the year 1794, and it was from him that the necessaries and "luxuries" of life were obtained, as he was the proprietor of the only place of trade, which increased very rapidly when the tide of settlers, soon afterwards, turned its course to this very remote frontier country. He continued in business until the year of his death, which was in 1826. His place of business was located on the banks of the Wabash, near the mound called "bone bank," and during his lifetime he held a vast number of acres of land bounding the Ohio river from Pittsburgh to the Wabash, which he acquired through his dealings with the red men. In speaking of this adventurous, but enterprising Irishman, Gen. Hovey, in his historical sketch of Posey County, published in 1876, says: "Nearly all of his supplies, when he first arrived, were obtained at what was known as the 'Old Fort,' 'Fort St. Vincennes,' now the city of Vincennes, Ind., or in perogues from Pittsburgh. Several cargoes of salt were sent to Jones, and taken over the 'trail' to Vincennes. Salt was also brought from the "Saline," in Gallatin County, Illinois. Jones made several trips to Pittsburgh on horseback, returning with his perogues laden with stores. There is an Indian trail or road still visible, where the hands have not destroyed it, leading from Vincennes to the mouth of the Wabash and Shawneetown, Ills. An anecdote was for many years current among the settlers as to Jones' manner of dealing with the Indians. He sold them beads, tobacco, whisky, blankets and other small articles for their peltries and whatever they desired to barter. He had a rude pair of scales but no weights, and when he purchased from the Indians he would place his hand in the scales, which, he said, would weigh one pound—both hands, with the force he thought proper to use, two pounds. With this his customers were content, but when Tom made three barrels of whisky out of one, it was a little too much for the red man. The Indian, after emptying his gourd of fire-water in two or three swallows, would say, 'Waugh! Tom, whisky muchee Wabosh!" The same writer, elsewhere in his sketch says: "The hardy and brave pioneers who settled in these Western wilds deserve a glowing page in the history of the county. The women themselves were often compelled to battle with the savages who surrounded them. Polly McFaddin, whilst in a blockhouse with other women and their children, shot an Indian who was in the act of stealing the horses in the corral. She lived in this county many years, and died at an advanced age, leaving Wm. Hendricks and his sisters, Mrs. Martin Pritchett and Mrs. John Patterson, as her survivors." These three are still living.

Besides those whom we have enumerated in a preceding page, and who settled in the county, while Indiana was a territory, there were John, Roley and Aaron Burlison, Aaron Williams, William Wear and his sons, John and James, (who came in 1806,) Cornelius Bradley, (who was a revolutionary soldier and whose wife, while they, with others, were moving to one of the blockhouses in Kentucky, was scalped by the Indians and left for dead, but she recovered, went to the blockhouse, two miles away, and afterwards bore and raised Hiram, John and David Bradley, who have since died, but have left offspring,) Rev. Samuel Jones, (honored as being known as the first Christian minister); Absolom Duckworth, John Duckworth, called "Particular John," because he was very punctilious in everything,

lames Duckworth, (Major,) Paul and Samuel Marrs, Jesse Y. and Wm. W. Welborn, Paul and Thomas Casselberry, James and Jacob Winemiller, Wm. Todd, Hugh Todd, James Black, Ezekiel Black. Wm. Black, Thomas Black, John Black, John Samuel Black. Dixon, Samuel Dixon, Robert Dixon, Aaron John, James and Barton Moore, John Greathouse, (father of Sampson and L. D.) John, Christopher and Nathan Ashworth, Wm. Downen, James and Wm. Stewart, Robert Berger, (who was a substitute for James Black in the battle of Tippecanoe,) Stephen Hendrix, Johnathan Robinson, the Byrds, John Carson, (first sheriff of the county.) Aaron Bacon, Zahab Parkhurst, John Ridenhour (who came to the county in 1811, who is now eighty-four years of age and who is living near New Haven, Ills,) Yelverton and Wm. Finch, Wm. Curtis, the Hendersons, Robert Jeffries, Reese Knowles, David Mills, Fieldon N. Mills, Felix Mills, Hugh Allison, James P. Drake, Nathan and Edmond Blount, Wm. Kincheloe, Samuel, John, Ezekiel and Reuben Aldridge, (who entered homesteads in 1810,) Samuel, Shubal and Eli York, James Thomas, (father of George W. Thomas, Esq., of Mt. Vernon,) and Thomas and Wm. Goad. These occupied the southern portion of the county, residing in Marrs and Black Townships. "Slim" Andy McFaddin made himself famous by firing the first gun at the battle of Tippecanoe, fought on the 8th of November, 1811; and "Tiddle-dedum" McFaddin, notwithstanding exposure and privations, became a centenarian before he died. He acquired his nickname through the fact that, when alone, he was incessantly repeating those words, supposed to have been a part of a song. The Stallings, Dann Lynn, the Wilsons, Wm., Thomas and Turner Nelson, John and William Graddy. Elias Altizer, Thomas and Alexander Hindman, the Wiggins' Wm. Macadoo, James and Jacob Taylor, Thompson and Robert Randolph, John Schnee, John Crunk, Matthews', Rogers', Greshams', Pitts', Thomas Owens, Josiah Elkins, Henry Coburn, John Dunbar, Seth Hargraves, Joseph Spaulding and David Love, located in the center part of the county previous to 1816, that part embracing Lynn, Center and Robb townships as they now exist.

George Rapp, founder of the town of *Harmonie* (now known as New Harmony), and associates, Wm., David, James and Thomas Robb, sen., (after whom Robb township was named), Nathaniel Ewing, John P. Phillips, Leander Defur (the last three being the first to enter in that part of the county), Joshua Overton, James Anderson, Eliacum Anderson, Simon Reeter, Benjamin Venable, Langston, Drew, Phillip Amech, Robert Downey, Joseph Price, Gillison Price. Samuel and James Murphy, Wm. Hunter, Peter Jones, Abner Coates, Vicissimus K. Phar, John McReynolds, Wm. and Robert Smith, the Hords, the Leavitts, Thomas Alman and Adam Fisher (both of whom received

wounds at the battle of Tippecanoe), Isaac Rogers, John Waller, John Wallace, John Cox (known as "double-head" because of the peculiar formation of his craneum), Thomas Rogers, Max Jolley, Samuel James, (who entered land in 1813), John and Peter Shivers, Arthur Durley, Wm. Casey, Jas. Carter, Thomas Cavitt, Benjamin Carter, Jas. Calvin, Reddick Cartwight (now living in Cole County, Ills., aged 82 years), the Fitzgeralds. Enoch R. James, (born in the County, July 4, 1800, was appointed a constable when only 18 years of age, who, in later years, became a banker in Mt Vernon, where he died August 4, 1863, and who during the war of the Rebellion was Colonel of the First Indiana Legion, a regiment of militia organized for home protection), Isaac James, Ezekiel Kight, Thomas Kight, and Wm. James, who served from 1831 to 1845 as Sheriff of the county. These were the original settlers of the Northern portion of the county, embracing Smith, Robb and Harmony Townships as they are now bounded. great many of the persons named in the foregoing list were in the county before the close of the Eighteenth century, a number of whom lived to see the termination of the late civil war and to rejoice over the defeat of the conspiracy to overthrow the magnificent institutions of the grandest and most permanent Republic the world has ever had. In speaking of one of the above list, General Hovey has this to say: 'Sumes Duckworth was Ensign in Captain Warrick's Company, in the battle of Tippecanoe. The gallant Captain, with his Lieutenants, was soon numbered with the slain, and one of the aides of General Harrison, riding up to their position, enquired who was in command of their company and was informed that their officers had all fallen. 'Who is the next in command?' The young ensign, stepping forward, answered for them. The command was soon given for a charge, and the young officer, being placed in a new position, and not exactly understanding military language, shouted at the top of his voice, 'Come, boys, let's give 'em h—ll,' and they did something very much like it. The ensign, on his return home, was soon promoted and became Major of the militia, which, in those days, meant a little more than sunday drill. The Major died a few years ago, surrounded by a large family and relatives, and was respected and mourned by all who knew him." In his letter to the Secretary of War, written ten days after the battle described, Govenor Harrison corroborates the above statement by declaring that "nineteen-twenthieths" of his soldiers "had never been in action before, but who behaved in a manner that can never be too much applauded." Thomas Alman, who, as previously stated, received a wound at that engagement, is still a resident of the County and is now in the 93rd year of his age. Ezekiel Kight, at the same battle, was made famous by the fact that fourteen balls passed through his coat, which is regarded as a great

curiosity and which is still kept as a memento of the event by his descendants, who live near Stewartsville. There were thirteen others from Posey County in the battle of Tippecanoe, besides those named, among whom were Wm. Todd, Hugh Todd and John Black, who received a mortal wound in the head, the ball passing through a woolen hat he wore, which was brought back by his comrades, and which was worn by his mother until her death, several years afterward, in respect to his memory. They equipped themselves at their own expense and marched to Post Vincennes, where they joined the Militia, who were reinforced by the Fourth regiment of United States infantry, commanded by Col. John P. Boyd. From Post Vincennes these forces took up their march on September 26th, 1811, and on October 3rd, reached the present site of Terre Haute, where they constructed a fort, finishing it October 28th, which they named Fort Harrison. On the day following the troops resumed their march and on November 6th, reached the battle-ground, which lies seven miles in a northeasterly direction from the present city of Lafayette. On November 17th, the troops were discharged at Bosseron Creek, near Vincennes, and those who were able to do so returned to their homes, where, for many winter evenings, while sitting by the glowing fire in the old fashioned chimney place, the stories of their experiences were listened to with manifest interest, and the trophies they gathered and brought Thomas Givens, (who was home were objects of great curiosity. wounded in that engagement,) Robert Jeffries, (who died in 1876,) Thomas Duckworth, (who died in 1877) and Timothy Downey, (who came to Posey County in 1807,) were also at the conflict with the Indians at Tippecanoe. The last named gentleman was killed, in 1828, by a runaway horse, and was a brother of David, Judge, Josiah and Job Downey, all of whom came to the County with him.

COURTS OF THE COUNTY.

THE FIRST COURTS AND THE FIRST JUDGES—THE FIRST GRAND JURY AND PROSECUTOR—THE LOCATION AND REMOVAL OF THE COUNTY SEATS—THE OLD AND NEW COURT HOUSES—THEIR COST OF CONSTRUCTION—THE FIRST PRISONER—TROUBLE WITH FAMILIES—THE FIRST SECRET SOCIETY—A PERILOUS PREDICAMENT.

The house of Absalom Duckworth, about five miles North of Mt. Vernon, was where the first Court in the County convened, which was on the 20th day of March, 1815, over which Isaac Blackford, with Thos. E. Casselberry and Dann Lynn, associates, presided. The first panel of grand jurors was composed of Nathaniel Munsey. Wm. Wagnon, Jas. Robertson, Wilson Butler, Alexander Mills, John Staple-

ton, Adam Albright, John Aldredge, Samuel Aldredge, James Black, Seth Hargrave, Ezekiel Jones, John B. Stephenson, David Thomas, John Crunk, Mathew Adams, Peter Wilkeson, Wm. Boid and Wm. Barton, the last three named failing to serve, for which they were fined, but when they gave satisfactory reasons for their absence, the fines were remitted. Wm. Prince, on the day the court convened, was appointed prosecuting Attorney, a position he held until 1817, when he was elected as Judge, succeeding David Raymond, who was the second Judge of the circuit court held in Posey County. Davis Floyd succeeded Wm. Prince as prosecutor.

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On the 21st of October, 1816, the first Court under the State law convened at the town of Blackford, which remained the county seat until May 20th, 1817, when the Board of Commissioners, composed of Samuel Marrs, Thomas Robb and Abner Coates, formally ordered that it be removed to and be "known and designated by the name and style of Springfield." This order took effect, after Isaac Montgomery, Hugh McGary, Adam Hope and John Brazelton, Commissioners appointed by an act of the Legislature to fix a permanent seat of justice of Posey County, met at the house of Elias Altizer, on Febuary 22, 1817, and, "after being first sworn, proceeded to examine and explore the said county in different directions, and received proposals in donations in land from different persons, and having maturely considered their several advantages and situation, together with the extent of the county, the advantages of the soil, the weight of the present as well as the prospect of future population and future divisions, selected one hundred acres of land, a donation made by Frederick Rappe, on which to fix the permanent seat of justice for said county, it being the Southeast quarter of section thirty-three, in township five, range thirteen West, lying on the South side of said quarter section from corner to corner of the same, it being near the center (of the county) and an eligible situation for a town." Rappe, for the fulfillment of his promises to "make or cause to be made a good and sufficient title to said land" was "held and firmly bound unto John Carson, Sheriff of said County, or his successor in office, as agent of said County, in twenty thousand dollars good and lawful money of the United States." Springfield remained the "permanent seat of justice" until June 10, 1825, when it was again removed to Mt. Vernon, such transfer being allowed by law on condition that the payment of amounts of damages sustained by the consequent depreciation of real property be made by the residents of the County. The aggregate amount of damages paid on these terms was \$1,313. Mt. Vernon is still the county seat, where, in 1876, a handsome temple of justice was erected by James C. Norris, contractor, Vrydaugh & Clarke, architects.

The building is 105 feet in length from north to south and 75 feet

from east to west. The base of the building is built of stone brought from Bedford, Ind., while the cappings and sills used in ornamenting the windows and doors are from the same locality. The first story contains the county offices, is made entirely fire proof by the use of incombustible materials and rests upon a system of arches which afford it a most substantial foundation. The court room is located on the second floor and is reached by two flights of stairs. The room is in the form of an eliptical circle, with a gallery surrounding its entire extent. Its accoustic properties are said to be perfect. The building is of the Romanesque style of architecture, its roof being covered with slate and copper and surmounted by a handsome dome, whose apex reaches 119 feet above the foundation. The chances of destruction by fire from the outside are lessened by the use of Clarke's patent selfcoiling steel shutters, a feature that renders the use of vaults for the records unnecessary. Genl. Hovey had the honor of laying the first brick, a feat performed on the 30th day of May, 1874, at 2:30 p. m. The building was completed January 1, 1876. Including the iron fence which encloses the square, the cost to the county was nearly \$95,000, a sum which was considered remarkably low, and which, of course, gave universal satisfaction to the tax payers of the County.

In 1877 the contract for the jail and residence of the jailor was let, and in 1878 the building was completed, at a cost of \$17,000. The prison is built of heavy limestone, and the roof is composed of iron and slate. There are fourteen cells, separated into five wards, the doors being made of grated prison iron and they are made secure by the celebrated patent May lever locks, the levers all terminating at the main entrance to the prison from which place they are operated, thus securing the jailor from any surprises. The prismatic plates used for admitting light obstruct the vision from either side. The front of the building, intended as a residence for the Sheriff, is of brick, surmounted by a mansard roof. Well might a captive, doomed by the majesty of the law to be confined within its walls, say: "He leaves hope behind who enters here!" The Court House at Blackford was a small one built of logs, and the benches were of very rude construction, while the jail, built by Samuel Jones at a cost of \$422, was constructed of the same material. Prisoners were guarded by sentinels paid by the county. The first prisoner confined in that primitive jail was a man by the name of Edward C. Fitzgerald, arrested on the charge of larceny.

Abner Coates, for \$458, built the jail, a log structure, and Frederick Rappe, James Carter and others contstructed the Court House, a brick building, at Springfield, the cost of which was \$3,472. Joseph Spaulding furnished the brick, James Carter the lumber, Elias Altizer the lime. Wm. Rogers the hardware, Charles Vandever the sand and rock, for the foundation, and Peter Saltzman was superintendent of the con-

struction, at \$1 per day. The well was dug by John Hinch, for which he was paid the sum of \$25. On August 15th, 1817, Thomas E. Casselberry was allowed the sum of "seven dollars for whisky furnished at the sale of town lots in Springfield". The Court House at Springfield was 40 feet square, two stories high, with a foundation of stone two feet thick and three feet high. The contract for building the structure was let on Monday, March 2, 1819, to Frederick Rappe, a mason by trade, who sublet the work to other parties, and it was ready for occupancy about the close of the same year. It would be inferred by the following order of the county commisioners that the original contractors failed to complete their work: "Ordered that the contract for completing the Court House at Springfield be let to David Love, the work including a plank loft and plank door; chimney to be chinked inside and daubed on the outside with clay mortar."

Nathaniel Huntington was the first attorney admitted to practice and the only one in 1817. The following oath was administered to attorneys and other persons at that time and for several years afterward; "I swear I will do no falsehood, nor counsel to the doing of any in the courts of justice, and if I know of any attempt to commit any, I will give knowledge thereof to courts that it may be prevented. I will not willingly promote, or see any false, groundless or unlawful

suit, nor give aid nor counsel to the same".

The first Court House built in Mt. Vernon was an unpretentious brick 40 feet square, surmounted by a very modest cupola, the narrow cornice being ornamented with wooden balls, though it seems to have been not too humble for occupancy by "families", as it was ordered by the Board of Justices, at a meeting of that body in January, 1830, that "Wm. E. Stewart (county clerk) be and he is now and from this time put into full possession of the Court House; and it is also his duty to prevent all families from living in the same from this time out; and if any family should accidentally get possession of the Court House, it is his duty to have them put out." At the same term of that Court the motion was made and it was ordered that the Sheriff (Feiix Mills) be authorized and directed to proceed immediately, with force, if necessary, and clear the Court House of all families whatever." The offices were isolated, being in various quarters of the town, while the jail was a log building in the rear of the Court House. It was in the dome of the first Court House where the meetings of the fraternity of Masons were originally held, and it was here where conviviality was encouraged until their midnight orgies became a source of terror to the grand lodge of the State, and, fearing the disclosures of the secrets might be made to some "outsider", the Charter was accordingly revoked. John Barter, who died in Mt. Vernon in 1870, and who had charge of the 'jewels' belonging to the lodge, refused to surrender them when demanded by that body, hoping to be able, by their possession, to establish another lodge, which occured a few years afterwards. The name of the first lodge was "Philanthropic, No. 36, F. and A. Y. M.," was organized in 1829 and received its Charter December 29, of the same year. The following were the charter members: John T. Cook, John Carson, Aaron Bacon, John Knight, Daniel R. Jacobs, William Barter, James Alvey, R. Daniel, Lionel James Larkin, J. W. Swift and Lewis Circles. The first officers were: Lionel James Larkin, W. M.; John Carson, S. W.; John Knight, J. W. The Charter was revoked March 12, 1835. The "jewels" referred to above are used by the Masons of Mt. Vernon at this time.

The law in the early days required three judges to preside over the court, the chief and two associate Judges, who generally were men of very limited knowledge of the law, but selected because of their disposition to be impartial in their decisions and because of their established reputation for honest dealing with their fellow men. It was their duty to convene and adjourn court and to hear, in the absence of the Chief Justice, cases of little importance. Their lack of knowledge of the law and their ignorance of technical phrases very often led to ludicrous situations and awkward blunders.

The salaries of the officers of the law in those primitive days were not very large, as the judges of the Circuit Court received but \$2.00 per day, the salary of the Prosecutor was \$100 per year, the assessor was paid, in 1816, \$42.50 for assessing all the taxable property of the county, the county clerk was allowed \$23.50 for the year 1816 and the Treasurer received \$50.00 for his services for the year ending December, 1816.

The Hon. Isaac Blackford, the first Judge of the county and who was appointed, as successor to John Johnson, Judge of the Supreme Court, of Indiana, December 10th, 1817, holding until January 3d. 1853, related that the following occurrence actually happened in this county in the territorial days. We give it in the language of General Hovey: "He was holding court at the then town of Blackford, (now a farm), when a man was arraigned and tried for stealing a horse. After a defense by Richard Daniels, one of the ablest and most eloquent lawyers of that time in the territory, the jury returned a verdict of guilty against the prisoner, and that he receive forty-nine lashes at the whipping post, on his bare back. Daniels, for his client, moved the Court for a new trial, and the Court adjourned for dinner. repast, John Carson, then Sheriff of the county, took the culprit to the post and vigorously administered the forty-nine lashes. meeting of the court after dinner, Daniels arose and commenced an argument for a new trial, when the prisoner with great excitement pulled him down by the coat, saying in a mournful voice: "For God's

sake, Dick, do stop, I've got enough already!" This was in the spirit of our present constitution, which provides that justice shall be ad-

ministered freely without price, speedily without delay."

The County agent, Thos. E. Casselberry, was authorized by the Commissioners to sell lots in the town of Springfield May 17th, 1817, the lots to be sold on the following terms and conditions: "Each lot joining the Public Square to be set up at \$100; all lots fronting on Main street to be set up at \$20 each; all lots fronting on the back streets to be set up at \$12 each, and all out-lots at the rate of \$10 per acre each, on the following terms, to-wit: the purchase money to be paid in three installments, six, twelve and eighteen months credit, or one-third each payment, the purchaser giving bond and approved security at the time of sale, at which time the agent shall make a good and sufficient title to the party or parties, paying the expenses of the same." It was also ordered that "any person bidding off a lot in the town of Springfield and not complying with the articles of sale shall forfeit the sum of ten dollars to the use of the county."

Regular terms of the Circuit Court now convene on the fourth Mondays of January, April and August. The Commissioners meet regularly on the first Monday in the months of March, June, September and December, and also on the first Monday after the second Tuesday in October, for the purpose of receiving the reports of the Township Trustees and disposing of business entirely relating to the duties of those officials.

The first terms of the Commissioner's Courtwere held at the house of Wm. E. Hutcheson, in Marrs Township, near the former site of the town of Blackford.

A BELLIGERENT LAWYER AND THE JUDGE OF 1834.

On the 8th of March, 1834, the indignation of the members of the bar of the county was aroused by an act of one of the legal fraternity, and as a result the following document was written and placed upon the records of the court:

"The undersigned members of the bar of the Posey Circuit Court, feeling highly indignant at what they consider a most flagrant outrage upon every principle of order and decorum, as well as individual rights, in the late conduct of J. R. E. Goodlett, one of the members of said bar, ask leave to express their abhorrence of such conduct by spreading the following resolution upon the memorials of this court: *Resolved*, that the attack by James R. E. Goodlett, a member of the bar of the Posey Circuit Court, last evening, upon the Hon. Samuel Hall, while on the bench and in the faithful and impartial discharge of his duty as a judge, and a repetition of the same offence this morning.

is, in their opinion, without parallel in the history of our judicial proceedings; and for the honor of our country, our social, judicial and political institutions, they hope such may never occur again. more regret the circumstance from the elevated station which the offender has held in the community, and deem it their duty thus to express their abhorrence and indignation at such conduct. [Signed] Amos Clark, E. Embree, E. D. Edson, J. Lockhart, W. T. T. Jones, John Pitcher, R. Daniel, Charles I. Battell, George S. Green." an interview had with Judge Pitcher, the only one of the nine living. that gentleman, who was an eye-witness of the attack, said: those primitive times this Judicial District was quite sparsely settled, and which, in 1830, embraced the counties of Crawford, Perry, Spencer, Dubois, Warrick, Pike, Gibson, Vanderburgh and Posey. lawyers traveled from court to court on horseback with a change of linen in their saddle bags, and we had, all things considered, a much gayer time than the lawyers of the present generation, who travel by railroad. The prominent members of the bar at that time, on this Circuit, were: George S. Green, (a member of the Legislature and afterward a Judge) Chas. I. Battell. (subsequently a Judge.) Richard Daniel, (subsequently a member of the Legislature,) W. T. T. Jones. (a very promising lawyer, who died young,) James Lockhart, (afterward a Judge and Congressman) Eben D. Edson, father of Judge Wm. P. Edson, (afterward a member of the Legislature,) Elisha Embree, (subsequently a Judge and Congressman,) Amos Clark, (who emigrated to Texas,) John Law, (afterward a Judge and Congressman,) Captain Prince, (a former Judge,) Judge Goodlett, myself, (afterward a Judge and member of the Legislature,) and a few others." to an interrogatory relating to the episode referred to in the resolution above, the old gentleman said: "Judge Goodlett was considered by the bar very inefficient, his rulings very often being untenable, but he was something of a politician and through that fact he secured the appointment to the Circuit Judgeship in 1820, which office he held until 1830. He was also a man of violent temper, unsatisfactory to the bar, and the lawyers, irrespective of politics, worked with a will to defeat him. In consequence of this well organized and determined opposition, Samuel Hall, his opponent, was appointed by the Governor and took the bench vacated by Judge Goodlett, who seemed to become possessed of a very bitter and resentful feeling against his successor. When the regular March term of the Circuit Court convened at Mt. Vernon, in 1834, Judge Goodlett was employed as an attorney in a case, during the trial of which he disputed, in a very insolent manner, the ruling of Judge Hall, who thereupon ruled Judge Goodlett to show cause why he should not be fined for contempt of court. That was on the 7th day of March, and on the following morning, Wm. T. T. Jones,

knowing the fiery disposition of Judge Goodlett and anticipating trouble, walked up to Judge Hall while he was on the bench and skilfully dropped into his lap a silken handkerchief, which contained in its folds a bright and dangerous dagger, such as were worn by some persons in those days. Soon after this Judge Hall informed Judge Goodlett that it 'would be in order for him to show cause why he should not be fined for contempt of court.' 'I will show cause now,' exclaimed Judge Goodlett, springing to his feet, and he attacked Judge Hall as he sat upon the bench. With the dagger in his hand Judge Hall made furious thrusts at Judge Goodlett, who was jerked suddenly backward by the Sheriff, Wm. James, and by which, in all probability, his life was saved. This scene created considerable excitement, and after it had abated a fine of \$50 and imprisonment in the county jail was assessed. Judge Goodlett stayed in jail very little of the time. and in a brief period sued Judge Hall for false imprisonment. case was taken to Vincennes but was withdrawn before it was brought to trial, and thus ended the matter."

A PRIMITIVE BUT MODEL JUSTICE.

It was also related of a certain justice who resided in Springfield in the earliest days of its history that he delivered the charge that follows to a jury that had been called to try a case in which one man had accused another of having swindled him at a game of cards. In those days anyone who was not familiar with the rules of card playing was regarded as a "tenderfoot," and he was looked upon with eyes which plainly told that his mental capacities were not above suspicion. was in fact, an individual who had a "weak spot up here," which was indicated by tapping the forehead with the finger. As was usual in those days, the office of the justice was filled to suffocation with a curious crowd of spectators, who listened breathlessly to the statements of the prosecuting attorney, Wm. P---, who said "that on such a night, at such a place, in such a county and State, David B--- did, while playing a quiet game of cards known as euchre, feloniously, maliciously and with premeditation to rob, steal and swindle, make one point more in the game than he was allowed legally, morally and consistently by turning a certain card called the bower, which was known to be and by divers persons seen on the bottom of the pack of cards with which the game was being played, by which he obtained certain money of which the "pot" was composed and one half of which belonged to the plaintiff." David was also accused of unlawfully getting money by "reniggin" during the progress of the game. Evi dence was introduced as to the character of the opposing parties, and the attorneys for the defense and prosecution made speeches, in which

the reputation of David was defamed and earnestly eulogized. When the arguments were closed, the justice adjusted his spectacles, turned to the jury, and in a solemn tone of voice, said: "Gentlemen of the jury, you have heered the ividence of the witnesses, you have listened to and no doubt heered the able argiments of the learned counsel, and your duty as jurors will soon take upon it the burden of responsibility. You may have observed that the p'ints in this h'yar case, like the fees of a justice when the State cases goes agin him, is few, very few, and far betwixt—far betwixt, gentlemen. The Court's knowledge of euchre, gentlemen of the jury, is very limited,—not great enough, at least, to beat Dann L-- for the drinks at Sam I--'s on Saturday nights—but the p'ints about law which the Court knows can be bet on every time, gentlemen, and you're just as sure to win as you are of bein' converted at Preacher I——'s church, gentlemen. This Court has went through 'Blackstone on Law' onc't and she is a 'restling with him purty hard at this time, and she has read 'Hoyle's Elementary Principles on old Sledge,' from which, gentlemen, she has gathered a few p'ints on poker; but she ain't worth a smell on No, gentlemen, she couldn't git a pinch if she was playin' for a bushel on euchre, but she thinks, if she is blind, that she sees the p'ints in this case. David B—— and Pharly H—— was playin' this game what the law calls euchre and the stakes was ten dollars a side, and, as you have heerd with your own ears, David he won. Is it the proper thing, gentlemen, to fine David for winning? Would you like to be fined because you won? The Court, bein' human, would like to win herself. The attorney for the plai'ntiff says, with his eyes blazin' like rockets and his face as red as Spanish pepper, that David swindled. The Court don't remember that this p'int was proved, and she thinks she has trailed the ividence purty well. No, sir, gentlemen of the jury, there ain't an ioter of ividence to show that he proved it. It looks as if the attorney was a liar, gentlemen. The Court believes he did lie. David B—— don't cheat at keards. The Court she knows this to be a fact, for ain't she played whiskypoker and old sledge with David for more'n two years, and did she ever ketch him puttin' up the papers, or turnin' Jacks from the bottom? No, gentlemen, she never did. It is your right, gentlemen, to do with David as you see fit, but these are the plints in the case, gentlemen of the jury: First, if you find that David B--- won Pharly H---'s money, the fact is clear that the 'run' of the keards was favorable to David; second, if you discover that Pharly lost his money you must conclude that he was in very bad luck. I submit these p'ints to you, gentlemen of the jury, feeling that when you retire you will not meditate long on the matter, as David has a few ducats in his breeches that is burnin' to buy the drinks for the whole crew of us."

When the charge was finished the jury of six men, by their foreman, John W---, announced the verdict, which was "not guilty." Soon afterward they were marching to the tavern of Jacob S-, with the expressed determination of "takin' suthin' for their stomach's sake!" This is not a matter of record, but we give the incident as it was substantially related to us by one who claims to have heard it a

few years after the trial actually took place.

Warner Clark, appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Thomas Moore Parke, Assessor of the County, was paid \$44 by the Board of Commissioners for assessing all the taxable property of the County in the year 1818, excepting that of Robb Township, (which was assessed by Thomas Robb and for which he was paid \$3,) the towns of Mt. Vernon, Cynthiana and Springfield. Samuel Jones and John Burlison, for that year, were paid \$1 each for assessing the property of Mt. Vernon. Lewis Williams and Wm. Cater were each paid \$1 for assessing the property of Cynthiana, for that year, and Michael Saltzman, for the same year, was paid \$1 for assessing the property of Springfield. Thus it will be seen that the total cost of assessment for the County for 1818, amounted to \$52. The cost to the County for the same work in 1881 was \$1,592.

The following incidents are taken from Baskin, Forster & Co.'s

Illustrated Historical Atlas of Indiana:

"A suit was brought on a note before James Winemiller, Justice of the Peace, who had settled at 'Diamond Island,' now West Frank-The obligation expressed in the note was: 'The payment of a milk The note was one year over due, and the judgment of the 'The defendant shall pay the plaintiff, at once, one milk cow and a 'young calf', the court alleging that 'had the debt been paid at maturity the cow would, doubtless, have had a calf, and its payment now will be interest on the note."

"Audubon, the celebrated naturalist, resided for some time at Henderson, Kentucky. He made a contract with a man living on the Indiana side of the river, near the present Henderson ferry, to furnish him one hundred coon skins by a certain date. failing to fulfill his part of the contract, Audubon sued him before Jack Anthony, a Justice, residing near the same ferry. The defendant alleged, in his defence, 'that he had proceeded in good faith to carry out his part, but, unfortunately, killed his dog in felling a tree. applied to the plaintiff for his dog, which was refused him, and he was wholly unable to go on.' The Court directed 'the case continued for three months, and the plaintiff to furnish the defendant his coon-dog;' at the expiration of the time the contract was filled. The case was dismissed without cost, and Wat Bryant, constable, procuring a quart of whisky from a trading boat near by, a drink all round satisfied both parties.

The Board of County Commissioners, in September, 1857, purchased of Asbury Ferguson 120 acres of land, for the use of the paupers of the County. It is located near Stewartsville and is very well improved, though it is claimed that it is not sufficiently productive to supply the poor of the County with their vegetables.

EDUCATIONAL AND RELIGIOUS.

Changes in the character of the school houses as well as in the manner of conducting schools have occured with the same rapidity as in other features of developement. Only a few years ago comparatively pupils were taught by itinerant pedagogues a few months in the year, and at that time the "professors" were paid by private subscription. A little later an act of the Legislature was passed creating a "Seminary fund," which owed its growth principally to fines and forfeitures arising from criminal cases before the Courts In later years a tax for school purposes was added to the sources of the revenue and a law was also enacted creating the office of County Examiner or Superintendent, before whom it was necessary for all teachers to be examined and by whose authority they were permitted to teach. now in force. Each applicant for a license is required to pass a satisfactory examination, and in the event of his failure to answer all of such questions as are submitted to him he is graded according to the standard of his "per centage." If he fails to answer a number of questions and by this means reduces his "per centage" to a grade below that which entitles him to a certificate to teach six months, he is compelled to undergo other examinations subsequently before he can obtain a school. Consequently the teachers of the present time are qualified to act as preceptors so far as their knowledge of the text books is concerned. The Normal school graduate is considered more able to perform the duties of the school room to better advantage on account of the training in discipline which he receives at that institution. There are now in the County eighty-one district school houses, besides twelve commodious and comfortable brick buildings in the various towns and villages, in all of which the excellent system of the graded school is established. At present one hundred and nineteen teachers, to whom is annually paid the sum of \$32,383 and who hold certificates of various grades issued by the County Superintendent, Mr. James Kilroy. There is no district in the County in which terms shorter than four and one half months are taught, and none in which the terms are longer than eight months. The average number of months in which schools are taught in the county is six; and the average daily allowance to teachers is, males, \$2.37; females, \$1.71. The buildings now used in the County for educational purposes were

erected at a cost of \$133,580. And thus it is in this day of enlightened civilization and this day of wonderful progress. Is it to be considered strange that our children exhibit more precocity and mature earlier than they did when even we were the "rising generation?" In very early times such circumstances surrounded the pupil as made it necessary for him to obtain his knowledge by the greatest efforts. He was confronted with obstacles in many forms, and the "pinnacle of fame" was seen through mists of forbearance, of severe trial and almost supernatural effort. In the primitive days he was compelled to perform the chores of the household, to devote daylight hours out of school to the assistance of his parents and to acquire his lessons by the flickering, unpleasant light of the "tallow dip" or the blinding glow of the "black jack" on the hearth. Nor were the school rooms of that period characterized by their comfortable features. The primitive "temple of learning" was a small cabin, built of logs, chinked and daubed, with puncheon floors. The desks and seats were about as rude as imagination can picture. The chimneys were built of small logs, while apertures in the sides of the houses admitted the light. the winter seasons these openings were covered with rawhide.

In 1803 the American spelling book was copyrighted. It was bound in wooden covers and was the chief text-book, though the advanced pupils who could afford them used the English reader and studied Pikes arithmetic. It is said that the old spelling book was a "valuable piece of property," and it was the only text-book to most pupils in spelling, reading, geography, grammar and moral philosophy. What a contrast! To-day the pupil sits at his elegant desk in a pleasant room, has an unlimited number of books, has the advantage of the improvement suggested by years of experience in imparting knowledge and reads from the newspapers such things as relate to science, politics, literature, religion and all other subjects which tend to elevate and enlighten. In one day now the pupil through the glorious achievements in the electrical and mechanical sciences learns more than was imparted to the pioneer children in a whole year.

The enumeration of school children, ranging from six to twenty-one years of age, for the year 1881, was as follows: For Black Township, 1,703; for Lynn, 558; for Point, 336; for Harmony, 453; for Robb, 592; for Marrs, 1,104; for Robinson, 716; for Smith, 370; for Bethel, 229; for Center, 401; town of New Harmony, 399, and the city of Mt. Vernon, 1,339; total, 8,202.

We take the following from the sketch of Genl. Hovey, to which we have referred elsewhere:

"There are about 40 churches in the County, belonging to Methodists, Baptists, Catholics, Christians, Presbyterians, and Episcopalians, while there are some 10 churches belonging to the German Lutheran and

Methodist denominations, and about 30 preachers who officiate regularly. The first Methodist Church in this part of Indiana, was established in 1814, at the house of John Griffin, in Gibson County, Rev. John Scripps, minister. In 1815, shortly afterward, Rev. Thomas King and Rev. Thomas Davis, were sent to this County on the Circuit. In the same year came the Rev. John Schrader,* the oldest minister now living in the County and famous for many years as a great revivalist. The Rev. Samuel Jones, a Baptist, was probably the first Christian minister within the limits of Posey County. established churches in various portions of the County. The Cumberland Presbyterian Church was established in this part of the State as early as 1816, and had as their pastors Revs. Hiram Hunter, David Lowry and two brothers by the name of Barnett. The Christian Body or New Lights, organized their first Society in 1815 or 1816, at Moultry's meeting house. Their Ministers were Revs. James Moultry and Joseph Wasson, who came to this country at an early day."

POSEY'S WAR RECORD.

CONTAINING A LIST OF COMPANIES AND THEIR OFFICERS, THE REGIMENTS
TO WHICH THEY BELONGED AND THE ENGAGEMENTS OF THE
SERVICE DURING THE REBELLION

No County in the State, at the commencement of the Rebellion in 1861, showed a greater loyalty and a more creditable patriotism than Posey. When the meagre and indefinite news of Fort Sumpter's fall had spread throughout the land it created intense excitement, and when the deplorable intelligence was confirmed by the dispatches of the authorities at Washington, a deep anxiety as to the safety of the country and a burning desire to avenge the atrocious and traitorous act was felt by the people at the North who had the welfare of the Nation at heart. The news confirming the unloyal and treasonable course of the people of South Carolina was received on the 14th of April, 1861, and on the morning of the 15th Governor Morton telegraphed the following message to President Lincoln: "On behalf of the State of Indiana, I tender you, for the defense of the Nation, and to uphold the authority of the Government, TEN THOUSAND MEN." On the same day the proclamation of the President, calling upon the States of the Union for 75,000 men, was issued. The "appeal to all loyal citizens to favor, facilitate, and aid this effort to maintain the honor, the integrity, and the existence of our National Union, and the perpetuity of popular government, and to redress wrongs already long endured," had the desired effect. The

^{*}Mr. Shrader died in 1880 at the advanced age of 90 years, mourned by all who knew him.

belief that the Government was in imminent danger made the necessity of active and decisive measures more apparent, and to the end that the institutions so dear to the true American should be preserved and perpetuated volunteers to the number reaching far above the quota of the old Hoosier State soon poured into "Camp Morton", at Indianapolis, eager for the fray which seemed inevitable and which proved so disastrous. In this movement Posey County was one of the foremost. In the war for the suppression of the Rebellion the County was represented in the Thirteenth, Fourteenth, Fifteenth, Twenty fourth, Twenty-fifth, Sixtieth, Sixty-fifth, Eightieth, Ninety-first, One hundred and Twentieth and the One hundred and Thirty-sixth Regiments of infantry, and in the First and Tenth Regiments of cavalry, the approximated number of men furnished by the County for the regular service being 1,700. In addition to these there was a regiment of State militia, or "home guards", as they were commonly denominated, composed of ten companies, which was partially organized by Col. A. P. Hovey, in the summer of It is said of Col. Hovey that he showed the "utmost zeal, energy and tact" and that his "command was making rapid progress towards military efficiency, when, about three months from the date of his appointment", he was highly complimented by Governor Morton in tendering him the position of Colonel of the Twenty-fourth Indiana Volunteers, which he accepted. This regiment, under the command of Col. Hovey, distinguished itself by gallantry in a number of hardfought battles, especially at Champion Hill, where the enemy was charged and defeated most handsomely. The Colonel was promoted on the 28th of April, 1862, to the position of Brigadier General. Enoch R. James succeeded Col. Hovey as commander of the "home guards"—First Regiment, Indiana Legion—and the work of organizing and drilling was continued by him "a little more than a year", when he resigned and was succeeded by Col. John A. Mann. Incursions by the guerillas were threatened frequently during the incumbency of Col. James, at which the citizens of Mt. Vernon were greatly alarmed, but apprehension was allayed to a considerable degree when the Legion rallied for their defense. This military organization was paid a very high compliment by a writer of considerable note when he said: is proper to state that the Legion was the portal through which thousands of the best of our soldiers entered the army. The martial enthusiasm which it awakened and nurtured, could not be satisfied with home service, however important that duty might be regarded, and the Legion soon became to be reviewed as the nursery from which the old regiments and batteries of volunteers were to be recruited and new ones organized.

The Legion, in the Winter and Spring of 1863, were often called upon "to do guard duty along the river for a distance of thirty miles."

"Late at night, on the 9th of July, 1863," says Terrell, "Colonel Mann received orders from Governor Morton to hold his command in readiness for immediate service in preventing rebel reinforcements. the raid of John Morgan being then in progress through another section of the State. Messengers were dispatched to rally the companies, and although many of them resided at a distance, some of them as far as fourteen miles from headquarters, such promptness was displayed that every company, and nearly every man belonging to the regiment, had reported at Mt. Vernon before noon of the 10th. P. M. seven companies of infantry embarked on board transports and proceeded up the river, while the cavalry marched in the same Arriving at Evansville, the regiment went into camp with other troops rendezvoused at that point. Rumors of a threatened guerilla raid, as a counter-movement to help Morgan into Posey County, induced Col. Mann to return to Mt. Vernon the next day with the cavalry. The infantry remained at Evansville several days, when it being evident that they could not be used against Morgan, they were ordered to report to Col. Mann, at Mt. Vernon, by whom they were dismissed to their homes.

"During the remained of 1863 unusual quiet reigned along the border, and this command was not called upon for further service. The year 1864 was characterized by frequent alarms, and the services of the First Regiment were varied and arduous. Forrest's raid through Western Kentucky, and his attack on Paducah, in March of that year, created an apprehension that he intended moving Northward, striking the Ohio at Uniontown or Henderson, and thence raiding the border towns of Indiana. The battalion was again called out, and performed guard duty for several days, or until the rebels were reported as moving rapidly to the Southward.

"A few weeks later, formidable bands of guerillas appeared along the Kentucky shore, and, with more than their usual boldness, attempted to steal a number of horses from citizens of Mt. Vernon and vicinity, but succeeded in securing only a single horse. The Legion was called to arms and a permanent guard established along the entire border of the County."

In July, 1864, it was learned, through the cooperation of Union citizens in that State, that the rebel Colonels, Johnson and Seipert, and Majors Chenoweth and Taylor were in Henderson and Union Counties, Ky., with a force of men variously estimated at from seven hundred to twelve hundred. A raid on Newburgh, Indiana, before his appearance in this section had given Colonel Johnson a reputation as a bold and cruel man. It was not to be wondered at, therefore, that his presence occasioned no little alarm, and rigid measures were adopted at once by Col. Mann to repel any invasion that might be

attempted. It was soon concluded to form an expedition into the district infested with the rebels, which was acted upon on August 17th, "three days after the inception of the movement," when "750 men, infantry and cavalry, were in rendezvous at Mt. Vernon, awaiting marching orders." This force "consisted of the Forty-sixth Regiment Indiana Volunteers, Col. Bringhurst, commanding, 200 men; the nonveterans of the Thirty-second Regiment Indiana Infantry Folunteers, Col. Erdelmeyer, commanding, 200 men; parts of several companies of infantry and three companies of cavalry of the Legion, from Vanderburgh, Warrick and Posey Counties—about 350 men. Five pieces of artillery, belonging to the Legion, were added, and as there were no horses for the guns, it became necessary to press them, which was done by Genl. Hovey, in Posey, and Genl. Hughes, in Vanderburgh, to the infinite disgust of owners of fine Stock." The expedition into Kentucky by these troops was attended with no serious results, and after a few days the men returned to their homes. They captured or six prisoners, among whom was a Captain Bites, in whose pockets and baggage sufficient proof was found to confirm the belief that an incursion into Posey County was intended and would have been consummated had not their plans been thwarted. can be no doubt that the efficiency and constant vigilance of the officers and men of the First Regiment prevented frequent guerilla incursons, and even more formidable invasions, which incalculable loss and damage would have been inflicted upon the inhabitants." Besides the Indiana regiments which have been mentioned as having in their ranks soldiers from Posey County, many from this County belonged to regiments and companies organized outside and in other parts of the State. These we are unable to give, but have compiled and condensed an accurate report of the organization of the companies recruited in the County, which are as follows:

COMPANY "A," TENTH CAVALRY (ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFFH) REGIMENT.

Captain, Sylvanus Milner: First Lieutenant, Thomas Caborn; Second Lieutenant, Wm. F. Dixon. Sergeants—Samuel F. Row (1st.); John W. Row (2d.): Richard Barter (3d): Hynes M. Terry (4th); Lewis Ridell (5th). Corporals—Wm. H. Duly (1st): Urbin S. Marrs (2d); Urbin Ruminer (3d); Marcus P. Rogers (4th). and Oceola Murphy (5th). This company was recruited during the Fall and Winter of 1863, and went into camp at Evansville, soon afterward joining the regiment at Columbus and going thence to Pulaski, Tenn., where, on September 28th, they fought a battle with Forrest. They also fought battles at Washville, Little Harpeth, Reynold's Hill, and Sugar

Creek, while in that locality, in which the loss of the regiment was 127 men and officers. The regiment was mustered out of service at Vicksburgh, Miss., August 31, 1865, and returned to Indianapolis, September 5th, with twenty-eight officers and 519 men. The company was originally composed of 121 men, only thirty-six of whom lived to return, and all of whom nearly were residents of Posey County.

COMPANY "K", TENTH CAVALRY, ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-FIFTH, REGIMENT.

Captain, Dewitt C. James: Alexander G. Twigg, First Lieutenant. This company was almost wholly made up of Posey County residents, most of whom, however, were not mustered into service until March, 1864.

COMPANY "A", TWENTY-FIFTH REGIMENT INDIANA VOLUNTEERS.

Captain, George W. Saltzman; First Lieutenant, Enoch J. Randolph; Second Lieutenant, Absalom Boren, Sergeants—James P. Bennett (1st); Gilbert M. Taylor (2d); Wm. Taylor (3d); Wheeler Dexter (4th), and John L. Ragland (5th). Corporals—Wm. Ashworth (1st); Wm. J. Blackburn (2d); Felix G. Edmonds (3d); Charles Champagne (4th); James McCauley (5th); David R. Vint (6th); Wm. Todd (7th), and Shubel York (8th. This company was a full one, and was wholly composed of citizens of the County.

COMPANY "F", TWENTY-FIFTH REGIMENT, INDIANA VOLUNTEERS.

Captain, Victor C. Larkin; First Lieutenant, Robert G. Shannon; Second Lieutenant, Miles V. Wilsey, who resigned and was succeeded by Rufus F. Larkin, who was originally First Sergeant; Jos. Thornton, Second Sergeant; John H. Oaks, Third Sergeant; Bertrand V. Prichard, Fourth and Nathaniel Henderson, Fifth Sergeants. Corporals—Isaac N. Allyn (1st); Wm. N. Connor (2d); C. W. Browning (3d); Burrows Miller (4th); Stafford Carr (5th); Peter Kivett (6th); Robert Jones (7th), and Ben. F. Aldridge (8th).

The Twenty-fifth was organized at Evansville, July 17th, and was mustered into service for three years August 19, 1861, at the same place. The regiment was engaged in eighteen battles and skirmishes, in which eighteen were killed, two hundred and fifty-five were wounded, four missing and seventeen were captured. It marched on foot 3,200 miles, traveled by rail 1,350 miles and on transports 2,430 miles. When it was first organized it mustered 1,046 men, 686 recruits having been subsequently added. Three hundred and ninety-

one died of disease or wounds, 695 were discharged on account of wounds and disability, while thirty-seven were transferred to batteries and other regiments, and 133 deserted. Thus it will be seen that the Twenty-fifth was in considerable active service, and, be it said to their credit, they acted gallantly in all engagements.

COMPANY "a", SIXTY-FIFTH INDIANA VOLUNTEERS.

Captain, Walter G. Hodge; First Lieutenant, Moses Ashworth; Second Lieutenant, Barney York; Sergeants – John Duckworth (1st); Wm. Wimpelberg (2d)—promoted Adjutant before expiration of service; Wm. P. Finch (3d); Harrison C. Stout (4th); Warren T. Jackson (5th). Corporals—John W. Perkins (1st); Andrew J. Aldridge (2d); Joshua Wallace (3d); John Nicols (4th); Hickerson Mockbee (5th); James T. Black (6th); Seymour S. French (7th), and Wm. P. Aldridge (8th) This company was composed of 113 men, all of whom with few exceptions, were residents of the County. It was mustered into service at Evansville on the 18th of August, 1862. The regiment went to Kentucky immediately, and on the 27th of the same month attacked a rebel regiment under the command of the noted Adam Johnson, taking possession of the town of Madison. The regiment was afterward removed to and distributed through the Counties West of the Nashville Railroad, where it remained until August 18th, 1863, when they all reported at Glasgow. During this period the regiment fought the battles of Zollicoffer, Blountsville, Rheatown, Walker's Ford, Tenn, Bean Station. Powder Springs Gap, Skagg's Mills and Dandridge. The regiment, on April 24th, 1864, was dismounted and assigned to the Second Brigade, Third Division, Twenty-third Army Corps, and joined Sherman's army April 30th, when that Army began moving on its Atlanta Campaign. The regiment was in the battle of Resacca, May 14th, and participated in all the engagements of the Campaign until the capture of Atlanta. It was in the pursuit of Hood's army and engaged conspicuously in the battle of Nashville. engaged in the attack on Fort Anderson, N. C., February, 18th, 1865. A skirmish at Town Creek, February 20th, ended its engagements, and on the 22d of June, at Greensboro, it was mustered out of service. The loss of the regiment during its service was, killed, 26; wounded, 86, and captured, 61; total, 173.

COMPANY "B", SIXTIETH INDIANA VOLUNTEERS.

Captain, Wolfgang Hyne; First Lieutenant, Alfred D. Owen: Second Lieutenant, Wm. Holton. Sergeants—Joseph Noble (1st): James Cabell (2d); John H. Workman [3d]; Wm. H. Hollow (4th]

and John Gale (5th) Corporals—Josiah J. Jones, (1st); Henry Schenck (2nd); James W. Gray (3d); Wm. H. Wheeler (4th); Wm. Price (5th); Joseph Harvey [6th]; Joseph A. Barrett [7th], and Thomas B. Alman [8th].

COMPANY "C", SIXTIETH INDIANA VOLUNTEERS.

Captain, Jessie Nash; First Lieutenant, Richard A. Wilsey; Second Lieutenant, John O'Neal. Sergeants—Courtland D. Slow (1st); Alexander Stallings (2d); Isaac Wilson [3d]; John F. Wade (4th); and John F. Campbell (5th) Corporals—Henry Hitchcock (1st); Henry C. Endicott [2d]; Luther Wilson [3d]; Wm. A. Reeves [4th]; John P. Cavett [5th]; Isaac Randolph [6th]; John M. Reeves [7th), and David Robinson [8th].

COMPANY "E", SIXTIETH INDIANA VOLUNTEERS.

Captain, Henry Fitton; First Lieutenant, Walter E. Thrall; Second Lieutenant, Philip L. Cox. Sergeants—Eugene Thrall [1st]; James T. Wiggins [2d]; Wm. H. Brooks [3d]; Enoch Greathouse [4th]; and Jonathan Jackson [5th]. Corporals—Jesse Harmon [1st]; Wm. Arnold [2d]; Nathaniel Martin [3d]; Francis Cash [4th]; Nimrod Latimore [5th]; Bartley Tisdale [6th]; James B. Hunter [7th]; Francis D. Bolton, Quartermaster's Sergeant.

COMPANY "F", SIXTIETH INDIANA VOLUNTEERS.

Captain, Joseph B. Cox; First Lieutenant, George W. Merril; Second Lieutenant, Horace P. Owen. Sergeants—David Greathouse, 1st; James M. Miller, 2d; Mason O. Newman, 3d; Cressey K. Cole, 4th, and George Peva, 5th. Corporals—John M. Gregory, 1st; John J. Parks, 2d; George W. Newman, 3d; Peter W. Weldon, 4th; Lewis Ragland, 5th; Benjamin F. Greathouse, 6th; Calvin Conner, 7th, and Thomas Elderfield, 8th.

"The Sixtieth Regiment was raised under orders authorizing Lieut-Col. Richard Owen, of the Fifteenth regiment, to recruit a regiment and rendezvous at Evansville. A partial organization was made at that place in November, 1861, and during the progress of enlisting, the regiment was ordered to Camp Morton, Indianapolis, on the 22d of Febuary, 1862, to guard prisoners, and, while on duty there, the organization was perfected—the last companies being mustered in in the month of March." All the foregoing companies were composed of 100 men each, all of whom, with few exceptions, were residents of Posey County. The regiment left Indianapolis, June 20,

1862, and went to Lebanon, Ky., thence to Mumfordsville, where seven companies were captured by the advance of Bragg's army, on September 14th. The three companies not captured were on duty in guarding a railroad bridge over Rolling Fork, near Lebanon Junction. The seven companies, after being paroled, went to Indianapolis, where they were joined by the other three. The regiment, during its service of three years, lost heavily in its numerous engagements, and its record shows that its actions were gallant and highly creditable. The last battle the Sixtieth engaged in was that at Carrion Crow Bayou, La., November 3, 1864. After remaining at Algiers, opposite New Orleans, until February 24, 1865, the regiment proceeded to Indianapolis, where it was mustered out March 21, 1865

COMPANY "C", FIRST CAVALRY, TWENTY-EIGHTH REGIMENT, INDIANA VOLUNTEERS.

Captain, John K. Highman; First Lieutenant, Josiah Forth; Second Lieutenant, Julian D. Owen. Sergeants—Wm. McReynolds, 1st; John S. Wilsey, Q. M's. Surg't: David Wilsey, 2nd; James L. Cary, 3d; Chas. H. Randolph, 4th, and Richard Flower, 5th. Corporals—Wm. D. Garten, 1st; John Cale, 2nd; Robert H. Healy, 3d; Alexander A. Allison, 4th; Mark McCauley, 5th; James S. Alcorn, 6th; Thomas Caborn 7th, and Geo. W. Richards, 8th.

COMPANY "D", FIRST CAVALRY, TWENTY-EIGHTH REGIMENT, INDIANA VOLUNTEERS.

Captain, Lyman W. Brown; First Lieutenant, Geo. P. Deweese; Second Lieutenant, James P. Talbott. Sergeants—Geo. W. Brown, 1st; James L. Williams, 2nd; Henry Mann, 3rd; John D. Crouch, 4th; Geo. P. Hackley, 5th, and James T. Winters, 6th. Corporals—Geo. T. Gorden, 1st; Wm. C. Page, 2nd; Orison J. Kyler, 3rd; Theodore Scheifner, 4th; James E. Dodd. 5th; Smith Winchell, 6th; Robert Carsell, 7th, and Wm W. Little, 8th.

COMPANY "H", FIRST CAVALRY, TWENY EIGHTH REGIMENT, INDIANA VOLUNTEERS.

Captain, James M. Barter; First Lieutenant, Ed. S. Hayes; Second Lieutenant, John Harding. Sergeants—Oliver C. Terry 1st; George Barter 2nd; Francis Greathouse 3rd; Miles Hayden 4th; Thomas Chatsman, 5th, and Miles Connor, 6th. Corporals—Geo. W. Barter, 1st; James M. Werts, 2d; James R. Black, 3d; Hynes M. Terry

4th; Reuben H. Norman, 5th; Stephen Hill, 6th; Herick Parks, 7th, and Frederick Kemper, 8th.

These Companies went into Camp at Evansville, the rendezvous of the regiment, which was organized and mustered into service on the 20th of August, 1861, and on the following day proceeded to St. Louis. Immediately after their arrival there they were sent to Ironton, Mo., where, on September 12th, they had the first taste of war, three Companies of whom, under Major Smith Gavitt, of Evansville, "had a sharp skirmish with a party of rebels", in which five of the enemy were captured and four killed.

In the month of October, the regiment was sent to the vicinity of Pilot Knob, remaining there through the Fall and Winter. "While campaigning in this region," says Terrell, "the First Cavalry participated in the battle of Fredericktown, on the 21st of October, and, in a charge that decided the fate of the battle, captured a piece of artillery and drove the enemy from the field." Capt. Highman, of Posey County, was killed in that engagement and was brought home soon afterward, where he received an honorable burial at the hands of the First Legion.

The following Spring, the regiment went to Arkansas, where, on July 7th, it fought the battle of Round Hill, and soon after this engagement went to Helena, where it remained more than a year. Company "C" was detached shortly after the arrival of the regiment at Helena as an escort to Gen. Hovey. "This company marched with Grant's army to the rear of Vicksburgh, and participated in that cam paign; afterwards it joined Gen. Franklin's command in Western Louisiana, and returned to New Orleans in December, 1863, where it remained until July 7, and then proceeded to Arkansas." The regiment, excepting Company "C," remained in Arkansas until the close of its service, where it engaged in several expeditions, but meeting with no serious losses. It was stationed at Pine Bluff during the last year of service. In August, 1864, the regiment was ordered to Indianapolis, where they were discharged September 6th.

COMPANY "A," NINETY-FIRST INDIANA VOLUNTEERS.

Captain, James M. Carson; First Lieutenant, Wise D. Kenneth; Second Lieutenant, John Corbin. Sergeants—Enoch Snelling. 1st; Thomas J. Robertson, 2d; Bedford L. Farris, 3d; Jacob Boucher, 4th; Joseph A. Leonard, 5th. Corporals—Wm. L. Anderson. 1st; John H. Wagner, 2d; Benjamin M. Bailey, 3d; Kit C. Carson, 4th; Horace Jones, 5th; James S. Keelin, 6th; Thomas W. Brooks, 7th, and Charles Chadwick, 8th.

COMPANY "D", NINETY-FIRST INDIANA VOLUNTEERS.

Captain, Luke A. Burke; First Lieutenant, Benjamin A. Williams; Second Lieutenant, Richard Harris. Sergeants—Josiah W. Barrett, 1st; James Lockhart, 2d; Geo. F. Endicott, 3d, and Wm. Anglestein, 4th. Corporals—Wm. P. Jaquess, 1st; Wm. S. Davis, 2d; Geo. W. Johnson, 3d; Thos. Jordan, 4th; Joel F. Endicott, 5th; Francis Smith, 6th; Wm. Ordell, 7th, and Frank Elliott, 8th.

COMPANY "G", NINETY-FIRST INDIANA VOLUNTEERS.

First Lieutenant, Thomas Stevens; Sergeants—Richard Stevens and Barnett Phillips; Corporals—Levitus B. Jones, James B. Keelin and John H. Powell.

Companies "A" and "D" were wholly composed of residents of Posey County, while "G" was only partially made up of citizens of the County. As the latter Company was composed of men from several Counties, which were represented in the list of officers as well as the list of privates, we do not claim the whole of the Company for Posey, and for that reason we give none but the names of the officers who were residents of the County. Including the officers, there were 41 from Posey County in Company "G" of the Ninety-first regiment.

The regiment was composed of seven companies and was mustered into service at Evansville in August, 1862. It went to Henderson, Ky., October 10th, whence detachments were sent to Madisonville and Smithland, "where they remained, performing guard duty, and protecting that section of Kentucky from guerilla raids, until the 15th of June, 1863, when they marched to Russelville, and from thence to Bowling Green and Burksville, in pursuit of the rebel chieftain John H. Morgan, then making a raid through Kentucky," but whom they could not capture, although strenuous efforts were made to do so. The regiment took an active part in the desperate battle which occurred at New Hope Church, June 22, 1864, and was also at the battle, on the 15th of that month, at Pine Mountain. It was engaged in several skirmishes previous and subsequent to that time and in the battles of Peach Tree Creek, July 20th, and Utoy Creek, August 6th, 1864. "On the 27th the regiment marched with the army in executing the grand movement by the right, which caused the evacuation of Atlanta." After the fall of that place the regiment with its corps went in pursuit of Hood's army, but was detached from Sherman's army and ordered to report to Genl. Thomas before the object was accomplished. However, "it moved North to Chatanooga on November 5th, and moved from thence to Nashville, Columbia and Centerville and then back to Nashville. It took part in the battle of Franklin on the 30th of November, and in the battle in front of Nashville on the 15th and 16th of December." Soon after this the regiment went to Washington, D. C., thence to other points South, finally reaching Saulsbury, N. C., May 8, 1865. It remained here until June 26, when it was mustered out of service and immediately left for Indianapolis, whence all that were left, excepting the recruits, went to their homes.

COMPANY "H," ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY SIXTH REGIMENT, INDIANA VOLUNTEERS—100 DAYS.

Captain, Joseph Moore; First Eieutenant, Ebe W. Murray; Second Lieutenant, James J. Barrett. Sergeants—Milton Pearse, Orderly; Smith Bloomer, 1st; Charles H. Leonard, 2d; Wm. E. Stiehl, 3d; Ben. F. Wilson, 4th. Corporals—James W. Davis, 1st; Ed. L. Dougherty, 2d; Augustus Gordon, 3d: Virgil Bozeman, 4th; Frank

Elliott, 5th; Gilbert Magill, 8th.

This company, composed entirely of Posey County men, went into camp at Indianapolis, and was mustered into service in May, 1864. After remaining at the rendezvous of the regiment one week, they went, with the regiment, to Ft. Sands, on the L. & N. Railway, fifteen miles from Louisville, where they remained for a fortnight, doing guard duty, thence to Nashville, thence to Murfreesboro, thence afoot to McMinville, forty miles distant, where they relieved veteran soldiers on guard duty; thence they went to Murfreesboro afoot, where they remained until they returned to Indianapolis, about the 15th of August, when they were mustered out, having been in service 102 days. The regiment was never in any engagements, though they were in constant readiness.

COMPANY "F," EIGHTIETH REGIMENT, INDIANA VOLUNTEERS.

Captain, Russell J. Showers; First Lieutenant, James S. Epperson, Second Lieutenant, James H. C. Lowe. Sergeants—Thomas H. Endicott, 1st; Adam Snyder, 2d; John B. Smith, 3d; Alexander D. Smith, 4th; Erwin Rogers, 5th. Corporals—Thomas C. Craig, 1st; John M. Wolf, 2d; John Brumfield, 3d; Jesse T. M. Whiting, 4th; William T. Whiting, 5th: William K. Boren, 6th; Samuel N. Montgomery, 7th, and James N. Tyner, 8th. This company was principally recruited in Posey County, the number from the County being sixty-nine. The regiment was recruited under the call of July, 1862. It was rendezvoused at Princeton, in August and September, and was organized at that time. One of the most disastrous battles that the Eightieth was engaged in was that which was fought at Champion Hill, or Perryville, in which it lost 150 men and officers.

The regiment participated in several active campaigns, and fought the battles of Kingston and Mossy Creek, Tenn. It was also at the battles of the Atlanta campaign, including those of Resacca, Kenesaw, Peach Tree Creek, and those before Atlanta. When Atlanta fell, the Eightieth went in pursuit of Hood's army, the pursuit being abandoned at Gaylesville, Ala., when the regiment was transferred from Sherman's army to the command of Gen. Thomas, with whom, from November 25th to December 30th, 1864, it was "constantly kept on active duty." It took part in the desperate battle of Franklin, and also at Nashville. "that proved so victorious to the Union army, under Gen. Thomas." It participated in the attack upon Ft. Anderson, near Wilmington, N. C., February 19, 1865. It was mustered out of service at Saulsbury, N. C., June 22, 1865. The regiment lost, during its term of service, 325 men and officers, 173 of whom were lost at Resacca, and traveled 7,245 miles—1,050 by water, 2,445 by railroad and 3,750 miles on foot.

FIELD OFFICERS OF POSEY COUNTY.

The following is a list of the soldiers of Posey County who received promotion as field officers above the position of Captain for gallantry and meritorious services: Genl. Alvin P. Hovey, Col. of the Twenty-fourth Regiment, Indiana Volunteers, until the battle of Shiloh, was promoted, April 28th, 1862, a Brigadier General. On July 4th, 1864, he was commissioned a Major General by President Lincoln.

Col. Richard F. Barter was an Adjutant of the Twenty-fourth Indiana Volunteers at its organization, and on April 26th, 1862, was promoted Major; was promoted again to the position of Lieutenant-Colonel for gallantry at Shiloh, which he resigned November 27th, 1863, to re-enter service as Colonel of the hundred and twentieth Indiana Volunteers, remaining in that position until August 8th, 1864, when he resigned. He received a very serious wound in the hand at the battle of Champion Hill while bearing the colors which had fallen from the hands of the standard-bearer, who had received dangerous wounds during the fight.

Richard Owen, who entered the service as Lieutenant Colonel of the Fifteenth Indiana Volunteers, was promoted Colonel of the Six-

tieth, October 21, 1862, which he resigned July 11, 1863.

Alfred D. Owen, Adjutant of the Eightieth Indiana Volunteers, was first promoted Lieutenant Colonel and then, on January 27, 1864, elevated to the position of Colonel of the same regiment. He was only twenty one years of age when he received the promotion.

Julian D. Owen, mustered into service as Second Lieutenant of Company "C," First Cavalry, Indiana Volunteers, was promoted Lieu-

tenant Colonel of the same regiment March 2, 1864.

Mark McCauley entered the First Cavalry as a private in August, 1861, and was promoted to the position of Major of the regiment in

July, 1863.

Walter G. Hodge entered the army as Captain of Company "A," Sixty-fifth Indiana Volunteers, August 11, 1862, and was promoted Lieutenant-Colonel of the same regiment May 24, 1864, but died of typhoid fever at Marietta, Ga., before he was mustered.

Josiah Forth, who entered the service as First Lieutenant of Company "C," First Cavalry Indiana Volunteers, in July, 1861, was pro-

moted Major of the same regiment November 7, 1861.

Jesse Nash, who entered Company "C," Sixtieth Indiana Volunteers, as Captain, was promoted Major of the same regiment February 8, 1863; resigned August 2, 1863.

Sylvanus Milner, who entered the service as Captain of Company "K", Tenth Cavalry, November 20, 1863, was promoted Major of the

same regiment, May 1, 1865.

Dewitt C. James entered the Tenth Cavalry as Captain of Company "K", January 11, 1864, and was promoted Major of the same regiment June 1, 1865.

James M. Carson entered the service as Captain of Company "A", Ninety-first Indiana Volunteers, September 22, 1862, and was promo-

ted Major of that regiment November 1, 1863.

Posey County expended during the war, for local bounties, \$203,-202.60; for the relief of soldiers' families, \$34,384.84, and for miscellaneous military pursoses, \$5,178.70, making a total of \$242,766.14.

Besides her liberality in pecuniary donations, it will be seen that she was generous to a very loyal degree in her responses to calls for more recruits. The population of the county, at the beginning of the war, in round numbers, was 16,000. The number of men furnished by her, as stated elsewhere, was (approximated) 1,700. Estimating one vote to five inhabitants, the county contained 3,200 voters, 15 per cent. of whom were, it is reasonable to suppose, unfit for service because of old age and infirmities. Deducting this proportion from the total number and the number left is 2,720 men. Therefore, the county furnished 62 ½ per cent. of all her able-bodied men for the suppression of the rebellion, in active service, while at least 1,000 of those remaining were on duty as "home guards" almost constantly. No county in the State can show a better war record than Posey, a record that can always be referred to with pride. Many of her brave "soldier boys" sacrificed their lives in defense of their country, and they are honored the more because they did so with bravery and as an act of duty. We hope, at some future time, to place their names upon the pages of a revised work, so that we may pay a tribute to their memory which will last through all time.

TOWNSHIPS OF POSEY AND THEIR ORGANIZATION.

MARRS TOWNSHIP,

As it is now bounded, was organized by the Board of County Commissioners, at a meeting of that body, held at Blackford, March 24, 1817. It was named after Samuel R. Marrs, one of the first Commissioners, who came to Posey County from Warrick, of which he was the first Sheriff, and who died in 1818. The first election in this township was held at the house of Wm. Hutcheson. It is among the largest of the ten townships contained in the County, and the character of its soil is excellent. With improved facilities for transportation of its products, it is safe to say that Marrs will take second rank to none of her sisters in agricultural wealth. The number of acres of land under cultivation in 1880 was 14.245, the yield of wheat for that year averaging fifteen, while the yield of corn was thirty-five bushels per acre.

ROBB TOWNSHIP

Was named after Thomas and William Robb, the first settlers, the boundaries of which, March 24, 1817, embraced its present limits, all of Bethel and the greater portion of Harmony townships. The first election in Robb was held at the house of Langston Drew. This township is one of the foremost, and its superior natural advantages must and will always keep her at the front. Her soil is rich and her people are intelligent and progressive, keenly alive to their immediate interests and at the same time show a disposition to encourage the welfare of the County in general. The number of acres of land cultivated in this township, in 1880, was 9.947, the average yield of wheat being eighteen and that of corn forty bushels per acre.

SMITH TOWNSHIP

Was formed and officially recorded by the Board of County Commissioners, March 24, 1817, and at that time included its present boundaries, with additional territory that has since become a part of Warrick and Gibson Counties. It was named after George Smith, one of the earliest and most prominent settlers, at whose house the first election was held. On August 15, 1817, "all that part of Smith township lying North of the main Big Creek and South of Reeter's race" was added to and became a part of Lynn. Smith was the first of the townships in the Northern part of the County to secure the advantages of railway communication, a subsidy being voted to the

E. & T. H. R. R. for an extension of its line from Owensville, in Gibson County, to Cynthiana, in that township, in 1880. The number of acres of land cultivated in Smith in 1880 was 5,897, the production of wheat averaging fifteen, while the yield of corn was thirty-five bushels per acre for that year.

LYNN TOWNSHIP

Was also organized in 1817, and at that time embraced a part of Harmony township, the town of *Harmonie* (now known as New Harmony) being the place where the first election was held. It was named after Dann Lynn, the first Representative of the County in the Legislature and who was also a member of the Convention which adopted the Constitution under which the State was admitted to the Union. In 1880 the number of acres of land under cultivation in the township was 12,119, and the average yield of wheat was fourteen, while that of corn was twenty-five bushels per acre. The greater portion of the surface is rolling and the character of the soil is splendid. It contains a thrifty and prosperous class of farmers, while its schools and churches compare very favorably with those of more pretentious townships.

BLACK TOWNSHIP

Was named after Hugh, William and Thomas Black, three brothers, who were among the very earliest settlers, and who were highly respected by their acquaintances. On March 24, 1817, when the township was organized its territory included what is now known as Point. which, from August 14, 1821, until May 13, 1822, was called Daniel township, named in honor of John Daniel, the first permanent settler The first election held in this township was at the house of Thomas Givens, in Mt. Vernon. It is the wealthiest township in the County, and, in 1880, had under cultivation 43,007 acres of land, the yield of wheat and corn per acre averaging respectively fifteen and thirty-five bushels. Its surface is gently undulating, its soil is very fertile and its inhabitants, as a class, are frugal, industrious and enterprising. It contained, according to the census report of 1880, 7,000 inhabitants. Its educational facilities are superior, its standard of morality is high and its sanitary condition is excellent. Among the earliest settlers of this township were Wm. Curtis, father of Thomas, Joshua and Wm. B. (who is the father of George W., the incumbent of the County Clerk's office), and his cousin, Kel Curtis. They came to the County in 1811. "Aunt Becky" McFaddin, who died at Mt. Vernon, February 3, 1873, in the eighty-seventh year of her age, and who was the widow of Andrew McFaddin, was a resident of this

township sixty-eight years. "Aunt Becky" was found dead in her bed with the Bible in her arms.

WAGNON TOWNSHIP

Was organized in March, 1817, and when Vanderburgh was formed, January 7, 1818, it became a part of that county and is now known as Perry township. It was named after Wm. Wagnon, a very early settler and one of the first panel of grand jurors that ever sat in Posey County.

BETHEL TOWNSHIP

Was formed August 14, 1821, and was named after P. C. Bethel, the first white man who settled within its confines. It is in the extreme Northern part of the County, comprises a great deal of superior soil, and, in 1880, had under cultivation 4.993 acres of land, which produced 53,650 bushels of wheat and 80,011 bushels of corn, averaging fifteen of the former and thirty-five bushels per acre of the latter cereal. It is abundantly supplied with an excellent growth of timber, has good schools and good society.

HARMONY TOWNSHIP

Was organized August 14, 1821, and derives its name from the peculiar class of people who settled it in 1814—15, and who styled themselves the "Harmonie Society," an account of which will be found under the sketch of New Harmony. In population and wealth it is second only to Black. Its inhabitants are intelligent, industrious and public spirited. There were 8.573 acres of land under cultivation in the township in 1880, and the yield of wheat and corn for that year aggregated 265,402 bushels, the average production being respectively, fifteen and thirty-five bushels per acre.

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP

Is probably one of the oldest townships in the County, having been formed in the first days of the Territory's history, the exact time not being known, as there is no record in possession of the County in reference to its organization. Enough is known, however, for stating that it was named after Jonathan Robinson, a man who was prominently identified with that section of the County in the "days of long ago." The fact that nothing can be found regarding the formation of the township tends to confirm the opinion that all documentary evidence concerning this and the other townships that existed before

those that are now comprised in the County was destroyed at Vincennes in January, 1814, when the office of the Register of the Territorial Land Department, with its contents, was burned. The Legislature, by an act passed September 7, 1814, appointed Benjamin Parke, John D. Hay and Nathaniel Ewing, Commissioners, to receive and record evidence relating to all papers involving titles to lands that were jeopardized by the loss of all instruments of writing consequent upon the destruction of the Register's office. The population of this township is largely composed of Germans, who have made it one of the most productive quarters of the County. No township, taken on the whole, is a source of greater pride to the County than this. Its schools are of a superior character, its people are thrifty and law abiding and its sanitary condition is superb. Hon. Wm. Heilman, now a member of Congress from the First Congressional District of Indiana, spent the first years of his residence in the United States in this township. were 9,323 acres of land under cultivation in Robinson, the yield of wheat and corn averaging, respectively, fifteen and thirty-five bushels per acre.

CENTER TOWNSHIP

Was so named because of its central location in the county, and was formed from parts of Robinson, Lynn and Harmony, in March, 1859. Although it is youngest, it is by no means the least, in point of wealth and productiveness. In 1880, there were 7,071 acres of land under cultivation, the yield of wheat and corn for that year aggregating 153,-140 bushels, of which there were 92,445 bushels of corn, which averaged a yield of 43 bushels per acre. The inhabitants of the township are prosperous and thrifty, and show a disposition to improve in every particular that is highly commendable. The superior natural advantages of the township cannot be ignored, and for that reason we predict for it a glorious destiny.

POINT TOWNSHIP

Was organized May 13, 1822, and it still retains the boundaries which were given it in that year, previous to which time, from August 14, 1821, it was called Daniel township. Very little of its area, compartively, has been brought under cultivation, though, in 1880, there were 5,155 acres sown to grain, from which 96,305 bushels of corn and 17,030 bushels of wheat were harvested. A large proportion of its timbered lands, particularly those that lie along the Wabash and Ohio rivers, could, and will be, ere long, tilled and made a great source of revenue. The first election in the township was held at the house

of Daniel Owen. The capabilities of Point township, while they are not so great as those of her sisters, must be recognized, and when that is done, the township will "bloom and blossom as the rose" and will be one of the brightest of the constellations of townships found in other quarters of the Union.

"HOOP-POLE" TOWNSHIP.

As a great many of our readers have frequently heard the word "hoop-pole" applied to a township of this county, and as a majority of them perhaps do not know how it originated, we give the following version, hoping to disabuse the minds of a great many who may entertain the idea that such a township had actual existence: About fifty years ago, there was a large class of robust, fearless men who followed the river for a livelihood, and who were known as flat-boatmen. Generally they were perfect types of physical manhood, men of nerve, and by their occupation innured to endurance and hardships. period the business of transporting goods by means of flat boats was more extensively engaged in than now, and it was not uncommon to see a dozen or more of this kind of water craft affoat in mid stream or lying at the landing simultaneously. Mt. Vernon was noted abroad as a place that claimed, as her residents, a number of hard "cases." They were not what is known as desperadoes, but merely men who would not scruple at running horse races, playing poker or indulging in fisti-cuffs whenever the opportunity was offered. It was sometime in the year 1834 or '35, when several crews of flat-boatmen were on their boats at the landing at Mt. Vernon, and when the idea occurred to them that it would be a source of amusement to "turn up the town." The first place they stopped was at the saloon kept by John Carson, on Water street. Directly opposite this dram shop was a cooper shop, owned by John Cooper, in whose employ were several men, who were not averse to "sport" and who soon joined the flat-boatmen, with whom they tapped glasses and drank frequently. The drinking continued until a general fight ensued, in which the coopers were badly beaten. The news of this defeat and outrage came to the ears of the rough element mentioned, and to avenge the wrong perpetrated upon their fellow citizens, they congregated in numbers at the cooper shop, equipped themselves with hoop-poles, and, accompanied by the bruised and bleeding coopers, attacked the flat-boatmen. It is said that the combat was a long and bloody one, the chances being equally divided between the belligerants; brick-bats whizzed through the air and hooppoles were brandished and fell relentlessly upon the backs of the invaders like the wrath of the avenging angels. Evidences were finally shown that the river men were weakening, though this end was slow

to come about. The citizens were not slow to discover their condition, and they charged the enemy furiously, who began a retreat, which terminated in a complete rout. The water men beat a hasty retreat, pursued by the incensed "land lubbers" to their boats, which they quickly unloosed and pushed into the stream.

The victory was a "glorious one" and the reputation of the village for fighting men was grandly sustained. The boatmen, with swollen noses and blackened eyes, were carried away on the majestic bosom of the Ohio to the sunny clime of the South, where the fragrance of the magnolia and orange blossom is perpetual; where the balmy air is healing and where dreams of happiness "dance o'er the mind". They passed and were passed in turn by flat boatmen; their unsightly appearance elicited inquiry and inquiry produced facts; facts that confirmed the prevalent idea that "they were a bad set at 'Vernon". Whenever a man on the rivers, after that event, was seen with a damaged facial member, a broken nose or a "mourning" eye, he was accosted with: "Been to 'Vernon, pard? Hoop-pole township, Posey County, is a hard un, ain't she?"

MOUNT VERNON, BLACK TOWNSHIP.

EMBRYONIC—THE FIRST SETTLER AND HIS HOME—THE FIRST STORE AND THE FIRST HOTEL—THE TOWN'S INCORPORATION—FIRST OFFICERS—THE FIRST FERRYMAN—THE FIRST AND SUCCEEDING POSTMASTERS—ADDITIONS AND ENLARGEMENTS—THE FIRST AND OTHER BANKS—THE CITY'S INCORPORATION AND HER OFFICERS—THE FIRST DAILY MAIL—THE FIRST AND OTHER SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES—CONFLAGRATIONS—RAILROADS—NEWSPAPERS, SOCIETIES, ETC., ETC.

The town of Mt. Vernon received its name in 1816, when the first official plats were recorded by John Wagner, John Givens and Aaron Williams, as will be seen under the heading of "additions and enlargements," the purchase of the site having been made by those gentlemen from Gen. Wm. H. Harrison, as will also be seen under that heading. In the year 1795, Andrew McFaddin, ("Tiddle-de-dum") a native of North Carolina, crossed the Ohio river into Posey County from Kentucky, at Diamond Island, on a hunting expedition, and it was while he was in pursuit of game in the county that he discovered the location of the present town of Mt. Vernon. A few years after his return to the "dark and bloody ground", or in 1805, he concluded to remove his family to Indiana, and he came directly to this place. After he had erected his dwelling, "Slim" Andrew and William McFaddin, two

cousins, followed him, and they gave the name of McFaddin's Bluff to the locality, by which it was known until and some time after the town of Mt. Vernon was laid out.

For a year after their advent into this country they resided on the land which is now owned by Frederick Hagerman, and which formerly belonged to Jesse Oatman. Trading boats landed at the rocks in front of this farm until about the year 1310, when they began to stop at the present wharf, which was constructed by Moses Ross, contractor, in 1851, at a cost to the city of \$40,000. The McFaddins remained at the original landing until the year 1806, when they removed to the present site of Mt. Vernon, where others soon afterward located and engaged in various pursuits. At the time the McFaddins settled here there was a dense growth of heavy timber on the site of Mt. Vernon, and as late as 1824 deer were killed at that part of the town where Second crosses Main street. There were also at that time large ponds of water on the block in which Evertson Brothers' Mills are situated and on that block now owned by Messrs. Edward Evertson, Wm. P. Daniel and Noble Craig, and it was to these bodies of water that the Nimrods of that day went in search of wild geese and ducks. Many of the old residents of Mt. Vernon on pleasant afternoons and evenings, wooed and won their wives in the shade of the majestic oaks, stately poplars and graceful maples that covered the territory extending from Third street to the banks of the river. Some are still living who remember with what joyful expectancy they looked forward to that moment when they should take a ramble through the forest and listen to the sweet caroling of the feathered songsters and enjoy the blissful moments of courtship alone. They will remember, too, the wildness of the scene that was presented in a few scattering, rudely-constructed log huts in a wilderness of forest, and will recall the exciting moments that passed while chasing the bears, wolves and other animals that inhabited the locality at that day, when the dusky savage, with his rifle and tomahawk, was a familiar sight. dwelling house built on the territory occupied by Mt. Vernon was erected by Andrew McFaddin ("Tiddle-de dum") at the foot of Store street, about the year 1806, where the warehouses of G. W. Thomas now stand. It was a primitive structure in every sense. Its floor was earthen, while the "bedsteads" were constructed in a manner that did not display a great deal of ingenuity on the part of the workman. They were made of two horizontal poles fastened at one end to the wall and supported by two upright pieces of the same material, while the "slats" were round pieces of unhewn timber. The clothing worn in those days was made of the skins of wild animals, while moccasins were the only protection to their feet from the blasts of Winter, a majority of the people wearing nothing at other seasons on their pedal

extremities. Until 1814 marriage licenses were obtained at Vincennes, seventy-five miles distant, and, although this fact would at this day, no doubt, be considered sufficient excuse for postponing such events indefinitely, marriage contracts were consummated very often by the pioneers. As a visit to that place could not be made only by horseback along a winding and dangerous trail the devotion of matrimonial candidates was highly commendable, an act of faithfulness which, if practiced at this day by prospective benedicts, would doubtless increase a confiding faith in their inamoratas for them. It was a custom at that time, and is practiced by some now, for the women to escort the bride to bed, while the duty of leading the blushing bridegroom to the marital couch devolved upon the male attendants.

In those days, too, it was not an uncommon occurrence for the young people to attend dances barefooted, and, if the stories of those who were "society folks" in that period are to be credited, they enjoyed themselves fully as well as they who now "trip the light fantastic toe" in the whirling polka or the mazy waltz on waxed floors, to the strains of improved instruments and proficient musicians. Then a single fiddler furnished the music, and the standard of enjoyment was regulated by the amount of energy exhibited by the dancers. danced on puncheon, instead of waxed floors, and the knees of the gentlemen were utilized as seats by the ladies. Imagine the embarrassment of the average swain of to-day in such a position! The ladies in those days carried their shoes in their hands to church, where they put them on, and where after the services, they took them off again The first store in Mt. Vernon was built on the corner of Store and Water streets, by Darius North and—Roderick. The building was one of very modest proportions and the material used in its construction was hewn logs, cut near what is now the corner of Main and Second streets. Jesse Y. Welborn erected and kept the first hotel in 1820, on the corner of Main and Water Streets. He afterwards built a hotel on the lot partly occupied by the First National Bank, fronting These buildings were also made of logs. on Main Street. Justice of the Peace was Nathan Ashworth, who was elected in 1816. He performed the duties of the office with care and kept an eye on the criminal and "civil" complications and "differences" of that time.

Squire McFaddin was the proprietor of the first ferry boat that ever crossed the Ohio river at Mt. Vernon. It was a small vessel, was propelled by hand and was built in 1813.

In 1827 Liouel J. Larkin, John Carson and Mrs. Nancy Nettelton kept the only taverns in the town. These places were the *rendezvous* of the village gossipers, tipplers and idlers, where, on Winter evenings, they spent the time in tippling and reciting the current rumors and incidents.

Previous to this time, from 1820, Jesse Y. Welborn and Wm. Crabtree were the proprietors of the hotels of which the embryo village boasted, and which were the first places of "public entertainment."

At that time the principal business portion of the town was built on the present wharf, the houses all being frame and having a northern exposure. About the year 1845 a fire destroyed the greater portion of "the row." Among the buildings that escaped destruction was a large frame, for several years occupied by Darius North as a general store, which is now used as a cabinet shop by Henry Weisinger, and which for many years stood where the Masonic Hall now is.

POSTMASTERS.

The first Postmaster at Mt. Vernon was Jesse Y. Welborn, whose office was in a small building near the Southwest corner of Second and Store streets, or in the rear of the residence of G. W. Thomas, Esq. He received his appointment during the first year of President Monroe's administration, sometime in 1818. Darius North was his successor and "Slim" Jim McFaddin succeeded him. Scarborough Pentecost succeeded him, under the administration of John (). Adams. Hudson Parke was Mr. Pentecost's successor and was appointed by Martin John D. Hinch, the next postmaster, received his appointment under the administration of John Tyler. He was succeeded by John B. Wilson, he by Harrison O'Bannon, he by John B. Chaffin, he by Harrison O'Bannon, he by Wm. M. McArthur, he by Joseph Moore, he by Harrison O'Bannon, he by George Kincaid, he by Sylvanus Milner, who received his appointment from U.S. Grant November 20, 1869, and who in January, 1882, tendered his resignation to take effect on March 1, following. Edward Brown was appointed as Mr. Milner's successor on January 31, 1882, by President Chester A. Arthur and will probably be the postmaster at the time this Work is issued.

Previous to the appointment of Mr. Welborn, the inhabitants of the Southern part of the County got some by the river but the most of their mail-matter at New Harmony, which was on the Louisville, Ky., and Shawneetown, Ills., route, established in the year 1812. A man by the name of John Williams was awarded the contract for carrying the first mail, which he did on horseback, the time being limited to two weeks in making the round trip. The mail-matter received in those days was limited to a few letters, and frequently the postmaster carried it in his hat for the convenience of the public. The rates of postage were very high, letters of ordinary weight costing from twenty-five cents to one dollar. The first daily mail route by stages between Mt. Vernon and Evansville was established April 1, 1857. The

"ancient mariner," forced from the track in 1871 by the railway, was frequently the cause of disappointment by reason of delays, though the rattling of its wheels as it was rapidly driven to the post-office, was a sound that was listened for by the residents, under ordinary circumstances, with quite a degree of anxiety. In the year 1852 a semi-weekly mail route was established between Mt. Vernon and Princeton, Wm. T. Hall, contractor. This was continued until 1855, when that part of the *route* between New Harmony and Mt. Vernon was abandoned.

On June 10, 1825, the seat of justice was removed from Springfield to Mt. Vernon, where a very ordinary brick building was constructed, and which was occupied until 1876, when it was torn down and the County officials took possession of the edifice that now adorns the city, a description of which will be found under the heading of "Courts of the County." The total valuation of real and personal property in Mt. Vernon in 1830, as returned by Wm. E. Stewart, County Assessor, amounted to \$19,637. The expenses of performing the duty of assessment amounted to \$127.20, "which made an average tax," as the Assessor stated in his report to the Board of Commssioners, "on each \$100 of the valuation of sixty-five cents, or very nearly that amount."

BANKS.

The history of the United States and in the still briefer history of Indiana numerous events of importance in banking have occurred. Very few systems of banking have been successful, while a majority of them have proven disastrous. Although failures of banks cause no little astonishment to the people of the country, yet in the days of the "wild cat" system it was a matter of great wonder if a week passed without many suspensions. The question of "inflation" and "contraction" have agitated the public mind, while "paper currency" and "specie payment" have been subjects of discussion during the period which has intervened since the organization of that branch of business. As time advances the advantages of experience may contribute to the growth of a perfect system, and when this end is realized a confidence productive of happiness will be felt. In the meantime the depositor will be uneasy so long as his money and securities are in the hands of his banker, and fearful that the truth of the proverb, "Fortune's wings are ever ready for flight," will be verified.

"In the year 1814, the General Assembly of Indiana Territory, acting with what seemed to be the will of the people," says Dillon, "granted charters to two banking institutions. The Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank of Indiana, at Madison, was incorporated by an act approved on the 6th of September. The charter extended, in time,

to the first of January, 1835; and it declared that the property of the corporation, including the capital stock, should not exceed the sum of \$750,000. An act incorporating the Bank of Vincennes was approved on the 10th of September. The capital stock of this institution was fixed at the sum of \$500,000; and the charter vested in the stockholders the privilege of banking, on certain conditions, until October 1st, 1835." It was in the year 1833 when George S. Green, a brilliant lawyer, and who at that time was a member of the Legislature, wrote to parties at Mt. Vernon that a State Bank could be established in that town if the necessary funds could be secured. With that end in view subscription papers were started, but the capitalists of that time would not, either from fear or parsimony, contribute anything to such a fund. and the enterprise failed. The people were without a bank until 1854, when George E. Booker and A. S. Curtis founded the first bank, a private institution, which, in 1857, was sold to William J. Lowry, Richard Barter, Nelson G. Nettelton, John A. Mann and Seth M. The capital of the bank was \$14,000. This bank was Leavenworth. sold, in 1864, to John B. Gardiner, Wm. J. Lowry and N. G. Nettelton, when it ceased to exist. On the 5th of April, 1864, the First National Bank was incorporated, with a cash capital of \$50,000, which, on September 5, 1865, was increased to \$100,000, its present capital. The stockholders in the bank at its inception were: John B. Gardiner, S. M. Leavenworth, S. S. Dryden, John R. Evertson, James Cawson, M. A. Wier, Wm. M. McArthur, John A. Mann, Charles Leunig, James F. Welborn, Aaron Lichtenberger, Richard Barter, Milton Black, A. G. Crutchfield and John M. Lockwood. The officers of the institution, at the date of its organization, were: John B. Gardiner, President, and Seth M. Leavenworth, Cashier. The present officers are: John M. Lockwood, President; Asa C. Williams, Vice-President; John B. Gardiner, Cashier, and E. W. Rosenkrans, Assistant Cashier Enoch R., Dewitt C. and Lawrence James established the Exchange Bank in 1856, which collapsed in 1863.

In 1867, S. M. Leavenworth, Joseph F. Welborn, Charles A. Parke and Edward T. Sullivan organized and composed the Mt. Vernon Banking Company, a private enterprise, with a cash capital of \$40,000. All the original members, excepting Charles A. Parke, have since withdrawn, and the company is now composed of Charles A. Parke, Eugene F., Horace P., Alfred D. and Wm. H. Owen, capital, \$40,000. By a destructive fire, October 19, 1880, (which consumed all the buildings fronting on the West side of Main street between First and Second streets, save a three-story brick on the corner of Second and Main streets) this company lost their building, but which, through their pluck and energy, was replaced and ready for occupancy by the

12th of February, following.

The town in 1824 contained one hundred inhabitants and for a time made considerable progress, but its incorporation did not occur A petition, signed by the residents of the place, was presented to the Board of County Commissioners, composed of Jesse Nash, Peter Smith and Milton Black, at the September term of that Court, 1846, praying that body, "for the better regulation of the police and general improvement" of the place, to order an election of trustees and to perform such other acts necessary for the lawful incorporation of the town. The election was held on Thursday, October 1, 1846, when Thomas F. Prosser, Noble Craig, Fieldon N. Mills, Walter F. Larkin, and Thomas Newman were elected. There were seventy-two votes polled at this election, and it is probable that the population of the town did not much exceed 350 souls, as an estimate of five persons to every vote would show. In February, 1851, the population of the town was 1300, by which it will be seen the growth of the place was quite rapid. The officers of the first town board were, Thomas Newman, President; Thomas F. Prosser, Clerk; S. M. Leavenworth, Treasurer and Whipple White, Marshal.

The election to decide the question of incorporating Mt. Vernon as a city was held on the 7th of December, 1865, the vote being 219 for and 130 against the proposition. The first election of officers occurred on December 27, 1865, and the successful candidates were: Wm. Nettelton, Mayor; Wm. H. Whitworth, Clerk; Wm. F. Stiehl, Assessor; Edward S. Hayes, Marshal, and Adam Lichtenberger, Treasurer. The first Board of Council was composed of Wm. M. McArthur, and Antone Haas, First ward: Joseo Gregory and John Pfeffer, Second ward, and Edward Brown and Henry Groenland, Third ward. First ward embraced all that part of the city lying East of Main and South of Fourth streets; Second ward included all that part lying North of Main and South of Fourth streets. Wm. Harrow, at the first meeting of the Council, was appointed City Attorney, but he refused for private reasons to serve, and Wm. P. Edson was elected to fill that position.

MAYORS OF MT. VERNON.

(The Mayoralty term and the terms of all other officers are two years.)

Wm. Nettelton, from January, 1866, to May, 1866; Otto Scheffer, from May, 1866, to May, 1867; Jonathan H. Burlison, from May, 1867, to May, 1868, (elected to fill vacancy caused by the death of Otto Scheffer); Wm. P. Edson, from May, 1868 to October, 1869, (resigned); Jonathan Burlison, from October, 1868, to May, 1872; U. G. Damron, from May, 1872, to May, 1874; J. H. Burlison, from

May, 1874, to May, 1878; Oliver C. Terry, from May, 1878, to May, 1880; John B. Gardiner, from May, 1880, to the present time.

TREASURERS OF MT. VERNON.

Adam Lichtenberger, from January, 1866, to May, 1866; James B Campbell, from May, 1866, to May, 1868; Oliver C. Terry, from May, 1868, to May, 1878; Wm. F. Burtis, from May, 1878, to the present time.

CLERKS OF MT. VERNON.

Wm. H. Whitworth, from January, 1866 to May, 1868; David King, from May, 1868, to May, 1870; Wm. Wimpelberg, from May, 1870, to May, 1878; Van B. Jolley, from May, 1878, to the present time.

MARSHALS OF MT. VERNON.

Edward S. Hayes, from January, 1866, to May, 1868; Jacob Piper, from May, 1868, to May, 1870; Edward S. Hayes, from May, 1870, to May, 1878; Michael Mussleman, from May, 1878, to May, 1880, and Edward S. Hayes, from May, 1880 to the present time.

ASSESSORS OF MT. VERNON.

Wm. F. Stiehl, from January, 1866, to May, 1866; Wm. H. Stritter, from May, 1866, to May 1870; James F. Ferguson, from May, 1870, to May, 1872; Wm. F. Stritter, from May, 1872, to May, 1876; Elwood Smith, from May, 1876, to May, 1878; Wm. F. Stritter, from May, 1878, to May, 1880—since which time the assessment of the township assessors is used, thereby rendering the office of no further necessity.

CITY JUDGES.

Jonathan H. Burlison, from April 17, 1868, to October 1, 1869, when the order creating the office was rescinded, and which has never been revived, the duties of the office being imposed upon the Mayor.

The city tax duplicate for 1881, shows the total value of city lots to be \$281,610; value of improvements on same, \$366,090; value of lots and improvements, \$647,700; value of personal property, \$426,-230, making a total valuation of the taxables of \$1,078,930, on which taxes are paid as follows: Total poll tax, \$466; dog, \$128; general

purposes, \$9,668 o6; railroad sinking fund, \$1,075 73; interest on railroad bonds, \$4,296 04; interest on school bonds, \$15; total

amount of taxes, \$15.651 or.

The bonded indebtedness of the city for the same year, according to the report of Wm. Burtis, Treasurer, was \$52,480, and the levy of taxes on each \$100 valuation was \$1 40.

ADDITIONS AND ENLARGEMENTS.

John Wagner's original part of Mt. Vernon was laid off March 11, 1816. It included the territory bounded by Mill, Water, Mulberry On October 5, 1833, Darius North petitioned and Fourth streets. the County Board of Justices to vacate this addition, and an order was drawn by that body granting the prayer of the petitioner.

Aaron William's original part of Mt. Vernon, laid off March 23, 1816. was bounded by Walnut, Store, Water and third streets, including the

public square.

M. F. Green's part of Mt. Vernon was laid off June 4, 1841, and enlarged May 10, 1851, which embraced the territory bounded by Main, Store, Seventh and Ninth streets.

John Given's part (resurvey) was laid off in 1840, and extended

from Water to Second and from Chestnut to Pearl streets.

Jesse Y. Welborn's part, laid off May 10, 1819, included the wharf and that territory bounded by Mill Creek, on the West, Fifth street on the North, and Walnut street, on the East, and Water street on the South. On November 26, 1822, an addition to this part was made by Mr. Welborn, which embraced the blocks between Walnut, Mulberry, Water and Sixth streets. On the 29th of June, 1826, another addition was made by him, including the blocks between Walnut, Mulberry, Sixth and Eighth streets.

With the exception of those parts laid off by John Givens and M. F. Green, these parcels of land were in the tract purchased by Aaron Williams, on July 1, 1817, of Gen. Harrison, for the sum of \$500.

The tract contained 185 acres, and it lay East of Mill Creek. will be seen, John Wagner and Aaron Williams had laid off their parts before the transfer of the property had been made to the latter gentleman, and this fact occasioned some dispute as to the right of ownership. In the course of a few years, after satisfactory settlement had been made between the parties the land belonging to Aaron Williams, 72 ½ acres, was sold to eight persons named below, for \$3,500, and between the parties a resurvey in 1819 was inaugurated by this company of land owners, which was styled the "Mt. Vernon Company," who decided that that part of the town lying East of Mill Creek, West of Mulberry, South of Eighth and North of Water streets, should be

designated as "Williams," by which name it is now known. The Mt. Vernon Company was composed of Jesse Y. Welborn, John Burlison, Aaron Burlison, Matthew Williams, Wm. Crabtree, Samuel Gill. (who came to the county in 1807, from Kentucky, and was the first to enter land on Indian Creek,) Aaron Bacon and Thomas E. Casseberry, who donated the block to the County on which the Capitol of Posey now stands, but there is no instrument of writing in existence that can establish the fact. It is a matter of tradition only. At a meeting of the Board of Justices, held at Springfield, Thursday, May 10, 1825, Richard Daniel, of Knox County, and James Stewart and James Smith. of Gibson County, Commissioners, appointed under an act of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, approved February 12, 1826, to locate the seat of justice of Posey County, presented the following report, as the result of their labors:

"We, the undersigned, beg leave to report that, on having met at Springfield, Monday, May 2, 1825, agreeable to law, and being duly sworn to discharge the duties assigned us as Commissioners, proceeded to examine into the situation of the said County of Posey, and on finding donations could be procured, which, in our opinion, would be sufficient to defray the expense of erecting good and sufficient buildings suitable for said County in a more advantageous situation for the interest of the people of said County, have procured said donations to be made, and thereupon have and do relocate the seat of justice of said County of Posey, in the town of Mt. Vernon, on the elegant situation known and designated on the plat of said town by the name of the public square.

[SIGNED,]

James Smith,

James Stewart, Richard Daniel."

As the property was owned in that year by the company referred to, the natural inference would be that the public square was a gift to the County from them. With the view of transferring the County-seat from Springfield to Mt. Vernon, the Representative from this County, Jesse R. Craig, introduced a bill at the Legislature which was in session in 1824–5 for the relief of persons owning lots in Springfield who might sustain losses in the depreciation of real estate by the consequent removal of the seat of justice. On May 7, 1827, nearly two years after Mt. Vernon became the county seat, James Black, Urban Marrs and John Graddy were appointed Commissioners to assess the damages accruing from the removal. The reported amount of damages was \$1.313, which was paid to the several lot owners by the County Treasurer.

In the year 1849 David T. Kimball laid off that part of Mt. Vernon known as Bellville, and subsequently an addition was made by him

that embraced the territory extending from section line 9 to Fourth street, thence West to the line between sections 8 and 9, thence South to Third street, thence East to Maple street, thence to Sycamore street.

Robert Dale Owen, November 21, 1836, laid off that part of Mt. Vernon which included the area of land beginning at Sycamore and Walnut streets and running to Water, thence to Mulberry, thence North to Fourth, thence East to East street, thence along Section line between sections 8 and 9 to the Ohio river, thence along the river to place of beginning. His addition in January, 1874, included the block between Canal, Locust, Sycamore and Ohio streets.

James & Hovey's enlargement was laid off April 26, 1850, which, with an addition of March 9, 1851, embraced all lots lying between

Sixth and Ninth streets and Mill Creek and Store street.

Wm. C. Saunder's enlargement, laid off March 15, 1851, included all lots between the line dividing sections 8 and 9, from the West end of Bluff to Water street, thence East 363 feet.

Wm. W. Welborn's enlargement was laid off June 7, 1853, and was

bounded by Second, Third, Pearl and Munchhoff streets.

Wm. J. Lowry's addition of May 25, 1851, included the block between Mill and Store, Eighth and Ninth Streets.

E. T. Sullivan's part of January 3, 1851, was the block bounded

by Fourth, Fifth, Mulberry and Locust streets.

Joh A. Mann, May, 1869, laid off blocks between Wolflin, Barter, First and Second streets.

Munchhoff and Wolflin's Enlargement of April 22, 1866, comprised the four blocks lying between Water, Second, Munchhoff and Pearl streets.

N. G. Nettelton's enlargement of August, 1869, was bounded by

Pearl, Nettelton, Second and Fourth streets.

Wm. Nettelton's enlargement of May 6, 1868, included four and one-half blocks West of Wolflin and the block between Second, Fourth and Nettelton streets.

Wm. P. Edson's subdivision of October 17, 1871, included nine

lots in Kimball's part.

John A. Mann's addition to Wm. Nettelton's enlargement embraced twenty-six lots lying between Second and Third streets and East of the line dividing sections 7 and 8.

John M. Barter's enlargement of April 26, 1868, included the half

block lying on Walnut, between Eighth and Tenth streets.

Charles Leunig's enlargement of August 17, 1871, embraced four acres North of Eleventh and West of Main streets.

Benjamin Lowenhaupt's additional enlargement of 1880, was one

acre between Mulberry, Locust, Fourth and Fifth streets.

On December 14, 1852, Wm. J. Lowry's enlargement included all the lots between Eleventh, Mill, Main and Eighth streets.

Lowry and Larkin's enlargement of April, 1860, included lots bounded by Third, Sixth and Munchhoff streets and Mill Creek.

Company's (consolidated) enlargement, of February 16, and August 12, 1866, and of February 28, 1868, embraced all lots East of Walnut, in section 5 and North of section 8.

Mann and Barter's enlargement of February 1, 1870, (re-survey) included all blocks between Eleventh street, Lincoln avenue, Locust and Canal streets.

School enlargement of September 21, 1869, included blocks between Locust, Canal. Fourth and Fifth streets.

Mann and Barter's enlargement of May, 1869, embraced lots between First, Second, Wolflin and Barter streets.

Joseph F. Welborn's enlargement consisted of one-half block lying between Fifth, Sixth, Canal and Mulberry streets.

CHURCHES.

The first minister of whom we have any account was the Rev. Samuel Jones, a Baptist. Services, previous to the erection of a church building, were held at private houses. In the year 1814, a small log house for purposes of divine worship was built on the land which is now known as Templeton's graveyard. In those days wolves were numerous and dangerous, and, as a protection to their lives, worshipers found it necessary to take their guns to church with them, When the small brick building on the corner of Main and Sixth streets was built (1828) the services of all denominations were held at that place and in the Court House until 1840, when the Christian Church was erected on the North side of Fifth, between Main and Walnut The lot was deeded to the Trustees, Wm. Hendricks, James Moore and Elijah Gooding, by Aaron Baker. Elijah Gooding delivered the first sermon and occupied the pulpit as the first pastor of the It is now occupied by the Jews as a Synagogue. increase of population the congregations of the various denominations augmented, and, in order to accommodate them, it was found necessary to secure more room. The Methodists were the next to withdraw their "patronage" from the "little old brick," and in the year 1840 erected a building of their own on the North side of Fourth, between Walnut and Mulberry streets. They continued to increase quite rapidly and for that reason found it again necessary to build. accordingly purchased a lot on the West side of Walnut, between Fourth and Fifth streets, and in the year 1853, erected the building which is occupied by them at the present time. In the year following the sale of their first church was effected and the property passed into the hands of the German Methodists, who still use it as a place of worship.

The Presbyterian denomination, in 1851, constructed a small frame on the West side of Store, between Fourth and Fifth streets, whose pastor was the Rev. Mr. Tiffany. Services were held in this building until the year 1872, when a new and elegant brick structure, costing \$10,000, was erected on the South side of Sixth, between Main and Walnut streets, the Rev. John Gourley, a Canadian minis-

ter, being the first pastor.

The Roman Catholic Church founded the fifth religious denomination at Mt. Vernon. In the earlier periods of the city's history, the Catholic residents were supplied by mission priests, and the services were conducted at the residences of the members of that denomination. In 1856 the Rev. Roman Weinzoeflin organized St. Matthews Church, with twelve families and seventy-five members. The Church was erected on the East side of Walnut, between Fourth and Fifth It was a small brick, and it was also used for school purposes until 1867, when a large frame on the same lot was constructed, at a cost of \$2,500, in which to educate the youth. In the year 1879 it was found imperative to enlarge the accommodations for the congregation, and in that year on the same premises a handsome edifice, costing \$10,000, was built, and Father J. J. Schoentrup was placed in charge as rector. In 1881, there were connected with the Church eighty-five families and 500 members. The new building is built of brick, in Gothic style, and has a capacity of 600. Its interior is very tastily and neatly arranged, and much credit is due the denomination for the energy and enterprise they have shown in its construction.

The Lutherans built a small frame on the East side of Mulberry, between Fifth and Sixth streets, in 1856, and is used by them at this

time.

SCHOOLS.

The first school house in the County, a small log building, with puncheon floor, was built at McFaddin's Bluff (now Mt. Vernon) in the year 1814, on the Southeast corner of the Public Square. The first one to teach the "young ideas how to shoot" was Mr. Thomas Heady. The only pupils of this adventurous pedagogue living are Wm. Hendricks and Genl. A. P. Hovey. The second building used for educational purposes was also a small log house of rude construction. It was removed from Springfield in 1825 and located on the lots now occupied by Daniel Rosenbaum's new residence. Its shingles, doors and logs were fastened together by wooden pins, hinges and nails being considered too costly to be used. "Reading, 'riting and 'rithmetic" were the principal studies. Wm. Hooker had the honor of being the first to occupy the building as teacher. The increase of

population demanded, in a few years, a more imposing structure, and the small brick on the N. E. corner of Main and Sixth streets, in 1828, was built. It was in this small building where Gen. Hovey, Judge W. P. Edson and other prominent citizens received the first rudiments of education, and where in later years both the gentlemen named "wielded the birch" as instructors. John Weathers was the first to teach in this "temple of learning." The next building erected for school purposes was the "Seminary," which stands near the L. & N.

Railway depot, Samuel Annable being the first teacher.

The efficiency and rapid advancement of our admirable system of free public schools are largely owing to the energy and administrative ability of A. J. Snoke, Esq., the first Superintendent, through whom their organization was effected in 1870. The schools are under the supervision of a Board of Trustees, composed of Elijah M. Spencer, John Pfeffer and Wm. C. Fuhrer, the former gentleman being President, while the latter holds the position of Secretary and Treasurer of the board at the present time. The total number of pupils enrolled in December, 1881, was 814, and the present Superintendent is W. I. Davis. The high school building was constructed at a cost of \$17,000 in 1868, by Edward Brown, a carpenter, and Thomas Allen, a brick mason, contractors, and in the year following the Central and Western school buildings were erected by Edward Brown, contractor, at a cost of \$5,500 each. Besides these there is a colored school taught in the "Seminary" building. The schools of Mt. Vernon at this time compare favorably with those of other cities. The teachers are efficient and are advancing the interests of education to a flattering degree. The schools are divided into primary, intermediate, grammar and high school departments, with a term of three years in each, from which a number of pupils have graduated with highest honors. The present teachers employed are: G. H. Welker, principal of the high school; J. B. Tate, of the grammar department; Miss Mary Jones, of the sixth grade, grammar department; Miss Fannie Hinch, third grade intermediate; Miss Eunice Sullivan, Second primary; Miss Ida Edson, first primary; Rev. S. Hecht, teacher of German; Silas G. Howard, fifth primary; Miss R. J. Proteus, fourth primary; Thomas McArthur, third primary, and Miss Melissa Musselman, Second primary.

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

The city was without a regularly organized fire department until October 28, 1880. At that time an engine, costing \$1.400, and supplied with several hundred feet of hose, was purchased by the Board of Common Council, and a company was created, with the following officers: John P. Paul, Chief; Eugene A. Wilson, First Assistant;

Andrew J. Ashworth, Jr., Second Assistant; John C. Leffel, Secretary; Sylvester E. Harp, Treasurer, and Alonzo Hendricks, hose director. Several years previous to the incorporation of Mt. Vernon as a city, a hook and ladder company was organized, but its existence was of short duration.

FIRES.

Very few fires occurred in the town previous to the years 1872-3. In the winter of those years the most destructive fire in its history at that time visited the place, when four brick stores on and near the corner of Main and Water streets were consumed. Soon afterwards, on the 26th of February, 1873, the large flouring mill and distillery owned by Munchhoff & Wolflin, was destroyed by the awful element. On the 2d of May, 1874, the flouring mill of John R. Evertson was destroyed also.

On October 19, 1880, was when the greatest conflagration the town ever experienced occurred. All the buildings fronting on Main, from Second to Third streets, excepting the one on the corner of Second street, were swept away, entailing a loss of \$150,000, on which there was an insurance of \$100,000. The buildings have all been replaced by substantial and elegant two-story brick editices. The owners of the property destroyed, were Fuhrer, Boyce & Co., M. Harlam, Mrs. John Burtis, George Henrich, Mt. Vernon Banking Co., Elwood Smith, Henry Moll, John D. Hinch, E. W. Rosenkrans and Charles F. Leonard.

RAILROADS.

MT. VERNON & GRAYVILLE AND C. & S. I.

A petition, signed by one hundred freeholders of the County, was presented to the Board of Commissioners, composed of Wm. Robb, Richard Harris and Stinson Cox, asking that body to order an election for the appropriation of \$100,000 to aid the Mt. Vernon & Grayville Railroad in its construction through the County, the amount asked being less than two per centum of the taxables on the duplicates of the County. The election for this subsidy was held and carried on July 27, 1869, when the Commissioners ordered the Treasurer to make a levy of eighty cents on each \$100 of the valuation of all property for 1870, and for 1871, sixty cents on the same amount. The full amount of the taxes was collected, and after the company had consolidated with the Grayville & Mattoon Railroad it became known as the Chicago & Southern Illinois Railway Company, to whom, after com-

pleting five miles of the road, \$20,000 of the tax was paid. Before the second installment of \$50,000 was due an injunction was filed by sub-contractors restraining the Commissioners from making any further allowance until their claims had been satisfied. The contractors were unable to proceed further with the work owing to financial embarrass-ment, and the road was immediately placed in the hands of a Receiver, who sold the iron, in 1875, to parties in New Jersey under a foreclosure of mortgage. The iron and one locomotive were taken up and the enterprise was abandoned. Besides the payment of \$20,000 by the County the company received \$30,000 in bonds from the city of Mt. Vernon at the same time. The total sum to be paid by the city was \$200,000, \$50,000 of which was to be paid in private subscriptions, secured by bonds issued by Mt. Vernon as collateral, the contractors to receive sixty per cent, on the estimates as the work of construction progressed. The project of building this line had been discussed as early as 1856.

THE LOUISVILLE & NASHVILLE.

This road was organized as the Evansville, Carmi & Paducah and was immediately consolidated with the St. Louis & South Eastern, when it assumed the name of the St. Louis & South Eastern Railway, which received its charter in 1869. The work of construction was rapidly and vigorously pushed forward and by that means the company was enabled to finish its line ready for business by the Summer of 1871. It operates twenty-three miles of road in the County, including its side tracks, and is in a very prosperous condition. It is a great source of convenience to the people in the Southern portion of the County, as well as of pecuniary advantage to the County in general. It was continued under the management of its consolidation until 1880, when the present company effected a lease of its privileges, by which its system was greatly improved and by which its power has become largely increased. The road ran its line through Mt. Vernon on condition that a subsidy of \$102,000 be paid; a proposition that was readily accepted, and the amount, in bonds, was issued immediately after the terms of the contract were complied with.

NEWSPAPERS.

The Mt. Vernon Courier, the first paper published in the town, was established by Thos. F. Prosser in the Spring of 1838, who continued its publication until 1841, when it was discontinued on account of the election of Mr. Prosser to the position of County Auditor. During the interregnum occurring from 1841 to 1848 the town was without a

paper. In the latter year Mr. Prosser started the *South Western Advocate*, which was independent in politics and which was continued until 1862, when its existence ceased. It was edited with rare ability and presented a neat typographical appearance. In that year Chas. L. Prosser, a son of Thos. F., founded the *Union*, a folio of four pages and Republican in politics. It was discontinued in April, 1869, when the proprietor accepted the position of U. S. Gauger.

Rev. Thomas Abbott, a Universalist preacher, established *The Umpire* in January, 1860, which advocated the cause of Republicanism zealously until the close of the year, when it was removed to Rockport. In the month of July, 1871, Mr. Abbott again embarked in the newspaper business by establishing the *New Republic*, which, in December of that year, he sold to S. T. Palmer, who changed its name to the *Republican*, which remained under his management until July, 1872, when Chas. L. Prosser became its proprietor. It was soon afterward leased to Messrs. John Mason and Virgil Veatch, and in the Summer of 1873, Mr. Prosser again assumed the control, who discontinued its publication in 1877.

Mr. Abbott established *The Harbinger*, an advocate of the doctrine of Universalism, in August, 1871, when the paper was removed to St. Louis. It was an eight-page, four-column quarto.

The *Democrat*, founded by a Mr. Huckeby in 1861. soon passed successively into the hands of Wm. Loudon, Van B. Jolley and Chas. Legge. Its existence was limited to a few years.

In November, 1867 Thomas Collins established the *Mt. Vernon Democrat*, an ultra Democratic publication, which he continued to manage until April 7, 1879, when it was purchased by Albert A. Sparks, who is the present proprietor. It is an eight-page quarto, presents a neat typographical appearance, is a spicy, well conducted journal and is the official paper of the county.

The *Wochenblatt*, the first and only German paper ever published in the County, was established by John C. Leffel, October 23, 1875, under whose proprietorship it continued until October. 1881, when it

suspended.

The Western Star was established by John C. Leffel February 22, 1877, who disposed of an interest soon afterward to S. Jett Williams, who are still the proprietors. It is the only paper in the County whose edition was ever run off by a steam power press. Typographically it is decidedly superior to the average country paper.

The Sun was established by James M. Barter in 1878, under whose management it has been pecuniarily successful, having a large subscrip-

tion-list and advertising patronage.

The Posey County Republican, a staunch advocate of Republican

principles, was established by C. F. Wertz on June 4, 1880. It is a well edited paper and is conducted in a bold and fearless manner.

The *Poscy Banner*, a folio, was established by Thomas Collins January 28, 1881. It is Democratic in politics and is issued weekly.

BENEVOLENT ORDERS, SOCIETIES, ASSOCIATIONS, ETC.

MASONIC.

Mt. Vernon Lodge, No 163, F. & A. M., was organized March, 29, 1854, by virtue of a dispensation issued by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of the State of Indiana, dated March 11, 1854, by the following named persons: Charles Fitch, Thomas Newman, John Barter, Richard Barter and Adam Lichtenberger, of Mt. Vernon; H. C. Cooper and Wm. A. Twigg, of New Harmony, and W. A. McRae, D. A. Farnsly, T. Poindexter and W. Hubbell, of Evansville. The Lodge continued under dispensation until May 15, 1854, when it was regularly chartered by the Grand Lodge of Indiana, the first meeting having been held May 24, following. The first officers were Charles Fitch, Master; John Barter, S. W., and Thomas Newman, J. W. The Lodge was in a prosperous condition in 1867, when it undertook the erection of a temple suitable to its wants, the hall it occupied on the West side of Main, near Water street, being considered too small and inconvenient. The temple was built at the Northeast corner of Store and Second streets, at a cost of \$28,000, which involved the Lodge so deeply, that they found it impossible to liquidate, and the building was finally sold to private parties. The membership from its organization to the present time has been about 330, while there are at present 89 enrolled as members. The Lodge meets regularly every Monday evening, at the Northeast corner of Second and Store streets. The present officers are: S. H. Pearse, W. M.; I. T. Slygh, S. W.; George Henrich, J. W.; Alex Crunk, Treasurer; R. F. Larkin, Secretary; A. Ed. Harlam, S. D.; T. J. Allen, J. D.; D. H. Greathouse and H. Kleiner, Stewards; M. Harlam, John Pfeffer, Sen., and A. J. Clark, Trustees, and John Doyle, Tyler.

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The first Lodge instituted in the County was at this place, on February 21, 1848, by R. W. Dunbar, D. D. G. M. of District No. 5, with the following charter members: L. H. Floyd, J. L. Cary, Wm. Nightwine, D. S. Martel and John Conyngton, on whom the five degrees of the Order were conferred at that time; and four were initiated and received all the degrees the same night. The Lodge became

defunct and surrendered its charter in May, 1860. It was reorganized March 13, 1867, by Hiram Nelson, Grand Warden, under the same name and number, viz: Mt. Vernon Lodge, No 49. The charter members, under the reorganization, were: John A. Mann, M. S. Blunt, Elijah Evison, John D. Hinch, John Conyngton, Absalom Mackey, W. P. Daniel, H. C. Chase and Robert Whittelsey. The present officers are: L. J. Larkin, N. G.; Phillip Robb, V. G.; A. A. Sparks, Rec. Sec'ty; Wm. Large, Per. Sect'y; Joseph K. Cralley, Treasurer; Chas. Schutz, L. W. Jones and Nicholas Joest, Trustees; Chas. J. Carpenter, R. S. N. G.; Jno. Paul, L. S. N. G.; Michael Rosenbaum, R. S. V. G.; Daniel Truempe, L. S. V. G.; W. Hinch, R. S. S.; Alex Crunk, L. S. S.; S. Lowenthal, Warden; Isaac Gill, Conductor; Ino. Doyle, O. S. G; Jacob Rosenbaum, I. S. G., and A. C. Fogas, D. D. G. M. The Lodge is in a prosperous condition and meets regularly every Thursday night at its hall on the N. E. corner of Store and Second streets. The present membership of the Lodge is 89, while the records show that 213 have been initiated and admitted on card since its organization.

POSEY COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY.

The object in organizing this society was to promote the interests of science and to establish certain rules for the government of the resident physicians of the County. It was organized December 20, 1877, with the following officers. President, Edward Murphy; Vice-President, A. W. Spain; Treasurer, Edwin V. Spencer; Secretary, S. H. Pearse, and, Censors, M. S. Blunt, W. M. Holton and Cyrenus Elliott. The present officers are: President, W. M. Holton; Vice-President, John B. Weever: Treasurer, D. C. Ramsey; Secretary, S. H. Pearse, and Censors, L. B. Bitz, O. T. Schultz and C. Hicks,

GERMAN AID SOCIETY. (BENEFOLENT.)

The organization of this society occurred on November 7, 1857. The first officers were: John Schiszley, President; Hemy Brinkman, Vice-President; William L. Stritter, Secretary, and John Pfeffer, Sr., Treasurer. The present officers are: Xavier Neftzger, President; C. F. Tente, Vice-President; Wm. L. Stritter, Secretary, and Henry Dexheimer. Treasurer. The election of officers is held semi-annually, and the society meet at their hall on the North west corner of Main and Third streets on the first Thursday of every month. The society is in a very prosperous condition, having in the treasury \$1,500, notwith-standing they have paid in benefits the sum of \$6,000.

BLACK TOWNSHIP CEMETERY SOCIETY.

The society was organized January 26, 1860, and filed its articles of association with the Secretary of State May 14th, following. The first officers were: John Schiszley, President; Wm. L. Stritter, Secretary, and Charles Haas, Treasurer. The Board of Directors was composed of the officers named and John Pfeffer, Sr., and Fred. Reichert. The present officers are: Henry Brinkman, President; W. L. Stritter, Secretary, and John Zimmerman, Treasurer. The Board of Directors: Henry Brinkman, John Zimmerman, John Pfeffer, Jacob Bischoff and Charles Krei. The society bought two acres of land of Valentine Shryock, February 22, 1860, and on April 17, 1863, purchased two acres more, two miles North of Mt. Vernon, where they have made many improvements, having built a vault in 1879 in which to deposit bodies, costing \$600. The society is very prosperous, notwithstanding numerous outlays of money.

HARUGARI LODGE, NO. 244. GERMAN BENELOLENT.)

The charter members of this society were: John Pfeffer, Sr., Emanuel Wolf, Wm. L. Stritter, John D. Dieterle, Charles Wasem, Phillip Traudt, Gregori Brill, C. F. Tente, Charles Rosenhauer and Adolph Matzdorf. The first officers were: John Pfeffer, Sr., O. B.; Charles Wasem, U. B.; Wm. L. Stritter, Secretary; C. F. Tente, Treasurer; Phillip Traudt, Conductor; Emanuel Wolf, Warden, and A. Matzdorf, R. S. O. B. The pressnt officers are: O. T. Schultz, O. B.; Charles Rhein, U. B.; Charles Wasem, Secretary; Wm. L. Stritter, Permanent Secretary; Emanuel Wolf, Treasurer; C. F. Tente, Conductor; Henry Bertram, Warden; Louis Wasem, R. S. O. B.; Charles Scmidt, L. S. O. B.; Louis Uhde, R. S. U. B.; Henry Tillman, L. S. U. B. and Conrad Maier, I. S.

The Lodge was instituted October 12, 1871, by Deputy Grand O. B. Henry Sittel, of Jeffersonville and the place of its first meetings were in Bischoff's Hall, S. E. corner Second and Store streets. The place of meeting at present is in the Masonic Hall and the time is every Friday evening. Election of officers occurs semi-annually.

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JIUSICAL)

This society was organized June 20, 1877, and is the outgrowth of the Casino, organized February 3, 1869, and the Orpheus, organized in 1870. Its objects are the cultivation of music and mutual enjoy-

ment. Its first officers were: Phillip Traudt, President; C. F. Tente, Secretary; Chas. Wasem, Treasurer and Jacob Walter, Librarian. The present officers are: Louis Wasem, President; Chas. Wasem, Treasurer and Phillip Traudt, Secretary. The election of officers occurs annually, and the society meets every Wednesday evening at the N. W. corner of Main and Second streets.

MANUFACTURERS' AID SOCIETY.

The object in organizing this society was to "aid and encourage manufacturers in the city of Mt. Vernon." It was organized on March 30, 1874, and held its meetings at the Southeast corner of Store and Second streets until May 3, 1880, when the society disbanded. The first officers were: Henry Brinkman, President; C. F. Tente, Secretary, and Charles Cook Treasurer, with a board of directors composed of nine members

The town is beautifully situated on a natural esplanade, and is surrounded by a fertile and picturesque country. It is and has been for many years past the shipping point and entrepot of an area of territory covering one hundred square miles. Its products are principally shipped to Southern ports, though the tide of export has begun to move towards Eastern cities. Thousands of barrels of flour and hominy annually leave the place, while tons of hay and corn find their way to the leading markets of the world from Mt. Vernon. Until recently millions of feet of superior Walnut lumber were shipped from this place but continual incursions into the forests by the lumbermen have almost exhausted the supply of that timber. The sidewalks of the town are nearly all laid with brick, while the principal business and residence streets are McAdamized and graveled. There are a number of pleasant private homes and "temples of trade," all doing well.

With the completion of the various lines of railway under course of construction and projected, it is confidently anticipated that Mt. Vernon will witness a development such as has been enjoyed by few of the cities of the State. Her destiny cannot be considered otherwise than bright. Her horoscope foretells a flattering growth and plainly marks out an encouraging course as a manufacturing and commercial city. Before the next decade shall have been chronicled in the book of time the number of her inhabitants, barring the acts of Providence.

must reach, if it does not exceed, 7,000.

The sanitary condition is excellent, made so no doubt by the advantages of natural drainage. The elevation is, according to a survey of the U. S. Navigation Engineering Corps, forty feet above that of Evansville, and several feet above that of any other place on the Ohio river below Cincinnati. The place wants a population made

ap of energetic, enterprising, hospitable people and to all such it extends a hearty and cordial welcome. "Whomsoever will, if he be of good

report, let him come."

There are in Mt. Vernon at this time three flouring mills, a hominy mill, two saw mills, eight blacksmithing and wagon-making establishments, twelve grocery stores, twenty-one saloons, three drug stores, three hardware stores, six dry goods and clothing stores, four barber shops, two banks, four harness and saddlery shops, two gunsmiths, four hotels, two bakeries, one cigar and tobacco shop, six millinery and dress-making establishments, two boot and shoe stores, two book stores, one dentist, eight physicians, ten lawvers, one telegraph office, a telephone exchange, one express office, one cooper shop, one furniture store, one tile factory, five churches, three graded two-story brick school houses, three cabinet-making shops, several carpenters, brick masons, plasterers and brick manufacturers, two restaurants, three billiard halls, two confectioners, four newspapers, several painters, Masonic Odd Fellows', Harugari, Liederkranz and A. O. U. W. societies, two brass bands, three meat markets, three livery and sale stables, three merchant tailors, one tin shop, five shoe-making shops, one foundry, three grain houses, one wholesale grocery store, two coal vards and one public hall. The census report of 1880 placed the population of the place at 3,970, and there is a bright prospect for the completion of two lines of railway, in addition to the one already in operation, which are mentioned elsewhere.

NEW HARMONY, HARMONY TOWNSHIP.

SEITLEMENT OF THE RAPPITES—A PECULIAR BUT EXCELLENT CLASS OF PEOPLE—SALE OF PROPERTY TO AND SUCCESSION OF ROBERT OWEN—DISTINGUISHED MEN—NEWSPAPERS—POSTMASTERS—SECRET AND OTHER SOCIETIES—THE PLANK ROAD—THE TOWN'S GROWTH AND CONDITION.

No place in the County has a more interesting history than New Harmony, and it is probably more widely known than any other town of its size in the country, solely due to the relations which the Rappites and the Owens bore towards it. In 1805 Michael Hahn and George Rapp, dissenting from the doctrines of Lutherianism, were made the objects of persecution by the supporters of that religious faith until they were, for personal liberty, compelled to seek a land where they could promulgate the tenets of their peculiar belief without restriction. Early in that year "three ship-loads of colonists, under Rapp's leadership," left their home in Wurtemberg, Germany, and sailed for America, settling in Butler County. Pennsylvania, where they pur-

chased lands, erected houses and began life according to the manner which they had previously planned. "Imitating the example which was first set, perhaps, by the Pythagorean College at Cretona, and which followed, five hundred years later, by the early Christians, they threw their entire possessions into a community stock, resolving thenceforth to have all things in common; adopted a simple and uniform style of dress, and built their dwellings nearly alike. Two years later, following Paul's suggestions, they adopted the principle of celibacy."

In the year 1812 George Rapp visited the Southern portion of Indiana and was so well pleased with the Northern locality of Posey County that he resolved upon removing, with his colonists, to the present site of New Harmony. In June, 1814, he and one hundred others emigrated to their new home, followed by the whole colony in the Summer of 1815. During the ten years of their residence in Pennsylvania, by steady industry and rigid economy, the colony accumulated considerable property, consisting of herds and flocks, a woolen factory and 6,000 acres of land. Before they took their final departure, this property was sold for \$100,000 cash, though its value was supposed to be much greater than that sum. The colony included one hundred and twenty-five families, or about seven hundred persons. When they had erected places of business and their residences they gave the place the name of *Harmonie*, which was changed to New Harmony when the property was purchased by Robert Owen, a few years afterward, during which the Rappites acquired, by purchase and entry, 30,000 acres of land, of which they entered at the land office at Vincennes, at different periods, 17,022 acres. Robert Dale Owen, a man of splendid literary attainments, in his Autobiography. in speaking of this peculiar class, says:

"Here they remained ten years, clearing several thousand acres of land, engaging in manufactures, chiefly of woolen and cotton goods; planting vineyards, and increasing rapidly in wealth and prosperity. Though comporting themselves as quiet, inoffensive citizens, they had several unpleasant collisions with their neighbors, the early settlers of the country. It was this, probably, that induced them, when erecting a large granary, to build its lower portion of stone, two feet thick, with loop-holes as in a fortress; to make the building fire-proof, roofing it with tiles; and to excavate a subterranean passage communicating from this fortress-granary to the large dwelling occupied by George Rapp and his family. The passage has fallen into disuse and is choked up; but the building remains as originally put up, except that large windows have been cut in it. It is now occupied by the machinery of a thriving woolen factory.

"They erected also, in the form of a cross, a very spacious Hall, chiefly used for religious meetings. On a pediment of freestone sur-

mounting the principal entrance of this Hall, is still to be seen a somewhat rude bas-relief of a rose and wreath surrounding it, the date 1822, and, beneath, the inscription "Micha 4, v. 8". This building is now occupied partly as a produce warehouse, partly as a library room, and partly as the place of meeting of the "Working Men's Institute," a literary society established in April, 1838.

"Besides Rapp's spacious dwelling (since accidentally destroyed by fire) and many smaller buildings, some framed and some of brick, the Harmonites erected four large brick buildings that were used by them as common lodging and boarding houses. Of these one has since been pulled down and the remaining three are now occupied, one as a hotel, another as a dry goods store and warehouse, (but containing also a printing office, an Agricultural Society's room, an Odd Fellows' Hall and a Masonic Hall,) while the third is used as a public hall, ball room, and occasionally as a theatre.

"Whether because the managers of the Harmony Association found that the members could be more readily governed by occasional change of residence and occupation, or from whatever other motive, George Rapp, aided by his adopted son, Frederick Reichart, after a ten years' residence on the Wabash, determined to make another move; this time eastward instead of westward: and, through the agency of Mr. Richard Flower, of Albion, Illinois, the village of New Harmony and upwards of twenty thousand acres of land were sold, in 1825, for a hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to Robert Owen, of New Lanark, Scotland; a gentleman well-known as a philanthropist, and on account of his socialistic views.

"Mr. Owen shared Mr. Rapp's opinion in regard to community of property, believing that to be the most happy and harmonious condition of life; and he made this purchase with a view to such an experiment. He differed from Mr. Rapp on the matter of celibacy; believing that marriage, by a simple rite and with reasonable facility of divorce in case of unsuitability and consequent discord, was the proper rule. In regard to religion he held to the largest liberty; regarding charity in

all things as the foundation of the purest system of morals.

"He never succeeded, however, in carrying out an experiment based on these views. He founded a 'Preliminary Society,' as it was called, as the first step, in which the principle of common labor was partially introduced. In a few months the village was filled; between eight hundred and one thousand persons coming together from all parts of the Union, and some from Europe. Of these a portion, imbued with Mr. Owen's principles, engaged, with honest zeal, in an effort to carry them out; while a larger portion came seeking an easy mode of living, without hard work and secure from all fear of want. Others again there were, determined to speculate on the benevolence and confiding

temper of the founder and to make private profit out a humanitarian

enterprise.

"With such heterogeneous materials, success even in a project far more feasible, would have been hopeless. Little more than a year's experience in the preliminary society proved sufficient to show, even to one so sanguine as Robert Owen, the impossibility of success. He abandoned the undertaking and returned to England, leaving the

property under the management of his two eldest sons.

'Thenceforth the career of New Harmony was similar to that of other Western villages; modified, however, by two peculiarities. The one, its isolated position; situated in what is sometimes called 'The Pocket, being the delta formed near the junction of the Wabash and Ohio rivers; in a rich farming country indeed, but aside from any main line of communication and at a distance from any of the canals, Macadamized roads and railroads that gradually intersected the State: this comparative isolation causing it to make, for many years, but slow material progress. The other was the haven of the original experiment, working results favorable to the social harmony and to the literary and scientific education of the place. Many persons, some of distinction, attracted by Robert Owen's reputation for benevolence and by the philanthropic character of his enterprise, settled, at an early day, in New Harmony. Among these was William Maclure, a laborious geologist, principal founder of the 'Academy of Natural Sciences' in Philadelphia, who had made extensive geological and mineralogical collections in all the countries of Europe and in almost all the states of America; who, in 1826, made a considerable purchase of land and houses from Mr. Owen." Mr. Maclure was the author of "Maclures' Opinions," "Essay on the formation of Rocks," Geology of the "West Indian Islands" and the "Outlines of the Geology of the United States." He died at St. Angel, near the city of Mexico, March "There were also Thomas Say," says the 22, 1840: aged 78 years same author, "who had accompanied as naturalist the United States expedition to the Pacific, by Major Long, and who was regarded as the best entomologist of his day; Charles Leseur, a French naturalist, engaged by the managers of the Fardin des Plantes, at Paris, to make for them collections in the various branches of Natural History; Professor Troost, afterwards of the Nashville University; Robert Henry Faunt Le Roy, one of the principal officers of the United States Coast Survey; together with several friends of education from Europe, including Joseph Neef, formerly one of Pestalozzi's professors at Iverdun, Madame Fretageot and Wm. P. D'Arusmont, an eccentric Frenchman who afterwards became the husband of Francis Wright." D. Fretageot, a lady of great learning, came to New Harmony, at the request of Wm. Maclure, in 1825. She assisted that gentleman until 1831, when she went to Paris, returning to Mexico, where she soon died of cholera, at the city of Mexico. She was the mother of A. E. Fretageot, a former county commissioner and prominent merchant of

New Harmony, who was the father of A. H. Fretageot, Esq.

"Mr. Maclure," continues our author, "endowed the Working Men's Institute,' already mentioned, conveying to them a wing of the hall and laying the foundation for their library. He also gave a portion of his valuable collection of fossils and minerals to Dr. David Dale Owen, third son of Robert Owen. Dr. Owen subsequently became Geologist of the United States; holding that position for six or seven years, during which time he surveyed and set off the mineral lands throughout a portion of the United States territory exceeding in extent the islands of Great Britain and Ireland. Dr. Owen and the members of his geological corps were in the habit of giving free lectures on scientific subjects to the inhabitants; and a year or two before his death, he built, at a cost of ten thousand dollars, a library, which is still one of the ornaments of the place. A younger brother, Richard Owen, was Geologist of the State of Indiana and until recently one of the Professors of the Indiana State University; While Mr. Owen's oldest son, Robert Dale Owen, was, successively, member of the Indiana Legislature, Trustee of the State University, member of Congress, Regent of the Smithsonian Institute and American Minister to Naples, and an author of considerable celebrity. William Michaux, an Englishman of very retired habits and for many years a resident of the village, left, by his will, a thousand dollars to the public library. ander Maclure, a younger brother of William, also made a considera-So, at various times, have other citizens ble contribution of books." of the place contributed.

It is stated of Michaux, that he, becoming tired of life, and not wishing to destroy himself by personal violence, carried a lightning rod and exposed himself during thunder showers, with the hope that Providence might gratify his wishes in that particular. But, despite his efforts to attract the dangerous fluid, he lived and died a natural

death several years afterward.

"The library now contains, as the catalogue will show, about 3,-400 volumes; being upwards of four volumes for every inhabitant of the village proper; the population amounting to eight hundred. It is doubtful if there be, in the United States, a village in which the number of books composing its public library, bears the same proportion to its population.

"These various influences have undoubtedly given tone to the place. Then again, surrounded by some of the finest lands in the State which are occupied, in part, by farmers well-to-do in the world,

its business, of late years especially, has been considerable."

Edward T. Cox, for several years State Geologist of Indiana, was born and raised in this place.

"New Harmony is usually considered a very pleasant place of residence; most of those who leave it and succeed in the world returning to it again. It is noted for the musical talent it contains, of which the cultivation is due in part to a lady, a native of Scotland, daughter of a musician of repute and herself thoroughly trained as a teacher, who resided here many years, in part also to Josiah Warren, an excellent musician, who led its band in early days, and has since become known as the author of a system of "Equitable Commerce." It is a place, too, noted for its love of country amusements—of picnics and strawberry parties and blackberry gatherings and Fourth of July celebrations, and theatre-going about New Year's Day and other festival times. Its chief yearly festival, however, is its Agricultural Fair, one of the most successful in the State, occupying four or five days in the month of September, and usually frequented by six or seven thousand visitors, some from adjoining States. The fair grounds, half a mile east of the village, including twenty-four acres and a covered amphitheatre that will seat nearly three thousand spectators.

"There are two churches, well attended, Methodist and Episcopal; each having a prosperous Sunday school attached; the Methodist Sunday school having two hundred scholars, and that of the Episcopal church half that number. There is also a public school with some three hundred pupils, besides several private schools, one of these, for advanced students, being under the efficient guidance of the Episcopal clergyman. There is also a newspaper, conveying to the villagers, once a week, a summary of current events.

"The village of New Harmony, one of the healthiest in the State, will, it is believed, well repay a visit. The traveler will come upon it, romantically situated in a rich, beautifully cultivated valey, surrounded by a semi-circular range of undulating hills, some as pasture, some covered with orchards. He will find it literally embowered in trees, rows of black locust marking the street lines. He will see several large buildings standing out above the foliage; a granary, the woolen factory and two steam mills for the manufacture of corn meal; but chiefly the venerable Old Hall, somewhat falling to decay. He will find two simple churches and several dwellings bespeaking the easy circumstances of the owners; but three-fourths of the houses, small wooden or brick buildings, standing back from the street and scarcely distinguishable, at a little distance, through the mass of orchard and shade trees that cover up the view.

"And, after his day's journey, he can find comfortable quarters in

a commodious hotel, that was occupied as dormitory, half a century since, by the followers of George Rapp."*

The hotel referred to by Mr. Owen was partially destroyed by fire in 1880, and has undergone, in rebuilding, changes that have destroyed nearly all its original architectural features. In this pleasant old building the early inhabitants whiled away the time during the Winter evenings, and it was under its substantial roof that the private discourses of many eminent men and women were found the source of much instruction and entertainment.

In the year 1821, a Mr. Schoolcraft visited New Harmony, and, in an article published afterwards, he said, speaking of the Rappites: "There is not an individual in this society, having arrived at the proper age, who does not pay his proportionate share of labor. have neither spendthrifts, idlers nor drunkards, and during the whole period of their residence in America, about seventeen years, there has not been a single law suit among them. If a misunderstanding or quarrel happens, it is a rule to settle it before retiring to rest, thus literally obeying the injunction of the apostle"-"let not the sun go down upon thy wrath."

During their residence of ten years at New Harmony, the Rappites buried about 600 of their number in the grave yard adjoining the town on the West, which is still owned by the society, it having been reserved when the sale of their lands to Robert Owen and Wm. Machure

occurred.

SOCIETIES.

"As the result, perhaps, of the fraternal feeling that brought many to New Harmony, the Odd Fellows' Order and a Masonic Lodge are in a flourishing state." The former society was organized and received its charter in January, 1851, John R. Hugo, Horatio C. Cooper, Joshua H. Variel, George Grant and Aaron Lichtenberger being the charter members. The officers were N. G. Nettleton, Noble Grand; H. C. Cooper, Vice Grand; John Cooper, Jr., Secretary; John R. Hugo, Treasurer; Michael Craddock, Inside Guardian: George Grant, Warden; J. H. Variel, Conductor; Aaron Lichtenberger, R. S. to N. G.; G. W. Saltzman, L. S. to N. G.; R. B. Neal, R. S. to V. G.; Robert D. Owen, L. S. to V. G.; John R. Hugo, G. W. Saltzman and George Grant, Trustees.

The name of the lodge is "New Harmony Lodge, No. 87, I. O. O. F." The name of the Masonic Order is "Arctic Lodge, No. 394, F. A. & A. Y. M." This society was instituted May 25, 1869, the charter members being James B. Cuyler, Richard Brooks, Alfred D. Owen,

^{*}George Rapp died at Economy, Penn., in 1847.

Richard Fitzgerald, Wm. Cross, Albert Hill and George W. Engler. The first officers were: Alfred D. Owen, Worshipful Master; George W. Engler, Senior Warden, and James B. Cuyler, Junior Warden.

The New Harmony Encampment, No. 78, was instituted May 16, 1866.

The "Working Men's Institute" was organized, "in accordance with the suggestion of the late Wm. Maclure, Esq., in a letter on the subject, addressed to Mr. A. E. Fretageot," on April 2, 1838, when "the constitution was drawn up, approved and signed by thirty members. We are indebted to Mr. J. C. Wheatcroft, the librarian, for a copy of a sketch of the Institute, from which we take the following graphic account; "The first meetings of the infant Society were held in the Library at the residence of Mr. Alexander Maclure, as expressed by him in a letter to Mr. A. E. Fretageot. Mr. Maclure continued, until his death, to take a lively interest in the affairs of the society. He corresponded with each succeeding Committee on Board of Management, his letters exhibiting the interest he manifested in its welfare. In several of those letters he urged upon the members the benefits to be derived from the combination of an industrial school with the Library, stating that he would either give during his lifetime, or bequeath at his death, buildings and land for continuing such for-In the last letter written by this philantropic man to the Society, he expresses himself as purposing to arange all the necessary preliminaries towards making those presentations on the visit to New Harmony which he then contemplated. But his liberal gift was never received, nor his visit paid, as he died on the 22d of March, 1840, at the village of St. Angel, near the city of Mexico, in the 78th year of his age.

"On the news of his death reaching New Harmony a special meeting of the members of the Institute was held when it was unanimously adoyted, that in order to show respect for the memory of Mr. Maclure, one of the members should deliver an address expressive of their senti-

ments. The address was, accordingly, duly delivered.

"To form a commencement of the Library. Mr. Maclure presented the members with an order for the amount of a debt due to him by O. Rich, a bookseller in London. The sum due to him was £200. This order was duly presented to the person on whom it was drawn, and but partially honored, however. Upon it was received three hundred and sixty volumes of books bound and unbound, and imperfect parts of books. The order was still unfulfilled at Mr. Maclure's death.

"Mr. Alexander Maclure and his sister Miss Anne Maclure, with their late brother's proved intention to govern their conduct, (and which was afterwards confirmed by the Court,) gave a deed of the lot and building, since that time owned and occopied by the Institute. "The first officers elected were, Thomas Brown, President; A. E. Fretageot, Treasurer; C. H. White, Secretary, and John Beal, Wm. Cox, Sr., John Cooper, Sr., Edward Cox, Sr., and James Sampson, Trustees.

"At one of the meetings of the members, one clause in the original draft of the constitution of the Society was amended by a vote of the majority of the members, as its continuance caused much misunderstanding, and in its nature it was found to be exclusive and unsatisfactory to put in practice. Instead of Article 6th, "Any working man who gets his living by the labor of his hands," was substituted, "Any man over the age of eighteen, etc."

It was further resolved that the term of subscription for membership should always be so low as to be within the means of all working men.

"During the thirty-two years of the Society's existence the number of members has ranged from sixty to twenty-four; it at present numbers

upwards of ninety.

"Of the young men who have grown up during the last six to ten years, there are twenty-six members, while the population of such in town, and youth fast growing up, seem to preponderate in numbers over those of more advanced age. In all intelligent communities the well-wishers of educational or intellectual progress might reasonably expect for a public library, countenance and support from every person who sets any value on the dissemination of knowledge.

"Subscribers pay \$1.00, half yearly; or if monthly subscribers, 25 cents per month, for a less time than six months. Less payments than

for one month not taken.

"As subscribers, the ladies have generally been the most numerous. Orphan children, until eighteen years of age, are allowed the free use of books in the Youth's and Children's Department of the Library.

"On the large building, at different times, a considerable sum has been expended. The rigorous economy necessary to supply the means to give interest to the library, by making an attempt to keep up with the supply of literature and the expense of lights and fuel, has left nothing for keeping the outside and the interior of the premises in the condition our officers would wish. The advanced price of books since the war, and the increasing demand for them in large families, has added most materially to that heavy and constantly recurring expense to a circulating library—book-binding.

The library is open every Sunday and Thursday evenings, and all day Saturday, and by application to the Librarian, at his residence, he

will, at any time, attend to, receive or give out books.

The Posey County Agricultural Society was organized September 18, 1858, electing its first officers on the 23d of October, following,

who were: Magnus T. Carnahan, President; John Woody, Vice President; Richard Owen, Secretary; Julius C. Miller, Corresponding Secretary, and Samuel Arthur, Treasurer. The first fair was held in September, 1859. The Society now own twenty-four acres of excellent land, one-half mile East of New Harmony, and has \$634 in the Treasury. Extensive and costly improvements have been made from time to time, and its condition is very flattering to the management as well as to the supporters of the enterprise. In 1881, the Society paid \$2,-242 in premiums.

NEWSPAPERS.

The first newspaper published in Posey County was the New Harmony Gazette, established by Robert D. and Wm. Owen. It was a weekly publication, a 16 page quarto, its first me ber issuing October 1, 1825, and its last on October 28, 1828, when its ame was changed to the New Harmony and Neshoba Gazette or the Free Enquirer, as which time Robert L. Jennings, Fanny Wright and Robert D. Owen, became the proprietors. It was continued at New Harmony until December 31, 1828, when the paper was removed to New York City. Subscription, \$3 per year.

The *Disseminator*, founded by Wm. Maclure, January 16, 1828, was an octavo of sixteen pages, and was the second paper published in the county. It was edited and printed by the young men of the *School of Industry*, of which Mr. Maclure was the principal. It was devoted to literature and science and was a very interesting publication. Its suspension occurred May 7, 1840, having been enlarged to

a quarto, June 18, 1834.

The *Indiana Statesman* was printed and published by Alexander Burns, Jr., at Evansville from May 13, 1842, until October 22, of that year, when it was removed to New Harmony, where it was published until 1845. It was a folio of four pages and was a very spicy, ably edited sheet.

On August 27, 1846, James Bennett established the Western Atlas, issued in quarto form, which suspended September 16, 1847. In 1848 the Gleaner was issued by the same gentleman, and which ceased

publication in the year 1849.

The Advertiser, in 1858, was established by Charles W. Slater, who continued its publication until 1861, when he became a volunteer and entered the Federal army of the Rebellion. It was a folio of four pages and Democratic, politically.

The *New Harmony Register*, when Mr. Slater returned from the war, was established in 1865 and is still in existence. It is a four-page folio, is Democratic in politics and is an excellent local weekly paper.

PUBLIC ENTERPRISES.

In the month of September, 1851, a plank road was built between Mt. Vernon and New Harmony, and for several years was a source of great convenience to the public, but owing to the excess of expenditures over the receipts in maintaining the enterprise it was found imperative to abandon it. John Pitcher was President; Robert Dale Owen, Secretary and Treasurer. The board of directors was composed of N. G. Nettleton and Robert D. Owen, of New Harmony; John Sweeney, of Springf —, and Enoch R. James, Charles F. Leonard, Richard Barter and John Pitcher, of Mt. Vernon. The event of its completion was celebrated by a public and costly dinner at Mt. Vernon and a grand ball at New Harmony in the evening of the same day.

In the year 1881, the citizens of Harmony Township voted to the Peoria, Decatur & Fransville Railway an appropriation of two per centum of the taxal property, amounting to \$15,000, besides \$500 obscribed by the Agricultural Society, for the extension of a branch of that line from Poseyville to New Harmony. Work was immediately begun and the line was completed in December, of the same year. By this line of road the town is connected with the railway system of the United States, and will no doubt have direct communication by this same route with Mt. Vernon, the county seat, by June 1, 1882, as there is a strong probability that the Company will construct a fur-

ther extension of its line to the latter place by that time.

The first regularly appointed postmaster at New Harmony was Romelia Baker, a Rappite, who served from 1814 to 1824, when he was succeeded by John Schnee, who, in 1836, was succeeded by Louis Gex, whos ruccessor was Thomas Brown, who continued in office but a short time, he having been removed upon suspicion of having purloined matter from the mail bags, but which was removed when his deputy confessed to the theft. N. G. Nettelton was appointed by President John Tyler to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of Brown, and he was succeeded by William Cox, he by William Twigg, he by Nelson Felch, he by Julius C. Miller, appointed by Abraham Lincoln, and who was succeeded by William Twigg, he by William S. Allen and he by Julius C. Miller, who still holds the position with The growth of New Harmony has been slow, notwithstanding its many superior geographical, social and natural advantages, though it is fair to presume that the interest shown by her citizens in her development at this time will lead to gratifying results. The seeming indifference to an increased growth by her citizens of past generations is probably the secret of her condition at this time. The place was incorporated in 1850, but has not maintained its town board continually. At present there is a town government, and it is quite likely

that the enterprise of its present population will be the means of giving it considerable impetus to a prosperity and material growth that she has never before felt.

Mr. James Sampson, a retired merchant, has, for the past thirty years, employed himself in the very laudable work of collecting freshwater shells, fossils, etc., and he now owns the finest private collection of that character in the country.

VILLAGES OF POSEY COUNTY.

BLACKFORD,

THE FIRST BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS—THE FIRST JAIL—APPOINTMENTS AND ELECTIONS—ALLOWANCES—THE FIRST TREASURER—THE FIRST ASSESSOR AND HIS EMOLUMENT
—THE FIRST CLERK AND HIS PAY.

The town of Blackford was where the first seat of justice in the county was established, and it was laid out by the Board of County Commissioners in January, 1815, where, on May 4, 1817, the proceedings of that body were first recorded after the location of the first seat of justice. Samuel Jones, at the first term of the Commissioner's Court, May 12, 1817, was appointed Treasurer of the County for one year, his bond being fixed at \$4,000, with Ezekiel Saunders and Warner Clark, sureties; and whose report at the end of his first term of office shows that he paid to the Commissioners the sum of \$912 41.* the same term of this Court, the contract was awarded him for the construction of the first "gaol," for which he was to be paid the sum of \$422 871/2 "out of any money arising from the sale of lots in the town of Blackford." David Love was allowed \$42 50 "for assessing the taxable property of Posey County for 1816." On the 12th of May. 1817. Morris Robertson was allowed \$4 for killing four wolfs, June 1, 1816, whose scalps he had preserved and produced at the time he received the reward. Wm. E. Stewart, the first Clerk of the County. was also allowed \$23 50 "for ex-officio services for the year 1816, and for the rent of his office eight months," showing that the officials of that early period were compelled to provide themselves with offices and attend to the duties of their positions at very moderate salaries.

Thomas Harp, of Marrs; Thomas Litton, of Wagnon, now a part of Vanderburgh; Aaron Bacon, of Black; John Graddy, of Lynn; James Robb, of Robb, and Wm. Davis, of Smith, were the first ap-

^{*}Nicholas Joest, the incumbent of the Treasurer's office, in his report to the County Commissioners, at the June term of their Court, 1881, on final annual settlement, showed a balance of \$31,417 12, as being due to the county, which is a flattering tribute to the progress of the age, as well as a compliment to the officials who have succeeded Mr. Jones.

pointments made to fill the position of Assessor for their respective townships. Jonathan Jeffries and Robert Allen, of Robb; Jeffrey Sanders and Nicholas Long, of Wagnon; Wm. Stephens and Paul Casselberry, of Marrs; Adam Albright and Nathan Ashworth, of Black; Samuel Eblin and Thomas Barton, of Lynn, and John Armstrong and James Martin, of Smith, received the first appointments as overseers of the poor, one of the duties, at this time, of the township trustees. Thomas E. Casselberry, in May, 1817, entered into bond as County agent in the sum of \$4,000, with Paul Casselberry, David A. Mills and Wm. Stevens as securities. This officer performed some of the duties as are now entailed upon the Sheriff and Treasurer.

The office was abolished in 1839, and the last work was done by Scarborough Pentecost, who settled with the County treasurer, Wm. J. Lowry, May 5, 1840. The inspectors of merchandise brought into the County for sale by itinerant or local tradesmen, in 1817, were: Thomas Litton, for Wagnon; Wm. Hutcheson, (father of Philo A. Hutcheson, incumbent of the Recorder's office,) for Marrs; John Duckworth, for Black; Peter Jones, for Robb; Wm. Nelson, for Lynn, and Wm. Davis, for Smith townships. In this same year township elections were held, in Marrs, at the house of Wm. Hutcheson; in Black, at the house of Thomas Givens; in Lynn, at the town of *Harmonic*; in Robb, at the house of Langston Drew; in Smith, at the house of George Smith, and,

in Wagnon, at the house of Wm. Johnson.

The seat of justice was removed from Blackford to Springfield in November, 1817, and on the 10th of that month the Board of Commissioners convened its first term of court in that embryo village. Blackford had a promising future until the seat of justice was removed, when it began to wane and soon ceased its existence, and its site is now on the land of the heirs of George Jackson, in section 29, Marrs township. The town was named in honor of the Hon. Isaac Blackford, the first judge of the judicial district that embraced the County of Posey. Judge Blackford's associates on the bench in this County were Thomas E. Casselberry and Dann Lynn. The first case tried in the County before the above judges was that of Wm. Blizzard, on a charge of having killed two hogs, the property of Margaret Hall, and the first prisoner who was arraigned at Blackford was Meschack Green, June 19, 1815, for the theft of a hog, for which he was fined \$50 and received twenty five lashes across his bare back, at the hands of John Carson, Sheriff of the County.

The first panel of grand jurors was composed of Nathaniel Muncy, Wm. Wagnon, James Robertson, Wilson Butler, Alexander Mills, John Stapleton, Adam Albright, John Aldredge, Samuel Aldredge, James Black, Seth Hargraves, Ezekiel Jones, John B. Stephenson, David Thomas, John Crunk, Mathew Adams, Peter Wilkeson, Wm.

Boyd, Wm. Barton, Nathan Ashworth, John Turney, Wm. Curtis,

John Dollison, Samuel Kimmel and Solomon Nesler.

The first *travis* (now called "petit") jury in the County was composed of Nicholas Long, Daniel Miller, Wm. Stevens, Joseph Fesler, John Barton, John Martin, Samuel Barton, Timothy Downen, John Ridenhouer, John McFaddin, David Mills and James Duckworth. The original seal of the Board of Commissioners was a pen-made circle, with the words "Commissioner's seal of Posey County" enclosed.

BLAIRSVILLE, ROBINSON TOWNSHIP,

Has a population of 200, was laid out by Stephen Blair and Ebenezer Phillips, July 4, 1837. The German element predominates, and the country surrounding it is very productive. It contains a few places of business, one church, a good school and has a weekly mail.

CABORN, MARRS TOWNSHIP,

Was named after Cornelius Caborn, by whom the village was laid out in 1871. It is situated on the L. & N. Railway, six miles East of Mt. Vernon, has a school, a few places of business, a Methodist church and a population of sixty souls.

CALVIN STATION, ROBB TOWNSHIP,

Is on the line of the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railroad, one-half mile from Stewartsville. It is delightfully situated, has a daily mail and may become a place of some importance. It was laid out by James T. Calvin, Esq., April 21, 1881.

CHAINVILLE, LYNN TOWNSHIP,

Was laid out by Alexander McClure, as agent of William McClure, December 22, 1836, but never reached the dignity of a village.

CYNTHIANA, SMITH TOWNSHIP,

Was laid out by Wm. Davis, March 6, 1817. The place was named after two daughters of Mr. Davis, the founder. John Shanklin and Andrew Moffat were the proprietors of the first store, which was a small log cabin, and Clement Whiting kept the first tavern. The place is pleasantly situated on the Evansville & Terre Haute Railroad, twenty-four miles from Mt. Vernon, the county seat. It contains several places of business, three churches and a two-story brick graded school house. The society is good, its sanitary condition superb, and its population is placed at 400 souls.

FARMERSVILLE, BLACK TOWNSHIP.

There is no official record showing when the settlement of this village occurred, but it is stated positively by the oldest inhabitants that the erection of houses and the location of lands in the vicinity was about the year 1813. The first settlers were from New England, and from this fact the name of Yankeetown, by which it is sometimes known, originated. It is situated on the New Harmony and Mt. Vernon stage road, eleven miles South of the former and four miles North of the latter place. The country adjacent is picturesque and undulating, the farms being well improved and thoroughly cultivated. It contains a graded school, constructed of brick, in 1875, at a cost of \$6,000; a store where general merchandise is vended, three churches, a blacksmith shop, and two physicians. It has a daily mail, and its support is derived from the agricultural interests. Population, 75.

GRAFTON, LVNN TOWNSHIP,

Was laid off by George W. Thomas, Esq, of Mount Vernon, in 1852. It is six miles from the county seat, has a weekly mail, contains two places of business and is situated in a very fertile farming section. Elisha Trafford, Esq., is postmaster.

WINFIELD, HARMONY TOWNSHIP,

Was laid out by John Cox, in October, 1838, and is sometimes called "Bugtown." It is a mere settlement.

NEW BALTIMORE, BETHEL TOWNSHIP,

Was laid off in 1837, by W. J. Johnson, but it never became even a village. The section of land on which the town was located was entered by James Allen, in 1819.

POSEYVILLE, ROBB TOWNSHIP,

Was originally called Palestine, from Febuary 24, 1840, to 1852, when its name was changed. It was laid out by Talbott Sharp and Ellison Cale, is quite a pretty village of 350 inhabitants and is located in a most picturesque agricultural quarter of the County. The first store keeper here was Jonathan S. Jaquess and—Overton kept the first tavern. It is situated on the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville Railway, 24 miles North East of Mt. Vernon and has a daily mail, James Goslee, postmaster. It is in a flourishing condition, has a graded

brick schoolhouse, several places of business and three churches. The society of the place is very good and its sanitary condition excellent. The first and only paper the place has had is the *Times*, established in 1881.

PRICE'S STATION, BETHEL TOWNSHIP.

Is growing quite rapidly, is situated on the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville Railroad, seven miles Northeast of New Harmony, has a daily mail and is a promising village. It was laid out by Wm. Price, August 11, 1881. P. O. Griffin.

SAINT PHILLIP, MARRS TOWNSHIP.

Is on the Louisville and Nashville Railway, 11 miles East of Mt. Vernon. It is well supplied with schools and churches, is in a rich agricultural section and has a population of 75. One of the finest church edifices in the County was erected at this place in 1870 at a cost of \$10,000. Elizath Deig is postmistress, a lady who is noted for her liberality and Christian spirit. When the church referred to was completed she purchased an organ at her own expense, costing \$2,000, and presented it to the congregation. The community is largely made up of German Catholics.

ST. WENDEL

Is in the northeastern part of Robinson township, sixteen miles East of Mt. Vernon, has a few places of business, a brick schoolhouse, a very fine church, erected at considerable cost, by the Catholic denomination, and a daily mail. Its population is placed at 175. It was never officially laid out, and is situated in Posey and Vanderburgh Counties, the line dividing the counties running through the center of the place.

SPRINGFIELD, LVNN TOWNSHIP,

Became the s. cond seat of justice, and the official plat of which was recorded by David Love, on May 20, 1817, when it was laid out by the County Commissioners, the circumstances of the event being fully related under the heading "Courts of the County," found elsewhere in these pages. The first brick Court House in Southern Indiana was erected at this place by Frederick Rappe, an account of which will also be found elsewhere. The Court House has been remodeled and is now used as a schoolhouse. The village contains a church and

about 125 inhabitants. Matthew Williams surveyed, Andrew Hindman and Thomas Wilson "staked," and Wm. Alexander carried the chain when the town was laid off. Isaac Nettleton established the first, John Schnee, the second, and Samuel James, the third tavern here, and as it may be interesting to the reader to know under what restrictions the proprietors of houses of that character were placed at that day, the following "rating" of the Board of Commissioners is copied from the order book of that body:

"For a horse at hav twelve hours, 25 cents; horse feed (one meal), 25 cents; one meal for a person, 25 cents; lodging, one person, 1212 cents; whisky, per half pint, 1212 cents; peach or apple brandy, half pint, 25 cents, and cider or beer, 1212 cents per quart." The license was \$10 per annum for houses of public entertainment. Joseph Spaulding, in addition to his hotel, carried on a general merchandise business, in a log house, in the side of which was cut a hole of four square feet, from which was handed such articles as were purchased at the establishment, the patrons being compelled to stand on the outside of the building. It was at this hole where a great many were supplied with the ardent beverage. It is related that a man, under the influence of liquor, attempted to crawl through the aperture for the purpose of avenging himself upon the person of Spaulding for some imagined wrong done him by "Uncle Joe," who had the man at his mercy when he had succeeded in getting into the opening, a fact that the inebriate realized when he felt the stinging blows laid on with a board in the hands of the proprietor of the establishment. It had the effect of bringing him to his senses, and he "steered clear" of the dangerous hole ever afterwards.

STEWARTSVILLE, ROBB TOWNSHIP,

Formerly known as Paris, was laid out by William Stewart on October 29, 1838, in a very eligible locality, six miles East of New Harmony. It contains several stores, one church and a two-story brick graded school house. The population is placed at 125. It has a daily mail by the Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railway, whose *route* is one-half mile distant. Its inhabitants are made up of a good class of people and its sanitary condition is excellent. A blockhouse was constructed in the immediate vicinity of this village in 1809, on the farm of John Cox ("double-head"), who, with the families of Maxey Jolley, Thomas Robb, V. Leavitt and John Wallace, occupied it as a protection against the Indians.

WADESVILLE, CENTER TOWNSHIP,

Was laid out, February 17, 1853, by Daniel Leffel, James Pelt and

Wm. Moye, when it belonged to Robinson Township. It has several places of business, a church and a school house. The country surrounding the village is picturesque and the soil is quite fertile. The population is about 100.

WEST FRANKLIN, MARRS TOWNSHIP,

Is situated on the Ohio river, twelve miles above Mt. Vernon. It was laid out by John B. Stinson, in January, 1837, and was for a number of years quite a promising village, but for some reason it has dwindled into a place of very limited extent, chiefly attributable to the presence of Caborn, a growing village on the L. and N. Railway. At present it contains a church, a school house, two places of trade and has a daily mail by the river route. Although no town was laid out until comparatively a very recent period, there were a great many settlers in the vicinity of where West Franklin now stands as early as 1815. It was at this point where all the emigrants from Tennessee, North Corolina and Georgia crossed from Kentucky when they located in the County. It was called at that time Diamond Island Ferry. Dann Lynn died here, of cholera, in 1833.

WOODVILLE, BLACK TOWNSHIP,

Was laid out, November 5, 1819, by W. A. L. Green, the plat of which, on December 14, in the same year, was revoked and its lots became a part of the farm adjoining the land Dr. E. V. Spencer, of Mt. Vernon, now owns, situated about 3 miles Northwest of the County seat, on the lower New Harmony wagon road.

INCIDENTS-TRAGICAL AND OTHERWISE.

A LIST OF MURDERS COMMITTED IN THE COUNTY AND THE ACTION TAKEN
BY THE AUTHORITIES—THE FIRST STEAMBOAT—A PANTHER KILLS A
VOUNG MAN—TREATMENT OF CRIMINALS BY THE "VIGILANTES"
—KIDNAPING AND ITS RESULTS—THE EARLY MILLS.

THE CHOLERA IN POSEY.

Within the past half-century cases of this dreadful disease have appeared on five different occasions in this country. In the year 1833 the disease prevailed in many quarters of the West, and in that year a number of fatal cases occurred in this County, among the most prominent who were fatally attacked was Dann Lynn. In 1848 three deaths occurred. In 1851 it again appeared in the form of an epidemic, during which

thirty deaths were recorded, among whom was Dr. Mark Trafton. In 1852 there were a few fatal cases, among whom was the wife of Charles F. Leonard, the mother of the publisher of this work. The darkest and one of the most sorrowful periods in the history of the County was the year 1873, when the relentless disease for two long months performed its awful mission. That was a period which will be remembered with the deepest melancholy, particularly by those who were witnesses of the sad events that transpired. For five long and weary weeks coal was burned in great quantities on many corners in Mt. Vernon, while the gutters ran with lime and other disinfectants. Every thing was done to eradicate the disease, and many made heroes of themselves by their actions. Dr. A. Matzdorf was a martyr to the cause of mercy and relief. He visited victims who were writhing in agony and administered remedies for their relief until he was stricken down and succumbed to the disease which baffled medical skill. C. Woody, one of nature's noblemen, during the scourge performed deeds most heroic when he, in the lonely vigils of the night, sat by the bedside of his dying wife and dead children and used every means to allay the pains of the patient sufferer. The neighbors had become terrorstricken and it was impossible to secure assistance. The brave hearted and faithful man, conscious of threatened danger, remained in the home darkend by the death of two children and a brother until the terrible monster relieved his wife of her torture. He was faithful to his vow as a husband and showed an emulative gratitude for the love of a pure and devoted wife. During the epidemic there were, according to the most reliable information, one hundred deaths from cholera, eighty occurring in the town of Mt. Vernon. We subjoin a list, with the dates, believing that it is correct:

Joseph Pickles died June 7th; a daughter of George Muncey, and Mrs. William Miller, the 15th; a child of Mr. Roberts, the 20th; Mrs. Jos Sloat, the 22nd; John Caldwell (colored), the 27th; Lucy Kirk, a child, a daughter of Mrs. John Snyder and Mrs. Collins, the 28th; a daughter of Mrs. John Snyder, the 30th; Mrs. Grant, July 1st; Thomas Caldwell (colored), the 8th; unknown negro woman and an unknown pauper, the 9th; Miss Sheldon, Miss Gordon, Mrs. George Weilbrenner, a daughter of John Reichert, Mrs. Barker and James Werks, the 11th; Samuel K. Bell, his mother and sister, Mrs. Helen Gordon, Larkin Duncan and Alvin Hovey, the 12th; Augustas Gordon and a daughter of Robert Lyon, the 13th; Mrs. Conrad Shertz, William King and child of James McClain, the 14th; Robert Peters and Mrs. S. Huff, the 15th; Taylor Woody. Orrin Johnson, child of J. C. Woody, Henry Osborne and wife and Robert Lyon, the 16th; an unknown pauper, Lewis Barton, Mrs. J. C. Woody and child, the 17th; Joseph Harris, Mary Shertz and Mrs. Barton, the 18th; a son

of Mr. Bonenberger, Katie Shertz and Mrs. Grace Craw, the 19th; Lettie Watkins (colored), Mrs. Timmons and Dr. A. Matzdorf, the 20th; Mrs. Robert Lyon, Mrs. McLaughlin and Miss Eva Hovey, the 21st; Lizzie Haas and a son of Mrs. Cook, the 22d; a son of James C. Dixon, an unknown negro and Mrs. McDowell, the 23d; son of James Davenport, the 24th; Anton Haas, John Quick, wife and child, the 25th; Mrs. John D. Hinch and Mrs. Musselman, the 26th; an unknown pauper, the 28th; Mrs. Latham, the 29th; Jeff. Hopkins, the 30th; a child of Isaac Newton, the 31st; John Tier, August 1st; Charles Kreie, the 2d; Robert Moore, the 3d; Mattie Stein and Henry Washington (colored), the 4th; and Joseph Clemmens and an unknown pauper, the 5th.

MURDERS.

On the 29th of October, 1817, a young physician of much promise, by the name of Thomas Moore Parke, accompanied by his wife, located in the embryo village of Mt. Vernon, and immediately began the practice of his profession. Soon after his advent into that frontier village, a man by the name of Peter Hendricks, while riding a fractious horse, was thrown against a stump of a tree, near the corner of Walnut and Second streets, and killed. The young physician, for purposes of dissection, it is supposed, obtained possession of the body by some means and conveyed it to his stable loft, in the rear of the hotel now known as the European, and covered it with hav. passing through the alley in the rear of the building referred to, accidentally discovered the feet of the corpse, and the presence of it in the stable of Dr. Parke caused a suspicion of body-snatching to be directed against him, which ended in outspoken indignation. It is said that Mrs. Rachel Givens, a woman of high connection, allowed her anger to lead her to take steps that would result in the physician's punishment. She employed a profligate and drunken fellow by the name of George Gibbons to avenge the wrong, and promised to reward him with a jug of whisky if he would personally chastise the Five months after his arrival, March 29, 1818, the young physician was crossing Second street, when Gibbons, with an ashen club, stealthily came up to him from behind, and struck him several blows, killing him instantly. As it was the first tragic event that had occurred in the County, it created considerable excitement. was arrested, with some difficulty, and taken to the jail at Springfield. He was indicted by the grand jury at the May term of the Circuit Court, 1818; was arraigned May 20, 1817, before David Hart, presiding judge, and was placed under bond of \$1,300 for his appearance at the September term of the Court following, with Charity Byrd,

Bryant Byrd, Aaron Bacon, Mary Ann McFaddin, Catherine Richardson, Sargent Moss, Sophia Webb, Benijah Moss, Elizabeth Webb, John Bradley, (who afterwards had his neck broken by falling from a wagon,) John Aldredge, Andrew McFaddin and Hyman Richardson, securities. At the same time Rachel Givens, the instigator of the crime, was indicted and held as an accessory, in the sum of \$2,500, with Thomas Givens, Seth Hargraves, Nathan Smarth and David A. Mills, securities. Richard Daniel was the prosecutor, who, on June 7, 1819, entered a nolle prosequi in both cases, and Gibbons and Mrs. Givens were discharged.

It is said that, soon after their liberation, Gibbons and his wife were placed in a little boat, with provisions and poisoned whisky, and set affoat on the Ohio river. Gibbons partook freely of the whisky and he died from the effects of it in a short time afterward. Before the boat was beached on the rocks on the Ohio river, on the Indiana side, above Uniontown, the wife gave birth to a child. Gibbons was buried on Hovey's Lake, in an old graveyard, near the roadside. Several years after this event, when an old woman, Mrs. Givens started for California, but while *enroute* over the plains she was attacked by cholera and died, and was buried in two barrels in a valley in Wyoming Territory. Mrs. Gibbons was afterward married to Joshua Kel Curtis, by

whom she had five children, all of whom are highly respectable people.

Olaves Gram, a Frenchman, in Robb township, murdered his wife,
Cynthia, by forcing her to take three ounces of laudanum. September
29, 1829; indicted by the grand jury at the February term of the Circuit Court, 1830; case stricken from the docket at the September term

of the same Court, 1834.

Joseph Lynn, a colored desperado, in 1838, was cut and killed at New Harmony by some unknown person. It is generally supposed that the event was the result of a feud which existed between a band of blacks and whites, headed by Lynn, who were employed at the flouring mills and distillery of William and Richard Dale Owen, on one side, and the mechanics of the village, on the other. A general fight occurred on the night of the murder of Lynn, who, during the melee, was struck by John Webster, a noted fighter, after which the blacks left to arm themselves, it is presumed. They soon returned to the immediate vicinity to renew the affray, all of whom were armed with knives, guns and pistols. Not long after they appeared, as Dr. J. S. Mann, now of Mt. Vernon, and Webster were approaching the office of the former, Lynn warned them that he would shoot if they came any nearer, from which fact it is believed that Lynn and his men anticipated an attack. The warning was unheeded, however, and true to his promise, Lynn fired at the two men, the contents of the gun—nails, slugs of lead and shot—entering the bodies of the doctor

and his companion, lacerating them fearfully, but fortunately without Lynn was soon afterward found dead, with ghastly cuts in his body, and Webster was arrested for the crime on the following day, but as no evidence was introduced at the preliminary examination, held before Justice Thomas Brown, that tended to implicate him he was discharged. An attempt was afterwards made to fasten the crime upon Dr. Mann, but without success. It will probably never be known who committed the deed, as Webster has since died without leaving any evidence as to the guilt of the perpetrator. Joseph Lynn, the victim, by his remarkable feats of strength, justly acquired the reputation of a Hercules. He bore a bad character several years previous to his death, and it was well known that he very seriously cut his master, James Lynn, at Springfield. It is said that this negro was sold by his master three different times, and who, soon after his purchase, would return to his original master, and by this means he would become a source of profit, as well as of swindling.

William McFaddin, on February 16, 1842, in Mt. Vernon, cut and killed James M. Albright: he was indicted by the Grand Jury at the March term of the Circuit Court: was tried, convicted and sentenced, by Judge Elisha Embree, at the September term of that court, 1842,

to the penitentiary for ten years.

James Lyon was indicted by the grand jury at the September term of the Circuit Court, 1851, for murdering, on March 1, 1849, Wm. Clayton; was defended by Judge Alvin P. Hovey, March 1, 1852, and acquitted. It is very generally understood at New Harmony, where the event occured, that the killing was accidental. Lyon threw a brick at some one with whom he had quarreled, which, missing that party, struck Clayton, fracturing his skull, from the effects of which he died soon afterward.

One of the most tragical and bloody affrays that have ever been recorded in the history of crime occurred on the 6th of August, 1849, in the city of Mt. Vernon. It was an election day and party strife was warm and bitter, the office of Sheriff being the bone of contention. As was usual on such occasions, a large crowd of people had congregated in the town, and long before

"Night, sable goddess, from her ebon throne, Had stretched forth in rayless majesty Her ebon scepter o'er a slumbering world"

the echoes were kept constantly awake by the unearthly yells of drunken, half-wild men, and the streets witnessed several "rough and tumble" fights. Later in the afternoon, just before the departing sun had hidden, his face behind the Western horizon, two men, in the fullness of physical manhood, received their death blows. Wm. James and John Patterson were the candidates of their respective parties for

the office of Sheriff, and they were zealously supported by their con-Daniel Lane, from Illinois, was living with Wm. James, and, naturally enough, favored that gentlemen's election. a butcher by occupation, and a peaceable, inoffensive man, when not under the influence of liquor, was an advocate of Patterson's election. These two men became engaged in a discussion of the merits of their respective candidates, which finally terminated by Coon saving that he would "bet Lane a half-dollar that he (Lane) dare not strike him." The words had hardly passed the lips of Coon when Lane struck at his adversary, who stabbed his antagonist in the breast under the right nipple. Lane reeled and fell to the pavement, the blood flowing freely from the ghastly wound. John Duckworth, seeing that the infuriated man was endeavoring to "cut his way" from the crowd, struck him several times with his fist, but without effect. Coon continued striking out with his knife until Green Duckworth hit the crazed man on the head with a heavy board, felling him to his knees, when John Pierson picked up a stick of cord wood and with that instrument succeeded in mashing the unfortunate man's skull, and then departed for parts un-Lane lingered in great agony until midnight, when he died. Coon was taken to jail, where he expired a few minutes after his victim. They were buried in the same grave on the following day. Green Duckworth, a few years afterward, committed suicide in Louisiana and John Duckworth met with a frightful death by being thrown from a buggy one mile north of Mt. Vernon. The above affair occurred near the corner of Main and Second streets.

James McFaddin stabbed and murdered Wm. Stephens on a flat boat, on the Ohio river, 4 miles below Mt. Vernon: was tried, convicted and sentenced by Elisha Embree, presiding judge, to the penitentiary for a term of 20 years. The case was appealed to the Supreme Court of the State, but the decision of the court below was sustained. He was sent to prison March 14, 1846.

Noah Nesler, during the construction of the New Harmony and Mt. Vernon plank road, was stabbed and murdered, June 4, 1850, by Jonathan Combs, who escaped and has never been brought to trial.

Wm. Chancellor, on the 30th of March, 1852, in Harmony Township, was shot and killed by Wm. Gibbs, who was apprehended on the day following, but was discharged for want of sufficient testimony to establish his guilt. It was afterwards developed that Gibbs was the guilty party, but he had, in the meantime, effected his escape, and he was never brought to trial. The murder was the result of a family difficulty, and it was committed while Chancellor was playing a violin, he having been fired at through the window of his house.

Charles Stewart was murdered, in Point Township, by David Hines and Andrew Mackey, June 7, 1858, by being clubbed with a rifle.

The parties effected their escape, and the case was stricken from the

docket at the September term of the Circuit Court, 1867.

Elisha Lewis, for shooting and killing Jeddy Pitts on the 18th of August, 1860, was indicted by the grand jury for murder in the second degree September 27, 1860. Lewis made his escape and was not captured until he had swum the Wabash and Ohio rivers several times; was arraigned before Judge Wm. F. Parrett at the September term of the Circuit Court, 1860, tried, convicted and sentenced to the penitententiary for life.

Mary Shepard, December 3, 1861, murdered her infant by strangulation; was tried, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for thirteen years, by Judge Parrett, at the March term of the Circuit

Court, 1862.

On July 16, 1864, Asbury Ferguson, at New Harmony, accidentally killed Leroy Vandiver by hitting him with a brick; indicted by the grand jury at the September term of the Circuit Court, 1864; case nollied March 27, 1866.

Baldwin Erwin, August 6, 1864, at Farmersville, shot and killed Manalcus P. Powell, for seduction of his wife; indicted by the grand jury for murder in the first degree; nolle prosequi entered at the March

term of the Circuit Court, 1875.

Fieldon N. Chamberlain, a Federal soldier, at Mt. Vernon, on the 8th of August, 1864, shot and killed Wm. Balou and Joseph Gamble; was tried, on a change of venue, in the Vanderburgh Circuit Court,

and was there acquitted on a plea of self-defense.

John Garris, on December 6, 1864, murdered Michael Herman, an old stage driver, in Center township, with a club; indicted by the grand jury, at the March term of the Circuit Court, for murder in the first degree; was tried, convicted and sentenced, by Judge W. F. Parrett, to be hanged on the first Friday in November, 1865; sentence commuted by Governor Conrad Baker to imprisonment for life. Garris was a soldier in a regiment organized by the Governor during the late civil war.

Leonidas Sweeten, on September 7, 1865, cut and killed John Hendrix, at West Franklin; was indicted by the grand jury, at the September term of the Circuit Court which convened the same year; was tried and convicted before Judge W. F. Parrett, by whom he was sentenced to the penitentiary for a period of five years, from September 27, 1867. He was reprieved by Governor Baker soon afterwards.

George Bacon, at Mt. Vernon, on September 17, 1865, shot and killed John H. Weare, who lost his life while endeavoring to protect Aaron Greathouse. Bacon fled immediately after the shooting, and has never been apprehended. He was indicted by the grand jury for

the crime of murder, but no active measures for his arrest have ever been instituted. There was "a woman in the case."

Abraham Quarrels, on August 18, 1866, cut and killed Wm. Whalley with a knife; indicted for murder in the second degree by the grand jury at the October term of the Circuit Court, 1866; was tried, convicted and sentenced, by Judge W. F. Parrett, to the penitentiary for a period of time covering his natural life.

John Redman, at the March term of the Circuit Court, 1869, was indicted by the grand jury for the murder of Ezra Wooding, by shooting and cutting him, on February 15, 1868; nollied September 20, 1870. Redman was one of a posse of the Sheriff who went to the house of Wooding to arrest him for tarring and feathering a negro.

Levi Coffin, on February 25, 1868, shot ank killed Patrick Gillespie, at West Franklin. By a verdict of the Coroner's jury, it is known that the event was the result of a quarrel, and as there is no further record of the matter on the books of the Circuit Court, we presume the murderer was acquitted at the preliminary examination before the justice.

Robert F. Dunn, a riverman, November 3, 4868, at Mt. Vernon, shot and killed.Samuel Miller, a laborer; indicted by the grand jury for murder in the first degree; *notlied nunc pro tunc*

Reese Gentry was shot and murdered by being waylaid on the public highway, on the night of November 5, 1868. No action was ever taken that led to the identity of the murderer. It is said that a man who subsequently resided at Phillipstown, Illinois, while on his death-bed, confessed to being the murderer, giving as his reason that he was cognizant of the existence of a criminal intimacy between his wife and his victim, immediately prior to the commission of the deed.

Richard Russel was shot and killed on the 24th of December, 1868, by Gabriel Hathaway, three miles Northeast of Mt. Vernon, at a house on what is known as the "old Finnel farm," where a ball was in progress when the event occurred. Hathaway escaped and has eluded the authorities of the law to this time.

Charles Leunig and John W. Jenkins were jointly indicted by the grand jury for murdering James C. Beard, at Mt. Vernon, February 16, 1869. They were arraigned and while the trial was in progress in the Circuit Court, Judge James G. Jones saw fit to discharge the jury, his suspicions as to their fidelity being the motive, and immediately thereafter ordered a new trial; whereupon a change of venue was taken to the Vanderburgh Circuit Court, where it was held that the life of the prisoners could not be placed in jeopardy twice for the same offence. An appeal to the Supreme Court of the State was taken by the prosecution, where the decision of the court below was sustained, and they were discharged.

Peter Baker, a colored man, in February, 1869, shot and killed, at Mt. Vernon, Washington Balou, also colored: no indictment in the case has ever been recorded, that can be found. Baker escaped and is still a fugitive from justice.

Eugene Vandiver, at New Harmony, on September 15, 1870, shot Warren Pitts, who died on the 29th of the same month, same year; an indictment for murder was returned by the grand jury at the April term

of the Circuit Court, 1872; case nollied March 26, 1877.

George Ferguson, a farmer, was indicted for murder in the second degree for stabbing and killing Alfred Bell, a farmer, October 17, 1870, at Mt. Vernon; was tried, convicted and sentenced at the May term of the Circuit Court, 1871, by David T. Laird, Judge, to the penitentiary for a period of and during his natural life; served seven years and was reprieved on account of consumption, with which he was afflicted, it was said.

Henry Roeder, on the 10th of December, 1870, clubbed William Downey to death at Wadesville; was indicted by the grand jury at the April term of the Circuit Court, 1871; was tried, convicted and sentenced, by Judge David T. Laird, on May 11, 1871, to the penitentiary for five years.

Scott Davis, August 21, 1871, shot and killed George Graham, near Poseyville. Search of the records failed to disclose any action taken by the authorities in this case, though the murder was chronicled in the New Harmony *Register* at the time the crime was committed.

Stephen Harris, February 14, 1874, in Harmony township, cut and killed Henry Cox; indicted by the grand jury in March, follow-

ing; case nollied June 11, 1878.

George Horton, a farmer, at Mt. Vernon, stabbed and killed a shoemaker, by the name of Wm. Slack, December 21, 1874; he was indicted by the grand jury for murder in the first degree at the January term of the Circuit Court, 1875; case nollied at the March term of the same Court, 1877. Immediately after the commission of the crime Horton made his escape and succeeded in eluding the authorities of the law.

George Johnson, February 18, 1877, was shot and killed by John or George Mott, two clerks, at New Harmony, while attempting to burglariously enter the store of Messrs. Ford and Owen, of that place; the evidence at the preliminary examination was considered sufficient to warrant the discharge of the Motts, who established the proof that the deed was committed while defending the property of their employers.

Charles Martel, a cooper, was stabbed in the back, at Fuhrer's grove, one mile West of Mt. Vernon, and killed by John W. Sullivan, a clerk, son of Hon. E. T. Sullivan, of Evansville, on May 21, 1877. At a preliminary examination held before Justice Joshua Cox. Sullivan

was placed under bond, which he forfeited, and is now a fugitive from justice.

David Weaver, *alias* Patrick Mullen, was murdered near the L. & N. Railway bridge, on the Wabash river, October 28, 1877; Wm. Chambers, Hamilton Brown and Alfred Buckner, colored men, were indicted by the grand jury at the October term of the Circuit Court, same year, but a trial of the parties was never inaugurated because of a want of sufficient evidence.

Frederick Vierling, a dyer by occupation, was shot and killed, in the Spring of 1878, at Mt. Vernon, by some unknown persons. No action has ever been taken that established the guilt of the suspected

murderers.

Dennis Leslie, a boy, shot and killed Commodore Curtis, his stepfather, for abusing his mother and threatening his life, in the Summer of 1878, of which he was acquitted at the preliminary examination before a justice in Point township.

Annie McCool, a white prostitute, was murdered at Mt. Vernon, by some unknown person, in September, 1878. Her murderer was

supposed to have been a negro paramour,

Daniel Harris, a negro, on October 11, 1878, shot and killed Cyrus Oscar Thomas, a son of Geo. W. Thomas, Esq., of Mt. Vernon, while the latter was in the discharge of his duty as Deputy Sheriff. Harris was indicted by the grand jury at the October term of the Circuit Court in 1878, and at the August term of that court in 1881, the prosecutor, Wm. H. Gudgel, entered a *nolle prosequi*. It is supposed by some and denied by others that Harris was murdered by the friends of his victim who disposed of his body by means which will forever leave its whereabouts a mystery.

James Good, Jeff Hopkins, Wm. Chambers and Edward Warner, all colored, were hanged October 12, 1878, by a body of unknown men, from trees in the Public Square, at Mt. Vernon, for murders and

other heinous acts committed by them during that year.

J. Willard Reed stabbed and killed James Baker, at Mt. Vernon, in the Winter of 1880; indicted for manslaughter; placed under bail

of \$1,000; forfeited; trial pending.

James Pigg (colored), Jaborer, was shot and killed in Black Township, February 5, 1886. Prince Jones (colored), laborer, was indicted for the crime, and was charged by the Grand Jury with murder in the first degree. Jones was tried, on a change of venue, in the Vanderburgh Circuit Court, at the January term, 1882, and sentenced to the penitentiary for 99 years. He had been tried in the Posey Circuit Court a year previous and was sentenced at that court for the same period of time. Immediately after his incarceration in the penitentiary, the case was appealed to the Supreme Court for a new hearing.

which was granted. The cost to Posey County for the trial of Jones

was about \$3 000.

Wm. Poenix, in a fit of jealousy, shot and murdered Miss Izitha Bundy, a daughter of Kirk Bundy, Esq., a farmer living in Lynn township, on the 20th of June, 1880, and at the same time destroyed himself by shooting in the head. Poenix was a laborer whom Mr. Bundy had employed, and it was while he was engaged at the farm that he became very much enamored with the young lady, to whom he had made proposals of marriage, and which were rejected. Knowing that he could never gain her consent to marriage, he resolved upon committing the awful crimes of murder and suicide. A favorable opportunity was offered him on the afternoon of that beautiful June day, when the young lady went to visit a neighbor's in the immediate vicinity of her home, and he took advantage of it. He took a rifle, belonging to his employer, telling the mother of the girl, on leaving the house, that he was going to shoot a quail which he heard near by. He went in the direction the young lady had taken, and seated himself behind a stump, standing near the roadside, to await the return of his victim. A short time elapsed before he saw the object of his terrible design, light-hearted and in the bloom of youth, coming towards him. When she was within twenty paces of him, the miscreant deliberately shot her dead, and then, after reloading the gun, walked to where the girl lay cold in death, placed the muzzle of the weapon to his head and discharged it with the ramrod, and thus he was made the instrument of two tragic deaths, to be added to the long list of murders committed in the County.

Wm. Bare, a saloon keeper, on the steamer Samuel Born, while on a Sunday excursion, near West Franklin, on May 22, 1881, shot and killed John Hendrix; indicted for murder in the first degree; was tried, convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of three years,

at the November term of the Circuit Court, 1881.

Robert K. Vint, a blacksmith, in an affray at Cynthiana, on the 20th of August, 1881, shot and killed Joseph Alvey, a wagon maker; was indicted by the grand jury at the term of the Circuit Court which was in session at the time, but he has not been brought to trial at this time (1882).

VARIOUS INCIDENTS,

In early times muster duty was imposed upon every able bodied man, a failure of its performance was punished by a fine. In 1820 the members of the Society of Rappites refused to obey the law, and the Sheriff, for that reason, was ordered by the Commissioners to collect forty cents from every member not exempt, of whom there were 85.

Their reason for not taking part in the musters was their opposition to bearing arms. Regimental musters were held annually at the home of Lewis Wilson, while battalion musters were held in various parts of the County.

The early pioneers regarded physical force as an indication of the highest type of manhood, a virtue that few men possessed without finding it necessary very frequently to sustain their reputation for prowess in tests of strength. At log rollings, elections, courts, musters or wherever an event that attracted crowds occurred, athletic exercises were included in, and it was an invariable rule to enliven the occasion by numerous personal encounters. He who could jump farther, run swifter or throw his man in a wrestling bout was a hero, and he was looked upon with envious eyes. An election or a muster day never came off that did not witness more fighting than would occur in a year at this time; a fact that offers a contrast in the condition of morals of the two periods that is eulogistic of the progress and laws of to-day. It certainly is evident that the advantages of civilization have a refining tendency. There was at that age, as there are at this and will probably be at all eras in the future, conspicuous and peculiar characters. One of the "characters" of that day was a man by the name of Tom Miller, who was considered as being, and which he believed himself, very much of a man physically. Tom, in his sober moments, was inclined to be peaceable and would never engage in a brawl, if it were possible to avoid it without incurring the charge of cowardice. But when he quaffed bumpers of "the ardent," his latent strength appeared in giant form and he was never contented unless he could meet some one "worthy of his steel" upon "the green." Whenever Tom was seen pacing up and down some street, his coat off, sleeves rolled up, his shaggy breast exposed and his suspenders about his waist, the conclusion was soon reached that a storm was brewing and it must terminate with a squall. During this spectacle Tom's strong voice would be heard using the stereotyped but exasperating phrase: "I'm a mean man, a bad man and I orter to be whipped. I know, but whar's the man can do it?" This invitation was frequently accepted and led to bloody combats, but Tom, in almost every instance, vanquished his foe. This bold and daring yet good-natured man many years ago joined the innumberable army of the dead, though there are several of his relatives living at this time, among whom, by marriage, is a brilliant lawver of Mt. Vernon.

It was understood among the early pioneers, that each one would assist the other in his work, if the exigency of his services became apparent. Corn huskings, quilt making, house raisings, log rollings, rounding up stock, and at all such tasks as required considerable labor, the neighbors, first being apprised, would assemble and assist the host.

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who invariably gave a ball and had gingerbread and cider. The merry laughter of the rosy-cheeked, strong-lunged lasses, and the heavy steps of the brawny young beaus, as they kept time to the music of the cracked violin, evinced the fact that the event was a source of joy unalloyed to them. Although they had worked industriously all through the day, they would dance from dark until they were warned by the dawn of the following day, to leave. Very few of them probably resided any nearer than ten miles from the scene of their mirth, yet they would mount and cheerily give spur to their animals and ride away, with their sweethearts behind them. A collection for the violinist was always made, and none of the assemblage was respected or loved more than he. Candy pullings, apple parings and spelling bees were prominent features in social government in those "good old How very different are the social scenes of this period from those of that time! Then buxom beauties, clad in linsey or homespun, fresh as a "lily kissed by the morning dew," in perfect health, would appear at the ball room and dance the quadrille, with a double shuffle, or the pigeon wing, with its more graceful movement, beside her stalwart male partner, until the morning sun showed his broad and luminous face above the Eastern horizon. Fatigue was unknown to them, to which their ignorance of new fangled ideas of fashion is at-Then they wore gloves of their own making, and the more aristocratic among the fair sex appeared in buckskin moccasins. gular as it may seem, the maidens of those days, notwithstanding all the obstacles they contended with, enjoyed better health than the average lassie of this time. Artificial means, alas, that are used nowadays, to improve upon the handiwork of nature, have rendered Hygiene powerless to perfect her work of physical structure.

It will be seen by the following incident that outlawry, although crime was quite common in the early periods, was not tolerated when justice could be vindicated. In the year 1820, Humphrey Barnett, an old bachelor from Kentucky, where he served a term in the penitentiary, (which did not seem to have the effect of improving his moral condition, as he was known to be a very bad man after he came to this county,) stole a horse from one of the McFaddins. He was pursued very closely, and when on the eve of capture ran the horse into the river, at Mt. Vernon, cut its throat and pushed it into the current, with which it floated down the stream. He was taken by a posse of citizens, among whom were Jefferson Dunn and one of his brothers, and John McFaddin. Barnett was tied with a rope and plunged into the river until he was nearly drowned, but the confession that was expected of him from this treatment would not be made. When he had sufficiently recovered from the ducking, anothor means was instituted to draw from him the verification of the suspicion as to his being the one who had stolen the horse. He was taken to a place just below the farm kown as the "Oatman place" and whipped with black-haw twigs until he made a full confession of the theft and the disposition he made of the horse. After this he complacently turned to his arbiters, and said: "Boys, cold water will never bring it, but black-haw limbs are an infallible truth extractor." Shortly after this occurrence, Barret left this region and never returned.

In very early times, about the year 1820, John Weir, North McFaddin and James Culbertson, three young and vigorous men, went in search of wild fowls that used to sport in the waters of the pond which occupied the territory now bounded by Fourth, Fifth, Main and Store streets in Mt. Vernon. By some reason the two first named became separated from their companion, who lingered behind, it was thought, for the purpose of taking his "stand" at the South end of the pond. Only a short time intervened, however, before his companions heard him give utterance to screams which plainly indicated pain and danger. Rushing to the spot whence the sounds came they discovered their companion lying on the ground, bleeding from terrible gashes in his face, throat and body and stiff in death, while the retreating steps of a panther in the thicket were audible. It was at once understood that the unfortunate young man had met his death while under the large locust tree which a few years ago stood on the corner of Fourth and Main streets. The marks of the animal's claws could be seen in the bark of the tree, and it was evident to the young men that it sprang upon its victim from the branches.

The first steamboat that ever passed down the Ohio river was constructed at Pittsburgh, in the year 1811. It left that city in October of the same year on its trial voyage, taking no freight or passengers, a Mr. Roosefelt, under whose direction the steamer was built, his wife and family, Mr. Baker, the engineer, Andrew Jack, the pilot, six hands and a few domestics forming the whole of her burden. The absence of wood yards along the banks of the rivers in those days made delays unavoidable, as the steamer was compelled to "lay to" until a supply of fuel could be obtained from the dense forests that skirted the streams. The steamer came down to Louisville, and owing to the small depth of water on the falls, the persons in charge found that they could pursue their course no farther. Having that spirit of enterprise which characterizes the Yankee, Mr. Roosefelt determined upon plying between Cincinnati and Louisville until a sufficient depth of water would permit him to pass over the rapids. "The novel appearance of the steamer and the fearful rapidity with which it made its passage over the broad reaches of the river excited a mixture of terror and surprise among many of the settlers along the banks, whom the rumor of the invention had never reached." The unusual noise and

sight of the vessel at Louisville, as she steamed to the dock at that place, produced considerable alarm, and many arose from their beds to ascertain the cause. After three weeks of confinement to the river above the falls, the steamer was favored by a rise in the Ohio, and she passed safely over. When the steamer (called the New Orleans) came into full view at the head of the bend six miles above McFaddins Bluff. the residents of that place were so frightened that they fled to the woods, supposing that the devil was out on a lark and would do them some injury should be come in reach of them. It was at night, and as they had retired, a great many were found shivering in their night clothes at a very late hour and sometime after the vessel had passed. Some of the more adventurous, however, when their fright had worn off, viewed the craft from the hill with considerable astonishment. The boat was one of 110 tons burden and travelled at the rate of five miles The boat encountered trouble at New Madrid during the severe shocks of earthquakes of that period, but finally reached New Orleans without sustaining any very great damage.

Wm. Hunter, in 1810, at the present site of the town of New Harmony, built and launched the first flatboat that ever carried produce to a Southern market. It was built for John Gresham, but who, on account of his great fear of the earthquakes referred to above, sold it to Wm. McAdoo, his father-in-law, who went South with pork and corn in

the winter of the year 1811.

KIDNAPING WAR.

Among the early settlers along the borders of the Ohio river was found a class of men who were regarded by the honest backwoodsmen of the time as thieves, counterfeiters and murderers. rough and desperate element was chiefly made up of fugitives from justice from the more thickly populated and civilized districts of the East and South, while some of them, by their adventurous natures, had been induced to locate on the frontier by the motive which was born of the belief that it offered a secure field in which to carry on their nefarious operations. The relations which these outlaws and desperadoes bore to each other created the supposition that they were bound together by a devout compact, sealed by an exacting oath and strengthened and systematized by secret signs. This opinion was strongly confirmed by the fact that these characters associated with no one but representatives of their class, and as they were constantly going and coming, it is safe to state that the organization composed all of that disreputable clan who committed being crimes all along the Mississippi, Ohio and Wabash rivers. There are, at this date, many highly esteemed and honorable families living in this community who

are descendants of some of that gang, and it would be improper, for that reason, to mention the names of the individuals dishonorably associated with this narrative. This fact is established by strong circumstantial evidence which leaves no room for doubt that, at an early period, their remote ancestors were members of that part of the organization which existed in this County, and who resided above West Franklin and along the Ohio river from that point to and below Mt. Vernon. It is a matter of history that members of this same band were numerous at Shawneetown, Ills., Ford's Ferry, Ky., Cave-in-Rock, Ills., and at points on the Ohio river as far as Cairo, Ills. It is also well known that the rendevous of these lawless men was at Metropolis, Ills., where, in later years, they were divided and their respective factions were called the "Regulators" and "Flatheads," between whom a bitter feeling of jealousy and hate was, more lately, engendered. prominent of this gang of adventurous, desperate men was Acquilla Ford, who sojourned in this County, at different periods, sixty years ago.

In the Northeastern part of the County, at that time, resided a man by the name of Goddard, whose wife, a white woman, who by an unnatural and disgraceful yet sad misstep, was the mother of a pair of twin boys, then six years of age, one a bright mulatto and the other of very dark complexion. Goddard was a very dissipated and intemperate man, who on a day in 1822 was absent from home, when Acquilla Ford rode up to his house in a hurry and, with an assumed look of excitement, informed Mrs. Goddard that her husband had sustained fatal injuries by being thrown from his horse six or eight miles distant, and who desired to see her There being no one at the house in whose custody before he died. she could leave the children, she asked Ford what she should do with them, when he told her to place one of them in front of and the other behind him on his horse, and he would take them to a neighbor's, where she could get them when her errand had been attended to. This arrangement was readily entered into by the unfortunate woman, and she immediately set out for the scene of the supposed accident, following the road that Ford had taken, hoping to overtake him. hurried onward as rapidly as she could until she reached the house of the neighbor where Ford was to leave the children, where she learned that the miscreant had not been; and it was then that she entertained the terrible opinion that her boys had been kidnaped. Wild with misgivings, and already greatly fatigued from walking, she hurried forward with as much speed as possible, and had gone but a few miles when she met her husband, well and uninjured, returning home. What should she do? Her husband was a weak and dissolute character, while Ford was known to be a resolute desperado, whose friends were numerous and equally desperate, and who would defend him at the peril of their lives in all his villianies. The couple went to their

home, he to wear off the effects of a *debauche*, and she to mourn over the loss of her ill-conceived progeny. The news of the high-handed outrage spread like wild fire, first in the immediate neighborhood, and then throughout the entire Northern portion of the County.

A band of twenty-seven men was immediately organized, some of them armed with guns, some with clubs, who were led by Patrick Calvert, William Rogers and Joe Cater, down through the County; intent upon securing the stolen children. Ford and his friends about West Franklin were soon apprised of the move and made preparations to meet it; first by dissimulation and dissuasion, and, this failing, to oppose by force the rescuers. The party of deliverance advanced and occupied a house near West Franklin, where Ford and a man named Inman; who lived in that place at the time) met the company. honeyed words and fair excuses they represented that the children were gone beyond their power of recovery, and that it would be useless for the band to attempt a rescue But Cater, Calvert and Rogers were not to be dissuaded from their object, and they boldly asserted that they believed the boys were secreted in the neighborhood, and insisted on a thorough search of the premises being permitted. This proposition highly incensed Ford, Inman and their sympathizers, as well as many of the more reputable residents in and about the village, and after a somewhat lengthy and heated discussion over the matter, a conflict ensued between the parties. Jack Lynn and several other sympathizers joined the Ford Inman gang, increasing their number to seven well armed, fearless men. The company of rescuers seeing this sudden change in affairs, and fearing that the entire neighborhood might reinforce them, gave way to their apprehensions and retreated, -Goddard being the first to do so-leaving Rogers, Calvert and Cater to resist the attack. This desertion was not only cowardly but untimely, and it was afterwards condemned in the strongest terms. Under the excitement of the moment one of the kidnapers got possession of Cater's gun and carried it off, leaving that gentleman nothing save a club as a weapon of defense. Some of the men who ran away got as far as an old cornfield, at a safe distance, where they mounted stumps, from which they witnessed the sanguinary and unequal contest between their three comrades and the seven ruffians. Guns and clubs were freely used by both parties, and two of the Ford-Inmangang received serious wounds, while Calvert only of the rescuers had been hurt. He had been very severely beaten and was supposed to be dead, but the affray continued furiously between the five of the kidnaping crew and the two rescuers, when Dann Lynn appeared upon the scene as a peacemaker. Dann Lynn—he always wrote it so—was one of the very earliest settlers of the County, had been a member of the Constitutional Convention that framed our first Constitution, had been honored by having a

township named after him and was for two terms a member of the State Legislature. He was not above suspicion, even in his palmiest days as a politician and speculator, but he was a man of great prominence and influence, and by reason of his popularity with all parties concerned he was enabled to stop the fray and prevent further bloodshed.

After hostilities had ceased, the company, now with only Rogers and Cater as their leaders, collected together and departed for their homes. Dann Lynn had Calvert removed to his house, administered to his wants and in a few days afterward restored him to his friends and family. But the affair did not end here. Joe Cater soon organized another company, this time of forty well-armed, picked men, whose reputation for fearlessness was well known. With this picked band Cater revisited West Franklin, and upon this occasion he not only thoroughly searched that neighborhood, without opposition, but he actually crossed over into Kentucky and searched over a vast area of territory, but his efforts to find the boys were in vain—they had been taken far beyond recapture. And so the second company retraced their steps homeward, without even the excitement of an encounter with the enemy. For a time the matter was forgotten. In or about the year 1824, glowing accounts from parties who had gone to the Red river country, in Arkansas, came back, and the descriptions of the fertile soil had the effect of inducing a company of twelve or fifteen residents of Posey County to emigrate to that section, with the view of locating and entering lands. Patrick Calvert, who was a man of considerable means accompanied them, expecting, however, to return when he had seen that distant land. The party, after looking at the country, concluded to return with Calvert, who had been there a fortnight. On their journey homeward they put up for the night at an inn in a small village in Arkansas, called Fulton. After supper, in conversation with the host, Calvert chanced to speak of his home in Indiana and spoke, among other things, of his experiences while engaged in the kidnaping war of Posey County. When he had finished, the landlord sat meditating for a short time and then said: "Stranger, about the time you mention two mulatto boys, answering your description exactly, were brought here and sold to—, in the neighborhood."

The next morning Calvert went to see the boys, and was so entiretirely certain of their identity that he at once set about to recover their persons in a regular and legal manner. This he did by testing their memories in reference to their abduction and other matters, and by these tests the authorities, before whom the case was taken, were so thoroughly convinced that these were the children abducted by Ford that they delivered them into the custody of Calvert, and he brought them back with him to their former home in this County. Although the most degrading works of illegitimacy covered her offspring, like dark clouds of night obscuring the face of the moon behind them, it seems that Mrs. Goddard's motherly heart rejoiced as much over the return of her unbleached boys, in rags from a Southern plantation, as many a more fortunate mother would over the return of *her*

boys, in broadcloth and fine linen, from a Northern College.

In gratitude the boys were bound to Calvert, by the mother, who said they should serve the man who had been wounded in their defence, and who, by the hand of Providence, (probably somewhat associated with a desire to see the Red River country!) had miraculously delivered them from a life bondage of serfdom. The boys served Mr. Calvert faithfully until long after they attained their majority, and what became of them, or their mother, or their alcoholic, carousing step-father, after that, no one living seems to know. Lynn and all the other Lynns of that family are dead. There is nothing certain known what became of Inman. Acquilla Ford probably emigrated to the more congenial clime of Arkansas or Texas, and whiled away many of his leisure hours in concocting various plans of villainy before he passed away naturally or by the course of summary vengeance. Cater and Rogers died in this County, and there is probably not one of the sixty or seventy persons living who actively participated in The Kidnaping War.

While the "Flower House" (now occupied by Theodore Hudnut as a hominy mill) was in process of constsuction, in 1835. David Mills, in a fit of daring, rode his horse up an incline plane which led to the scaffold used by the mechanics. The scaffold was above the floor of the second story, and when the horse and rider reached it the discovery was made that there was not sufficient room in which to turn, though an attempt was made, which resulted in their precipitancy to the ground. Strange to relate, nothing more serious than the breaking of the horse's tail was sustained, although the distance was nearly fifteen feet. David Mills was the father of Mrs. Joseph Welborn, Felix and

F. N. Mills, and a man of prominence in his time.

On the 8th of January, 1862, in Mt. Vernon, while celebrating the event of General Jackson's victory over the British in the battle of New Orleans and which terminated the "war of 1812," Mr. Charles Hovey, a brother of General Hovey's, was killed by the accidental discharge of a six-pound gun. The accident was attributed to the failure of the "thumber" to keep his thumb upon the touch-hole while Mr. Hovey was engaged in ramming the charge into the piece, but the act was excused when it was known that his thumb was severly burned. The ramrod in its passage from the gun entered the side of the unfortunate man and wounded him most frightfully, from the effects of which he died on the following day.

On the 26th of January, 1881, Dr. E. V. Spencer, while going to his residence, at the corner of Mulberry and Fourth streets, in Mt. Vernon, was ruthlessly set upon by midnight assassins and robbed. He was struck from the rear upon the head and felled to the ground and left in an unconscious condition. Dr. Spencer recovered, and in November following prosecuted Francis Moore for the crime. jury returned a verdict of guilty and assessed the punishment at fourteen years in the penitentiary. Benjamin Kemper, John Reed and William Morgan are held as accessories at this time. The trial is set for the April term of the Circuit Court, 1882.

On Wednesday, the 25, of January, 1882, while Mrs. Alvis Gregory was sitting at a sewing machine, in the house of her brother, who resides two miles East of Springfield, some one fired upon her through a window from the outside, the contents of the weapon entering her neck and seriously wounding her. The wound was probed by a physician, who discovered that a ball had penetrated the spinal column at the base of the brain, which must necessarily jeopardize her life. The husband of the woman was suspected of the crime, and he was arrested and taken before a justice, who fixed his bond at \$1,500 to await the action of the grand jury. A few days after the attempted assassination, the grand jury indicted Gregory, who, upon hearing the result of their deliberations, fled the country. The Sheriff, Alex. Crunk, immediately offered a reward of \$400 for the arrest of the fugitive, but at this writing (February 24,) his whereabouts has not been ascertained.

PRIMITIVE MILLS.

It is claimed by some that George Rappe and his associates constructed the first grist mill in the County, but this is denied, and it has been stated upon good authority that John Warrick, about the year 1812, built a mill on the "cut-off" at New Harmony, and it had been in operation some time, manufacturing meal, when the Rappites bought and remodeled it. It was at this mill where the first "home-made" flour was manufactured, the honor falling to the peculiar society which located at *Harmonic* in 1814 and 1815. The mill was run by waterpower.

Darius North, Virgil Soaper and Andrew McFaddin constructed the first steam saw mill, at Mt. Vernon, in 1831, who afterwards added machinery for grinding corn, and it finally became a grist mill and dis-The building was destroyed by fire in 1838; was rebuilt by George Moore, Jesse Moore and —— Fonda, the same year, and de stroyed again by fire about 1853; was rebuilt again by DeWit C. James and George Mugge about 1855. This mill and distillery was four stories high and had a capacity equal to 225 barrels of flour and

1,300 gallons of whisky per day. It passed into the hands of Herman Munchhoff and George Wolflin in the year 1865, which, on February, 1873, was destroyed the third and last time by fire. The huge smoke stack which belched forth clouds of smoke of inky blackness, day and night, for many years, is still standing—a monument of indus-

try and a silent spectator of the eventful spot.

Before these mills were constructed the primitive inhabitants, when they did not "grind" their meal by the use of strong cloth and heavy stones, went to the Saline, in Illinois, for their "grinding." The salt they obtained in that section was the principal inducement for making the journey, though in those remote periods a ride on horseback of twenty-five or thirty miles "to mill" was regarded as a minor undertaking. In the year 1817, James Black erected a grist and saw mill on Big Creek, near the Upper New Harmony and Mt. Vernon stage road. Its motive power was water. Wm. Wear, father of James and John, in 1820, built a grist mill on the farm now owned by the widow of James, eight miles Northwest of Mt. Vernon. Abner Coates, in 1825, constructed and operated a mill on Coates' Creek, in Lynn Township. G. W. Thomas, in 1836, erected a grist and saw mill, on Big Creek, near the present village of Grafton. It was burned and rebuilt in 1841 and which, in 1848, was destroyed again by fire. was rebuilt again in that year. Innumerable horse mills have been constructed in the county and for years were the main source of dependence for "bread stuff" to the neighborhoods in which they were located. They have long since been "things of the past."

In 1832 John Wear erected a water mill near the inter-section of Third street and Mill Creek, at Mt. Vernon, which he, a few years afterwards, removed to the present site of the city wharf in that town, when it was run by steam power. The first tannery in Posey County was erected by Adam Albright in 1810, on the farm known as the "Old Jourdan Place," five miles Northwest of Mt. Vernon. He was the father of Adam, William and John, who was the father of

Columbus, a teacher in the County schools

We give below a complete list of the officers of the County in every department, the Judges of the Supreme Court and the Governors of the State, which ends the historical part of this volume.

DELEGATES, SENATORS, REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER COUNTY OFFICERS.

We earnestly hoped that we might give the list of the representatives of Posey County in the State Legislature in the order of their election, but we have been unable to do so because of the absence of all means by which that end could be attained. The gentleman who represented the County as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention which convened at Corydon, June 10, 1816, was Daniel Lynn, his election to that position having occurred on May 13th of that year. When the Convention had completed its labors, and adopted a Constitution for the State Government, he returned home, and when the first State and County election occurred, he was elected the first Representative, Daniel Grass, of Warrick, representing Posey in the Senate.

"James Lockhart was Senatorial, and Robert Dale Owen and Alvin P. Hovey were Representative delegates to the Convention in

1850, that framed our present Constitution."

SENATORS.

Thomas Givens, William Casey, Charles I. Battell, Joseph Lane, John Pitcher, William H. Stockwell, Enoch R. James, William Greathouse, Cyrus K. Drew, Magnus T. Carnahan, Thomas C. Jaquess, Thomas J. Hargrave, Jasper Davidson, G. V. Menzies, incumbent.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Dann Lynn, William Casey, Jessie R. Craig, Jessie Y. Welborn, Richard Daniel, George S. Green, Robert D. Owen, Charles I. Battell, Azra Lee, Samuel Annable, W. B. Southard, Ebon D. Edson, James C. Endicott, John Hall, Magnus T. Carnahan, George W. Thomas, Adam Lichtenberger, Felix Mills, Horatio C. Cooper, Silas Cox, Hamilton S. Casselberry, Joel Hume, Urbin Harris, William P. Edson, William Carroll Pitts, Hazel Nelson, Joseph P. Edson, Edward T. Sullivan, Elijah M. Spencer, George Wolffn, Wolfgang Hynes, Jas. W. Whitworth, Jos. F. Welborn, Russel Blockley, John Walz, incumbent.

Several of the above Legislators served a number of terms, among whom were Felix Mills, Robert Dale Owen and Magnus T. Carnahan.

COUNTY CLERKS IN THE ORDER OF ELECTION.

William E. Stewart, from January 16, 1815, to June 1817; David Love, from June, 1817, to May, 1819; James P. Drake, from May, 1819, to August, 1829; Wm. E. Stewart, from August, 1829, to May, 1839; Turner Nelson, from May, 1839, to May, 1861; Wm. P. Ed son, from May, 1861, to May, 1865; Turner Nelson, from May, 1865, to August 12, 1867; Wm. Nelson, from August, 1867, to November 1, 1875; George W. Curtis, from November 1, 1875, incumbent.

SHERIFFS OF THE COUNTY IN THE ORDER OF ELECTION.

John Carson, from January 16, 1815, to 1817; Wm. Boyle, one

year; James Robb, one year; Aaron Bacon, four years; John Carson, four years; Felix Mills, four years; Wm. James, four years; Felix Mills, four years; Thomas Duckworth, two years; John Cox, two years; Felix Mills, four years; Aaron C. Moore, two years; John Patterson, two years; Joseph Showers, two years; Felix Mills, six years; Joseph Showers, two years; Aaron Lichtenberger, six years; John M. Duckworth, two years; Aaron Lichtenberger, two years; Alexander Crunk, four years; John L. Wheeler, four years; Alexander Crunk, incumbent.

RECORDERS IN THE ORDER OF ELECTION.

Thomas B. Holt, May 1, 1851, to October 2, 1855; George R. Latham, October 3, 1855, to November 12, 1855; John D. Hinch, November 12, 1855, to November, 1863; George W. Thomas, November, 1863, to November, 1867; Field A. Pentecost, November, 1867, to November 1, 1875; Philo A. Hutcheson, November, 1875, incumbent.

AUDITORS IN THE ORDER OF ELECTION.

Thomas F. Prosser, 1844 to 1863; John B. Gardiner, 1863 to 1871; F. D. Bolton, November 18, 1871, to November, 1875; Alfred Dale Owen, from November, 1875, incumbent.

TREASURERS IN THE ORDER OF ELECTION.

Samuel Jones, from 1817 to 1822; John Schnee, from 1822 to 1826; James W. Swift, from 1826 to 1829; William E. Stewart, from January, 1819, to September, 1829; James Robb, from 1829 to 1830; Felix Mills, from 1830 to 1832; James Robb, from 1832 to 1833; George S. Green, from 1833 to 1837; Ebon D. Edson, from 1837 to 1839; John Pitcher, from 1839 to 1840; William J. Lowry, from 1840 to 1844; John Cox, from 1844 to 1847; John M. Sanders, from 1847 to 1853; Felix Mills, from 1853 to 1857; John M. Sanders, from 1857 to 1859; John B. Gardiner, from 1857 to 1861; Joseph F. Welborn, from 1861 to 1863; William B. Smith, from 1863 to 1867; Thomas Stevens, from 1867 to 1869; Joseph Showers, from 1869 to 1873; John G. Young, from 1873 to 1875; George Naas, from 1875 to 1879; Nicholas Joest, from 1879, incumbent.

PRESENT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS.

William Williams, of Robb; James J. Bailey, of Lynn, and Eberhard P. Schenk, of Black Townships.

SUPVEYORS OF THE COUNTY.

Matthew Williams, Ebenezer Phillips, William F. Phillips, J. W. Whitworth, Aaron Baker, Moses Johnson and T. J. Johnson, incumbent.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS.

Robert McCann, from June, 1861, to June, 1865; M. W. Pearse, from June, 1865, to June, 1868; James B. Campbell, from June, 1868, to June, 1875; Harrison O'Bantion, from June, 1875, to November, 1875; James B. Campbell, from November, 1875, to June, 1877; James W. French, from June, 1877, to June, 1881; James Kilroy, from June, 1881, incumbent.

CORONERS.

Jacob Fisher, from August, 1851, to Aug. 1855; Joseph Spaulding, from August, 1859, to October 30, 1861; John Conyngton, from Oct. 30, 1861, to November 2, 1863; Adam Lichtenberger, from Nov. 2, 1863, to November 2, 1865; Marcus S. Blunt, from November 2, 1865, to November 1, 1867; S. H. Pearse, from November 1, 1867, to Oct. 25, 1870; Jesse Kuykendall, from October 25, 1870, to October 25, 1872; Adolph Matzdorff, from November 12, 1872, to July 20, 1873; Cyrus O. Thomas, from August 22, 1873, to October 9, 1872; Win. Hendricks, from October 12, 1873, incumbent.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS (COMMON PLEAS COUPT.)

Henry Kaiger, from 1852, to 1854; Joseph P. Edson, from 1854 to 1856; E. M. Spencer, from 1856 to 1858; Wm. P. Edson, from 1858 to 1860; E. M. Spencer, from 1860 to 1862; Ellis Lewis, from 1862 to 1864; Chas. G. Bennett, from 1864 to 1868; Wm. M. Hoggatt, from 1868 to 1870. After 1880 the State causes in the Common Pleas Court were transferred to the jurisdiction of the Circuit Court Prosecutor and the office ceased to exist.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS, (CIRCUIT COUPT.)

Ebon D. Edson, James Blythe, Thomas B. Holt, Richard Clements, H. G. Barkwell, A. L. Robinson, Nat. Usher, James M. Shanklin, Blythe Hynes, Lewis C. Stinson, Wm. P. Hargrave, Wm. Henning, John Brownlee, Wm. H. Gudgel, incumbent.

JUDGES POSEY CIRCUIT COURT.

Isaac Blackford, from 1815 to March 18, 1816; David Raymond, (appointed by Gov. Thomas Posey,) from March 18, 1816, to August 16, 1816; Wm. Prince, from August 16, 1816, to March 17, 1817; David Hart, from February 16, 1818, to March 8, 1819; Richard Daniel, from March 8, 1819, to March 3, 1820; James R. E. Goodlett, from March 20, 1820, to February, 1832; Samuel Hall, from February, 1832, to September 13, 1835; Charles I. Battell, from September 13, 1835, to 1836; Elisha Embree, from 1836, to March, 1846; James Lockhart, from March, 1846, to September 21, 1851; Alvin P. Hovey, (appointed by Gov. Joseph A. Wright,) from September 21, 1851, to April, 1854—(appointed to fill a vacancy on the Supreme Bench, May 8, 1854;) Wm. E. Niblack, from April, 1854, to March 29, 1858; Ballard Smith, (appointed to fill vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Wm. E. Niblack,) from March 29, 1858, to April, 1859; Michael F. Burke, from April, 1859, to September, 1859; Wm. F. Parrett, (appointed to fill vacancy caused by the death of M. F. Burke,) from September, 1859, to March, 1869; James G. Jones, from March, 1869, to November, 1870; David T. Laird, from November, 1870, to March 7, 1873, (when a change in the Judicial District by an act of the Legislature deposed him;) Wm. F. Parrett, (appointed by Gov. Thomas A. Hendricks, to fill the vacancy caused by an act of the Legislature deposing D. T. Laird,) from March 7, 1873, incumbent.

JUDGES COMMON PLEAS COURT OF POSEY COUNTY.

John Pitcher, from October, 1852, to November 5, 1866; Andrew L. Robinson, from November 5, 1866, to November 4, 1867; Morris S. Johnson, from November 4, 1867, to July 11, 1871, Wm. P. Edson, from November 6, 1871, to July 13, 1872, J. B. Handy, from November 4, 1872, to March 12, 1873.

Posey County has had the honor of sending a Representative to Congress, and has also been represented at a South American Court. In 1840 Robert Dale Owen was elected to fill the position of a Congressional Representative, while General Alvin P. Hovey was appointed Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to the Government of Peru, South America, August 12, 1865, which he resigned in 1870.

JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIANA.

James Scott, from 1816 to 1831; John Johnston, from 1816 to 1817;

Jesse L. Holman, from 1816 to 1831; Isaac Blackford, from 1817 to 1853; Stephen C. Stevens, from 1831 to 1836: John T. McKinney, from 1831 to 1837; Charles Dewey, from 1836 to 1847; Jeremiah Sullivan, from 1837 to 1846; Addison L. Rouche, from 1853 to 1854; Samuel E. Perkins, from 1846 to 1865; Thomas L. Smith, from 1847 to 1853; Andrew Davison, from 1853 to 1865; William Z. Stuart, from 1853 to 1858; Sam'l B. Gookins, from 1854 to 1857; Alvin P. Hovey (appointed to fill vacancy occasioned by resignation of A. L. Roache), from May, 1854, to November, 1854; James M. Hanna (appointed to fill vacancy of S. B. Gookins), from 1857 to 1865; James L. Worden, from 1858 to 1865; Charles A. Ray, from 1865 to 1871; John T. Elliott, 1865 to 1871; James S. Frazer, 1865 to 1871; Robert C. Gregory, 1865 to 1871; John Petit, from 1871 to 1876: Alexander C. Downey, from 1871 to 1876; James L. Worden, from 1871, incumbent; Samuel H. Buskirk, from 1871 to 1877; Andrew L. Osborn, from 1873 to 1874; Horace P. Biddle, from 1874 to 1881; Samuel E. Perkins, from 1877 to 1879; William E. Niblack, from 1877, incumbent; George V. Howk, from 1877, incumbent; John T. Scott (appointed to fill vacancy occasioned by the death of Samuel E Perkins), from 1879, incumbent; William A. Woods, from 1881, incumbent; Byron K. Elliott, from 1881, incumbent. Judges were elected by the people after October 12, 1852.

GOVERNORS OF INDIANA TERRITORY.

Arthur St. Clair, Governor Northwest Territory; Wm. H. Harrison, from 1800 to 1812; Thos. Posey, from 1812 to 1816.

GOVERNORS OF INDIANA.

Jonathan Jennings, from 1816 to 1822; Wm. Hendricks, from 1822 to 1825; James B. Ray, from 1825 to 1831; Noah Noble, from 1831 to 1836; David Wallace, from 1837 to 1840; Samuel Bigger, from 1840 to 1843; James Whitcomb, from 1843 to 1848; Paris C. Dunning, (acting) from 1848 to 1849; Joseph A. Wright, from 1849 to 1857; Ashbel P. Willard, from 1857 to 1860; Abram A. Hammond, (acting,) from 1860 to 1861; Henry S. Lane (a few days in 1860;) Oliver P. Morton, from 1860 to 1867; Conrad Baker, from 1867 to 1873; Thomas A. Hendricks, from 1873 to 1877; James D. Williams, from 1877 to 1881; Albert G. Porter, from 1881, incumbent.

BIOGRAPHICAL.

MRS. M. ALEXANDER

Was born in Posey County, June 14, 1842. Her parents, George and Martha Greathouse, were of German descent, her father being a native of Kentucky, while her mother was a Virginian by birth. Her father died when Mrs. Alexander had but reached the tender age of seven After a few years her mother was again married, an event that was unfortunate for the children of the widow, as the step-father proved to be a man of an exacting and domineering disposition and bitterly opposed to the education of the children at the district school. Although the parents were in moderate circumstances and able to give the children the advantages of a common school education, they were denied them by the father and compelled to remain at home. tunately, the mother was a woman of culture and desired to instruct and prepare the children for positions in the affairs of the world by which they could attain distinction in social and business relations above the common level of mankind. It was while she was under the careful tutorage of her mother that Mrs. Alexander acquired a taste for study, and it was at that time when her ambition to excel in intellectual attainments received its first nourishment; and from that time onward she has assiduously cultivated her intellect, and has been frequently encouraged by seeing the fruits of her labors in the columns of papers of high reputation. Her advantages at school have been limited, one year at the Catholic academy of St. Vincent, near Morganfield, Ky., comprising the whole of her school training. This was When she returned home she opened and taught a country school six months, assisting in the work of the household at the same time. When the Civil War began her brother, F. M. Greathouse, enlisted as a soldier in the First Cavalry, Indiana Volunteers, and his absence made it necessary for Mrs. Alexander to devote her whole time to the work of the farm for the support of the family. she was married to Andrew Lynne Alexander, a man of sterling worth and intellectual ability, by which union, in 1864, her only daughter, Rosemonde, was born. In 1866 her husband died, leaving her with the cares and responsibility of a mother and the manager of the estate. For six years after the demise of her husband she attended the farm and conducted the business with eminent success and ability, devoting all her leisure time to literary work, reading books of standard authors and occasionally contributing to the local press. That she might give her daughter the advantages of the schools, she removed, in 1872, to Mt. Vernon, where she pursued her literary work with renewed energy. During the period that has intervened Mrs. Alexander has published two books, Here and Hereafter and Going West; has contributed to several papers, and now has several books ready for the press, among which is Worth Wins, a novel possessing merit; also a number of poems unpublished, a drama in five acts, the scenes representing the life and assassination of President Lincoln, entitled From the Hovel to the Hall. Mrs. Alexander is special correspondent of the Indianapolis Times. She is a zealous advocate of temperance and Christianity, is opposed to woman's suffrage and is a self-made woman in all that the term implies.

HENRY BRINKMAN,

Manufacturer of Mt. Vernon, was born in the Duchy of Leppe-Detmold, now a part of Prussia, June 16, 1825. Until the age of fourteen years he attended school, obtaining a fair education, and then worked for six years in a brickyard, learning the business. He then acquired the trade of wagon-making, at which he was employed for about five years. In 1850 he emigrated to America, and upon landing went directly to Evansville, Indiana, where he remained two months, when he went Mt. Vernon, being obliged to walk the whole distance, as he had no money to pay his fare. He secured steady employment at wagon-making, and at the end of the year formed a partnership with his employer, Gotlieb Koerner, in the manufacture of wagons. This connection lasted two years, when the partnership was mutually dissolved, and for a period of seven or eight years afterwards he engaged in the manufacture of agricultural implements and wagons alone. He then became associated with John H. Barter, in the same business, the firm employing from fifteen to twenty men, the partnership continuing until In this year he again embarked in business on his own responsibility in a small shop, when he began the manufacture of the "Brinkman Wagon," having but a single apprentice to assist him in the prosecution of his labors. He found a ready sale for his products, and as they gave excellent satisfaction, his trade increased so that he was soon obliged to enlarge his facilities. Gradually his business improved, and he now employs from twelve to fifteen hands during the entire year in the manufacture of wagons and buggies, which have acquired a high reputation for their excellence and durability. He has recently begun the manufacture of a new style of plow, invented by himself, called the "Posey Clipper," and is also engaged in the manufacture of draintile, which gives employment to thirty-five men. In 1869 he established a brickyard and was largely engaged as a brick manufacturer until 1875. In 1877 he formed a copartnership with William Burtis. and opened a depot at Mt. Vernon for the sale of all kinds of agricultural implements. This copartnership existed until the Fall of 1881. when Mr. Burtis retired from the firm. Immediately after this occurred Mr. Brinkman's sons, Henry A. and Charles F. W., were associated with him, and the firm is now known as Henry Brinkman & Sons. The sales of the firm in this department alone aggregate the handsome sum of \$40,000 per annum. They contemplate adding a stock of heavy hardware, a feature that must greatly augment their For five years Mr. Brinkman was President of the yearly sales. Manufacturers' Aid Society, of Mt. Vernon, of which he was also a director until its organization ceased. In 1869 he was elected a member of the City Council, holding the office two years, and was elected to the same office in 1878 and was re-elected in 1880 for the same length of time.

He has been a Republican since the first election of Abraham Lincoln. He was married in October, 1852, at Mt. Vernon, to Miss Margaret Hahn. They have had ten children, four sons and six daughters, all of whom are living. They also have five grand children. Mr. Brinkman is emphatically a self-made man. Having begun life with no capital but his hands and brains, he has built up by industry and energy a large and thriving manufacturing establishment, and has by his upright and honorable dealings won the respect and esteem of the community in which he resides. He is largely endowed with a spirit of public improvement and is untiring in his efforts to promote the interests of the city and County, whose welfare he has at heart. Mr. Brinkman was the nominee of the Republican County Convention for Commissioner of the First District in 1876, but was defeated at the regular election, because of the great difference in strength of the

representative parties.

EDWARD BROWN

Was born at Litchfield, Lincoln County, Me., October 18, 1824. He was the second son of James and Lavina Brown, who were of English-French parentage, their grand parents emigrating to America as early as 1722 and who served in the war of the Revolution. Until he was 20 years of age Mr. Brown worked on his father's farm, when he went to Boston, where he began life by peddling stamps for marking clothing, a pursuit he soon tired of and then began work at the carpenter's trade, at \$3.75 per month. He worked four months and then went to sea as a common sailor, aboard a whaling bark. During the voyage the vessel cruised along the coast of Africa, touched at the Azores

Islands and went as far South as the 42d parallel of latitude. The master dying of consumption, he was buried at Pernambuco, Brazil, from whence the vessel was ordered home, having been gone nearly nine months. He then worked at the trade of carpenter at Roxbury, Mass., from April to December, 1846, when he again went to sea, shipping as carpenter. This vovage occupied ten months, during which he was at Mobile Bay, Liverpool, Eng., and Newport, Wales, from thence the vessel returned to Portland, Me., with a cargo of railroad iron. He then went to Bath, Me., where he again engaged at the trade of carpenter, and where he remained two years. On December 30th, 1850, he started West via Baltimore & Ohio R. R., going as far as Cumberland, Md., thence he walked to Brownsville, Pa., where he boarded a steamer and went to Evansville, reaching that city January 15, 1851, which he left and went to New Harmony afoot the following day. He remained at New Harmony until April 26th, when he went to Mt. Vernon, where he worked at the trade of carpenter, under Messrs. Hancock and Hendricks, the leading contractors then. For many years Mr. Brown has been the most prominent contractor of Mt. Vernon, and he has done more actual work in improving the town than any other man who has lived in it. Among the many buildings constructed by him are the Presbyterian and M. E. Churches, the high school buildings, the residences of Dr. E. V. Spencer, Judge W. P. Edson, General A. P. Hovey and A. C. McCallister, and the business block fronting on Main, between Second and Third Streets. During the war Mr. Brown tendered his services as a private, but on account of disability he was rejected. He was Captain of the first Company organized for the First Indiana Legion. He also served four months on a transport in the year 1864, when he aided Gen. Banks' army out of Red River. Mr. Brown married Miss E. C. Berg, of Bethlehem, Pa., in 1857, who died a few years afterward, by whom he has two children living, Thomas and Mary. In 1868 he married Miss Margaret Brown, a native of Scotland, but a resident of America nearly all her life, by whom he has one child. Fannie. Mr. Brown's father died in 1862 and his mother in 1870, the former being 69 and the latter 72 years of age. Several of his ancestors were centenarians. No one stands higher for integrity, for generosity and for general worth than Edward Brown.

ALEXANDER CRUNK.

In Marrs Township, near the site of the town of Blackford, the first seat of justice of Posey County, on the 7th of October, 1836, the subject of this sketch first opened his eyes and beheld the light of day.

John Crunk, his grandfather, was a native of Tennessee, emigrating from that State and locating in Posey County about the year 1808. He was the father of Timothy D., who was born after his removal to the County and who was the father of Alex. Timothy D. Crunk married Miss Ruth Barton in 1832, and by this union four children were born, three boys and one girl. The parents of Alex. died when he was but thirteen years of age, when he was placed under the care of his uncle, Lewis Barton, for whom he labored on the farm three years, for his board and clothes. He then engaged himself to another uncle, for whom he worked one year, receiving \$80 and his board as compensation. Being of an independent disposition and wishing to depend upon his own energies for a living, he began life as a woodchopper, receiving fifty cents per day for his work, at which, together with farm work, he was employed three years. Reaching manhood's estate he made a proposal of marriage to Miss Louisa Dixon, who accepted, and the wedding was consummated September 17, 1857, by which union nine children were born, five of whom are now living. From that time until 1869 he followed the pursuit of farming with flattering success, and then removed to Mt. Vernon, where he held the position of jailor eighteen months. In the same year he was the nominee of the Democratic party for Sheriff and was elected by a full majority of the party, defeating Herman Munchhoff. In 1872 he was again elected to the office of Sheriff, defeating Jonathan H. Burlison, the most popular candidate on the Republican ticket. He served in this capacity until 1875, when he returned to his farm, which he managed with peculiar ability until 1878, when he again went before the convention as a candidate for Sheriff, receiving the nomination over sixteen aspirants. His opponent at the election was James N. Johnson, the regular nominee of the Republican convention. In 1880 he was again nominated by his party and defeated Braddock McGregor, an independent but very popular candidate. In all his years of public life he has observed the principles which emanate from a spirit of fairness, and by his straightforward, impartial conduct in the management of his office he has won a confidence of the people that is decidedly praiseworthy. No one, either in public or private life, stands higher in the esteem of the people than Alex. Crunk, and to this fact his offspring of generations far removed to the future can advert with feel-His career from early boyhood to man's estate and ings of pride. from that period to the present is without a blemish. Few men there are living or have lived who have fought the battle of life and encountered as many obstacles as he have succeeded in maintaining such sterling traits of character. Alex, has always been a Democrat of the pronounced type and no one has labored more earnestly and sincerely to perpetuate the institutions of Democracy. If he has been rewarded he has deserved his pay.

JUDGE WM. P. FDSON

Is a native of Posey County, having been born in Mt. Vernon, May 14, 1834. His father, Eben D. Edson, in 1828, emigrated from Otsego County, New York, locating at Mt. Vernon in the same year, where he began the practice of law, in which he soon distinguished himself and earned the reputation of being one of the most accomplished practitioners at the bar. In the year 1829 he was united in marriage to Miss Sarah L. Phelps, who came from Litchfield, Connecticut, where she was born. Eben D. Edson died March 4, 1846, and during a residence of eighteen years in Posev County he held the position of Prosecuting Attorney two terms, was elected Treasurer of the County one term, was a Representative in the Legislature and occupied the position of Judge of the Circuit Court by appointment on several occasions. The mother of Judge Edson survived her husband until Sept. 2, 1868, when she died, having lived to see her son attain a high position amongst his fellow men, whose greatest confidence and esteem he had won by the uniform kindness and genial disposition which he inherited from her. Judge Edson entered the common schools of Mt. Vernon when quite young, and when he was but twelve years of age his father became his preceptor in the study of Latin, at which he showed a proficiency rarely exhibited by children of that age. He finished his education under the tutorage of Joseph S. Barwick, who was considered a finished Greek and Latin scholar and who won the affection of his pupils by his courteous demeanor and kind treatment. Immediately after bidding adieu to the school room as a student Judge Edson sought and obtained a position as the teacher of a school in the country, a few miles distant from Mt. Vernon, where he remained one term, when he accepted a similar position in town, where he taught two terms. Upon the advice of his friends, Judge Edson, when entering upon man's estate, read every volume in the library of the township that was calculated to enrich his mind. He has always been a close and industrious student, and in consequence of this fact he has obtained a fund of information, which at once marks him as a man of intelligence and thorough mental training. When he was nineteen years of age he entered the law office of Judge John Pitcher, with whom he studied law two years, when he was admitted to practice. That was in May, 1855. In October, 1856, he was elected Representative in the Legislature, being the youngest member of that body. During his term of office as a Legislator he was placed upon several very important Committees, and was made Chairman of the Committee on the State He introduced a bill authorizing a geological survey of the State, making several speeches advocating its passage, on which he was highly complimented by the leading papers of the State. The bill

became a law at the session of the Legislature which convened the year following. In 1858 Judge Edson was elected Prosecuting Attorney for Posey and Gibson Counties, holding the position one term. In 1860 he was elected Clerk of the Posey Circuit Court, succeeding Turner Nelson, an office he held four years. At the expiration of his term of office he resumed the practice of law, which he continued until November 25, 1871, when he was appointed Judge of the Common Pleas for Posey, Gibson, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties, by Governor Conrad Baker. He presided over this Court one year, when he resigned, the salary being deemed insufficient. During his incumbency of the Judgeship, Judge Edson, by his impartial and able rulings, acquired the reputation as a lawyer of great merit. Since then he has followed his profession with a degree of success which must be complimentary to him indeed. Judge Edson was married to Miss Ruphene Lockwood, of Mt. Vernon, on January 1, 1862, by which union they have had five children, three of whom are living. Previous to the Deginning of the late civil war, Judge Edson was a Democrat, but ever since that event he has labored zealously for the success of the Republicans. He was nominated Judge of the Supreme Court at the Republican State Convention held at Indianapolis in 1876, but he, with the whole Republican ticket, was defeated. At that election Judge W. E. Niblack was the opponent of Judge Ed-In 1866 he was Chairman of the Republican County Central Committee, and it was largely owing to his ability in the management of affairs that the party was successful in Posey County that year, the first time in its history. He not only devoted all his energies and time to the end that the Republican party might be successful, but he was very liberal in the expenditure of his individual means as well. has been identified very prominently with the growth of the County, never failing to respond to such demands as were calculated to promote its best interests. He was the chief participant in the movement which resulted in the organization of the Mt. Vernon & Grayville Railroad Co., of which he was a Director and the Secretary. Such men as Judge Edson are not numerous, possessing as he does the mental and personal attributes of a high and noble manhood. Such men as he should be placed in positions of honor and trust, and we know of none just at this time which he could fill with greater credit to his State than that of Supreme Judge. Posey County should and does feel proud of such men as he.

EDWARD S. HAVES

Was born April 21, 1836, in Lancaster County, Penn., of which State his father and mother, John and Catherine Hayes, were natives. His

father taught school and worked also at the carpenter's trade for the support of the family. In April, 1844, the family emigrated to West Point, Iowa, where they remained until the latter part of May following, when they removed to Clark County, Ohio, where the parents died in a few months after their arrival. In August, 1844, Edward came to Posey County, to live with his uncle, Edward Sweeney, a cooper, under whom he learned that trade and with whom he remained until March 4, 1854. He then went to Dayton, Ohio, where he followed his chosen occupation until March, 1855, when he enlisted as a private in the regular army and was sent into rendezvous at Jefferson barracks, near St. Louis. He was soon assigned to Company "D," First Regiment, U. S. Cavalry. In June, 1855, the regiment went to Ft. Leavenworth, remaining there until September following, when it went in pursuit of the Sioux Indians, under Genl. Harney, returning in three months. In 1856 he was engaged with his regiment in the suppression of the border ruffians during the troubles in Kansas that year. In the Summer of 1857, he was sent on an expedition after the Cheyenne Indians, with whom engagements were had which resulted in a loss of 17 killed and 25 wounded to the troops. After their return to Ft. Leavenworth, the regiment was ordered into quarters for the winter at Ft. Riley. In the Spring of 1858 they were ordered to Utah to suppress the Mormons, who were committing outrages upon emigrants to the Pacific Slope, but were recalled before they reached their destination, owing to a compromise between those people and the peace Commissioners. They then went to the Indian Territory to quell the Comanches, with whom they had two engagements, sustaining light losses. The regiment remained at Fort Arbuckle until the Summer of 1859, when they were sent to the foot of the Wichita Mountains to build a post. Mr. Hayes was discharged from the service at Fort Smith, March 4, 1860, when he returned to Posey County, remaining there until July, 1861, when he enlisted in the service of the Rebellion as First Lieutenant of Co. "H," First Ind. Cavalry He remained in the service until January 4, 1862, when he resigned, at Pilot Knob, He then went to St. Louis and was engaged in the recruiting service, three months, and then went to Pittsburgh Landing and served in the quarter master's department of Genl. Denver's Brigade, remaining there until August, 1862, when he returned home. On May 28, 1863, he was united in marriage to Miss Annie Musselman, of Clark County, Ohio, by which union nine children were born, six of whom are living. Mr. Haves re-entered the service of the Rebellion in January, 1865, and was assigned to the 144th Ind. Infantry Volunteers, Hancock's corps. He served as second Lieutenant until August 5th, when he was mustered out of service at Winchester, Va., returning home in September following. On December 26, 1865, he was elected

Marshal of Mt. Vernon, a position he has held ever since, with the exception of two terms. Mr. Hayes has proved himself to be an efficient and vigilant officer and he is a man who is fearless in the discharge of his duty. As a soldier, as a citizen and as an officer he has always been worthy of the confidence reposed in him.

PHILO A. HUTCHESON

Was born October 25, 1835, on the farm adjoining that section on which the town of Blackford, the first seat of justice of Posey County, His father, Wm. Hutcheson, was a native of Ireland, and was one of the earliest settlers in Marrs Township, at whose house the first session of the Commissioner's Court was held. His mother's maiden name was Martha Haycock, who was a native of Georgia. Their marriage occurred in Posey County, about the year 1815, by which union they were blessed with nine children, Philo being the Wm. Hutcheson was a weaver by trade, but depended more upon farming for his support after his arrival in this country. Philo was quite young his father died, and at the age of fourteen years the care of his mother and sister fell largely upon him. He followed the pursuit of a farmer, attending the district school during the Winter seasons, where he acquired a knowledge of the ordinary branches of education taught in the schools at that time. On March 23, 1856, he was married to Miss Harriett Higgins, with whom he lived happily until January 28, 1879, when she died. By this union they had ten children, four daughters and six sons, nine of whom are now living. again married, on November 6, 1879, to Mrs. Martha Blount. August, 1879, while oiling a threshing machine he met with an accident by which he was deprived of four fingers. In April, 1872, he removed to Mt. Vernon, where in June following he was appointed Constable by the Board of Commissioners, and at the October election following, was elected Constable of Black Township, defeating a popular oppo-During his term of office he showed great efficiency, and by his courteous treatment and his faithful performance of duty he won many friends, who solicited him in the Summer of 1874, to become a candidate before the Democratic County Convention for Recorder. nominated over four candidates, and at the election which ensued in October of the same year, he received a majority of 1,131, the largest majority ever received by any candidate in the County. He gave universal satisfaction in the management of his office, and as a tribute to his capacity and his integrity, he was renominated in 1878, when his election was unanimous, he having no opposition. Mr. Hutcheson has always been a consistent Democrat, yet this fact has never been considered when he offered himself to the suffrage of the people for

office. Republican votes were cheerfully cast for him, even when he could least expect them; a compliment to his character which speaks in tones of greatest praise. Whatever may be his aspirations, whether of a political nature or what not, they will be treated with a regard that must redound to his high standing and his merited rewards.

MAJOR SYLVANUS MILNER

Was born at Minerva, Stark County, Ohio, August 24, 1833, where he remained until he was eight years of age, when he removed with his parents to Wayne County, Ill., who resided there until 1844, when they located at Mt. Vernon. He acquired an education at the common schools and at the State University of Indiana, and when he was eighteen years of age, was appointed Deputy Postmaster under John Wilson, holding the position two years. He worked at and learned the wagon-making trade, but never followed it as an occupation after serving an apprenticeship. He followed the occupation of merchant's clerk from 1854 to 1862, when he was appointed Surveyor of the port of Mt. Vernon. This position he held until 1863, when he became fired with the spirit of patriotism, and his desire to serve his country led to his enlistment in the service of the Rebellion. He organized Companies "A" and "K" of the Tenth Cavalry, Indiana Volunteers, and was mustered as Captain of the former Company. He served with the Company one year, when he was promoted Major of the regiment, remaining in that position until the close of the war. Previous to his enlistment in the regular service, he commanded a Company of Artillery in the First Indiana Legion. On his return from the service he engaged in mercantile pursuits a short time, when he began the extensive manufacture of brick. This enterprise led to the erection of the Masonic Temple at Mt. Vernon, with which he was prominently identified. He was appointed Postmaster by President Grant in 1869, and held the position with honor to himself and credit to the community, showing great efficiency in the management of the He resigned in February, 1882. For sixteen years he has been a prominent Mason, is a staunch Republican, has considerable knowledge of astronomy, and has views of religion peculiar to himself. He is a bachelor, is a man of genial nature and is emphatically a man of public spirit.

GEORGE D. ROWE.

Few men in the Southern part of the County are better known than the subject of this sketch. By his affability, his generosity and his other excellent traits of character he has won to himself a host of

fast friends. George Duckworth Rowe was born of poor but respectable parents in Black Township, August 16, 1828. His father, Samuel Rowe, a carpenter and farmer, emigrated from North Carolina to Posey County in 1809 His mother, also from North Carolina, was the daughter of Absalom Duckworth, who came to Posey County in 1805, and at whose house the first term of the Circuit Court was held. George was the third son by the marriage of Samuel Rowe and Mary Duckworth, who removed, with their family, to Harrison County, Indiana, in 1830. Here George remained until 1845, when he returned to his native home, where he taught school and engaged in farming until October, 1872, when he was elected Trustee of Black Township, defeating a very popular opponent. He was re-elected in 1874, and again in 1876, and when he had served nineteen months on the last term he was compelled to vacate the office in favor of his opponent, who contested the election on the ground of inelligibility caused by the occupancy of the office more than two successive terms, the result of an appeal taken to the Supreme Court of the State. The decision of the Supreme Court qualified him for the candidacy at the election held in October, 1878, when he again availed himself of the opportunity to represent the Township as its Trustee. He was elected in that year by a handsome majority and re-elected in 1880, and is now the incumbent of that responsible position. No better index to a man's qualifications for office, morally or intellectually, can be found than that which is shown in a hearty and continued indorsement of his constituency. He is Republican in everything that the word implies.

He was married to Martha A. Hamilton, of this County, on March 3, 1852, by which union he has become the father of eleven children, which fact implies the opinion that he has faithfully complied with the Biblical injunction which teaches all to "multiply and replenish the earth." His children are all living, five of whom are married. He is public spirited in every sense, and has been a liberal supporter of all enterprises calculated to promote the interests of the County.

HENRY SCHNURR

Was born December 6, 1825, at Dudenhofen, Hesse Darmstadt, where his father for a number of years engaged in the business of brewing and distilling. In the year 1838 the family emigrated to America, settling in Marrs Township, Posey County, where Mr. Schnurr's father entered 160 and purchased 200 acres of land, and followed the pursuit of farming. When Henry was 23 years of age he was married to Miss Louise Bodamer, the ceremony having been performed on the 17th of June, 1848. By this union sixteen children have been born, eight of whom are now living. Mr. Schnurr continued the

occupation of a farmer, and succeeded at it until the month of June, 1874, when he removed to Mt. Vernon, where he purchased the Belleville Mills, and has ever since that time been engaged in the manufacture of flour. He has secured to himself the reputation of an excellent business man, and his success -the result of indomitable energy and executive ability-warrants it most fully. His flour, manufactured under a new process, has become famous for its superiority, and in consequence of this fact he finds it hard to meet the demands for it. Mr. Schnurr is a man in whom the utmost confidence can be reposed, and a man of whom it can be said will meet his obligations with that promptness which characterizes sterling integrity. He is a consistent Christian, having been a member of the Methodist Church for a number of years, and his influence upon his family has been productive of much good. Nothing can be said which would reflect upon the honor of his children. His son Henry is the manager of the mills at Mt. Vernon, and in conducting the ousiness entrusted to him he shows marked capacity as a man of business. Mr. Schnurr's sons are all intelligent young men, and bid fare to "make their mark" in the world, while his daughters, under the careful training of their devoted and affectionate mother, show an aptitude in household matters which speaks highly of their tutor. Truly, the children are "worthy of their sire." Mrs. Schnurr was born in Germany, but came to America with her parents at an early day. Since her marriage to Mr. Schnurr she has labored hard to the end that success might be the terminating point of their lives, not only financially but in every other respect, of which she must at this time feel assured. In his social as well as business relations Mr. Schnurr is regarded as an exceptional man. Besides being the owner of farming land in Poscy County, he owns valuable property in the city of Evansville.

JOSEPH F. WELBORN

Among the representative men of Posey County not one has identified himself with its material growth more creditably than Joseph F. Welborn; not one is there who has labored with greater zeal to the end that the County might reach a position second to none in the great State of Indiana; not one is there who can lay claim to a more emulative spirit of public improvement than he. Indeed, we feel that he is entitled to a position that has been reached by few, when we consider the extent of his sacrifices of time and contributions of money to promote the best interests of his fellow citizens. He has always kept in view the prosperity of the County and has been a public benefactor in every sense. Mr. Welborn was born in Guilford County, North Carolina, August 6, 1818, and in 1833 emigrated with his

father's family to Mt. Vernon, where his father for five years worked at the trade of wagon-making, while his son Joseph cultivated a small farm in the vicinity until he was twenty one years of age, when he removed to Robinson Township and engaged in stock-raising and farming with eminent success. He paid particular attention to fine stock and acquired the reputation of being an excellent judge of horses and hogs. In 1844 he married Miss Nancy Mills, whose father, David Mills, was one of the early settlers of the County and who was a man of considerable prominence in his day. Her brother, Felix Mills, was elected Sheriff several times and also filled the position of County Treasurer, discharging the duties of those offices with great efficiency and rare ability. In 1856 Mr. Welborn leased his farm and removed to Mt. Vernon, where he associated himself with the late Wm. I. Lowry, with whom he engaged very extensively in the grain and porkpacking business until 1872, when the firm wos dissolved by mutual In that year, in company with Charles A. Parke, E. T. Sullivan, and S. M. Leavenworth, he organized the Mt. Vernon Banking Company, of which he was chosen President, from which heretired in 1877, leaving the institution on the highway of prosperity. In 1858 he was elected County Treasurer for two years, during which time he showed much executive ability and great business capacity. prominently identified with the organization of the Mt, Vernon and Grayville Railroad Company, of which he was President until its consolidation with the Chicago and Illinois Southern Railway Company. he was the nominee of the Democratic County Convention for Representative in the Legislature and was elected by a handsome majority at the regular election of that year. He served in the capacity of Legislator two years with honor to himself and credit to the County. He was for fifteen years Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, and was also a Delegate to the National Convention held at Chicago, in 1864, when George B. McClellan was nominated as the Democratic candidate for the Presidency of the United States. 1881 he actively participated in securing an appropriation of money and the right of way to ail the E. & T. H. R. R. in the construction of its line through the County to Mt. Vernon, contributing not only time but money for the success of the movement. Λ half century hence the name of Joseph F. Welborn will be mentioned with a feeling of greater veneration than it is now perhaps. It will be written in connection with emulative deeds and acts which perpetuate memory through the ages.





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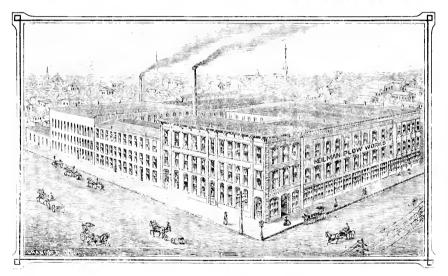
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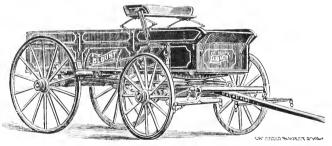
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