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**PAPERS OF VAWTER J. FEAGLER**  
**OF NORTH VERNON, INDIANA, 1878-1904**

[Owned in the 1960s by Mrs. J. A. McFarland, 624 Crown Hill Dr., Wabash, IN]

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North ?

Ind.  
Feb 24. 1878.

My Dear Cousin Will  
I think of you still;  
And at last am sealed to write  
I should have written long ago  
But I am either tired or busy by ~~the~~

The weather is warm for this time of year  
Which portends a late season I fear  
The nights are scarcely cold enough to ~~kill~~  
And if it doesn't turn <sup>cold</sup> warm soon I'm afraid  
The trees will all bud out and leave

Mollie D. our cousin and friend  
Has been pretty sick but is now on the  
I am glad that Pean say this is so  
For I was afraid would, not libe till  
This time a week or ten days ago

Will Pean think of but very few  
Things that would be interesting to write  
There is the "British Lion" shaking his  
And the Eastern war about decided  
In favor of the ultra mountain.

And the great "silver Bill"  
Which is a mountain or hill  
Just as folks make it you know  
Masby says let's have a leather <sup>currency</sup> ~~currency~~  
But I say let the "silver Bill" go.

And the new idea of the great Preach  
The great and notorious H.W. Beecher  
And the cannon Ferrar they cannot let  
How or where to locate or hardly  
Whether there is any such place as a hell.

Now all these great events you know  
Fully as well as I do. <sup>(the scale)</sup>  
So I guess I will come lower down in  
And tell you that Jim will <sup>not</sup> ~~not~~  
be bought a new cow at a sale.

Here's news but no cause of alarm  
Ab. H. and Taylor, M<sup>e</sup>. rents the old <sup>place</sup> ~~place~~  
Taylor having given up his intention.  
While A. L. and Belle Barnum will live  
with Mrs M<sup>e</sup> at the old home

I suppose you heard of Lyons and Charley <sup>H<sup>e</sup></sup>  
It is said they tried to obtain money under <sup>sale</sup> ~~sale~~  
of this is so it's certainly a very bad <sup>step</sup>  
A great many persons think they  
be likely to take a trip to <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>place</sup>

World Vernon has lately been <sup>in</sup> ~~in~~ <sup>trouble</sup>  
The "Red ribbon" and I wish them good <sup>luck</sup>  
Old Vernon has flatly set her foot down  
Old Egan has made application and <sup>may</sup> ~~may~~  
There shall not a drop be sold in this town



This is the way for temperance folks to do  
Just say to such men we'll see you clear through  
I am sorry to say that Henry Meyer  
Has made application to sell the stuff  
That sets these stomachs on fire.

Candidates are coming up thick as hops in  
all exceeding anxious to get a run  
Well "let 'em run" and keep to their place  
Let us hope that the most honest  
The noblest will win in the race.

'Tis about time to close this lyre  
But before closing I want to enquire  
How long for you come? how long will you  
For the sake of the singing I wish to  
know so there be no delay.

With many respects to your good folks,  
I'll close by saying I am V. P. F.

P.S. We had a splendid prayer meeting  
to night although there were but few out.

## Muscatatuck Tribe, No. 99,

## IMPROVED ORDER OF RED MEN.

THE REGULAR COUNCIL FIRE WILL BE KINDLED 20 SLEEP OF EACH SEVEN SUNS.



North Vernon, Ind., ..... 190

May, 24, 1904

Wigwam of Muscatatuck Tribe #99, I. O. R. M.

Whereas:- It has pleased the Great Spirit in His Infinite wisdom to take from this vale of tears our worthy brother member F. W. Foagler and, Whereas, It is just and right that we record our sincere sorrow for the loss sustained by this tribe in his death being called away in his prime of life, therefore be it,

Resolved; That while we bow in humble submission to the Divine will, who does all things for the best, we recognize that this tribe has lost a worthy brother member who was imbued with the spirit of fraternity; the community an up right citizen and his family a kind and affectionate son and brother.

Resolved; That we sympathize and console with the family of our deceased brother member in this, their time of sorrow and affliction and pray that The Great Spirit in His mercy may send them consolation to sustain them in their irreparable loss.

Resolved:- That these resolutions be spread upon our minutes and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased and that our Charter be draped in mourning for the period of thirty days and also that these resolutions be published in the three county newspapers.

Signed, *Tom M. Cowley*Signed, *Alto Harms*Signed, *E. J. Pearson*

# CERTIFICATE OF APPOINTMENT.

STATE OF INDIANA, )

Jennings COUNTY. )

I, Henry Weichman Auditor of Jennings County,  
Indiana, do hereby certify that Paul G. Hoagler has been designated  
and appointed by The A. Vernon Kemschief Detective Association as a person  
"who, in the pursuit and arrest of horse-thieves and other offenders against the Criminal  
laws of the State, shall have all the powers of Constables;" and the Board of Commissioners  
of said County did on the 15 day of Dec 1887

consent to said appointment, and authorized the Auditor of said County to issue to said  
Paul G. Hoagler so designated, a Certificate of said Appointment.

WITNESS, My hand and official seal, this 16<sup>th</sup> day  
of Dec 1887

H. Weichman

Auditor of Jennings County.

## CHAPTER CIV.

AN ACT to amend Section four of an act entitled "An act to authorize the formation of companies for the detection and apprehension of horse thieves and other felons, and for mutual protection, and repealing all laws inconsistent therewith," approved December 21, 1865, being Section 3431 of the Revised Statutes of 1881.

APPROVED APRIL 13, 1885.

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, That Section four of the above entitled act be amended to read as follows: Section 4. A majority of the members of such association shall have power to adopt a constitution and by laws for their government, to designate and appoint a presiding officer and such other officers as they may deem proper, who shall hold their offices during the time, and shall perform the duties required of them by such constitution and by-laws, and such presiding officer is hereby authorized and empowered to administer oaths to members of such association in all matters wherein oaths are necessary to be administered by the rules and by-laws of the association, and such association, with the consent of the Board of Commissioners of the county in which such articles are recorded, may designate any members of the association, who, in the pursuit and arrest of horse-thieves and other offenders against the criminal laws of the State, shall have all the powers of constables, and such association shall furnish to the Board of Commissioners a list of the names of members so designated, and if consent is given, the Board shall enter upon its record an order reciting the names of such persons, and that the consent of the Board has been given to such appointments, and the record so made shall authorize and empower the County Auditor to issue to each member so designated a certificate of his appointment.







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