

## CRAIGVILLE CONSIDERED

By Thomas Liby

On County Road 700 East (IN 301), between Indiana 124 to the south and US 224 on the north, lies the Greater Metropolitan Area of Craigville. (Notable suburbs of this town under consideration are Bluffton, Ossian, Decatur and Monroe.) Craigville, like many small towns in Wells County, have already peaked in population and commerce in their past. Entering the town in the late 1950s and early 1960s from the south, one would pass the elevator and feed mill on the west before crossing the railroad track. Then on the left side was a store and Harv Ginter's barber shop. More stores and houses, and then the Craigville garage were passed before reaching the large brick school house. A few more houses and then one was out of town heading for 300 North. On the east side of the main street was stores, the bank and telephone company along with several houses. The editor better remembers the west side for some reason; maybe because the earliest haircuts remembered was in the barber shop and occasional visits to the Craigville Garage, which sold mowers and appliances. For a better memory of the other side of the street, we turn to Dorothy Hunt.

---

1879

April 21. Craigville platted by William Hartman and Peter Hetrich.

*Wells County Chronology to 1900, p. 22, copied from Wells County Centennial 1837-1937 144 pages Special Edition Evening News-Banner VOL. VIII. No. 268. Wednesday, September 15, 1937 Section Seven, Page Two, col. 8.*

Craigville was laid out by William Hartman and Peter Hetrich, April 21, 1879.

*Biographical and Historical Record of Adams and Wells Counties, Indiana. Chicago, Illinois: The Lewis Publishing Company, 1887. p. 646.*

---

Some local newspaper articles pertaining to Craigville are listed below.

By the weekly small town and community correspondents in the local paper, a number of citizens (and possibly reader's ancestors) can be tracked in their weekly activities if they were in the circle of the correspondents' acquaintances.

On Thursday, Oct. 30th, Joseph Strahm, residing on the John Hower farm six miles northeast of Vera Cruz and two miles southeast of Craigville, will sell five head of horses, six head of cattle, hogs, large assortment of farm implements, corn, hay, oats, harness, and many other articles.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Decatur Democrat. VOLUME XXXIV. NUMBER 30. Friday, October 17, 1890. p. 6, col. 2.*

Craigville.

Weather damp.

Business fair.

Mud deep.

St. Valentine's day has passed but the time for sending and receiving has not ceased.

Our saw mill men seem to be doing a great deal of work in the way of sawing out lumber.

The hens in preparation for Easter have overdone the thing and caused a decline in the price of eggs.

Ben Hoover has moved on his farm two and one-half miles north of this place. C. B. Niblic[k] will soon move on this farm.

Mr. John Christ, of this place, seems to have very important business to attend to every two weeks in Bluffton.

Mrs. Matilda Steely (*sic*) was born Feb. 1856 and died at her residence one and one half mile south of here, Feb. 12th, 1891. She has been suffering with that dreaded disease, consumption, for over a year. She leaves a husband and son and a number of friends to mourn their loss.

The death messenger visited the home of Mr. Pules and called the aged father, Huddle, away. He has been suffering with a tumor on his face for the past few months, but God has now taken him home where there will be no more suffering or pain. He was born in Farfield (*sic*) county, Ohio, July 16th, 1822 and died Feb. 11th, 1891. aged 68 years, 6 months and 25 days. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev, Johnson. He leaves a number of friends to mourn the loss.

PONTRO. (*sic*)

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 22. NUMBER 31. Thursday, February 19, 1891. p. 4, col. 5.*

#### Craigville.

C. M. Hower is visiting friends here.

Dr. E. P. Davenport will build a dwelling house on his farm soon.

Mr. William Robinold is so he can be around again.

Mrs. Amos Hetrick has been very sick with a sun pain, but is now on the mend.

Elmer Abbott who has been very sick for the past few days with lagrippe is convalescent.

Mr. David Hetrick will build a house in the spring to comfort old age in.

Mr. P. Hartman will soon move from this place to the Dailey farm. The property he leaves will be occupied by Mr. Mat Crum.

There has been a series of meetings going on at this place for sometime, conducted by Rev. Pain.

The millyard has been replenished with a new supply of logs. The March snow giving roads that were good for hauling.

The taxpayers seem to be feeling deep down in their pockets, shrugging their shoulders and reaching for the financial wallet to pay up their dues.

The weather has been good for the past few days with a possibility of spring coming soon.

As the readers of the CHRONICLE do not hear from this place often, you may wonder where it is located and the number of inhabitants, and now that you may not be ignorant in this enlightened world of ours, and be painting magnificent pictures of this place,--in your minds--only to be blasted and foiled when the truth is found out, I will try and give you an outline that you may have some idea of this place. But to give the full detail would take to[o] long, hence I will be brief. Now when you get aboard the train going east from Bluffton I would advise you to keep on the watch, for if you do not you may pass the place unnoticed, for this is not one of the ancient cities that has passed into history for ages, but one that is famous for business it transacts. We have in our city a sawmill, three store of which each does a lively business, postoffice, depot and many other encouraging things might be spoken of but for fear of imposition on the part of the editor, I must be brief. The population is calculated would run way up somewhere into a hundred,. Without enumerating the east end of the town, better known by the name of Curryville, which is no slouch of a place with its butter and tray factory, and the Drum Bros. sawmill. But we think this sufficient to give the readers an idea of the place. If further identification is needed address the writer.

PONTO.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 22. NUMBER 36. Thursday, March 26, 1891, p. 8, col. 3, 4.*

Craigville.

Weather very fine.

Mr. Wm. Miller is recovering from a seige (*sic*) of la grippe.

Miss Frances Robison, of Rockford, Ohio, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Rhodes, at this place.

Those who were scarce of feed seem to be thankful that nature has been so thoughtful in sending early pasture.

The oats is beginning to peep out and look at its neighbor oats as if to say, you look green.

Wheat looks now as though it would be one of the farmers' paying crop.

We have a subscription paper here to raise funds for the erection of a church edifice. Any one may join the good work by attaching their name to it with a liberal contribution. May the work go on as we need a church in this place.

Our tile man, Mr. A. Moser, has put in new machinery in place of the old and expects to run by steam power this summer. Mr. Moser is a man that will make things go.

The Robin Bros. are busily engaged in their line of business this spring in erecting buildings.

The la grippe without respect of age, race, color or time, will come in its worse form, and it is not afraid to take away appetite and leave a person for days without returning.

Real estate seems to be undergoing a change here. Mr. Warren Chriss has bought the property owned by John Hawk and is moving in it. D. W. Abbott has

purchased the property owned by Mr. Reed.

We have a new telegraph operator in Craigville. He has moved to this place and is going to house keeping. May his pleasures be many.

MARRIED.--Mr. Curt Shady and Anna Richey at the home of the bride, last Wednesday. A few of their friends, with bells, horns, etc., gathered together and gave them a royal welcome. They had a very pleasant time after which they departed to their several homes.

Mr. Henry Gilliland has put up a gate where the old one should have been and gives the boys fair warning not to hand on the gate but come in.

The Oakland Sabbath school re-organized about three weeks ago with the bery best of interest taken and every thing seems to be working well.

The Rev. Pain (*sic*) will preach at Oakland next Thursday night.

PONTO.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 22. NUMBER 41. Thursday, April 30, 1891. p. 5, col. 5.*

A young man by the name of Charles Hower, of Craigville, accompanied by another young man of the same place, concluded that the young ladies of Adams county were better looking than those of Wells county, and a few evenings ago left home for the purpose of calling on the fair daughters of the trustee of Kirkland township, but not being acquainted with the geography of this county, got lost and in their wanderings around saw a house that in their mind looked like the one they were in search of, and after considerable maneuvering around they ventured up to the door, where they were met by Wm. Diehl, the owner of the house, who asked them what they wanted. When one of

them told him, he invited them to get out, and the boys got so fast that their coat tails stuck straight out.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Decatur Democrat.*  
*VOLUME XXXV. NUMBER 6. Friday, May 1,*  
*1891. p. 1, col. 6.*

In last week[']s paper it stated about two young men from Craigville that got lost, but those two young fellows knew just how and where they were going to get lost before they left their starting place. They are acquainted with the geography of Adams county enough to save two other bright young men of Kirkland township from getting lost at the same place. Just ask Wm. Ward or Chas. Ashbaucher how either one of them bright young fellows would like to get lost on some pleasant Saturday evening and give the trustee's daughter a pleasant call.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Decatur Democrat.*  
*VOLUME XXXV. NUMBER 7. Friday, May 8,*  
*1891. p. 1, col. 1.*

Mrs. B. F. Hower, of Craigville, who was operated on for a Cystic tumor, on August 15gh, is now able to be up and about again, with fair prospects of a complete recovery.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Decatur Democrat.*  
*VOLUME XXXVI. NUMBER 27. Friday, Sept.*  
*23, 1892. p. 1, col. 1.*

Jack Pyle, of Craigville, was shaking hands with friends here last Thursday.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Decatur Democrat.*  
*VOLUME XXXVI. NUMBER 31. Friday, October*  
*21, 1892. p. 1, col. 6.*

Craigville.

-----

As Craigville has not been repressed for some time I will try and give a few items which will be few and far between.

Health is good for such hot weather.

If Prof. Hicks would prophesy rain for Lancaster tp. now he would confer a favor on the farmers.

Sunday school at Oakland church is being well attended, officers and teachers are putting forth every effort for the good of the school.

Rev. Payne of the Christian Union church preaches every two weeks at the Oakland church; next Sunday being his next appointment.

Rev. Spray of the U. B. church preaches every two weeks at the same place giving preaching every Sabbath.

The U. B. church baptized four applicants at Murray last Sunday.

The doctor from Ossian that was reported to be going to locate in Craigville has failed to make his appearance.

Trustee Reed has appointed B. P. John school director at this place. It is hoped that the new director will see to it that the school property is not destroyed as it has been heretofore.

Ask Amy Hetrick what it was that he forgot to take with him when he went buggy riding last Sunday.

Mrs. France who has been staying with the family of Phil Brineman for a few weeks has taken a position with a family at Warren.

It is reported that Henry Gilliland got so badly tickled over a joke last Sunday that one of his relatives was badly frightened and thought he was going into spasms.

Phil Breneman wants to sell out and go south where the weather is warmer.

Grandpa John lost his old family horse a few days since; this makes some twelve or

fifteen horses he has lost since he has been married.      FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV, NO 25 Thursday, June 21, 1893. p. 8, col. 2, 3.*

Craigville.

-----

Health remains good.

Rev. Payne failed to fill his appointment at Oakland last Sunday; the supposition is that he was called to preach a funeral.

Mrs. Maria Elzey of near Decatur is visiting here son J. M. Pyle of Craigville for a few days.

McKendry and his troupe gave our village an entertainment last Saturday evening.

Alf Abbott with his little daughter Minnie and his sister Rosa are visiting friends in Ohio for a few days.

Richard Cochran who has been working on the sawmill here for some time has rented a farm and will move in a few weeks so reported.

The parties that went fishing a few days since claim that it was a good time to fish but not so good for catching.

B. P. John is crippling around from the effects of a tin can in the tile pond while in bathing.

Mrs. John Wisner of Bluffton was here bidding her friends goodbye before moving to Huntington.

Grandpa John hived three swarm of bees from as many currant bushes last week.

One can almost see the corn grow since the rain.

Guess the old postmaster will get to serve out his four years.      FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV, NO. 26 Wednesday Evening, June 28, 1893. p. 8, col. 3.*

Craigville.

-----

Unavoidable circumstances forbid our communication reaching the office in time for publication last week thus Craigville was not represented.

Health is good.

Weather is most too hot for comfort,

The sing of the reaper is heard all around.

The saw mill at this place caught fire from a spark on the roof a few days ago and came near being past control when discovered.

Mrs. Stemen and two sons, of Elida, Ohio, is spending a few days with her parents of this place, Mr. and Mrs. John.

J. E. Beach and wife of Bluffton visited friends in Craigville last week.

E. P. Davenport has got his barn completed.

This place was almost depopulated on the fourth.

It is stated that one of the Decatur militia showed his principle on boarding the train at Bluffton the fourth by cursing a lady with a little child.

Mr. Chas. Hower and Mr. Grant Hauk assistants in Feeble Minded School at Ft. Wayne are home on a vacation.

John Galivan's hen house burned a few days ago, and it is reported that John got red headed and killed several chickens and threw them into the fire.

Frank Randall says he is going to leave for the west since he has reaped the heads off of so many of his wife's chickens.

The farmers think if we could get a good rain, now that Grover has called an extra session of congress, everything would be lovely.

Ike Clouser and Charley Hunt are two happy pa's, a twelve pound girl for Ike and and eleven and a half pound boy for Charley.      FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV, NO 28 Wednesday, July 12, 1893. p. 1, col. 4, 5.*

Craigville.

-----

Weather hot and dry.

Health the very best.

Our Sunday School is in a flourishing condition.

The Y. P. C. E. meet every Wednesday evening at the Oakland church.

Mrs. Steman, of Elida, Ohio, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John of this place returned home Saturday.

Wheat is all in stack and oats ready for the machine in this vicinity.

The rain Saturday afternoon was grand but did the farmers some little damage.

The wind blew down Wm. Miller's chimney; played with Peter Hetrick's orchard and fences and gave Bert Reed employment stacking wheat.

Miss Myrtle Miller is spending a couple of weeks with friends near Geneva, Adams county.

Richard Cochran and his better half find after the seventh parting, it is said, that married life is a failure, and have divided their effects, Dick says for good.

H. M. Gilliland and son Clinton, spent Sunday with Henry's father and mother at Tocsin.

Walter and Winnie Reed are taking in the World's Fair for a couple of weeks.

The writer was notified Saturday night at eleven o'clock of the death of Jacob Baker, an old and respected citizen of Adams county near Decatur.

We hav heard of coon dogs, bird dogs, squirrel dogs, rat dogs and poodle dogs, but now comes Dave Pierce and claims he has a bee dog that actually found a bee tree and barked at it until he went to the dog and saw the bees.

Ben John and John Kibles declares that they have no tooth for milk shake.

The mercury stood at ninety-five Saturday out our way in the shade; maybe we are off but it was real warm anyway.

FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV, NO 29 Wednesday, July 19, 1893. p. 1, col. 7, 8.*

Craigville.

-----

Some sickness is reported.

Weather very dry with mercury at 90 and 95.

Several of those that were converted at the Oakland church last winter were baptized by Rev. Payne of the C. U. church at Murray last Sunday.

It is reported that there is to be another effort made to build a church in Craigville, and it is hoped that this effort will be crowned with success.

Miss Myrtle Miller, of this place, who has been spending a few weeks with friends near Geneva, Adams county, returned home Saturday evening.

Miss Manta Elzey and Miss Emma Kibles, of near Decatur, visited over Sunday with friends at Craigville.

Many will be disappointed to find that blackberries are mostly dried up.

The toot toot of the thresher can be heard in all directions and at almost all hours.

Corn and potatoes are needing rain badly.

Orley Pierce, of this place, has been on the sick list for a few days past.

It is said that Frank Dougherty will have fifteen hundred bushels of wheat. Who will get the job of threshing it?

Charley Hunt's baby is reported quite sick.

Mr. Craner, of near Geneva, spent Sunday with John Miller of this place.

Mrs. Phil Breneman is reported on the sick list.

Mrs. Noah Steman, of Elida, Ohio, with four of her children is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John, of Craigville.

The Reed brothers have returned from the World's Fair and report it immense, with expenses of a dollar and a half per day.                   FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV, NO 30 Wednesday, July 26, 1893. p. 8, col. 3.*

William Miller, of Craigville, paid this office a substantial call last Saturday.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV, NO 31 Wednesday, Aug 2, 1893. p. 5, col. 1.*

#### Craigville.

-----

Several people are complaining that they do not feel well, which is not to be wondered at this hot dry weather.

Some of Craigvillians were present at the Reformed Lutheran church dedication, north of Kirkland last Sunday, and report a large crowd and plenty to eat, with horses fed all free.

Mr. and Mrs. Elick Elzey and Mrs. Venis, from near Decatur, were visiting friends in Craigville Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ethan John visited with Mr. Reynolds near the poor farm last Sunday.

The section hands were made happy last week by a check for their labor for the month of June.

Those persons that are shooting dogs had better go a little slow. People do not pay taxes on their dogs to have them toiled away from their owners and then made targets for the amusement of sneaks.

Quite a number of farmers in this section have had their threshing done.

If rain does not soon come corn and potatoes will be a failure in this neighborhood.

From appearances it is evident that Lem Shaffer is going to reform his evil ways. He has been going to church almost every Sunday.

George Bright, living four miles east of Craigville, is quite poorly with consumption.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV, NO 31 Wednesday, Aug 2, 1893. p. 8, col. 1, 2.*

#### Craigville.

-----

Health continues good.

Quarterly meeting at Oakland church last Sunday, Rev. Payne presiding.

Clara Clowser and Laura Reed returned last Sunday from viewing the world's fair.

Threshing about all done in this vicinity.

Farmers are commencing plowing for fall seeding.

It is reported that we are to have a saloon in Craigville. If there is one thing that we do not need it is a saloon.

An effort should be made to have the new church built now that the roads are in the best of condition. Hauling can be done to advantage.

The Decatur Democrat is off when it says that Hon. Hoke Smith will receive the condemnation of every soldier of the war of the rebellion as long as Mr. Smith fulfills the requirements of the law. He is doing nothing but his duty and the writer believes that no soldier who can show cause for pension, will be dropped from the pension rolls.

Mr. Elmer Elzey, of near Decatur, visited with friends over Sunday.

When a man, or one that thinks himself a man, will carry a revolver and snoop around after dark and shoot and cripple his neighbor's dog for no other reason than spite, he had ought to be arrested for cruelty to animals. FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV, NO. 32 Wednesday Evening, Aug 9, 1893. p. 8, col. 3.*

Craigville.

-----

Health remains good.

Rev. Spray, of the U. B. church, preached his farewell sermon at the Oakland church last Sunday.

Sabbath School at Oakland every Sunday at 9:30.

John Miller and wife were at Bluffton on business last Saturday.

Mr. John Miller, wife and daughter Myrtle, Misses Gerty and Lucy Christ called on J. M. Pyle and family Sunday evening and with singing and music spent a very pleasant evening. Come again.

The farmers are plowing for wheat, the rain on Friday making the ground in better shape.

Grandpa and Grandma John were visiting friends near Beuna (*sic*) Vista last Sunday.

Kibler says if Jake Pyle gets a joke on any one it might as well be published in the papers.

Ezra Beach and wife, George Schoch and wife, of Bluffton, were visiting friends in Craigville last Sunday.

John says if that other fellow has any sand there will be a duel fought in the near future.

Who says Elmer was at Stanton's last Saturday night.

Arthur says you cannot prove that he was late getting home Sunday morning.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 33 Wednesday. Aug 16, 1893. p. 8, col. 2.*

Craigville.

-----

Health good in and around Craigville.

Weather warm with cool nights.

Rev. Payne of the C. U. church preached his farewell sermon at Oakland church last Sunday. We bid you farewell Brother but we feel confident you will be with us another year.

The Oakland Sunday School of this place, attended the picnic at the Methodist church one mile west of Tocsin. Report says our school took first honor for select songs and fine singing. This is something the school should be proud of and should strive for honor hereafter.

Last Tuesday Alf Abbott received a dispatch from Mercer county, Ohio, stating his babe six months old, was quite sick. He hastened to the babe only to find it dead but a few minutes before he arrived. It was brought to Craigville and interred beside its mother in the Oakland cemetery. Rev. Johnson preached the funeral at the Oakland church Wednesday.

Phil Breneman of this place who has been working in the timbers in the southern part of this state, will be home in a few days.

Warren Crist has put down a gravel side walk in front of his property. Others should do likewise.

We are glad to note that Mr. Burt Drum and his amiable wife has lossted[?] in our village. We extend our hand in fellowship and bid you welcome.

It is said that some one got smart at the ice cream festival Saturday evening, when he was advised in terms he could not gainsay that for the good of his health he had better make himself scarce for the time being. If the same medicine was



prescribed oftener there would be less rude conduct at social gatherings hereafter.

Some one may have to appear before his honor and answer to the charge of disturbing the peace. A word to the wise is sufficient.

Quite a discusson was had the other day as to it being a violation of the law to sell tobacco and cigars to persons under sixteen years of age.

The report has just reached here that while Mr. Logan Rhodes and family were attending the picnic Saturday thieves entered his dwelling one mile and a half north and one mile east of this place taking a watch chain and carm and razor. The same day while Squire Sweney was out in the field at work some party entered his dwelling and was going through his clothing when he came upon them, and they fled. The squire is reported to have some forty dollars in a vest pocket but the thieves had not got hold of this vest in time to get the money. The night operator at Decatur was bucked, gagged and thrown in the freight room and \$119 of railroad money taken with \$6 of the operator's money.

Rob Crosdale who has been in Illinois for several months, has returned and is visiting friends in and around Craigville.

Some eight or ten friends from near Beuna (*sic*) Vist[a] visited Mr. and Mrs. Ethan Jones of this place, one day last week.

Farmers are plowing for wheat but say there has not been sufficient rain to make the ground in good order for sowing.

It is whispered that certain parties are violating the laws of the Sabbath day.

People that find so much fault with others should bet the big beam out of their own eye and then they could see better how to dig out the mote in the eyes of others.

The excursion from Bluffton to Toledo on the 31st is attracting considerable

attention just now. The low price of \$1.25 for such a long ride is considered remarkably cheap. Doubtless a good number from this vicinity will go.

Foxy.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 34 Wednesday, Aug 23, 1893. p. 8, col. 3, 4.*

Craigville.

-----

Weather dry and health good.

There was no preaching at the Oakland church last Sunday.

Sunday School at Oakland church is well attended each Sunday by teachers and schollars (*sic*).

Mr. Ethan Steman of Elida Ohio visited his grand parents M. Ethan John and wife of this place a few days last week.

Grandpa John has rented his farm to his son-in-law Mr. James Ridenhour of Lima, Ohio. Mr, Ridenhou[r] will put out fall crop but will not move on the farm until spring.

The saloon at this place has been designated as the dive. A select few dive in after dark.

Henry Gilliland, Dave Hartman and Wm. Miller will attend the Christian Union conference at Mt. Olive, Ohio, as delegates from the Oakland class of this place.

Mr. James Hower of Warren, was passing bills for the Warren fair one day last week.

D. W. Abbott and wife are attending the U. B. conference in Ohio this week.

Our railroad station ceased to be a telegraph station last Saturday.

Miss Etta Gilliland was on the sick list a few days last week.

While Mr. Henry DIX was hauling bailed hay to this place last Wednesday a stranger got on the wagon and rode to town; after said stranger got off of the wagon Henry

found a small saw laying where the man's coat had been, What was the saw for? It would answer well to saw out a door lock.

Jas. Crist better known as Sixteen String Jack of Craigville is visiting friends at Lima, Ohio.

Wm. Diehl our butcher is doing a good business from the amount of stock he slaughters each week.

Frank Dougherty says he is holding his wheat for the last campaign prices, Just hold on Frank the McKinley bill will soon be knocked in the head the Sherman silver bill will soon be slaughtered then you will get better prices.

Mr. Alexander Elzey and wife, of near Decatur were visiting J. M. Pyle and wife last Wednesday and Thursday.

John Anderson is having a large granary put up on his farm one mile north of Craigville. Till Robenold is doing the carpenter work.

Mr. Grant Hank of Ft. Wayne, was shaking hands with friends here last Saturday.

Simon Julian and J. M. Pyle are numbered with the sick the last few days.

Miss Eva Drum assistant postmaster at Curryville who has been spending a few weeks with a sister in northern Michigan returned to her home last Saturday.

Doc Davenport says that if the thieves are satisfied with razors they will find his on a shelf in his woodhouse, but would like to have them return the same when he wants to cut his toe nails.

Mr. Orian Craner and wife, and Mrs. Emma Baker, of Geneva, visited John Miller's Sunday.                      FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 35 Wednesday, Aug 30, 1893. p. 1, col. 4.*

Craigville.

-----

Health is better in this vicinity than for several years at this season.

H. M. Gilliland, Dave Hartman, John Kibler and McClellan Pyle attended the Christian Union conference at Mt. Olive chapel, Mercer county, Ohio, last Thursday and Friday.

Rev. Payne of the C. U. Church, will be retained on the work at this place for another year. We welcome you back Brother.

Rev. D. W. Abbott, of the U. B. church will have his work for the coming year among the good people of Paulding county, Ohio.

Rev. Spray of the U. B. Church who labored with the people at this place for the last year will continue with us for the coming year.

Grandpa and Grandma John attended C. U. conference in Ohio last Saturday and Sunday.

John Miller and family, Grandpa Miller and a part of Wm. Miller's family visited Charley Miller near the Wasson school house last Sunday.

Mr. Davison and wife of Tocsin visited their daughter Mrs, Julian, of Craigville on last Sunday.

Frank Baum and wife of Decatur, were the guests of B. F. Hower of this place last Sunday.

Phil Breneman who has been working in the southern part of the state for the last two months, is at home and will spend a few weeks with his family.

C. A. Affolder, formerly of this place, but late of Bluffton, was shaking hands with friends here one day last week.

The boy that went through his sister's money safe to get money to buy an axe should be ashamed of himself.

Wm. Diehl's baby was quite sick last week.

Frank Dougherty has loaded several cars at this station with bailed straw within the past two weeks.

But few of the farmers have done any plowing as yet. They are waiting for rain.

Soon the corn cutter will be heard on all sides and on every farm.

J. W. Deam and wife were agreeably surprised last Saturday evening when some sixty of their friends called upon them and reminded them that they could not move away without their friends bidding them goodby and wishing them joy and prosperity in their new home near the city of Ft. Wayne.

Mr. David Evers and wife, of Bluffton visited with Alex Fisher and wife near Craigville last Sunday.

Mrs. Ben John has a way of entertaining tramps that appears to be not very pleasing to them, as one expressed himself one day last week.

Quite a number went from here to Decatur last week to attend the trial of Jack Roush.

Lem Shaffer and wife and Mrs. Kingsley Martin visited Mrs. Stiner, south of Craigville last Sunday.

It is reported that there will be a wedding in Craigville some time in the near future.

The carpenters will commence work on Pete Hartman's new house this week. It will be a fine dwelling when completed.

Hard to find--One who will do as they would be done by in all things. A person that has no enemies. A girl that will not tell by her actions which boy she likes best. A boy over ten years old that does not use tobacco. A girl over fourteen that her mother can teach her anything. A man that is out of debt. A woman that has not the cutest baby in the world.

FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO. 36 Wednesday, Sept 6, 1893. p. 8, col. 1.*

Craigville.

-----

No sickness to report.

Weather prophets say no rain for days yet.

Sunday School at this place is well attended. The scholars and teachers show deep interest and we believe much good will be the result.

Rev. Spray, of the U. B. church, preached at the Oakland church last Sunday evening.

There will be preaching here next Sunday. Rev. Payne, of the C. U. will deliver his first sermon for this pastoral year.

C. B. Niblick met with a very heavy loss last Friday morning, After working with a sick horse through the most of the night, he lay down in the barn to rest and fell asleep. When he awakened he was in the midst of flames, the sack of feed he had made a pillow was being half burned up, His loss is said to be six of (*sic*) eight hundred dollars with light insurance.

Grandpa John and wife, B. P. John and wife, J. M. Pyle and wife, John Kibler and Lem Shaffer of this place visted Rev. Payne and wife, near Pleasant Wills [Pleasant Mills], Adams county, last Thursday, and report a day to be remembered by all.

There is a class of young men in this vicinity that should be gentlemen, but we are sorry to say that we cannot apply the term gentlemen until they mend their conduct going and coming from church, and should their names be handed into the grand jury they should not be surprised.

Fire cause from trains on the Clover Leaf road last Wednesday, destroyed most of t he fences on Jonathan Markley's farm and came near burning his house and barn.

John Anderson threshed four hundred bushesl of wheat and two hundred bushels of oats last Thursday. Burt Drum has been limping around for a few days, the effect of having his knee cut with a sharp axe.

Miss Gertie Crist, of Craigville, is visiting with friends for a few weeks in Allen county, Ohio.

J. M. Pyle and wife spent Sunday with friends near Decatur.

Last Saturday evening about nine o'clock as Free Watkins was coming to Craigville and had got to the cross roads one half mile from town, two men on the east side of the road called to him to halt and then endeavored to close in on him, but Free is not one to be scared, and went for them with his knife. He struck one of the supposed robbers but in the darkness Mr. Watkins was unable to tell as to the effect of his blow, as the men both made a hasty retreat.

One night last week some person or persons drove to when John Galivan had dug his potatoes, loaded them in a wagon and hauled them away. We failed to learn whether John had any clue to the thieves.

Mr. Orlan Craner and wife, of near Geneva, visited with John Miller and wife of Craigville last Sunday.

Marion Ridenhour, of Lima, who has been here for a few days plowing for wheat on Grandpa John's farm returned to his home last Saturday. He will come back and sow his wheat as soon as it rains sufficient to put the ground in order.

FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 37 Wednesday, Sept 13, 1893. p. 4, col. 4.*

Craigville.

-----

Health good.

Weather fair with signs of rain.

Sunday school at Oakland every Sunday forenoon and preaching every afternoon.

H. M. Gilliland, Dave Hartman and Wm. Miller were chosen as Elders for the

coming year in the C. U. church at this place (*sic*).

Mr. Ethan John and wife, of this place attended the picnic at Beuna (*sic*) Vista last Saturday and reports a good time.

Farmers are busy seeding the ground it being in good condition since the rain.

Wm. Diehl killed eighteen squirrels one day last week and says if it had not been for the rain he might have killed three or four times as many more.

John Kibler another hunter reports good luck.

Geo. Humerhouse had two very sick horses last week; no one could tell what the disease was. Geo. says he does not know what it was but he can cure it all the same.

Fred Watkins says the fellows that ordered him to halt the other night did not have much sand the way they skipped he went for them with his knife.

Phil Breneman and family attended the Warren fair a few days last week, and report a good display of everything.

John Kibler received a severe cut on his left arm by a hatchet falling on him.

The plasterers are putting on the finishing touches on Isaac Clowser's new house.

John Miller is limping about from the affects of a crooked nail his foot come in contact with.

The Dunkards are holding a protracted meeting at Pleasant Dale three miles east of this place it is said they will sup together Thursday.

Several report seeing frost last Sunday morning.

Guess the new church at this place is one of the has beens, is not now, never was, and never will be.

One day last week a man and woman came through here begging; the woman said she had had nothing to eat that day. The man asked some boys if there was a saloon here and being answered in the affirmative he made a bee line for the

place. The couple stated they had been at work in Chicago got out of work and was run out of the city. FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 38 Wednesday, Sept 20, 1893. p. 8, col. 1, 2.*

Craigville.

-----

No sickness reported in our little village. Since the rain Friday night and Sunday the farmers are jubilant. They say we will have fall pastures and the wheat will get a good start for winter.

D. W. Abbott, of this place, attended a reunion of his regiment, the 99th, Ohio Vol. We did not learn in what part of Ohio the reunion was held.

The Young People's Christian Endeavor meetings are held at Oakland church every Wednesday evening.

Mrs. Sidney Cochrun (*sic*), Mrs. Jennie Ruby and Grandma Gilliland, of Tocsin, visited friends here last week.

Marion Shady put in a new pump at the town well last week.

Mrs. Emma Arnold has had a stable erected on the lot she purchased of John Trostel.

Mr. Charles Miller and wife were the guests of John Miller and family last Sunday.

Delma Elzey, of near Decatur visited relatives at Craigville Sunday.

Geo. Bright, three miles east of here is reported very low with consumption.

It is said a certain party invited a second party to eat melon with him, and after the melon was eaten, the first party collected pay from the second party for the melon. Second party says if he knows the meaning of the word cheek, first party had lots of it.

It is said that several persons had whips taken from their buggies while attending

the Dunkard church. If such be the case some one may find out that it is naughty to do such things.

Some of the dogs in Craigville have more respect for themselves than some of the boys for the dogs will not be coaxed into the saloon. FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 39 Wednesday, Sept 27, 1893. p. 8, col. 4.*

Craigville.

-----

Health reported good.

Weather cloudy with some rain.

The protracted meeting at Pleasant Dale closed Sunday evening with good results.

Preaching every two weeks at Oakland by Rev. Payne in morning and Rev. Spray in the evening.

The carpenters have Pete Hartman's house ready for the plasterers (*sic*).

Peter Pierce is going to build a new house on his farm one and half miles north of Craigville.

Ed Howard will build a dwelling on his land near Craigville this fall so reported.

J. M. Pyle and wife visited friends in Adams county, last week.

That is a good joke reported on Amy last Sunday evening, when he got the wrong girl in his buggy. Take a lantern next time Amy.

The boys think the early boy is the one that gets the hickory nuts.

Marion Ridenous (*sic*), of Lima, Ohio, was here last week sowing wheat on Grandpa John's farm. He will move here in the spring.

Farmers are about done sowing wheat in this neighborhood. It is late seeding but the farmers thing nothing risked, nothing won. FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 40 Wednesday, Oct 4, 1893. p. 8, col. 3.*

Peter Hetrick, of Craigville, one of the early settlers of the county, was a BANNER caller today. He has taken the BANNER nearly since the first issue, and he can't do without it. He is one of our most prompt subscribers.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 41 Wednesday, Oct 11, 1893. p. 5, col. 4.*

#### Craigville.

-----

Health is good in this vicinity.

Farmers are taking advantage of this fine weather and are getting their corn in the crib.

The carpenters commenced putting up a wagon shed, corn crib and mill shed for Joel Fry this week.

The saw mill here got out timber last week for Dave Pierce for a large corn crib.

Wm. Miller and son Sylvester, attended the World's Fair, last week.

E. P. Davenport and Dave Hartman started Sunday night for Chicago.

It is reported that the boys made a big mistake and played hallowe'en on Doc. Davenport and William Miller on Sept. 30th.

Bert Drum says that he does not care to catch any more shot in his mouth; shot from a gun in the hands of other parties we should think there was not much fun in it.

It is said that a new nights ago Will Deihl's wife awakened him, saying she thought some one was trying to get in the house. Will bounded out of bed, grabbed the gun and inspected every room in the house. He discovered it to be a rat in the garret.

Alexander Elzey and wife, of near Decatur, were the guests of J. M. Pyle and wife Sunday.

Miss Gerty Christ returned home last Wednesday from Lima, Ohio, where she has been visiting friends for a few weeks.

Ves Venis and wife, of Decatur, were the guests of B. F. Hower last Saturday.

H. M. Gilliland and wife attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Miller, of Tocsin, last Friday.

Clem Bolinger and wife, of near Ft. Wayne, visited friends here for a day or two last week.

Mrs. Croasdale, of Liberty Center, is visiting friends at Craigville.

Clem Shaffer and wife were at Ft. Wayne Sunday.

Orian Craner and wife and Mrs. Emma Baker, of near Geneva, were the guests of John Miller and family Sunday.

J. M. Pyle and wife attended the funeral of George Bright last Wednesday.

A canary bird of J. M. Pyle died a few days ago at the age of fourteen years.

Robert Niblick will start in a few days to visit his son George in Tennessee.

Jack says he would prefer something better for a seat than an old tub of broke water.

It is said that birds of a feather flock together. This can be applied to the human race with equal truth.

Rob. Croasdale says that if any one asks us where he got those red apples that we should tell them we don't know.

The boys are gathering hickory nuts.

FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 41 Wednesday, Oct 11, 1893. p. 8, col. 4, 5.*

#### Craigville.

-----

Several people are complaining; mostly severe colds.

Splendid weather for gathering hickory nuts, everybody tries to be in the woods before his neighbor.

Rev. Payne presided at the Y. P. S. C. E. last Wednesday evening.

Walter Reed and Alf. Abbott bought each a gold watch while at the World's Fair.

Mrs. Reed and Addie John called to see Mrs. Wisner, who is quite poorly, last Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Payne ate chicken with Mr. George Humerhouse (*sic*) last Sunday.

Dave Hartman says he has been sick ever since he came home from the White city.

Several people will go to the grave yard at Murray this week for the purpose of fixing up and beautifying the graves of departed friends.

Frank Gast, of Decatur, was here last week in the interest of a cigar manufactory of Decatur.

Mr. McCormick, of Decatur, was selling sewing machines through this neighborhood last week.

Mrs. John Miller, of this place, was reminded that last Wednesday was her fortieth birthday. Friends from Geneva came with good things of this world and had a pleasant visit and a good time in general.

Scat Hues, of Hues & Bros., of Decatur, was here last week and placed a tomb stone at the grave of Mrs. Laura Abbott in the Oakland grave yard.

E. P. Davenport and Dave Hartman returned from Chicago last Friday. They saw the world and all in it.

Pete Pierce has his new house almost ready for the plasterers.

Naaman Christ has bought himself a team of horses; now a wagon Naaman and you are ready to go to teaming in good shape.

While at Mrs. Liby's sale last week we noticed people from Bluffton and Decatur;

among them were Mr. John Bumgardner and Mr. Ashbaucher, of Bluffton and John King, of Decatur.

Several from this vicinity went to Chicago last Monday.

Grandma Clouser, Mrs Wm. Miller, Mrs. Crosdale and Mrs. Joe Watkins spent a day last week with friends at Tocsin.

A few days ago while passing Mr. Techanning's (*sic*) farm several men husking corn; one man went ahead tore down the fodder and wet it with a common hand sprayer while the others followed and husked the corn.

The girls are determined not to die old maids; if the boys will not take them out of the church they grab them outside. So say reports.

Some of the boys from Craigville were lookers on at the game fo baseball at Bab Stewarts place last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Elmer Beach and family, of Peterson, visited Mr. and Mrs. Alex Fisher of this place over Sunday.

FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 41 Wednesday, Oct 18, 1893. p. 8, col. 4.*

Craigville.

-----

Health remains good.

School commenced in Craigville Monday, Walter Reed teacher.

Grandpa Miller will move in the near future to Willshire, Ohio, from where he came from to this place last spring.

Wm. Miller is having an addition put to the house Isaac Clowser vacated when he moved on his farm.

Henry Gilliland says he is going to the white city October 31st, to see the president.

Those little boys over north that are carrying revolvers for the Craigville boys

should be taught better by their parents. Such small boys do not know how to handle such toys.

Those senators that are blocking legislation by their foulest method of debate should not only be obligated to stand on one leg but on a board with two corn cobs under it.

We have at least one industrious woman in our town. She is in the clearing with her husband every day walks a mile and a half twice a day and does her house work.

Mrs. Marria Elzey of near Decatur is visiting her son J. M. Pyle of Craigville.

Grandpa John is in Ohio this week attending a reunion of his regiment the 180th Ohio vol.

The writer attended Joshua Bright's sale of fine hogs last Thursday fifty-two head brought the sum of \$637. The criers were John Kane of near Monroe Adams county and H. S. Robinson of Zanesville.

Ethan Steman of Elida Ohio is visiting his grandpaerents Mr. and Mrs. John of this place.

Mrs. Addie John and Mrs. Crosedale (*sic*) visited J. W. Clawser (*sic*) one day last week.

John Kibler and Judgeson Pyle were in Adams county Monday night to a corn husking. FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 43 Wednesday, Oct 25, 1893. p. 8, col. 4.*

Miss Mollie Speiger (*sic*) is visiting relatives at Craigville a few days this week.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 45 Wednesday, Nov 8, 1893. p. 9, col. 2.*

Craigville.

-----

Health never was better at this season. Rain is needed for growing wheat and husking corn.

Alf Abbott was at Decatur last Wednesday attending the young people's Christian Endeavor convention.

John Kibler and Elmer Humerhouse (*sic*) moved a grave in the Zion grave yard one day last week, a child of B. F. Hower, the child had been buried eight years.

Mrs. Emma Pyle and Miss Myrtle Robenold visited a sick relative in Bluffton one day last week.

Wm. Diehl our butcher has purchased a coon dog he says he gave forty dollars for it but Will sometimes says things he does not believe himself.

Why does not some one with capital come here and buy grain? We think it would pay.

It is reported that the saloon at this place has played out.

Mrs. Maria Elzey after spending a week with friends here returned to her home near Decatur last Wednesday.

C. B. Niblick is having a new barn put up where his old one was burned a few weeks since.

Delma Elzey near Decatur paid a short visit to friends here one day last week.

Miss Laura Brathers and Miss Ada Miller near Decatur were the guests of Miss Pearl Watkins for a few days.

It is reported that there is a girl south of this place that can ride a high wheel bicycle (*sic*) with any of the boys.

Last Saturday at high noon occurred a double wedding at Joshua Bright's three miles east of here. The contracting parties were Nelson Abbott of Craigville, to Miss Lucy Bright, of Adams county, John Parrist (*sic*) and Miss Sarah E. Bright of Adams county. Some seventy persons partook of as sumptious (*sic*) a dinner as ever was served; then all wended their



way home wishing the young people all the happiness this world could afford.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Railing of Decatur passed through here the first of this week on their way to visit Mr. Henry Durr near Bluffton.

Several of the boys from here were spectators of the ball game at John Anderson's last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Addie John was at Bluffton last week and had three teeth extracted; Robinson and Kinsey did the work.

Several from here attended quarterly meeting [at] Tocsin last Sunday.

Mrs. Davenport is reported quite sick.

School is progressing finely with an attendance (*sic*) of sixty odd pupils.

FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 45 Wednesday, Nov 8, 1893. p. 14, col. 3, 4.*

J. M. Pyle, of Craigville, was a welcome caller at our sanctum Saturday.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 46 Wednesday, Nov 15, 1893. p. 5, col. 1.*

#### Report of Craigville School.

-----

For the month ending November 17 1893: Total enrollment 65; average daily attendance 55; number neither absent nor tardy 45; per cent. of attendance 97.

WALTER R. REED, teacher.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 48 Wednesday, Nov 29, 1893. p. 4, col. 2.*

Craigville.

-----

Health is good in this vicinity.

Roads getting muddy once more.

Rev. Payne and Mr. Lenard Johnson from near Pleasant Mills, Adams county, ate chicken with B. P. Johns and wife last Sunday.

It was put to vote in the Oakland Sunday school last Sunday on what night the Christmas entertainment would be held, and by an unanimous vote it was agree to be on Christmas night, Monday evening.

Nelson Abbott and wife will commence housekeeping in a few days on his father's farm one mile and a half north of Craigville.

Elmer Humerhouse was married a few days ago to a lady near Findlay, Ohio. May joy attend them through life.

The agent, Mr. Hunt, for the past three years at this place was transfered (*sic*) to Willshire, Ohio, last week and Mr. Jacob Clouser was put in charge of this station.

Gus Holmes moved into one of B., F. Hower's houses vacated by Grandpa Miller a few days ago.

There are two vacant houses in Craigville at this time.

Mrs. Emma Arnold and Mrs. Malissa Reynolds visited with Mrs. Simon Hetrick one day last week.

Mr. Ezra Steel visited the Craigville school one day last week.

John Miller has made quite an improvement to the property where he lives by a walk in front of the house and a new poultry house.

Grandpa John has been on the sick list for a few days past.

Mrs. Anna Beach, of Bluffton, visited with friends at Craigville last Sunday.

Miss Pearl Watkins took dinner with J. M. Pyle and family last Sunday.

Mrs. Addie John and Miss Gertie Christ were shopping at Bluffton last Saturday.

Kibler says he jumped up a rabbit as big as a yearling calf, but before he could get a

head on it, it was in a ditch and out of sight.

Simon Julian is nursing a sore hand caused from a sharp knife.

Mrs. Amanda Drum visited Mrs. Pyle last Sunday.

Now is the time of the year for old fashioned shooting matches.

Cold weather and thin clothing are two things that seldom go together without some inconvenience on the part of the one that wears the clothes. We think our band of charity people should be a little more energetic and active in this matter. How often have we been made to feel the need of some way of providing for the poor. Only a few days ago in the midst of our squaw winter, a neighbor of ours was heard to remark the inconvenience of having no clothing to keep him warm, when it was agreed that a collection be taken up and the party agreeing they proposed taking him to Bluffton and dressing him through the coming winter. There are many poor suffering people that through timidness are going needy. We hope that this one act may help to give courage to others that they may be made happy through the help of our band of charity.

Mr. Saper, representing the Colchester Rubber Company, was here last week soliciting orders.

Wm. Miller was thrown from a load of hay last Saturday and received a sprained ankle. The sprain is said to be some better.

Miss Myrtle Miller is visiting friends at Geneva.

Orland Cramer and wife of near Geneva were the guests of John Miller and family of this place last Sunday.

FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 48 Wednesday, Nov 29, 1893. p. 10, col. 1, 2.*

There was sometimes overlap in the reporting by the small town correspondents and information about residents in other communities were covered by these writers. Under the Tocsin column appears the following:

Several of Craigville's young men were at meeting at our place last Sunday. Come again boys.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 49 Wednesday, Dec 6, 1893. p. 8, col. 1.*

Craigville.

-----

Many are complaining with colds. The beautify beautiful snow. Hear the gingle (*sic*) of the sleigh bells. The snow is reported to be six inches on the level.

There was quite an excitement in Craigville last Thursday; a man we did not learn his name while at Henry Christ's buying milk for dairy was taken with a hard fit and was reported dying. Dr. Davenport was called and administered restoratives; the man was soon able to go on his way.

Mrs. Mary Elzey from near Decatur visited with friends in Craigville a few days last week.

Grandma John returned home last Monday from visiting friends in Ohio.

Simon Julian was confined to his bed a few days last week with the Grip.

Phil Breneman was complaining of a severe cold last week.

The sign in our postoffice that reads "Please do not use improper language in here," should read, "Positively no improper language allowed in this house."

Gertie Christ was on the sick list a few days last week.

Mr. Wm. Hartman traded horses with preacher Neahr (*sic*) last week.

Wm. Rust and sons agent at this place for Rust and sons' cattle and poultry powder is having many calls for the medicine.

Something much needed is an addition to our school house; the house as it is is too small to accommodate the number of scholars in attendance. Let some one make a move to have our school house enlarged.

Miss Olive High who has been spending several weeks with her sister Mrs. Gallivan near here returned to her home in Ohio last Thursday.

H. M. Gilliland was at Bluffton last Saturday on business.

It is reported that there will be four weddings in Craigville about the holidays.

Kibler, Breneman, Stanton and Diehl were on the war path last Friday, as Mr. Mock would say, but failed to bring back any rabbits.

Ask John Strahm and Ben John where the joke comes in.

Dave Hartman took dinner with J. M. Pyle and family last Sunday.

Nelson Abbott went to Decatur last Monday to buy furniture to go to house keeping.

Elmer Abbott moved from his father's farm to the house vacated by Chas Hunt in Craigville last Monday.

Those persons that spend the Sabbath hunting must know that they not only violate God's law but also the law of the state of Indiana.

Quite a number were sleigh riding Sunday.

There will be quarterly meeting at the Zion church next Sunday.

Grandpa John and B. P. John butchered their swine last Monday.

B. P. John and wife, were the guests of J. M. Pyle and wife, last Sunday.

Kibler says he and Brineman are going snucks making ties and catching rabbits;

they are to have nine cents per tie and six cents per rabbit.

Mr. D. W. Abbott has got his hen house almost completed that he commenced last Spring.

Wm. Miller reported last week as having a sprained ankle is yet unable to be out.

Oat Holms (*sic*) and wife, were visiting with friends at Curryville last Sunday.

FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 49 Wednesday, Dec 6, 1893. p. 9, col. 1.*

Alexander Fisher of Craigville was a business visitor to the city Friday, and made this office a welcome call.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO. 50 Wednesday, Dec 13, 1893. p. 5, col. 3.*

Craigville.

-----

Rev. Spray preached at the Oakland church last Sunday evening.

The committee on arrangements met at the residence of Mrs. Pyle last Tuesday evening and formed a program for Christmas evening.

Grandma Wisner living two miles northwest of Craigville died last Saturday, and was buried Sunday at Murray.

Mr. Hiram Drum has been quite poorly with the grippe for a few days past.

Mrs. Fannie Drum of Craigville has been quite sick for a few days.

Miss Mary Strohm has been with a sick uncle for several days.

Sherman Stanton is going around with a smile on his face as big as a wheel barrow and says it is a girl.

Wm. Miller who has been staying in the house sewing carpet rags and nursing a sprained ankle is able to be out again.

Several of Dave Hartman's family are reported sick.

H. M. Gilliland visited his parents at Tocsin last Thursday.

Simon Julian reported last week as being down with the gripp is able to be around again.

Some of Bluffton's sportsmen passed through here one day last week.

Candidates are beginning to show up. Mr. Davis candidate for surveyor called on the democrats of Craigville last Saturday.

Miss Eva Drum assistant post master of Craigville was calling on friends of Craigville one day last week.

John Miller and wife took dinner with J. M. Pyle last Sunday.

How it is known we know not but it is reported that there are indictments against two parties in this vicinity.

Last week was a week of slaughter. Will Robenold, Simon Julian, D. W. Abbott, Henry Christ, Free Watkins, E. P. Davenport and C. B. Niblick slaughtered their swine.

Jo Watkins had a fine fat hog killed on the railroad last week.

B. F. Hower has had a fine sleigh put up to order. John Miller was employed to do the work.

Several from here attended the funeral of Grandma Wisner last Sunday.

It is reported that our business men will adopt the cash system the first of January.

Kibler, Miller and Crosedale were on the hunt again last Saturday. The three brought down three rabbits.

Rob Crosedale shot at a rabbit, but missed the rabbit and give J. W. Clowser's bird dog the contents of his shotgun. Persons should know where they are shooting before they shoot.

The town pump seems to be almost a nuisance as nine times out of ten that

people have gone to get water the last few days they have found the pump froze fast.

Some one or ones should make an effort to have our school house enlarged that is something very much needed. Let some influential parties start the ball to rolling.

George W. Drum of Curryville is shaving and shipping barrel hoops by the car load.

Insurance inspectors visited our burg one day last week.

D. W. Abbott has not got his house finished yet.

J. T. why didn't you tell the boy the horse had fits.

Many thanks to our friend A. N. Martin for favors received.

Who was it that said if they were to ride past on the head of a horse they would get no mention in the paper.

How close did you say, Spafford, that the snow ball came to the window last Saturday night?

The saw mill at this place has been shut down for several days but will be run on full time from this date so said.

Ask Rob how he likes his best girl's visitor and he will say that girls are to[o] cute for anything.

Sandy says he would like for that girl to pay her bet.

FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO. 50 Wednesday, Dec 13, 1893. p. 8, col. 1, 2.*

Craigville.

-----

Winter has come again.

Roads in bad shape for snow.

Report says the Christian Union church will commence a protracted meeting at Oakland church next Sunday.

Last Saturday was examination day at the Craigville school.

The Oakland Sunday school is making arrangements to have a splendid entertainment Christmas evening.

Rev. D. W. Abbott is holding protracted meeting in Paulding county this week.

Sylvester Miller was on the sick list a few days last week.

Mrs. Ellen Niblick met with a serious accident one day last week, while feeding a sausage grinder; she had two of her fingers broken,

Warren Christ's baby was very sick for a few days last week.

Frank Crum says the best remedy for the grip is to drink all the whiskey you can.

Noah Sgimmel says he let his fence burn to save Dr. Davenport's. That was a neighborly act surely.

Mrs. E. P. Davenport is reported as being very poorly.

Mr. Delma Elza of near Decatur visited friends at Craigville over Sunday,

Kibler says did you ever travel over an icy side walk when your feet would get into a discussion over the tariff or some other perplexing subject and continue until something in the market came down that was Kibler.

Mrs. Reed was on the sick list last week.

Girls, form yourselves into an organization and have nothing to do with young men that curse and swear, drink and do everything that is disgusting.

FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO. 51 Wednesday, Dec 20, 1893. p. 4, col. 3, 4.*

J. H. Garton of Craigville, was a caller at this office last Wednesday and will hereafter be a reader of the BANNER.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO. 52 Wednesday, Dec 27, 1893. p. 4, col. 2.*

Craigville.

-----

Health generally good.

The weather for the last few days makes us think of old fashioned maple taffy.

Protracted meeting will commence at Oakland church two weeks from last Sunday.

Big arrangements are being made for the Christmas entertainment at the Oakland church. We bespeak a good time in general.

Now is a good time to talk gravel roads. We need them.

Mr. Stine, of Ossian, was making the acquaintance of the Craigville people one day last week.

McClellan Pyle visited with friends near Decatur last week.

Our merchants have their Christmas toys displayed to the best advantage.

Alf. Abbott has his new sleigh finished and is waiting with patience for winter to come.

If it has not been done some one should visit the grand jury. This is needful if reports are true.

Grandpa and Grandma Johns were at Bluffton last Friday preparing for Christmas.

Wm. Miller could be seen going in and out of places where Christmas presents could be bought last Friday.

John Kibler was at Bluffton last Friday and Saturday on business. Look out girls.

John Strohm, section boss on the Clover Leaf railroad, is visiting friends at Kewana, Fulton county for a few days. Mrs. Hattie Gilliland and daughter, Ettie, were looking at Christmas displays in Bluffton last Friday.

Simon Julian was at Bluffton on business last Saturday.

H. M. Gilliland went to Bluffton last Saturday to do some trading and with

other things bought his son a breech loading rifle.

Matt Coffman and Al Steman are reported guests at Warren Christs' last Saturday night.

Mrs. Angeline Christ was buying Christmas presents at Bluffton last Friday.

Wm, and John Miller are working hard to complete the Ferris wheel for the Christmas entertainment at the Oakland church this Monday evening.

Josiah Feeser, of Bluffton was shaking hands with Craigville democrats last Friday.

Miss Rony Hower, of Willshire, Ohio is the guest of Miss Myrtle Robenold, of Craigville for a few days.

Mrs. Tim Hartman, of Bluffton, spent Christmas with friends in and around Craigville for a few days.

Mrs. Milton Reed, of Markle spent Christmas with friends at Craigville.

Mrs. Chas. Hower, of Upland, is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. Joseph Steel[e], of Decatur.

Wm. Baum, of Adams county, was the guest of his brother-in-law, B. F. Hower for a few days.

Amos Hetrick has been suffering with a lame back for several days.

Miss Pearl Watkins was the gues of Miss Gertie Christ Saturday night.

Miss Mary Shaffer and her brother John was at Ft. Wayne Sunday.

The town pump has played out entirely.

Mr. George Randall started for Illinois last Saturday where he will spend his Christmas with his two sons and daughter.

Alf., keep your lamps trimmed and burning. So there may be light on the subject.

Rev. Payne and his two sons took dinner with Grandpa and Grandma John last Sunday.

FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLIV. NO 52 Wednesday, Dec 27, 1893. p. 8, col. 1 - 3.*

#### Notice of Dissolution.

-----

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Clouser & Miller, of Craigville, Ind., has this, the 30th day of December 1893, been dissolved by mutual consent. All parties knowing themselves indebted to said firm are requested to call and settle with Wm. Miller.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO [1] Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1894. p. 3, col. 1.*

#### Craigville.

-----

The new year of '94 is now upon us; let every one make a resolution to accomplish some good during the present year.

Sunday School closed at Oakland church last Sunday for the winter.

D. W. Abbott closed a protracted meeting in Paulding county, Ohio, last week and commenced another this week.

The Christmas entertainment here was a grand success, the church was crowded to standing room. The dialogues and declamations were of the best.

Grandpa Miller, of Wil[ ]shire, Ohio, spent Christmas with his sons William and John of this place.

Mrs. Davenport is reported much better at this writing.

Mrs. Anna Beach, of Bluffton, spent Christmas with friends in Craigville.

Willie Watson and wife, of Markle, were the guests of H. M. Gilliland and wife last Tuesday.

Mrs. Caty France, of Warren, was visiting with her cousin Philip Brineman and wife a few days last week.

Winnie Reed, of Markle, visited his mother on Christmas.

Bob the next time you escort the widow home be man enough to carry the baby for her.

Mrs. Jennie Ruby, of Tocsin, visited her brother, H. M. Gilliland, of Craigville last Tuesday.

William Diehl is in the fur business. Those taht have fur to dispose will find him straight to deal with.

Misses Laura Church and Della Fry visited the school at this place last Friday.

Enos Steman, of near Elida, Ohio, is visiting with friends in and around Craigville.

William Pierce and family spent Christmas with friends in this place.

Santa Claus with his sleigh and reindeers (minus the deer) arrived in Craigville last Tuesday about three o'clock and went direct to the school house. Quite a number followed him and witnessed him distribute his presents. After he had distribute his gifts and said his goodbye the teacher, Mr. Walter Reed, called on the visitors for a few remarks. There were several who made fitting remarks, after which the school was dismissed and all wended their way home well pleased with their visit and with the knowledge that the school was governed by a competent teacher with bright and apt pupils.

Jacob Miller and cousin, of Warsaw, visited friends in Craigville last week.

Amy Hetrick, Merton Davenport and Sylvester Miller were at Bluffton Saturday and purchased a nice present for their school teacher in token of the high esteem in which they hold him.

The boys of Craigville report a big time at Curryville last Friday night.

Miss Eva Drum, assistant postmaster at Curryville, was calling on friend at this place last week.

The teachers of the Oakland Sabbath school presented Superintendent Rhodes

with a beautiful book for a Christmas present.

Miss Minerva Cochranm, who has been in Chicago for some time, returned to her home near Craigville Saturday.

Phil Brineman has been having the grip or the grip having Phil, we do not know which, for a few days past.

Mr. Crum, candidate, was making acquaintances in Craigville last week.

We had the honor of shaking hands with Candidate Cummins, of Bluffton, one day last week.

Mr. McFadden, candidate, was in town last week. We did not have the pleasure of meeting him being away from home that day.

Miss Lena Hower, of Pugney, was the guest of Miss Etta Gilliland for a few days last week.

Protracted meeting will commence at the Oakland church this Monday evening.

Oh, how I wish winter would come, is the wish of thiose that have had new sleighs put up. Have patience, people, and listen to our weather prophet Hicks.

Foxy.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO [1] Wednesday, Jan. 3, 1894. p. 3, col. 2, 3.*

Craigville.

-----

Many are complaining of bad colds.

Protracted meeting at the Oakland church has been in progress one week, with Rev. Spray in the pulpit.

Our friend George Studabaker, of Bluffton, was looking up democrats in this place last week.

Mrs. Emma Robenold is visiting a few day[s] with friends east of Decatur.

John Kibler visited friends near Decatur last week.

Frank Gast, the cigar runner from Decatur, was taking orders of our store keepers last week.

Mrs. Bolinger, of near Indianapolis, is visiting with friends in and around Craigville for a few days.

Uncle Add Richey says that any one that would get mad at his foolishness is a bigger fool than he is himself.

Mr. Gawkey, runner for Trentman, Ft. Wayne, was taking orders of our merchants last week.

Mrs. Davenport is some better at this writing.

Mrs. Townbaugh of Mercer county, Ohio, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Elmer Abbott of this place.

Lem Shaffer bets Sherman Stanton that at this time of the year he can take a ground hog and handle it as he could a pet kitten.

Several of the farmers are taking advantage of the spring like weather and are plowing for oats.

Somebody is violating the law from the amount of cigars and cigarettes smoked by small boys.

Mrs. Lizzie Johnson, of Tocsin, was the gues of Wm. Miller and family one day last week.

Reports say the ruffians that make a practice of cutting up at church and swearing going to and returning from the same, are spotted and if continued will be brought before the authorities.

The railroad employees have been cut on time from ten hours to nine, reducing their wages to ninety-nine cents per day.

Weather during December was very changeable, the coldest day being 4th; 8 above zero. The warmest day was the 25th; 60 degrees temperature heat. The wind was in the east 1 day; in the west 10 days; north 1 day; south 6 day[s]; north-east , 3 days, and south-west 10 days. Snow fell to the depth of 7 inches during the month.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 2 Wednesday, Jan. 10, 1894. p. 2, col. 3.*

M. F. Shady, of Craigville called Friday and ordered the BANNER to his address.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 2 Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1894. p. 6, col. 1.*

Also on the same page, col. 3, of the January 17th issue, the Knights of Pythias column noted that "Messrs. Reed and Abbott, of Craigville" were members.

Craigville.

-----

Health is generally good.

This is the third week since protracted meeting commenced at the Oakland church and bids fair for some good to be accomplished.

Rev. Payne one of the ministers that has been conducted [conducting] the meetings at this place was called to Pleasant Mills, Adams county last Monday to preach the funeral of Mr. Overhulser.

Rev. D. W. Abbott is hoolding a protracted meeting at the present time in Paulding Co., Ohio.

Grandma Clowser is visiting friends a few weeks near Indianapolis.

Miss Lorinda Oak, of Huntington, is visiting friends in and around Craigville for a few days.

Frank Gilliland, of Bluffton was visiting friends at this place a few days last week.

Alf Abbott wants to sell his sleigh but the girls say don't.

Mrs. Behr, of this place is visiting friends at Berne, Adams county.

Ad says he does not want a wife, but if we can find him one to let him know and



he will be under many obligations to those who are so kind as to work for his interests.

Ask Kibler whose girl he picked up going to Bluffton the other day.

Are we to have an addition to our school house or not.

Mr. Cranes and wife of near Geneva were the guests of John Miller and wife last Sunday.

Henry says it is all wrong the the (election) for there was one man that he voted for that did not get votes enough and was scooped. Same over this way Henry.

Ask Gertie if she is sorry that he is done been gone and went away.

Miss Myrtle Miller returned home last Saturday after spending seven seven weeks with friends near Geneva.

Miss Lorinda Oaks, of Huntington Mr. Ezra Beach and wife of Bluffton, Miss Maggie Pierce, of near Tocsin and Miss Myrtle Robenold of Craigville, took dinner with J M. Pyle and family last Sunday.

Grandpa John was at Bluffton on business last Friday.

Dave Hartman has shipped several car loads of pulp timber from this station this winter and will ship several more if the roads stay good.

The supposition is that there was a forlorn crowd started on a trip up Salt river last Saturday. We deeply sympathize with them and wish them a safe return in two years.

There are some men yet to learn how to stamp a ballot to make them count.

Phil Breneman (*sic*) is talking of starting out to sell medicine in the near future. We wish him success.

Wm. Miller has moved his pay scales from south of the railroad and placed them in a much more convenient location near his office.

Walter Reed says the last reports indicate the election Saturday went Democratic by a large majority.

FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 2 Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1894. p. 9, col. 4.*

Craigville.

-----

Health remains good.

Roads are very bad. The rains for the past few days have knocked out the bottom.

The protracted meeting at this place is doing much good. Many have joined and prospects are for many more to follow. May the good work go on until all are made to feel the salvation of God.

Alex Fisher and wife and Mrs. Amanda Drum were called to Ft. Wayne last Wednesday to attend the funeral of Joseph Ranner, who shot himself.

Father Bahr, living south-west of this place was buried last Thursday.

Orian Craner and wife of near Geneva, have been visiting with John Miller and family of Craigville and attending the protracted meeting.

Miss Eva Drum assistant post-mistress at Curryville was calling on friends here last Wednesday.

The solicitor for the Ft. Wayne Sentinel was looking for subscribers to that paper one day last week.

Lem Shaffer is going around with grip and says he wishes it would let go.

Mrs. Lem Shaffer was at the beside of her sick mother for several days past.

We are glad to report Mrs. Davenport much better at this writing.

Rev. Payne and Gertie Christ were the guests [of] J. M. Pyle and family last Saturday.

Mrs. Katy Huffman living near Peterson visited her brothers at this place one day last week.

Geo. Randall will go west in the spring and grow up with the country.

Aaron Mosure burned a kiln of tile a few days ago.      FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 4 Wednesday, Jan. 24, 1894. p. 6, col. 2, 3.*

### Craigville.

-----

Some sickness reported.

Have had a few winter days.

Protracted meeting closed at Oakland last Wednesday evening with much good accomplished and with twenty accessions to the church.

Our new church will be built as soon as the weather will admit of laying the foundation.

D. W. Abbott has held two protracted meetings in Paulding county, Ohio and has commenced the third.

Alex Fisher and wife were visiting with friends near Zanesville a few days last week.

Miss Lucy Steman, of Elida, Ohio is spending a few weeks with his (*sic*) grandparents, Ethan John and wife of Craigville.

Miss Addie Barton has been very bad the last few days with diphtheria but at this writing is reported some better.

Myrtle Robenold received word last week that one of her sisters living near Elgin, Ohio, was lying at death's door and wished to see Myrtle before she died.

Grand-father and grand-mother John were at Bluffton last Saturday on business.

It is reported that a member of the Y. P. S. C. E. offended some parties last Sunday evening.

John Clouser, north of this place, while loading poles on his wagon had the

misfortune to mash the little finger on the right hand.

Grand-ma Rockwell, of Curryville paid a visit to this place last Saturday.

While splitting wood last Saturday McClellan Pyle had the misfortune of cutting his instep by the axe.

It is reported that Curryville was about to clean out Craigville last Saturday. We guess it would have been a good thing.

Mrs. Doc. Davenport, who is reported quite ill, is slowly recovering.

Mat Crum and wife were the guests of J. M. Pyle and family last Thursday.

John Swartz says that Snakeye did not get both sides of the affair. That he did go out and as he went out he asked his wife where his gun was in a tone sufficient to be heard by the boys out side the doors, Jake and another fellow were out in the road making for the tall timber,

Lucy Steman attended the county school teacher examination in Bluffton last Saturday.

Ad says he will not give the joke away on Swartz this time.

Swartz says that he will not take it back, that he got seed corn from Christman, that will shell a bushel of corn to every thirty ears, and that he is going to raise one hundred bushels per acre from this corn this coming summer. That is right John, what you say first say last, the horse was seventeen feet high.

Ask Frank what he found on this doorstep one morning last week.

Bob says to make mention of my beard and don't forget it.

Lucy Steman and Gertie Christ with Jess for driver were out sleigh riding on the mud road last Friday.

Two tramps well dressed, young and hearty looking took in Craigville last Friday. They made the acquaintance of nearly every house-keeper in town.

Craigville was on the bet last week. Rob Crosedale (*sic*) bet Strohm that Corbett



Mr. Gawkey, traveling salesman for Trentman, Ft. Wayne, was taking orders of our merchants here last week.

The taffy party last Monday night is said to have been a success. There were present three girls and three boys.

It is reported that we are to have a saloon in the near future. We hope it will be like the other and soon die a natural death.

One of Nat, Stimmel's daughters met with a serious accident a few days ago, being thrown from a horse breaking her shoulder.

There will be a meeting Tuesday evening at the school house for the purpose of electing a building committee for our new church.

Julian says it might do in olden times for the ground hog to come out and sun himself and order six weeks more for sleep, but it will not take in these days.

It is said that a man not as young as he was once or as old as he might be says all that is required for him to go with any of the girls is for him to ask them, but some of the girls say, no, my boy.

It seems for the past few weeks our charity or relief band have been dormant (*sic*) for some cause. Why it is we do not know. There seems to be a timidity which should be overcome, as there is a vast territory to work on and we see the needy at our door every day, This should inspire us to a redoubling of our duty and should cause us to work for the replenishing of our treasury as the treasurer has informed us the financial purse was exhausted; the surplus was taken up by a poor needy fellow traveler which took the last dollar and he has ordered an extra contribution which should be adhered to. Any one in need call on the treasurer Alford A. and he will see that your wants are administered to.

FOXY.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 6 Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1894. p. 8, col. 3.*

Craigville.

-----

BY FOXY.

Weather very changeable.

Very little sickness in this vicinity.

Ask Kibler if he thinks there is any reality in dreams.

Mrs. John Venis is visiting a few days with friends at Decatur.

Miss Myrtle Miller of Craigville, is visiting with friends at Geneva.

Mr. Grant Hauk, of Ft. Wayne, passed through here last Friday.

Mrs. Angeline Christ was the guest of Amanda Drum last Thursday.

John Miller and wife spent Sunday evening with J. M. Pyle and wife.

Several from here attended the meeting of the Christian endeavors at Ossian.

Chicken thieves regard a hen in the hand as good as two in the coop--locked.

Prayer meeting at Oakland church every Sunday and preaching every two weeks.

Grandma Clowser returned home last Monday from visiting with friends near Indianapolis.

Grandpa Miller and daughter, of Willshire, Ohio, visited relatives here a few days last week.

Mr. Alexander Elzey and wife, of near Decatur, visited with friends at this place a few days last week.

Wm. Miller, is giving his saw mill a general overhauling, preparatory to starting, as soon as repairs are completed, on full time.

We surely had one of the blizzards that we have been reading about, on last Monday. As the Irishman said it was a regular Jimmycain.

We are waiting with patience for congress to pass the Wilson Bill. Hurry

the bill through, boys, so we may know who is for and against the poor.

The church building committee met last Friday evening and made arrangements to commence the church house as soon as the weather will admit of laying the stone foundation.

Why will respectable girls countenance young men who have no respect for themselves or any one else. Shun such company, young women, as you would a venomous reptile.

Boys, go a little slow, your meanness has been made known, and if you repeat your conduct of last Saturday night you will gain the acquaintance of the grand jury at its next session. So be wise and be warned.

Snakey should be sure that he gets both sides of the question before he accuses others for the same. John did say, and will not go back on it; that the boys did run and was out in the road by the time he (John) got out.

The soliciting committee for our new church report good success so far. This is as it should be. If the people would give to churches and all christian enterprises as freely as they should the bread thrown upon the waters would return in many days. If we cannot give much let us give what we can and think of the widow's mite.

We blush to tell it but nevertheless it is true, that there are a few young men in this vicinity that have no respect, at least their language does not admit of judging them otherwise, for themselves or for those around them, and we think our business men do wrong to allow them to loaf in their houses of business. Women and children are both to go in where they are congregated. A man was heard to say last week that he would not rent a farm in this vicinity for the reason that he would not bring his children to so rough a place as Craigville.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 7 Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1894. p. 2, col. 2.*

Snakey was the byline of the "Honduras Hootings." correspondent, who wrote,

"John Swartz says it was Foxy who did not get both sides of the affair; that Jake and and (*sic*) the other fellow was not out in the road and did not run a step."

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 6 Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1894. p. 4, col. 5.*

A later Honduras column made a couple comments about Craigville: "Craigville turns out at meeting to the man." and "Some of Craigville braves had an upset while going home from church; they lost their gloves and over shoes. Try it again boys."

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 8 Wednesday, Feb. 21, 1894. p. 7, col. 1, 2.*

### Real Estate Dealings.

-----

The following real estate transfers have been recorded in Recorder W. F. Goynes's office since our last report:

...

B F Hower to D C Neuenschwander, lot 18	
Craigville .....	250
...	
Simon P Hetrick to Noah F Hetrick, Lancaster tp, 40 a. ....	1,000
...	

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 7 Wednesday, Feb. 14, 1894. p. 6, col. 6.*

S. H. Cochran, of Craigville, paid this office an interesting call last Wednesday. In a former issue of the BANNER we informed our readers of an interesting device of his invention to use in tying fodder. It is a wire and clasp adjustable to the size of the bundle to be tied. This is considered a valuable invention, and Mr. Cochran has some capitalists under contract to pay him a good sum as soon as the pending patent is granted. The patent would have been granted some time ago but for the negligence of the agent having it in charge. Mr. Cochran is quite sanguine that the legal process will be completed soon, and the device will then be manufactured ready for the trade. Since basswood bark is almost a thing of the past, this invention will come in good play on every farm.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 9 Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1894. p. 1, col. 2.*

#### Craigville Crums.

-----

Say John was that good side meat.

John Kibler visited friends near Decatur last week.

Did that fellow stand on his head as he agreed to do?

B. F. Hower was at Bluffton last Monday on business.

Miss Lucy Steman attended examination at Bluffton last Saturday.

John Miller and wife are spending a few days with friends at Geneva.

Grandpa and Grandma John were at Bluffton last Friday on business.

Is Charley stuck on the blacking or is the blacking stuck on Charley.

Aaron, you should not let the boys get the joke on you; they are up to their tricks.

Mrs. Katy France of Liberty Center is the guest of Philip Brineman and wife for a few days.

We are glad to note a letter from Curryville last week. Keep on Pet we like to hear from our neighbors.

Did that girl answer your letter Aaron? If not try the old maxim: If at first you don't succeed try, try again.

Miss Manta Elzey and Miss Emma Kibler from near Decatur visited with friends in Craigville a few days last week.

Elmer Abbott is visiting with friends in Ohio; it is said that he will move to the Buckeye state if he can find a place he likes.

Many from here have been attending the meeting at Zion the last week, but not to a man, as Snakeye would have us to believe.

Burt leave your shooter at home the next time you go mink hunting or else pop him while he is peeping at you from the log.

D. W. Abbott who had been holding a protracted meeting in Paulding county for the last three weeks returned to his home in Craigville Wednesday.

Girls, always take the advice of your mothers and we will vouch for the good results, for mothers should know more than those that have not the experience of mothers.

We wonder if David B. Hill of New York thinks he is paving the road to the Presidency by his course in the senate: look out, Davy, right is right and right wrongs no one.

In having the boiler of the saw mill at this place repaired it was necessary to tear down the furnace which cannot be rebuilt until the weather moderates so the mill is at a stand still the last two weeks.

The Clover Leaf R. R. seems to be hard up: not long since they abandoned many of the telegraph officers then cut down the hours of labor making eleven cents less wages per day and now they have laid off all the section hands one day each week.

Our school closed last Thursday and it being Washington's birth day the school celebrated the same in a grand style. There were visitors from far and near being over two hundred people present, so estimated at least, and while the house was crowded to the utmost good order prevailed and one and all appeared to enjoy themselves.

The Decatur Democrat in a clipping from the Indianapolis Sentinel says democrat congressmen who voted against the Wilson bill are hearing from their constituents. Democrat clubs of New York and Brooklyn have passed resolutions censuring those that voted in the negative. We are with them every time and all the time; if we are to have reform let us have it in full.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 9 Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1894. p. 2, col. 1.*

Mrs. D. H. Reed, of Craigville, was in the city Tuesday. She called to renew here BANNER subscription.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 9 Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1894. p. 5, col. 1.*

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

Everybody has bad colds.

Warren Christ's baby is very sick.

John Miller and wife are still visiting at Geneva.

Henry says that Teddy held his first girl last Saturday night.

B. P. John and Simon Julian were at Bluffton last Tuesday.

Alf has the dandy horse now. The boys can all fall to the rear.

Spike, how about the overshoes, did the mule kick them off or not?

Henry Gilliland is the most forgetful man yet found in Craigville.

Simon Julian traded two hogs to Bert Drum for his watch last week.

Miss Flo Brentlinger was calling on friends in Craigville one day last week.

D. W. Abbott is holding series of meetings in Paulding county, Ohio.

Sherm, Bob and John went coon hunting and brought home three little pineys.

The Misses McCorkle, of Ossian, were here Tuesday. They wish to get a class in music here.

Mrs. Emma Pyle, of Craigville attended a meeting of the W. R. C. at Decatur last Friday evening.

Spring will be here soon. The blue birds and robins are making the morning resound with their merry songs.

Mrs. Alexander Fisher has purchased the farm known as the Lawrence farm one mile west of Craigville. The deed was made last week.

Miss Lenna Anderson, of near Craigville, returned home from Ohio last Saturday, whre she had been visiting for a couple of months.

Ezra Steel, agent for John Hale of Decatur, bought and shipped a car load of wheat from this place last week. The price paid was 50c.

We are pleased to learn of our old friend C. A. Affolder being the lucky man in the race for marshall of Bluffton. Accept our congratulations, Charley.

There is a girl in Decatur that says she would rather be an old man's pet than a young man's slave. Now Aaron, here is your chance, do not let this go by unnoticed.

Walter Reed and Alf Abbott were at Bluffton last Wednesday night and took another ride on the goat. From the looks of the boys they had a hard tussel with Billy.

Mr. Kreep of Bluffton, came here last Wednesday after a girl to do house work. He took Miss Gertie Christ with him, but owing to the severe sickness of her baby sister, she returned the next day.

It is amusing to hear a republican try to explain the cause of the hard times. One would think to hear them that the present congress had made or changed all the laws now in vogue. Ha! ha! but you are cute.

Wm. Miller, proprietor of the saw mill at this place has had a new arch put up in the place of the old one that was torn down to repair the boiler and will start to sawing the coming week if the weather will permit.

Grandpa Miller, of Willshire, Ohio, will move to Craigville this week. He has disposed of his property in Willshire and will either buy or build a dwelling here in the near future. Welcome to our midst, grandpa.

J. P. Strohm, of Craigville, met Joe Beery, of near Decatur at the Barger school house four miles northeast of this place, in a debate on the question: "Resolved, that science has done more to moralize the world of man, than the Bible." Craigville the affirmative, and gaining a decision.

We fear from the looks of things that the committee on the Wilson bill will let the millionaires and manufacturers gull them and defeat the will of the people. They should favor no one. If they give one protection they should all. The people are watching the proceedings and woe to the man that fails to carry out the promises of '92.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 10 Wednesday, Mar. 7, 1894. p. 2, col. 1.*

Report of the Craigville School.

The following is the report of the Craigville school for the term ending Feb. 22nd 1894. Total enrollment 63. Average daily attendance 94. Following are the names of pupils who were neither absent nor tardy during the term: Edgar Abbott, Gerthie Hower, Verna Miller, Minnie Shaffer, Daisy Robenold, Nora Baxter, Minnie Hower, Willie Strohm, Isaiah Brinneman, Clintie Gilliland, Henry Strohm, Orla Pierce, Lue Miller, Sadie Miller, Fred Davenport, John Strohm and Bertha Miller. School closed with appropriate exercises in commemoration of the birth, life and death of Washington.

WALTER R. REED,

Teacher.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 10 Wednesday, Mar. 7, 1894. p. 3, col. 4.*

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

Health is not very good at present.

Mrs. Hattie Gilliland is on the sick list.

J. M. Pyle has been on the sick list for several days.

Clell Pyle and John Hawk traded horses last week.

Sylvester Venis was here last week looking for a house to rent.

John Miller and family returned last Wednesday from Geneva.

Aaron did not get left last Sunday night, he took two girls to church.

Quarterly meeting at the Oakland church next Saturday and Sunday.

Frank Baum and family were the guests of B. F. Hower last Monday.

Grandpa Miller moved from Wil[1]shire, Ohio to this place last Wednesday.

Protracted meeting in progress at Lancaster chapel four miles northwest of this place.



Mr. Alex Elzey and Mr. Elmer Kettle were here last Tuesday trying to rent and buy a farm.

C. B. Niblick, Rob Steel and Wm. Hartman are putting a large tile ditch through their farms.

Elmer Abbott returned from Ohio last Monday where he had been visiting for a couple of weeks.

The saw mill resumed work again last Tuesday after being shut down several weeks for repairs.

Grandpa John has rented his farm to J. W. Clowser for three years; Clowser is to take possession this week.

J. W. Merryman of a sash and door firm of Decatur was here last Monday to complete an agreement to furnish windows for the new church at Craigville.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 11 Wednesday, Mar. 14, 1894. p. 3, col. 3.*

Wm. Hartman, of Craigville, paid this office an interesting call last Saturday.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 13 Wednesday, Mar. 28, 1894. p. 7, col. 1.*

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

Health is good in this vicinity.

Miss Gertie Christ was visiting friends at Bluffton last week.

The cold wave of the last few days is thought to have killed all the fruit.

Kibler and Jack were fishing last Saturday but failed to make a catch.

Thomas Elzey, living near Decatur, visited friends at Craigville one day last week.

Reports are that three, if not four, new houses will go up in Craigville this summer.

Sunday School was organized at Oakland last Sunday with a good selection of officers.

Orian Craner and wife, living near Genev[a], were guests of John Miller and family last Sunday.

Wm. Robenold will commence work on two new dwellings at Preble, Adams county this week.

Items scarce this week as the writer has been wrestling with the grip and is not free of the same.

Tramps are getting to be quite numerous; ten in one day are reported in this place one day last week.

Mr. Oscar Plank and Mrs. Ella Drum of Curryville, were married last Saturday night at the home of the bride.

Wm. Diehl and wife and Mrs. Hattie Gilliland and son visited Wm. Pierce and family last Sunday.

Mr. Allen Steman and will Askins (*sic*) of Elida, Ohio, visited friends in and around Curryville a couple of days last week.

Mr. Philip Breneman received a nice Bible for a birthday present last Friday. we hope he will prize it highly and also be guided by it.

The foundation for the new church at this place will be commenced this week and the building will be pushed to completion as fast as possible.

Eggs were in big demand here Easter, parties eating from one and a half dozen upward and one man is reported as saying he would eat five dozen during the day.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 13 Wednesday, Mar. 28, 1894. p. 8, col. 1, 2.*

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

Health generally good.

Items are few this week.

Rob Croasdale is reported as gone west.

Ask Isiah if he would like another cigar.

Sunday school was well attended at Oakland last Sunday.

Ask John Kibler how he likes to work puzzles for pastime (*sic*)

Now that spring has come again everybody seems to be happy.

Rev. Abbott filled his appointments in Paulding county, Ohio, last Sunday.

Alf Abbott will leave this week for an extended visit with friends in Oho.

Burt Drum and McClellan Pyle were at Bluffton on business last Saturday.

Mat Crum and wife were the guests of Tillman Robehold (*sic*) and family last Thursday.

John Anderson and wife were the guests of Ethan John and wife last Thursday.

Mrs. Anna Beach, os (*sic*) Bluffton, is visiting with friends in Craigville for a few days.

Miss Gertie Christ, of this place is now doing work for Charles Miller, of Bluffton.

Ves. Venic (*sic*) has bought property of Joe Hartman and will be a citizen of this place hereafter.

John Miller has purchased two lots from Wm. Hartman and will put a dwelling on them soon.

Rev. Payne preached at Oakland last Sunday afternoon and at the Swamp school house in the evening.

John Shaffer, of this place, went to Ft. Wayne last Sunday to take a position in the school of the feeble minded.

Mr. Spitzer, a Dunkard minister of Markle, delivered a fine sermon Thursday evening at the Craigvilled (*sic*) school house.

Some of our citizens have added to the appearence (*sic*) of their property by setting shade trees in front of their property.

The foundation for the new church is up to the surface of the grund and the masons will be working on the same this week.

There was thre[e] members added to the Christian Union church at Oakland last Sunday, and six at the Swamp house in the evening.

Why not be enterprising and each property owner lay down a new side walk in front of his property. This is really needful in our village.

Burt, be sure and not forget your pocket book the next time you go to Bluffton, for they say that Bluffton has adopted the cash system.

Frandpa (*sic*) Miller has purchased a lot of D. W. Abbott, and will erect a dwelling on the same as soon as he can get the material on the ground.

If the Stevenson Bro's. desire curiosities for their show, they should come to Craigville and pick up a few of the boys that have dispensed with their mustache.

It seems to us that those contemplating running a saloon at this place would do better financially by investing their capital in some business they would not only have the good will of the citizens but would have the patronage of the community.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 14 Wednesday, April 4, 1894. p. 2, col. 1, 2.*

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

Health remains good.

As yet no physician has located here.

The boys are having a picnic herding cattle.

Miss Gibson of Decatur returned home Saturday.

Aaron Mosure commenced making tile last week.

J. M. Pyle has hired to Geo. W. Drum for the summer.

Henry, did the boy with the new knife whittle in school?

Phil Breneman has hired to Aaron Mosure for the summer.

Alf Abbott visited with J. W. Drum last Sunday near Ft. Wayne.

Mrs. Warren Christ received quite a shaking up by a fall Friday.

Myrtle Robenold visited her sister Mrs. Beach of Bluffton Sunday.

D. W. Abbott attended the ministers' counsel in Ohio last week.

Mrs. Davenport took supper with J. M. Pyle and family Wednesday.

Geo. W. Drum will raise sweet corn for the Bluffton Canning house.

How about some new side walks? Some one start the ball rolling.

Mr. Cartwright our school teacher spent Sunday at his home in Pennville.

The saw mill here shut down a few days last week to give the hands a rest.

Gardening is about all done and the women will have time to gather dandelions.

It has been hinted that there will be a wedding in Craigville in the near future.

Mrs. Dan Mechling visited with her parents at Craigville Saturday and Sunday.

Our postoffice was moved Friday from D. W. Abbott's store to B. F. Hower's.

Mat Crum and wife and Mrs. Tilman Robenold were at Bluffton last Saturday.

Miss Dva [Eva] Drum assistant postmaster of Curryville visited Mrs. Addie John Saturday.

Miss Nettie Clowser and Miss Blanch Gallivan visited with friends here Friday.

Mrs. Breneman visited with Mrs. Anna Beach of Bluffton last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. Willis Markley and wife of Poneto are boarding with Mr. Neuenschwander for a few days.

H. M. Gilliland has built him a new chicken coop; he does not believe in buying eggs all the year.

The citizens of this vicinity got together last week and put up a new fence around the cemetery.

Mr. Ethan John and wife and Mrs. Sarah Clowser visited with John Anderson and wife last Thursday.

It is said that E. P. Davenport is the assistant postmaster and Jake Clowser clerk under the new postmaster.

Henry said he had a notion to throw the house plants all out in the street. Better not Henry for fear of the broom stick.

It is said that the Christian Union class at Union Center is gaining in membership daily; let the good work go on.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 17 Wednesday, April 25, 1894. p. 3, col. 3*

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

Mr. Neuenschwander's house will be finished this week.

Warren Christ went to Decatur Saturday on business.

Ves Venis had his foot mashed with a hand car last week.

Rev. Payne preached at Oakland last Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Anna Beach of Bluffton, is visiting with friends here.

The carpenters will commence on the church next Monday.

Mart Monroe Shady was in Craigville Friday on business.

Grandpa and Ma John were at Bluffton last week on business.

John Miller will have his house ready to go into in a few days.

Miss Mary Shaffer of Bluffton, visited her parents here last Sunday.

Health in this vicinity is as good as it has been for years at this season.

The storm Saturday night shook the buildings and laid fences to the ground.

Dan Mechling, Cal Kimp and others were at St. Mary's river fishing a few days ago.

Miss Gibson, of Decatur, who is giving lessons in music east of here, returned home last Friday.

Sunday school at Oakland is in a flourishing condition; well attended by teachers and scholars.

While Judgeson Pyle was in Bluffton a few days ago, his horse became unmanageable and broke a shaft of his buggy.

Wm. Miller is improving his property by putting up a summer kitchen, and up ground cellar and filling up his front yard.

Ad Richey is talking of buying a lot and building a house for himself. This is business, Ad, get the cage and then the bird.

Mr. and Mrs. Markley who have been boarding with Mr. Neuenschwander for a few days, left Friday for a short visit home at Poneto.

John Kibler, Wm. Diehl, Burt Tucker, Jess Christ and Will Robenold went fishing Friday afternoon, returning Saturday. They report a good time.

We notice that some of the boys of this place are jumping on and off trains while they are moving. This should be stopped as it [is] dangerous and they are liable to be fined.

It is said that it has become a rule for certain parties to charge for writing letters. Thanks to the hickory sprout in early days, we can write our own letters and save that ten cents.

If school teachers would get outside the school room at noon and recess and have an eye on the scholars, the children would not be climbing trees and doing things they ought nio to.

If there is a physician has any idea of locating here, now is the time for him to come, as there will be a house empty in a few days. Hurry up for we need you and will welcome you to our midst.

The people north of here are talking of building a new church this summer. We believe it would be wise to wait as the people are building one at Craigville and could nould not aford (*sic*) to help their brethren.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 18 Wednesday, May, 2, 1894. p. 2, col. 1, 2.*

B. F. Hower is now postmaster at Craigville in place of D. W. Abbott whose time was out. Mr. Hower took possession about ten days ago.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 18 Wednesday, May, 2, 1894. p. 5, col. 1.*

Patronage during this time was controlled by the Pendleton Civil Service Reform Act of 1883, which over the years reduced the number of political patronage jobs.

Craigville Crums.

-----

A lie seldom hurts anyone but the truth often does.

Mert and Myrtle that was quite a collision was it not.

John Miller will move into his new house today, Monday.

There was singing at D. W. Abbott's last Tuesday evening.

Health is good, better than usual at this season of the year.

Kibler says he wonders who that flippenjenny was anyhow.

Grant Hank (*sic*) of Ft. Wayne was in our village one day last week.

Many of the farmers are done planting corn in this neighborhood.

Amos Hetrick says it is too late to plant corn, but not too late to replant.

Ves Miller, Bertha Miller and Nettie Clowser visited friends at Tocsin last Sunday.

Myrtle Miller and Lucy Christ were in the woods gathering wild flowers last Sunday.

Simon Julian and family and Henry Gilliland visited with friends at Tocsin last Sunday.

Mrs. John Miller attended the funeral of one of her neices (*sic*) at Geneva last Sunday.

Wm. Diehl has commenced butchering. Now we hope we can have fresh meat at all times.

It looks as though democrats have done as the saying goes, cut off their nose to spite their face.

It is said that Emery found something last week but as yet has found no one to claim property.

The supervisor at this place is working the roads. Go ahead, Lem, the roads need your skill.

Miss Gibson of Decatur and Mrs. France of Liberty Center took the train at this station last Thursday.

Till Robenold and wife and Mat Crum and wife were visiting with relatives in Adams county last Sunday.

The Misses Anna and Alice Edington were visiting with their aunt, Mrs. Emma Arnold of Craigville last week.

It is said that one young man here has two girls, first and second class, one from Bluffton and one from the country.

The carpenters are through with the Neu[en]schwander building and will commence on the church tomorrow, Tuesday.

The late rains have been a good thing for the grass and oats and wheat; prospects are good for a large crop in general.

Ves Venis and family and Mrs. Frank Hower and daughter Minnie, were visiting friends in Adams county last Sunday.

The Life insurance agent Mr. Markley of Poneto now of Craigville is talking of locating here, if so, we extend you welcome.

Jacob Bloucher, formerly of this place, now of Ohio City, was shaking hands with old acquaintances here one day last week.

Myrtle says she wishes Jake Saner would send her a bunch of orange blossoms from his far away home in the golden state of California.

Mrs. Kraner of Geneva came here Saturday to notify John Miller and family that one of their relatives was dead and another not expected to live.

The boys that catch all the young birds and rob all the birds' nests is not only bad boys but lay themselves and their guardians liable to a fine by law. Boys be careful and do not get into trouble.

Where is that doctor that is going to locate with us? Hustle up Doc., your business may be a little dull at present but the time is coming when you would wish you were two or three doctors for a while.

It is stated that Miss Clara Clowser who has been staying with Grandma Hetrick since last fall will go home this week and Miss Gertie Christ will take her place. Grandma has to keep a girl all the time she being too old and feeble to do her own work.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 19 Wednesday, May, 9, 1894. p. 2, col. 1 - 3.*

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

Health report remains good.  
Farmers mostly done planting.  
Hay harvest will soon be here.  
Who stuck you with a pin Naamon?  
Wm. Diehl has the contract to paint the new saloon.  
Wm. Miller has arranged his hay scales for weighing stock.  
Mrs. Dr. Davenport spent Thursday with friends in Craigville.  
Mrs. Arnold employed John Miller to repair her dwelling last week.  
Wm. Latamore and wife, of Poneto, were the guest of friends Sunday.  
Frank Randall and family visited with friends in Adams county Sunday.  
Charles Worthman and wife were the guests of D. W. Abbott last Sunday.  
Miss Corkle, of Ossian, gave lessons in music in Craigville one day last week.  
Oakland Sunday school is progressing finely with good attendance each Sunday.  
Trustee Ceed was here last Saturday repainting the blackboards of our school house.  
There were several went from here last Sunday to view the dredge at Liberty Center.  
If we would always obey the laws of God we would never transgress the laws of our country.  
Orian Kraner and wife and Isaac Baker and wife, of Geneva, were guests of John Miller Sunday.  
There was a man through here one day last week selling cardenter (*sic*) tools. He disposed of some at this place.  
Mr. Alf Abbott and our school teacher with their best girls visited at Pennville last Saturday and Sunday.  
Wonder why some doctor does not come and locate here. We are sure this is a good location for the right man.  
Our old friend Tim Hartman and wife of Bluffton, was visiting his parents at this place a couple of days last week.

John Elzey, a medicine vender from near Berne, Adams county, stopped with acquaintances in Craigville one night last week.

Jacob Heller and wife, from near Decatur, were at Bluffton on business last Friday and stopped over night with Wm. Hartman and wife of this place.

Mrs. John Miller returned home last Monday from Geneva where she attended the funeral of one of her nieces. The[n] was called again Tuesday to the bedside of another niece that is lying at death's door.

Our church is now well under way and let all call to mind that only a few weeks remain until the first installment on your subscription is due. Let each be ready to pay and we will thus hasten the completion of our house of worship.

What is pleasanter than to see the children of a community anxious to attend Sunday School? Parents can do nothing better than to encourage their children in this desire and go with them as often as circumstances will permit.

A party from this place was a witness to a conversation of republicans while in Bluffton a few days ago. One was heard to say that he hoped Steele would get the nomination; another that Steele was his man; another didn't see anything in Peterson; one said he was for Steele for he was the strongest man, so let it be who it may. One thought Steele was the best wire worker for he would do things no one would have any idea.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 20 Wednesday, May, 16, 1894. p. 2, col. 3.*

Also, in the May 16th issue of the Banner, appeared the Application for Liquor License by Daniel C. Neuenschwander to the June term of the board of commissioner for his saloon on lot 18 in Craigville. See the articles on SALOONS on this website. Or see

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 20 Wednesday, May, 16, 1894. p. 6, col. 3.*

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 21 Wednesday, May, 23, 1894. p. 6, col. 3.*

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

Amos Hetrick lost a horse one day last week.

Rain, rain old Indiana has come back once more.

Mrs. Breneman was at Bluffton last Thursday on business.

Dave Hartman was at Ft. Wayne last week on business.

Grandpa Miller has part of the lumber on the ground for his new dwelling house.

Mrs. Elzey and little grandson are visiting with relatives in Craigville for a few days.

Mr. Godfrey of Bluffton is tearing down and moving to Bluffton the old Ray house. What is Craigville's loss will be Bluffton's gain.

Alf Abott says those that are in need of anything in the furniture line should give him a call as he is prepared to do some fine work in that line.

Where is that Doctor that was to be here last Wednesday. So far he has failed to put in his appearance; some one is going to lose a good location.

Some people are very thoughtless in putting up scare crows and other like things along the public highway thereby causing horses to scare. Parties doring (*sic*) so should be held liable to fine by law.

It is reported that parties are letting their horses run at large at night. Some one will have to go down in their pockets and hunt up some dimes for the supervisor some of these days.

A good republican was heard to say a few days since that he believed if Congress would have given us free trade in full months ago that the country would be in a better condition today than what it is.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 21 Wednesday, May, 23, 1894. p. 2, col. 1, 2.*

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

Nobody sick but the doctors.

Two days out of seven no rain.

Ask Burt Drum where his umbrella is.

Last week was notable for horse trading.

In a few days the saloon will be in full blast.

Grandpa Miller has the frame of is house up.

Wm. Diehl shipped a dead calf by express to Chicago last Thursday.

Miss Mary Shaffer of Bluffton spent Sunday with her parents in Craigville.

The wet weather of the last few days has put the carpenters back with our church.

Mrs. Maria Elzey living near Decatur, who has been visiting with her son at this place for a few days returned to her home Sunday.

Mr. Alex Elzey and wife and Mrs. Thomas Elzey spent Sunday with relatives at Craigville.

It is reported that Grant Hawk and John Shaffer have quit work at the Ft. Wayne asylum.

On account of rain last Sunday afternoon Rev. Payne did not fill his appointment at Oakland church.

Dr. Huffman of Mt. Zion was here last week. Did not learn whether he will locate here or not but hope he will for we need a doctor and this is a good location for the right man.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 22 Wednesday, May. 30, 1894. p. 6, col. 3.*

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

Health very good in our village.

Mrs. Mat Crum is said to be quite sick.

Ask Alf if he is converted or perverted.

Mrs. Dr. Davenport is reported as being worse again.

Grandpa Miller has his new dwelling ready for the shingles.

Burt Tucker has a pet squirrel that follows him like a dog.

Now that the weather is warmer one can almost see things grow.

The small boys are having a harvest gathering wild gooseberries.

Jess Christ has hired to work for Hartman and Drum Bros at Curryville.

Mrs. Wm. Robenold of this place spent a couple of days last week in Bluffton.

The work on the church building is progressing as fast as time and weather will admit (*sic*).

Who will be the one to occupy the one vacant houses in Craigville. Our new doctor likely.

Mrs. Amanda Drum and Mrs. Emma Pyle were at Bluffton last Friday, doing some shopping.

Sunday school at Oakland is in a flourishing condition with good attendance each Sunday.

Mrs. Craner and Mrs. Baker, of Geneva, were the guests of John Miller and family last Sunday.

Mercer & Cline, of Bluffton, are furnishing part of the lumber for the new church at this place.

Mrs. Sarah Venis and Grandma Clouser were guests of friends a few days last week in Bluffton.

Spite work is of evil, and profits no one, and should be looked upon as little less than private injury.

There is a dog in Craigville that attends church and Sunday school as regularly as the Sunday comes.

Lew Cast, of Decatur cigar manufactory was at this place one day last week making sales of his cigars.

Wilson Merriman, of Decatur, has the contract of furnishing the windows and doors for the church at this place.

A. N. Martin, first, last and all the time. He is the one to give Major Steel of Oklahoma fame, a start up salt river.

If everybody would attend to their own business and not to others the world would stand as long and get on as well by so doing.

H. M. Gilliland and Dave Hartman attended the quarterly meeting of the Christian Union at St. Paul in Adams county last Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Robenold had a large wart take[n] off her hand last week, which is very sore yet. Dr. Cook of Bluffton performed the operation.

Lem Shaffer has made quite an improvement to his property by erecting a new wood shed, which many of us poor fellows would like to duplicate.

The carpenters, Wm. Robenold and James Boehr, will go to Preble, Adams county, this week to finish the house they left for the plasterers some time ago.

The Sells Bros. or some other brothers should come and see Grandpa John's nobby little colt. It is marked with white spots that make it quite an oddity.

The citizens of Craigville and vicinity would hail the coming of some good doctor to their midst. Why not some one come and partake with us. We claim to have a good and moral community.

A good old republican was heard to say a few days ago that Coxey had voted for a change and now has got it. It is not known



what change was meant as Coxe is said to have voted for little Benny.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 23 Wednesday, June 6, 1894. p. 6, col. 4, 5.*

#### Craigville Crums.

-----

#### BY FOXY.

Everybody is wishing for rain.

Mrs. Davenport is reported very poorly again.

H. M. Gilliland visited a sick nephew at Tocsin last Wednesday.

The Y. P. C. U/ hold their meetings every Wednesday evening at the Oakland church.

The frost Wednesday night is said to have done considerable damage to certain localities.

There were several from here attended the Christian Endeavor at Ossian last Thursday.

Miss Eva Drum assistant postmistress at Curryville spent Sunday with friends in Bluffton.

Miss Sallie Drum and Miss Miller visited with Mrs. Amanda Drum, of this place Monday.

Mrs. Anna Beach, of Bluffton, returned to her home last Sunday after spending a week with friends at Craigville.

Our school will close this week. The school has made good progress under the instruction of the present teacher, Mr. Cartwright.

The saloon at this place opened for business last Tuesday and it is said that the proprietor is doing some business of evenings.

Elder Payne of the Christian Union congregation preached at Oakland church last Sunday and will preach again next Sunday at the same place.

Charley Shaffer spent Saturday night with his parents and took his sister and another young lady to the postoffice and treated them to ice cream.

Wonder how long this world would stand if every one would mind his own business and treat everyone as he would have everyone to treat him.

Uncle Ad Richey has bought a lot in Craigville and will erect a dwelling on the same this fall, then look out for a meeting, all right Uncle Ad we bid you welcome.

It is about time for some busy body or bodies to raise a racket. We have had peace for two or three weeks, so hurry up and give Craigville a boom in the racket life.

Mrs. Emma Arnold's house caught fire last Wednesday and but for the timely aid of the bucket department the widow would have had her house burned with others probably.

Will Diehl says if we put anything in the paper about him there will be war. So here goes for the war. Will Diehl butchered twice last week. Now throw out your skirmishers, Will.

The republican convention held at our school house last Saturday evening was a very quiet affair. Some five or six made their appearance about nine o'clock and transacted their business and retired so reported.

Craigville has been blessed with doctors the last week, no less than four having (*sic*) come to look up a location; as yet but one has concluded to cast his lot with us. Dr. Kohn of Willshire, Ohio, located with us Thursday and we extend the hand of fellowship to the Doctor and wish him success.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 24 Wednesday, June 13, 1894. p. 10, col. 4, 5.*

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

The Farmers have commenced making clover hay.

Corn and potatoes in this vicinity are looking well.

Items this week are like hen teeth; few and far between.

Wm. Hartman and wife spent Saturday with friends at Mt. Zion.

Mrs. Henry Gilliland, of Bluffton visited friends here last Sunday.

Mesdames Reed and Pyle visited the sick at Tocsin one day last week.

Til Robenold and J. M. Pyle were at Bluffton last Saturday on business.

Old Mr. and Mrs. John visited with friends near Vera Cruz last Sunday.

Mrs. Emma Pyle met with the W. R. C. in Decatur last Friday evening.

Mr. Ves Venis of Craigville, has been engaged on the T. St. L. & R. C. railroad at Bluffton.

J. M. Pyle and wife, John Kibler and Mac Pyle took dinner with Burt Drum and wife last Sunday.

John Anderson says there will be one million bushels of potatoes grown between his farm and Ossian.

Grandpa Miller is pushing his house to completion. When finished he will have the finest dwelling in this burg.

A lie may hurt for a little while and then leave the object in better standing than before, but some dread the truth.

Dr. Kohn of Willshire has cast his lot with us and we wish him success in his calling. Here is our hand Doc.

Mr. Lem Shaffer and wife of this place was the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sephus Crowl near Ossian last Sunday.

Some time ago the cry with every one you met was "I wish it would stop raining." Now it is "I wish it would rain."

Mrs. Amanda Drum and Miss Mary Shaffer visited Grandma Stiner one day

last week and report the old lady quite poorly.

Everybody should keep themselves posted on what congress is doing so they may know who is doing his duty as our law makers.

Nettie Stiner and Mr. Ruda Techanan (*sic*) came to Craigville on their wheels last Sunday and spent the day with Miss Mary Shaffer.

Dr. Huffman of Mt. Zion was here last week and rented a house which he will occupy this coming week. Welcom to our midst, Doctor.

Our wants seem never to have an end. Now that we have a good supply of good doctors we lack a good blacksmith and cordially invite one to locate with us, being confident a good smith could do a good business here.

Now that the first installment on the church subscription is due, let us all hand in our dollars so the church may be completed and ready for services before cold weather sets in. If every one will do his part there will be no difficulty in having the house ready for dedication early this fall.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 25 Wednesday, June 20, 1894. p. 2, col. 2, 3.*

Craigville Crums.

-----

But little sickness reported.

Vegetation in this vicinity is suffering for want of rain.

D. W. Abbott has had a stoop placed in front of his store.

Elder Spray preached at the Oakland church last Saturday evening.

Grandma Clowser is spending a few days with friends in Liberty Center.

Mrs. Breneman of Craigville called on Mrs. Beach of Bluffton last Saturday.

If the weather continues so hot and dry we predict a harvest for the doctors.

Mis[s] Pettie Martin was the guest of friends in Craigville a few days last week.

Grandpa and Grandma John were at Bluffton last Saturday doing some trading.

The Dunkards are holding a meeting three miles east of here at Pleasant Dale.

Mrs. Mary Elzey, living near Decatur, visited with friends here a few days last week.

Mrs. Anna Beach, of Bluffton, spent a few days with friends in Craigville last week.

H. M. Gilliland says he walked seven and one-half miles to get fourteen gooseberries.

The mower is heard in all directions and soon the clatter of the binder will greet our ears.

Mrs. Lena Gamble, of Bluffton, is visiting her parents, Lem Shaffer and wife for a few days.

Corn, oats and potatoes look well but unless we get rain soon we will have a short crop of each.

Why not have some new side walks with all the other improvements that is going on in our little burg.

Wm. Miller is having a driven well put down on his property. Will is getting tired of carrying water.

Our postmaster has put in his office a nice letter case with lock boxes. Now get you a key and everything will be lovely.

It has been hinted that we are to have a drug store. This is something that is needed. We hope the report may prove true.

Elder Payne occupied the pulpit at Oakland last Sunday afternoon and will preach at the same place in three weeks again.

If people in general were as anxious to attend church as they are to go visiting what congregations would assemble each Sabbath.

Mrs. Hattie Gilliland had the misfortune to run a rusty nail in her foot last week. Dr. Kahn dressed the wound and she is now able to be around.

Another doctor has become a citizen of Craigville. Dr. Huffman of near Warren, has moved in and cast his lot with the Craigvilleites. Welcome to our midst Doctor.

Wm. Diehl has added an attraction to his neat shop by putting in a fine refrigerator. We can now have fresh meat and good solid butter when we need it. Now, Will, do not get red headed again because your name appears in the paper.

The carpenters received the balance of the weather-boarding for the church last Friday. Now all that is needed to have the church completed is for those who subscribed money for the purpose of building this house of worship is to be prompt in paying what is now due.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 26 Wednesday June 27, 1894. p. 3, col. 2.*

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

Items scarce this week.

Craigville was almost depopulated on the Fourth.

I. Breneman visited with friends at Markle last week.

Wheat in this vicinity is about all cut and in the shock.

A great many are complaining but few are seriously indisposed.

Miss Myrtle Miller of Craigville is spending a few weeks with friends at Geneva.

The United Brethren church will hold their quarterly meeting at the Oakland church next Sunday.

A small child of Mr. and Mrs. Plank near Curryville was buried at Pleasant Dale last Sunday.

Mr. McGinnis of Bluffton was buggy riding with one of Craigville's young ladies last Saturday evening.

Some may have dollars while others have cents but often the cents are better are better appropriated than dollars are.

Mrs. Pyle was at Decatur last Friday attending a meeting of the W. R. C.

The editor would confer a favor on some of its readers by stating if the called session of congress established a gold standard.

We are still looking and waiting for a good sober, industrious blacksmith to come and be among us.

Last Saturday evening two wagons appeared in our village with a dog and a horn. The wagon was labeled "a fine concert." This they gave we believe to the satisfaction of all.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 28 Wednesday, July, 11, 1894. p. 2, col. 2.*

The Oakland church building was in front of the cemetery and north of it on 300 N.

The Plank child has not been found in either the Pleasant Dale Cemetery or the Oakland Cemetery, if it was ever marked.

The W. R. C. is the Women's Relief Corp., the auxiliary wing of the G. A. R. (Grand Army of the Republic), a Civil War veterans organization.

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

Health reported good.

Weather hot and dry.

Some of the farms are having their wheat threshed and report good yield and best quality.

Geo. Fisher and family of Hartford city are visiting with friends in and around Craigville.

Clement Ballinger visited with friends at Roanoke last Sunday.

F. G. Late of Balinger Ohio visited with friends here last week. Mr. Late is in poor health but he made the trip of 65 miles from six in the morning to six in the evening on his wheel.

James Cochran is painting Grandpa Miller's new dwelling.

Mrs. Sada Drum and daughter of Williamsport is spending a few days with friends and relatives here.

The quarterly meeting of the U. B. church at this place was well represented last Sunday.

Grandpa and ma John made a flying trip to Bluffton last Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Anna Beach went to Bluffton and visited at Craigville last Sunday.

Joshua Bright and wife of Adams county spent Sunday with their son-in-law north of Craigville.

Every body is wishing for rain.

Chas. Hower had a runaway last week but no damage done; Charles is a stayer in a runaway.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 29 Wednesday, July, 18, 1894. p. 2, col. 2.*

Pugney Pointers.

-----

BY TORMENT.

...

I. A. Kleinknight and wife attended quarterly meeting at Oakland Saturday.

...

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 29 Wednesday, July, 18, 1894. p. 8, col. 4.*

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

Some little sickness is reported.

Dr. Huffman had visitors Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Venis spent Sunday with friends at Decatur.

Ad. Richey's stone foundation of his house laid ready for the frame.

If we do not get rain soon the corn crop in this vicinity will be short.

B. P. John is night walker on the Clover Leaf railroad at this place.

B. F. Hower and family are visiting for a few days with friends in Ohio.

We are still waiting and watching for that black-smith; who will it be?

Lem Shaffer is one of the hands with Dave Crums threshing machine.

Mrs. Shaffer was called to the bedside of a dying grandchild at Bluffton Friday.

Ezra Beach and wife of Bluffton are spending a few days with friends at Craigville.

Free Waikins threshed some over 600 bushels of wheat so sida and has some 200 to thresh yet.

James Cochran has given the new church one coat of paint and will give another this week.

Mrs. Rachel Steel of Decatur is keeping house for her son Frank while he is visiting in Ohio.

John Miller has put in a cistern on his property besides other improvements he had made of late.

Wheat is being threshed as fast as machines can be secured to do the work, a good yield is reported.

H. M. Gilliland of this place was helping his brother-in-law John Ruly of Tocsin thresh last Saturday.

John Kibler has quit the carpenter trade and is going with a threshing machine owned by Mr. Householder.

Now that the blackberry season is on there are two pickers to every quart of berries to say nothing of the birds.

Grandpa Miller has the sand on the ground to plaster his new house; Mr. Bumgardner of Bluffton will do the work.

Our doctors are having some business and if this hot dry weather continues much longer we predict work for all.

The festival in behalf of the Christian Endeavor Saturday evening at Oakland seemed a success in every feature.

Mrs. Catherine Niblick of Adams county is lying seriously sick at the home of her brother William Hartman of this place.

Preaching at the Oakland church half a mile north of Craigville every Sabbath by Elder Spray and Elder Paynem, alternately.

John Hale of Decatur shipped a car load of wheat and a car load of corn from this station last week; he paid 48 cents for wheat and 40 cents for corn.

Mr. Daniel Haley of Decatur has the contract for plastering the church at this place; he has the lathing over half done and will put the first coat of mud on this week.

We are looking every day for the church finance committee to call upon us as our first installment our subscription is long past due; let each one be ready with his money when called upon and not make excuses as the church needs money to bring it to completion.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 30 Wednesday, July, 25, 1894. p. 2, col. 1, 2.*

Craigville Crums.

BY FOXY.

Dr. Huffman entertained company last Sunday.

Milton Reed visited with relatives last Sunday.

Warren Christ's baby has been sick for several days.

Ettie Watkins was the guest of Mrs. Pyle last Sunday.

John Kibler visited friends near Decatur over Sunday.

Elder Payne took dinner with J. M. Pyle and family last Sunday.

Logan and Elijah Rhodes of Ohio, is visiting with friends at Craigville.

Sephus Crawl and wife were visiting with Lem Shaffer and family last Sunday.

Any one wishing to purchase a fresh cow, call on J. M. Pyle, of Craigville.

Pete Baumgardner helped put on the mortar on the church at this place last week.

Mr. Davison, of Tocsin, was the guest of Simon Julian, of this place Sunday.

Dave Hartman's youngest child has been very sick for a few days, but is some better.

Naaman Christ was struck in the face by a chisel last Wednesday, making quite a gash.

Ice cream party at Mat Crum's one mile and a half north of Craigville Tuesday evening.

Naaman Christ came near losing one of his horses last week. George Humerchouse (*sic*) was the doctor.

Mrs. Anna Beach, of Bluffton, after spending several days with friends here, returned to her home Friday.

A small boy of Mr. Haley's the man that has the contract of plastering the church, was hit in the face by a horse last week. Several stitches were necessary.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO. 31 Wednesday, August 1, 1894. p. 2, col. 3.*

Tocsin.

-----

BY LUALABA.

...

Rev. Spray and wife visited friends around Oakland Wednesday and Thursday.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO. 33 Wednesday, August 15, 1894. p. 8, col. 2.*

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

Sickness on the increase.

D. W. Abbott and wife are attending annual conference.

Miss Emma Huffman and Miss Wimmer after spending a week with friends here will return to their home at Warren some time this week.

Dr. Huffman and wife of Craigville made a flying trip to their old home at Mt. Zion last Friday.

Mr. Fritzingler of Pennsylvania was the guest of the Robenold brothers one day last week.

S. D. Gephart, Amos Curry, Michael Minnich and families of Mt. Zion were the guests of Dr. Huffman last Sunday.

Jonas Bear has his house raised and partly weather boarded.

J. W. Drum of Ft. Wayne passed through Craigville last Saturday.

Mrs. Reed has been quite sick for a few days but is better at this writing. Dr. Davenport is waiting on her.

It is reported that the new church will be ready for dedication in about four weeks.

Myrtle Miller returned to her home here last Sunday after visiting with friends at Geneva for six or eight weeks.

Hiram Craner and wife, Orlan Craner . . . of this place last Sunday.

B. P. John was on the sick list a few days last week.

Miss Pearl Watkins is suffering with a catarrh on her hand.

Bertha Miller of this village has been very bad with typhoid fever but is reported better.

Add Richey put down a drove well for Henry Christ last week.

John Kibler visited with friends in Adams county a few days last week.

Sheriff Huffman of Bluffton was in Craigville one day last week on legal business.

It is said that one man got red headed because the people at [a] certain place would not vote him in as singing teacher and scared the christians right and left.

John Ruby and wife of Tocsin visited with H. M. Gilliland and family last Sunday.

Clint Fisher of Decatur was through here last Friday with a load of watermelons.

We think our burgh would take the premium for side walks.

Milton Reed and family are the guests of Mrs. Reed for a few days.

Some of the corn in this vicinity is ready to cut.

The farmers are plowing for wheat but the ground is very dry.

Some are talking of taking in the excursion to Toledo this week.

Once more Grover Cleveland has shown true blue by his letter to Congressman Catchings.

Mr. William Drum of South Whitley was the guests of Hiram Drum and family over Sunday.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 36 Wednesday, September 5, 1894. p. 2, col. 3, 4.*

Craigville Crums.

-----

BY FOXY.

Corn is being put in shock.

Sickness reported on the increase.

Mrs. Strohm is reported sick with typhoid (*sic*) fever.

Some of the farmers are done plowing for wheat.

Grandpa Miller has moved into his new dwelling.

Mrs. Reed reported sick last week is some better at present.

J. W. Clowser's baby is quite sick at the present writing.

D. W. Abbott will preach for the people at Geneva this year.

Nelson Abbott and wife took supper with Mr. Abbott last Sunday.

Mrs. Fisher Sundayed with her daughter Mrs. Amanda Drum.

Winniet Reed, of Markle, spent Sunday with his mother at this place.

Grandpa John says he has the grip but hopes that he will not get the la.

Miss Eva Drum, assistant post-mistress at Curryville, was at Toledo last week.

The rain Saturday night has cooled the atmosphere and made life comfortable.

James Cochran put the second coat of paint on the church at this place last week.

Mrs. Davidson, of Tocsin, visited her daughter Mrs. Julian of this place last Sunday.

Mrs. Warren Christ is spending a couple of weeks with friends in Allen county, Ohio.

We would advise a certain fellow to go a little slow if he does not want to get into trouble.

Will Smith and family of near Ossian were the guests of Simon Julian and family last Sunday.

Bertha Miller, spoken of in last week's itmes as being low with typhoid fever is much better.

Henry Gilliland says those people who get out so early on Sunday morning are bad medicine.

Mr. Tom Venis and wife, of near Decatur, spent Sunday with Ves Venis and family of this place.

Naaman Christ, Jess Christ, Burt Drum and Burt Tucker took in the show at Decatur last week.

Dave Hetrick says that he will have his buggy horse in good order by the time the roads are good next spring.

Word reaches us while we write that Mrs. Robt. Niblick, post-mistress at Gath, Adams county, is seriously ill.

Simon Julian and B. F. Hower were out hunting melon patches yesterday and report finding some fine melons.

C. T. Payne preached at the Oakland church last Sunday forenoon, his first appointment for the present pastoral year.

Several from here availed themselves of the cheap rates on the Clover Leaf last week and spent a day in viewing the city of Toledo.

Mrs. Lem Shaffer has been quite sick for a few days, but is better at this writing. Dr. Huffman is the attending physician.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 37 Wednesday, September 12, 1894. p. 2, col. 3.*

Craigville Crums.  
BY FOXY.

-----

Rev. Roberts of the United Brethren church preached his first sermon at Oakland last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Strohm is reported quite poorly at this writing.

Jacob Kepper and wife of near Salina [Celina], Ohio visited with D. W. Abbott and family a few days last week.

Bertha Miller has been very bad with typhoid fever.

The Christian Union church at this place is nearing completion and will be ready for dedication in a few weeks the date of which will be given later.

Jonas Bear has his home almost ready for occupancy.

Mr. Merit and Miss Minnie Abbott returned home from Ohio last week where they visited with friends for several days.

John Anderson and wife took dinner with Grandpa and Grandma John last Sunday.

It is reported that Dave Hartman has rented his farm to Elijah Christ.

Mrs. John Miller's daughters of Geneva visited with her over Sunday.

Will Deihl, our butcher met with an accident last week. After shooting a beef and cutting off its head and one fore-leg the animal kicked the knife and cut his hand badly.

Now that the campaign is on let us have some public speaking.

Without boasting we can say that we do not believe we have a wavering democrat in East Lancaster,

Let every democrat in state rejoice to know that Indiana has the best laws of any state in the union and that democrats put them on the statutes.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 38 Wednesday, September 19, 1894. p. 2, col. 3.*

Craigville.  
BY FOXY.

-----

Sick are all on the mend, so reported. The Misses Gertie Christ and Ettie Gilliland visited with friends at Markle last Saturday.

Mrs. Amanda Drum and Mrs Pyle, of this place, were the guests of Mr Alexander Elzey and family, of near Decatur, last Wednesday.

Mrs. Davenport was buried last Thursday. Funeral was preached at the house by Rev. D. W. Abbott.

Mr. Tom Felty and Orian Cranes (*sic*) and wife, of Geneva, visited John Miller and wife, of Craigville, last Sunday.



Bert Drum and wife were the guests of J. M. Pyle and wife last Sunday.

We are informed that Dr. Davenport will not practice medicine any longer.

The Dunkards are having a protracted meeting at Pleasantdale this week.

Rev. D. W. Abbot moved his family to Geneva last week.

There were several from here attended the speaking at Bluffton last Saturday.

Ask Amy if he ever got lost.

Charley Hower will return to college at Upland this week.

The Christian Union church building at this place will be dedicated the first Sunday in October.

Myrtle Miller will attend the Portland fair this week with her best fellow.

Judson Pyle and his best girl visited with friends in Adams county Sunday.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 39 Wednesday, September 26, 1894. p. 6, col. 2.*

#### Church Dedication.

-----

The new Christian Union church at Craigville will be dedicated Sunday, October 7. All friends are invited to be present.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 39 Wednesday, September 26, 1894. p. 8, col. 1.*

F. B. Watkins of Craigville was a caller at this office Friday and ordered the BANNER for a year to be sent to his son Edgar B. Watkins, Nickerson, Kansas.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV. NO 39 Wednesday, September 26, 1894. p. 8, col. 3.*

Craigville.  
BY FOXY.

-----

But little sickness reported.

Mrs. Addie John is laid up with neuralgia.

Mrs. Sarah Venis spent last week with friends at Decatur.

Ask Jack if he was scared when he thought his stable was on fire.

James Cochran put the finishing touch on the new church at this place last week.

Grandma Stiner is quite poorly she is living with her daughter, Mrs. Shaffer of this place.

Mr. Isaac Baker and wife of Geneva were the guests of John Miller and wife last Sunday.

People from far and near attended the communion service at the Dunkard church last Friday.

Toney Huffner, Ben. Sorg, John Sorg and Tracy Sorg of Ft Wayne are visiting friends here.

Mrs. Mary Ranner and children of Ft. Wayne are visiting with relatives in and around Craigville.

Add Richey says he is going to have one more dance in his new house but it will be a dutch dance.

Miss Josie Steman of Elida Ohio is visiting with her grand parents of Craigville Mr. Ethan John and wife.

Wm. Wolfcale and wife of Mahoning county Ohio near the Pennsylvania line visited friends at this place last week.

Rev. J. V. B. Flack of Missouri will officiate at the dedication next Sunday. Every body should come and hear this popular divine.

Mrs. Malissa Robenold of Craigville lost a black cashmere shawl between Craigville and Uniondale. Finder please leave at Lipkey & Studabaker's butcher shop, Bluffton.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 40 Wednesday, October 3, 1894. p. 2, col. 1.*

Martin Shady, of Craigville, was a visitor to the city [Bluffton] Saturday.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 40 Wednesday, October 3, 1894. p. 7, col. 1.*

Craigville.

-----

Health good.

Weather changable.

Dr. Kohn absented himself a few days last week.

Bethel Chapel is the title given to the house of God at Craigville.

Mrs. Pace, of Ohio, was visiting friends here Friday and Saturday.

It is said there has been a correspondence established between parties here and at Celina, Ohio.

The Populist speaking at the Craigville was presided over as chairman by a good old republican.

Mrs. Doc. Huffman was at her old home at Mt. Zion a few days last week calling on old friends.

J. V. B. Flack, LL., D., of Holt, Missouri, delivered three discourses in the new chapel; one Saturday evening and two on Sunday.

It is estimated by some that there were near twelve hundred people attended the dedication last Sunday, but we think one thousand would be near correct.

It is reported that a wire was stretched across the road one night last week to trip a certain young man but by some cause the trap did not work and the trappers, being fooled, used their revolvers but to no effect.

Last Friday evening about the time the school house bell ceased ringing for the Populist speaking, Mrs. Reed's dinner bell was heard. Supposing this to mean fire, quite a few started and ran to Mrs. Reed's dwelling to learn that it was not a fire alarm but that Mrs. Reed was taken seriously ill. The doctor was summoned and soon gave her relief.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 41 Wednesday, October 10, 1894. p. 2, col. 1, 2.*

Under the "Pugney Pointers" column by 'Torment' appeared the comment:

Isaac Bender and family, and Mrs. Chloe Garton went to Craigville last Sunday to attend the dedication of the Christian Union church.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 41 Wednesday, October 10, 1894. p. 2, col. 3.*

Martin Shady of Craigville brought us a sample of his potatoes last Friday. The eight tubers weighed seven and one half pounds, were smooth and beautiful. They are of the Prairie Rose variety. Last year he planted three potatoes, and the yield from them he planted this year and dug thirty-five bushels as a result. He raised them on the highest clay knob on the farm. They were planted late and received the benefit of the late rains.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 41 Wednesday, October 10, 1894. p. 7, col. 3.*

Craigville.

-----

BY FOXY.

Health good in this vicinity, so reported.

Husking corn and making kraut is the order of the day and sometimes of the night.

Mr. Davis the traveling auditor on the Clover Leaf railroad, was here last week and appointed A. S. Abbott as agent at this place. Jacob Clowser resigned.

Mrs. Craner, of Geneva, was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Miller of Craigville, last Wednesday night.

Grandpa John is walking with a cane, the result of being kicked by a colt.

Wm. Hartman who had his leg amputated last week, is getting along well. Dr. Cook of Bluffton, performed the operation assisted by Dr. Horton of Bluffton and Drs. Huffman and Davenport of this place.

Grandma Stiner is still quite poorly.

H. M. Gilliland was on the sick list a few days last week.

Delms (*sic*) Elzey of near Decatur, was the guest of J. M. Pyle and family the first of last week.

John Miller of this place, is putting up a new house for his son-in-law, Isaac Baker of Geneva.

Logan Rhodes of Mercer county, O., was visiting with friends here a few days last week.

Miss Jose Steman who has been visiting with relatives here for several days, returned to her home in Elida, Ohio, last Saturday.

Mrs. John Miller and daughter of Craigville, are visiting for a few days with friends at Geneva.

Certain candidates on the republican ticket are sending private letters to democrats asking them to support them next month.

Joe Watkins is talking of moving to Tennessee this fall.

Since the little boy came to the home of Elmer Humerhouse he is as proud as a hen with her first brood of chicks.

Sunday school was organized at Oakland church and at Bethel chapel last Sunday.

C. T. Payne will preach for the first time at Bethel chapel next Sunday.

John Kibler and Judson McClellan Pyle visited with friends near Decatur last Tuesday and Wednesday.

The income tax alone should cause every poor man to vote the democrat ticket without regard to party.

Some five or six tramps passed through Craigville last Sunday morning in time for breakfast. They were from thirteen to thirty years old. Some of them claimed to be going to Decatur while others claimed to be going to Marion. They slept in the Swamp school house Saturday night.

Alf Abbott and his best girl visited his parents at Geneva last Sunday.

Mr. Andrew Reed and wife took dinner with Mrs. Shaft, his sister, Sunday.

Our last congress passed many good and whol[e]some laws and repealed some very bad laws. Let every democrat remember this and everyone go to the poles (*sic*) and vote to have the good work go on.

Simon Julian is another happy man this morning, and says one more democrat has taken up residence in Craigville; boy and mother doing well.

Our school commenced this morning, presided over by Miss Vail of Ossian.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 42 Wednesday, October 17, 1894. p. 2, col. 3.*

Craigville.

----

BY FOXY.

Mr. Noah Sheman (*sic*), wife and little daughter from Elida Ohio are visiting with relatives here for a few days.

Syl[v]ester Vento of this place moved his family to Decatur last Friday; he has been working near Decatur all summer.

Mr. Louis Stiner and wife of Lima Ohio, Charles Stiner of Muncie, and John Shaffer of Ft. Wayne, attended the funeral of Grandma Stiner last Friday.

Wm. Harman is getting on nicely at this writing.

Mrs. Robert Niblick of Gath is visiting a few days with her brother Wm. Hartman.

Archie Shady Marion Shady's boy met with a sad accident last Thursday; while employed as driver on horse power putting down a well, his leg was caught between one of the levers and fractured. Dr. Huffman reduced the fracture.

It is reported that our school is to be divided and other teacher employed; we have made mention at different times that the school house was too small to accommodate the number of scholars enrolled at this place; we hope that the people will come to see the need of having the school building enlarged at the earliest convenience.

Wm. Diehl is going into the huckster business. Will is a hustler and will make the other boys get a move on them.

Mrs. Amanda Drum is quite sick at this writing.

Sam Deihl says there was a very small Democrat come to his house a few days ago and engaged board for a term of years; may Sam see his hopes relaid in this little stranger.

There was quite a crowd at the depot here to see Harrison pass through on his way to Decatur last Friday, three Democrats and one Republican.

Noah Steman of Elida Ohion occupied the pulpit at Bethel church last Sunday evening.

Mrs. Manta Elzey of Adams county is visiting with friends at this place for a few days.

We wander (*sic*) if the little bird that flew over Craigville a few days since was in earnest when it whispered a wedding.

To whom it may concern, those boys that go to meeting for no other purpose than to laugh and whisper and have others do the same had better stay at home and save their credit, and probably their money.

Democrats are all in line with skirmishes thrown out in front and a hollow square formed, and when the battle is ended next month, victory will crown our efforts and the reform already begun will go on to a finish. Hurrah for Democracy.

Oh say Jack where did you get that necktie, did some one give it to you?

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 43 Wednesday, October 24, 1894. p. 2, col. 3, 4.*

Under "Pugney Pointers." appears:

W. Freeman met with a painful accident a few days ago. In going to the woods to cut timber he fell, the ax striking him on the back of the head. Dr. Kohn of Craigville dressed the wound.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 43 Wednesday, October 24, 1894. p. 2, col. 4.*

Craigville.

----

BY FOXY.

No sickness reported since our last communication.

The rains of the last few days have made the roads quite bad and many are wishing for more pike roads.

Mr. Esick our new school teacher that takes charge of the lower grad of school at this place filled Miss Vale's place in old

school house Monday. Miss Vale taking a vacation until after the election.

J. W. Drum of Allen County visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Drum near Curryville last Sunday.

It is said that two of the prohibitionists of this precinct will vote the republican ticket tomorrow.

Those persons that are making it their business to steal chickens and wood had better go a little slow or the law may find them out.

Mrs. Anna Beach of west Bluffton spent a few days with friends at Craigville last week.

Sunday school at Oakland and Bethel chapel are well attended by parents and children; this is surely gratifying to those that love and respect the Lord's day.

C. L. Payne of the Christian Union preaches at Bethel chapel every two weeks and Sunday forenoon and Rev. Roberts of the United Brethren preaches at Oakland every two weeks Sunday evening services being on different Sabbaths, thus giving the people preaching every Sunday.

Before this will be printed the election will be over and one of the parties will be successful; which will it be? The party for the poor or the party for the rich? We have faith to believe that justice will be the victor.

Miss Mary Shaffer is visiting with friends in Muncie.

If we are rightly informed the women spoken of last week were successful in getting some republicans votes from the Prohibition ranks.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 45 Wednesday, November 7, 1894. p. 2, col. 3.*

Again, under "Pugney Pointers.":

Thanks to Craigville corespondent for correcting our mistake. It seems we were wrongly informed.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 45 Wednesday, November 7, 1894. p. 6, col. 3.*

Newspapers listed real estate transfers recorded in the courthouse's deed books.

Aaron A Mosure to Samuel Yost, et al.  
lot 12 Hartman's 1st add, Craigville  
and 16-100 a Lancaster tp..... 910

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 45 Wednesday, November 7, 1894. p. 6, col. 4.*

Craigville.

----

BY FOXY.

But very little sickness is reported not enough to keep the doctors looking pleasant.

Ther will be quarterly meeting at the Zion church next Saturday and Sunday.

One thing needfull in Craigville some girls imported or some young men exported.

Our schools getting along nicely under the instructions of Miss Vail and Mr. Essick.

The T. S. L. & C. R. R. have reduced expenses by dropping one man on the section at this place.

One of C. B. Niblick's children is reported very bad with typhoid fever. Dr. John is waiting on it.

R. A. Blair will ship a car load of draining tile from here this week; did not learn to what point.

We have just returned from our trip up Salt river and are ready in ninety-six are to send some one in our place.

Mrs. Rachel Steman of Elida Ohio is visiting for a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John of this place.

Arthur Abbott and his two little brothers Edgar and Merrit of Geneva visited with friends here over Sunday.

Mr. Alie McLaughlin of Pleasant Mills will teach a term of singing school at this place commencing next Saturday night.

Our Sunday Schools are being well represented, each school having an attendance of about eighty scholars with corps of officers and teachers.

Aaron Mosure of this place is said to be contemplating the building of cribs and make a business of buying and shipping corn; good for you Aaron.

Rev. Payne delivered a practical sermon at Bethel chapel last Sunday forenoon taking for this text Matthew twenty-sixth chapter and seventy-fifth verse.

The railroad company has offered to put in a loading switch at this place providing some one will build a warehouse here; now let some one that has the vim and wherewith to do with take hold of this proposition as we think the buying and shipping of grain from this point would be a paying business.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 46 Wednesday, November 12, 1894. p. 9, col. 4, 5.*

An accident at Craigville Saturday very suddenly ended the life of Milt Kessler, a brakeman on the Clover Leaf railroad. It seems that at this station they were trying to side track a couple of flat cars without stopping the train, and while breaking the train the unfortunate Kessler lost his balance, fell between the cars, his body being cut in threads by some fifteen cars passing over him. His home was at Delphos, Ohio, where a wife and one child were horrified at the death of their

husband and father. The funeral obsequies were held at Fort Wayne Monday, the same being attended by a large number of his friends.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Democratic Press. VOLUME I. NUMBER 5 Thursday, November 15, 1894. p. 1, col. 4.*

Craigville.

-----

BY FOXY.

Items are like hen teeth--few and far between.

Health is very good in this vicinity, much better than formerly at this season of the year.

Elder D. W. Abbott of Geneva, spent a few days last week with his sons at Craigville.

Wm. Hartman and family spent Thanksgiving with friends in Bluffton.

Mr. Wilson Merryman of Decatur, was here on business last Wednesday.

John Anderson and wife eat dinner with grandpa and grandma John on Thanksgiving.

Amos Hetrick has concluded there is no fun in pumping water by hand for his stock and has put up a wind-pump on the old farm.

Jacob Heller and wife living near Decatur took dinner with J. M. Pyle and family last Thursday.

The social for the benefit of the church held last Thursday evening, was a success, the only drawback being that there was not half enough baskets.

Our school teachers took a vacation over Thanksgiving.

The committee on program for a Christmas entertainment met Sunday evening and transacted what business was before the committee. Let every one help make the entertainment a success.

C. B. Niblick's child, reported last week very low with typhoid fever, is reported to be on the mend at this writing.

Alexander Elzey and wife of near Decatur visited a few days last week with friends here. Mr. Elzey returned home Saturday. Mrs. Elzey remaining a few days longer.

Elder Payne failed to fill his appointment here last Sunday. Suppose he could not leave his protracted meeting.

There will be a box social at this place Friday evening Dec. 14. Everybody is cordially invited to attend, and each and every lady old and young, is requested to bring with her a box with enough good things therein for herself and fellow. The proceeds to be applied on the church debt.

We were in hopes that we would have the pleasure of writing up the school reports this week, but are disappointed., but are disappointed.

Paper window blinds will do as far as they go, but fail to go high enough on certain occasions.

We are glad to hear the school scholars say, "we have the best of teachers." It speaks volum[e]s for the teachers.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 49 Wednesday, December 5 1894. p. 2, col. 3.*

The Craigville communications arrived one day too late for insertion this week.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 50 Wednesday, December 12, 1894. p. 5, col. 2.*

Craigville.

-----

BY FOXY.

Some sickness in and around Craigville.

Mrs. Croasdale has been quite sick for a few days.

Wm. Miller has put in a new platform to his hay scales.

Wm. Robenold ins working in the saw-mill at Peterson.

The loading switch at this station is now ready for the ties.

Grandpa and Grandma John were at Bluffton last Tuesday on business.

Mr. Henry Christ has put up a wire fence along the north line of his town lot.

P. P. Pierce who has been quite sick with typhoid fever, is able to sit up again.

Miss Gertie Christ of Craigville, has received the railroad agency at this station.

Aaron Mosure has his corn crib completed. It will hold some fourteen hundred bushels of corn.

Charley Shaffer had his left wrist fractured a week ago yesterday while scuffling with Elmer Stimmel.

C. B. Niblick was taken very suddenly with cramp last Monday. Dr. Kohn was called and soon gave relief.

Mrs. Blair returned to her home here last Wednesday after visiting with friends in Ohio for several days.

We with many others of this place received W. W. Greek's compliments last week by way of an image of himself.

We are at a loss to know why our last week's communication did not get in in time, as we mailed the same at least two hours before mail time.

Many of the Craigville people viewed the fire at Bluffton Saturday evening. We hare the gong plainly and could see the light very distinctly.

The box supper at this place last Friday evening, we are told, was not a success owing to bad roads. The receipts were some over seven dollars.

Ira Hower of Upland, will occupy the pulpit at Bethel chapel next Sunday the 23rd. Let everybody turn out and hear the talented young minister.

Our singing teacher Abe? McLaughlin, spent a week here giving instructions for the Christmas entertainment at this place Christmas eve.

Many wonder why the senators from New York fight the income tax so hard, A man with but one eye and that one impaired ought to see why. There are probably more men in the state of New York that the tax strike than any state in the union, and the voters of that state should never give these traitors their support in the future.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 51 Wednesday, December 19, 1894. p. 6, col. 2, 3.*

Craigville School.

-----

The following pupils of the advanced grades of the Craigville school were neither absent nor tardy during the past month: Merton Davenport, May Davenport, Mary Strohm, Fred Davenport, Bertha Miller, John Strohm, Lewis Miller, Orlo Pierce, Nina Shaft, Ethel Reed, Sadie Miller, Charles Robenold, Lucinda Watkins, Henry Strohm. The per cent of attendance was 85. LUCY J. VAIL. Teacher.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 51 Wednesday, December 19 1894. p. 9, col. 1.*

Craigville.

-----

BY FOXY.

Health improving.

Miss May Pierce is still quite sick.

The rails are on the ground for the stub switch at this place.

Alf Abbott and wife visited with his parents over Sunday.

Winslett Reed spent Christmas with his mother near Craigville.

Mrs. Croasdale reported sick in last week's issue, is much better.

George Shaft took dinner with J. M. Pyle and family last Sunday.

Mrs. Breneman will visit with her parents at Markle over Christmas.

B. P. John will spend the holidays with friends at Lima and Elida, Ohio.

Sherman Stanton's brother of Liberty Center, visited with him last week.

Dr. Huffman was quite sick Saturday, but at this writing is much better.

Clement Bolinger and wife were at Bluffton Tuesday making some purchases.

Rev. Ira Hower of Upland, occupied the pulpit at Bethel Chapel last Sunday forenoon.

Miss Vale of the advance grade of school, will take a vacation, until after New Years.

Dr. Huffman and wife, Mr. Esick and wife were at Bluffton Saturday on business.

Mrs. Croasdale's brother of Liberty Center, visited with her last Saturday and Sunday.

Burt Drum and wife were at Bluffton Thursday making some purchases for the holidays.

There was an error in the per cent of the school report. The per cent of attendance was 95 instead of 85.

Miss Mary Shaffer returned home from Muncie Saturday, where she had been staying for several weeks.

Parties from Marion have shipped eleven car loads of elm timber from this place within the last three weeks.

H. M. Gilliland of this place, attended the funeral of his cousin, Mrs. Sam Kunkel of Tocsin, last Saturday.

Jo Watkins will start for Tennessee in a few days to make that his future home. May prosperity attend him, is the wish of the writer.



Will Steman returned to his home in Elida, Ohio, Saturday after spending a few days with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. John of Craigville.

Miss Gertie Watkins who is staying with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Niblick of Gath, will spend Christmas with her parents near Craigville.

If our friends of the coming legislature wish to do something nice let them pass a law prohibiting teaming with heavy loads while the roads are wet. All the work done by supervisors on some of the roads in this district last spring was work thrown away.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 51 Wednesday, December 26 1894. p. 2, col. 3, 4.*

The overlap in coverage continues with the "Pugney Pointers." column noting:

Will Deihl of Craigville, was in our neighborhood buying turkeys last week.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. XLV, NO 51 Wednesday, December 26 1894. p. 4, col. 4.*

Frank Crum of Craigville, will read the PRESS for the next year to come, he being in the city yesterday on business, at which time he called and added his John Hancock to our large growing list.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Democratic Press. VOLUME I. NUMBER 13 Thursday, January 10, 1895. p. 1, col. 3.*

#### **CURRYVILLE.**

Mrs. Augie Griffin is on the sick list. Ezra Steel spent Sunday with his parents, there were also present George Drum, David and Sam Steele with their families,

of Peterson, and Joe Watkins, of Craigville.

Mrs. Fannie Drum is on the sick list.

Mrs. John Christ, of Craigville, was the guest of our agent, Miss Eva Drum, last Saturday.

Geo. Drum was in Decatur last Saturday on business.

Vess Miller accompanied by his sister, Bertha, and Etta Gilland, of Craigville, were the guests of Dr. Welke Monday evening. While in the house their horse became untied and started for home, compelling the trio to walk home.

Mr. Moss, the Dunkard minister will commence a series of meetings at Pleasant Dale this week.

Joe Wathing was in the berg Wednesday.

Wm. Diehl went to Decatur last Tuesday evening with [a] load of poultry and eggs. The Drum Bro's shipped their engine to Bluffton last Saturday.

Sam Rockwell was at Bluffton last Wednesday on on (*sic*) business.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Decatur Democrat. VOL. XXXVIII. NO. 43. Friday, January 11, 1895. p. 4, col. 2, 3.*

#### **CURRYVILLE SWEEPINGS.**

Christian Endeavor at Oakland every Wednesday every evening.

Miss Fanny Hower is the guest of her brother EI and family this week.

The literary at the Burger school house was well attended last Friday evening.

Rev. Payne is conducting a protracted meeting at Union Center, one mile north of this place.

Joe Walking and family left for Tennessee last Sunday night, where they will make their future home.

Geo. Shoff, agent for the Fairbanks Wind Power and Gas and Gasoline engines was here last Saturday.

Messrs. Jacob Pierce, Jas. Watkins and Ezra Steele were at Decatur on business last Monday.

The elevator at Curryville is a sure go. We are not like the Craigville people, who purchased the timber for an elevator and then sawed it up into railroad ties.

We see in the Magley items that the people of that wicked town are about to build a church. It will be built on wind like all of the other enterprises there, unless the German people build it for them.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Decatur Democrat. VOL. XXXVIII. NO. 44. Friday, January 18, 1895. p. 4, col 3.*

Dr. Stoneburner and Ed Mohoney were called to Craigville Sunday to operate on the child of Dan Neuenschwander by taking a needle out of the calf of the leg. The child is doing nicely.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Decatur Democrat. VOLUME XXXX. NUMBER 6. Friday, April 24, 1896. p. 5, col. 3.*

The five-year-old child of Simon Julian, of Craigville, was buried at Oakland Tuesday.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Decatur Democrat. VOLUME XXXX. NUMBER 8 Friday, May 8, 1896. p. 4, col. 5.*

A marriage license was granted Saturday afternoon to Joseph W. Herbst and Miss Eva Drum, of Craigville. The ceremony was performed at Craigville Sunday and the couple will reside there. Joe is foreman for the Clover Leaf on the Craigville section, and his bride is the well known postmistress and all 'round lady of

that place. The CHRONICLE extends congratulations.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 28. NUMBER 48 Wednesday, June 2, 1897. p. 2, col. 2.*

#### THAT CAMP WEDDING.

----

It Came off Pursuant to Arrangements and Sergt. John McCormick and Miss Gertie Christ of Craigville Married at Camp.

----

JULY 19th, 1898.

ED. CHRONICLE:--Members of Co. E spent a part of this morning puffing away at cigars, the gifts of Sergeant John McCormick. The cause of his liberality was soon made apparent when it became noised about camp that he had been married just a short while before. Miss Gertrude Christ, agent of the Clover Leaf at Craigville, arrived in camp this morning while we were out on regimental drill, and before we came in she and John had been united in the holy bonds of wedlock. The ceremony occurred at about nine o'clock, in the presence of a few witnesses, the chaplain of our regiment officiating Mrs McCormick will visit in the camp and this part of the country for a few days before returning north. As our regiment is listed as one of the chosen few to go to Porto Rico, they must necessarily be separated, but it is hoped by friends in the company that he may return safely and that they may enjoy a long and happy married life.

"Jack" Christ and Sergeant John McCormick now have something else to quarrel about. They are brothers-in-law of only a few hours standing.

Bert Suiter, Jake Hurt and Archibald Maddox are the sick members of our company. The two latter are in the hospital and the former sick in quarters.

They are all improving nicely and will be able to do regular duty in a few days.

"Preacher" (P. M.) Brickley has a case of wild ivy poisoning. His case is not thought to be very serious, and with proper care he will be all right in a few days.

William Bixler, of Huntington, has been the guest of Harry Bixler, of this company for the past few days. He talks of returning home tomorrow.

Dillon Myers is acting as commissary seageant (*sic*) for our company. Our regular commissary, Sam Pence, being slightly indisposed.

Our regiment made another draw on the quartermaster's supplies Sunday. As a result, the new recruits have new ponchos, coats and shoes, and the entire regiment new undershirts. All the new recruits lack to make them look like "regulars" are government pants.

In the list of regiments supposed to be the ones that will go to Porto Rico, as listed by this morning's Chattanooga Times, is the 160th Indiana. When the Times came to camp this morning and the article discovered, the fellows fairly went wild.

Corporal Fred Tangeman is in charge of a detail that goes to Lytle today to draw supplies. At the rate we have been getting things the last few days, we will soon be fully equipped. As it is we have drawn from the government, besides gun and sidearms, knapsacks, haversacks, canteens, blue uniform, two suits of underclothing, two pairs of shoes, three pairs of socks, rubber blanket and a half shelter tent to each man. It seems to be the concensus (*sic*) of opinion that this is about all we will be able to carry, anyhow. Today we make another draw of ten days' rations.

Charley Hackney is the busiest man in our company at present. He is company clerk and has to charge everything up to the members that draw them.

Cal Sinninger, of the Warren Independent, is keeping up his reputation as being able to get in to more chewing matches than anyone else. When he has no work to do, he devotes his time to arguing with some one.

The marriage of Sergeant McCormick being the first to occur in our company since it became known as the 160th Ind. Vols., the boys talk as though they propose to have a hot time tonight.

William Baughman is acting as orderly at regimental headquarters today.

The average Southerner may be slow in some ways, but one thing is certain, and that is they are not slow in inventing ways to get at the ready cash of the volunteers. In fact, they have been so industrious lately, that the majority of the boys are "broke."

Carl Bonham now makes two trips to Lytle every day on mule back. He is mail carrier for this regiment.

One of the visitors in our regiment Sunday was Mr. Chester Shady, of Larned, Kansas, and now a member of one of the Kansas regiments. He is a cousin of Bruce Davis, of our company, and W. F. Wibel, of Co. D. He formerly lived in Bluffton, but about twelve years ago went west.

W. F. Wibel, a former member of our company, but now of Co. D, of Wabash, now devotes his time to taking care of Co. D's mules.

JACOB H. BRITT.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 29. NUMBER 4 Wednesday, July 27, 1898. p. 5, col. 4, 5.*

Several romantic weddings have occurred down in Chickamauga already since the war broke out. Thus far Co. E has escaped an occurrence of this kind, but this week will see a wedding in her ranks.

A young lady from Craigville has bought a marriage license, and is now on her road to Camp Thomas. When she arrives, a non-commissioned officer of Co. E, will be tied up in wedlock with her. After a short visit she expects to return home, while he will go on to Porto Rico with his company.--Bluffton Chronicle.

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Democrat. VOLUME XLII. NUMBER 20 Thursday, July 28, 1898. p. 3, col. 3.*

#### Curryville.

The U. B. church at Craigville is under great headway.

Rev. F. W. Yautis of Decatur, preached at Craigville Sunday evening.

Vince and Godfrey Bell were callers on their brother, Charley, last Sunday.

Everything is on the boom at this place as usual. But Craigville has in fine street lights, not electric lights but chewing gum candles.

Miss Maude Schaft left Craigville on the noon train Monday for the home of Mr. Young at Liberty, where she will stay for some time.

When you ask for DeWitt's Wich (sic) Hazel Salve don't accept a counterfeit or imitation. there are more cases of piles being cured by this, than all others combined Page Blackburn.

The funeral of Mrs. Tone Velty of Craigville was held last Tuesday. services were conducted by Rev. Yantis, pastor of the Christian Union church at this place. She leaves a husband, two children, father, mother, two sisters, one brother and many friends to mourn their loss.

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Democrat. VOLUME XLII. NUMBER 38 Thursday, December 1, 1898. p. 8, col. 1.*

#### Craigville.

Farmers are busy putting out oats.

The wheat prospects are not very flattering in this vicinity.

Mr. F. Bennett and wife are visiting the latter's parents near Portland.

Clark Stemen, of Elida, Ohio, paid his grandparents a visit.

Revival meeting closed at the C. U. church last Thursday evening.

Ben Johnson has his new building nearly completed.

A. R. Richey has started up his restaurant and is ready for business.

Rev. Abbott was in our town last week.

Arthur Abbott has moved to Fort Wayne.

John Strohm made a trip on the wheel to Leo to see his daughter, Mrs. Swartz, who is quite sick.

Merritt Abbott now puts a pen over his ear and acts as clerk for his father.

Henry Strohm was in the \_\_\_\_ held last week for the first time.

Mr. Haines and wife of Joplin, Mo., are visiting her father, Noah Spanell[?].

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LI. NO. 15 Wednesday Evening, April 11, 1900. p. 8, col. 3, 4.*

The general store owned by D. W. Abbot[t] at Craigville was entered by thieves Saturday night and about forty dollars worth of shoes stolen. The goods were taken away in a buggy and bloodhounds could not trace the culprits. Home talent is suspected and arrests may follow.

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Democrat. VOLUME XLIIII. NUMBER 5 Thursday, April 12, 1900. p. 5, col. 3.*

Rev. Patton, an Irish evangelist from Toledo, is holding an interesting revival at Craigville in the Christian Union church.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 32. NUMBER 23 Wednesday, December 5 1900 p. 5, col. 4.*

Alfred Abbott, the Craigville merchant, is working hard to get telephone connections with Bluffton and surrounding points. He has laid the matter before the United Telephone Co., and is circulating a paper to defray a part of the construction cost. The company would have to string four and one-half miles of wire and poles from the Center school house, three miles north of Bluffton.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 32. NUMBER 36 Wednesday, March 6 1901. p. 5, col. 2.*

A shooting accident occurred at Craigville last Thursday and was described as follows in the Bluffton Banner: A young man named Smith, an employ on the Jay Stoutenberry farm, near Craigville, was accidentally shot yesterday afternoon and for several hours after the accident he was in the hands of Dr. Davenport who spent that time in picking buck shot out of Smith's back and left arm. A young man who is visiting at the Stoutenberry farm was fooling with a shotgun in a summer kitchen. He was holding the muzzle close to one of the walls of the building when he accidentally discharged the gun in some way. Smith was standing outside the building ten feet away and the load penetrated his left arm and side. The arm was badly lacerated, but his injuries are not serious. Twenty-five shot lodged in his back and side.

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Democrat. VOLUME XLV. NUMBER 32 Thursday, October 17, 1901. p. 1, col. 1.*

#### A YOUNG COUNTERFEITER.

---

Plant in Operation at Craigville That Turns Out Nickels, Quarters and Half Dollars.

---

Craigville is the seat of operations for a small counterfeit plant where bogus nickels, quarters and fifty cent pieces are manufactured with little effort at concealment on the part of the maker of the spurious coins. The bad money has been found circulating freely there at different times and almost every resident of the place has seen or handled some of the stuff and moreover it is an open secret with almost every one who is operating the plant that turns out the money. The wonder is that a United States marshal has not paid a visit to the town before this.

A Craigville gentleman today said that the molds that made the bad nickels, quarters and halves had been seen by several parties and that they are owned by a young man of the village who is a genius in more ways than one. Few quarters or halves have been made but many of the nickels are in circulation. One night this week boys threw half a dozen of the bad looking nickels in the fire and all of them melted in a few minutes. They were made of lead and babbiting metal.

It is said that the young man passes little or none of the money himself. He has been detected looking in at store windows, however, when he had other boys on the inside "pushing the queer". It is supposed that the reason the quarters or halves are not circulated is because he cannot successfully counterfeit them with the metals he has at hand. Craigville residents have never reported the culprit but they

are on their guard against accepting any more of his bad money.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Evening News. TENTH YEAR NO. 116. Friday February 7 1902. p. 2, col. 5.*

A dispatch sent out from Craigville last Saturday said: David Crum was caught by a belt and his arm was nearly wrenched from his shoulder. His hand was badly mashed. He is one of the owners of a saw mill, known as the Crum, Beery & Cline. They were sawing timber on the Techanner (*sic*) farm, one and one-half miles south of Craigville, when he attempted to throw a belt and it caught him and done its ugly work.

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Democrat. VOLUME XLV. NUMBER 52 Thursday, March 6, 1902. p. 5, col. 2.*

**Linn Grove.**

Henry Gentis, and George Adler, jr., are engaged in bridge work at Craigville....

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Democrat. VOLUME XLVI. NUMBER 27 Thursday, September 11, 1902. p. 8, col. 3.*

The Bluffton Evening Banner of Tuesday said: The neighborhood of Craigville was greatly excited last night by the work of burglars. About one o'clock Mrs. Elmer Beach heard a noise at the screen door. She called her husband, who got up, and seized his revolver, and started to lok for the prowlers. They had succeeded in making good their escape. About two o'clock they went to the home of T. B. Zurkle. Mr. Zurkle is troubled with asthma and was up. He seized his revolver and looking through the door saw

two men. The robbers again saw they were discovered and ran across the corn field. Mr. Zurkle then opened the door and fired two shots at the retreating forms. At the second shot one man threw up his hands and emitted a yell. However, he did not fall out and continued to run at even a more rapid gait. There is no clue who the prowlers were.

*Decatur, Indiana: Decatur Democrat. VOLUME XLVI. NUMBER 29 Thursday, September 25, 1902. p. 1, col. 2.*

The corn war at Craigville still continues to wag[e] along with no fatalities on either side. The two rival merchants are seeing how high they can run the price and leave the other fellow stuck with the corn. In this way they keep the business about evenly divided, one day one man getting nearly all of it and the next day his rival gets it. Neither are anxious to have the corn for itself and when they run it way above the market price want the other fellow to make the high bid that he may lose money in the operation.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO 2 Wednesday Evening, January 14, 1903. p. 3, col. 2.*

Merritt Abbott who clerks for his brother Alf Abbott at Craigville, nearly froze to death in snow drifts Sunday night. He was returning from Montore Center where he visited a young lady and got stuck in a big snow drift where he broke his sleigh in upsetting. After five hours work he and the pony got out but both were nearly exhausted. Twenty men are at work shoveling away a nine foot snow drift on the road south of the Little school house.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 34 NUMBER 29 Wednesday, January 14, 1903. p. 7, col. 2.*

N. Stalter left for Craigville this noon to assist Rev. Payne who is now conducting revival services at the Christian Union church of that place.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Daily Democrat. VOLUME 1 NUMBER 8 Tuesday Evening, January 20, 1903. p. 3, col. 3.*

A revival is in progress at Craigville and great interest is being manifested. There have been a number of accessions to the church and the meetings will continue for some time yet.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO 3 Wednesday Evening, January 21, 1903. p. 7, col. 2.*

Rev. Payne, who has been engaged in revival meetings at Craigville, spent Sunday with his family.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Daily Democrat. VOLUME 1 NUMBER 14 Tuesday Evening, January 27, 1903. p. 4, col. 1.*

Rev. C. T. Payne arrived in the city from Craigville this noon where he has been conducting revival services for the past few weeks.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Daily Democrat. VOLUME 1 NUMBER 15 Wednesday Evening, January 28, 1903. p. 3, col. 4.*

## **NEW ROUTE.**

-----  
**Rural Route that will  
Benefit Adams County.**  
-----

**Farmers are Petitioning for Route  
Number Nine Out of Bluffton.**

Farmers east of Bluffton are petitioning for a new rural route which if established, will make the ninth for that post office. As planned the route runs east along the south side of the Wabash to Powell's ford, thence on the Prilliman gravel road to Vera Cruz. From Vera Cruz it runs one mile southeast on an angling road, then straight east for two miles, north three miles to Pugney road; west two miles on the Pugney road; north a mile and then west a mile to the Hartman road, thence on the Hartman road to the road running east and west a quarter mile south of Craigville. It doubles on this road and intersecting roads until it reaches the old state road on which it goes back to Bluffton. About half of the route is in Adams county.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Daily Democrat. VOLUME 1 NUMBER 20 Tuesday Evening, February 3, 1903. p. 1, col. 3.*

Gus Davenport, who teaches the school at Craigville, is making preparations to leave as soon as his term of school has been finished for Raton, New Mexico. Gus has a brother at Raton and will spend the summer with him for the benefit of his health. He has been in poor health all winter and at times has been unable to work. Next fall he expects to enter Leland Stanford University and will take a complete course in that institution.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO 6 Wednesday Evening, February 11, 1903. p. 5, col. 6.*

CRAIGVILLE  
IS HUSTLING

-----  
Feel Sure That They Will Succeed  
in Getting a New Rural  
Route Soon.  
-----

John P. Strohm, who is carrying a petition for a new rural route to start from Craigville, is meeting with splendid success. The route as proposed will be over one-half gravel road and the people living along it are more than anxious to have it. He finds no trouble whatever in getting signers to the petition and expects soon to have it ready to hand in to the department.

The route as proposed starts at Craigville and runs north three quarters of a mile. It then goes west, three and one-half miles. At this point the carrier will retrace his steps one mile and turn north, going five miles. The course is then east one and one-half miles and south through Tocsin three miles. From here it goes a mile east, one mile north, one east, one south, one east, then two miles south, two miles west and then south to Craigville.

The new route will lie partly in Adams county but the greater portion of it will be in Wells county. There is every reason in view of the fact that Indiana is to be completely supplied with routes, to think that this one will be a sure go and it will no doubt be started shortly. Craigville, Tocsin and Curryville are all on the route.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 7 Wednesday Evening, February 18, 1903. p. 1, col. 4.*

The revival at Craigville is going on with unabated vigor. There have been a

number of accessions to the church and great interest is being manifested.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO 8 Wednesday Evening, February 25, 1903. p. 3, col. 2.*

VISITED THE COUNTRY.

Souder's big picnic wagon made a trip to Craigville Friday and took a party of ladies out to Dr. Davenport's to spend the day. The load left about nine o'clock and consisted of Madam[e]s Charles Kaltwasser, Jacob Klopfenstein, Henry Beitler, Ed Weishaupt, W. H. Palmer, Charles Krohn, Foster Harbaugh, J. M. Ferguson, George Cotton, Lewis Berlin, Lewis Scott, Daniel Bender, John Ratliff, J. H. C. Smith and Miss Jones. At the Davenport home the ladies sat down to one of the best dinners it was ever their fortune to eat.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO 9 Wednesday Evening, March 4, 1903. p. 2, col. 3.*

Under the "Tocsin" column, it was noted that:

Rev. D. W. Abbott of Craigville filled the pulpit in the absence of Rev. J. W. Borkert, who is still holding protracted meeting.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO 9 Wednesday Evening, March 4, 1903. p. 8, col. 2.*

Craigville.

Protracted meeting has closed. We believe it has done a great deal of good. Rev. Borket (*sic*) made many friends and



all consider him a fine preacher, a good talker and a model man.

Warren Clousher (*sic*) beat the record buying grain. He used all the checks in town and got all the money in town to pay the farmers for their corn. If the people think he did not buy grain just take a look at the elevator.

Mr. Carroll visited our town Monday. He reports that wheat is off some. Possibly the prospects for a new crop has something to do with it.

Henry Wileman, whose family had smallpox this winter, has purchased a new thrasher and engine of the Richmond people.

Hiram Drum is much better at this writing.

Our depot is being repaired, The Clover Leaf people look well after their property.

Charley Bell is filling his kiln with three, four and six inch tile. Farmers if you want first chance just run your wagon in the yard and leave it. Chas. will fill all such if the tile last long enough. He means to make more tile next summer than was ever made in Craigville before.

Mr. Anderson, of Bluffton, was in town in the interest of the Prudential Life Insurance Co.

G. W. Drum sr., of Curryville, has purchased John Barton's team. Mr. Drum is interested in the creamery at Curryville and is doing all in his power to make it a success.

Mr. Smith is visiting with John Richey moving with his family to New Orleans.

Mrs. Elmer Beech, west of this place, died Monday evening and will be buried Wednesday at Bluffton. Funeral at the house.

Frank Spade and family will soon move on his brother's farm near Vera Cruz.

Ord Pierce went to Frankfort to work for the Clover Leaf people. Mr. Pierce has a pull with some of the officials of the road and he will get a good position.

Craigville is doing its best to rival Bluffton. There was a fight in A. S. Abbott's store last evening that would lay all the Bluffton scraps in the shade. Mr. Abbott was out and his brother that is clerking for him and a few of the boys were all that were in at the time.

They say there was a nice little party at Frank Spade's last evening. We have not learned the particulars.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 9 Wednesday Evening, March 4, 1903. p. 8, col. 4, 5.*

#### AFTER FRED FUHRMANN.

The people of Lancaster township who are opposed to saloons are at work now on the blanket remonstrance to be used against Frederick J. Fuhrmann of Craigville. Fuhrmann has the only saloon in the whole township. Ten solicitors are at work securing the power of attorney to use against him. William Miller and Vincent Pease are actively at work securing names in Craigville and vicinity. Todd & Gordon are attorneys for the remonstrators, and it takes 265 names to have a majority of voters. The solicitors are securing names fast and hope to have this number in readiness to use before the commissioners at their April meeting.

Fuhrmann has only been at Craigville for one year and his license expires sometime in April. The citizens are somewhat divided in their views at Craigville, the majority being on the side of the remonstrators. South of the village in the German settlement, however, they refuse almost to a man to have anything to do with the petition. If the remonstrators succeed there will be another "dry" township in the county, making three

altogether. As it is now Craigville is the only damp spot between Bluffton and Decatur and the thirsty will have some distance to go if Fuhrmann loses out in his application for license.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 12 Wednesday Evening, March 25, 1903. p. 4, col. 2.*

Principal Fred Davenport, of Craigville, will leave tomorrow for New Mexico. Fred has had some trouble with his health, and thinks a change will do him good. His brother, Mart, has been in New Mexico for several years past. Fred will probably attend Leland Stanford University next year at Palo Alto, California.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 12 Wednesday Evening, March 25, 1903. p. 4, col. 6.*

#### COMMISSIONER'S COURT.

The county commissioners met Monday morning and began their session for the month of April. They will have one of the busiest sessions since the board was reorganized and it will likely be Wednesday evening before they are ready to adjourn. One among the first things taken up was the granting of the liquor applications. Morris Lipinsky was the first applicant and he was given a license to do business without question. The applications of Charles Farlow and Fred Furhman, against whom remonstrances rest, were not filed and they will make no effort to get a license, at least at this time. .

..

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 14 Wednesday Evening, April 8, 1903. p. 4, col. 2.*

#### THEY FILED REMONSTRANCE

Fred Furhman will be Put Out of Business by the Commissioners.

Todd & Gordon Friday filed a remonstrance bearing something like three hundred names with the auditor. Their remonstrance had for its object the prevention of Fred Fuhrman from getting a liquor license. Fuhrman has had a saloon at Craigville for several years, but recently there have been many complaints in regard to the way he did business. Accordingly a remonstrance was prepared and put in circulation against him. Fuhrman has made an application for a license and was to have been before the board of commissioners Monday at their regular session.

According to the vote cast at the last election two hundred and sixty-four names were necessary to defeat his application and make the remonstrance hold good according to the law. The remonstrators went to work to get this number and they have been having quite a fight to do so. He had the only saloon in Lancaster township and there were two factions at work. One side wanted the saloon put out of business while the other side were as anxious to see it remain. They had as much fun out of the fight for names as a county primary and about as much electioneering was done.

The remonstrance as filed Friday is sufficient to put him out of business with a good margin to go on. Had Furhman filed withdrawals Thursday he might have had some chance of winning but it seems that he has given up the fight. All the papers he could file Friday would be of no use, as, according to the law, they had to be filed Thursday. This is where the

remonstrators get a day the best of it. Their papers hold good if filed Friday and they have a chance of seeing what the other side has done and making a last effort to get even.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 14 Wednesday Evening, April 8, 1903. p. 6, col. 3.*

Out at Craigville the saloon war has by no means abated. Fred Furhman, against whom a remonstrance has been filed, is moving mountains to get names off the petition. Friday morning he started out with two teams and some of his friends to see every one in the township and get them to take their names off the paper. At the last term of commissioners court he did not make application and therefore he has another chance. Had he been refused at that time he could not have made applicaton for a term of two years. If he succeeds in cutting down the remonstrance sufficiently, he can make the application and get a license. There is an element at Craigville working just as hard to knock out the saloon as he is to keep it going and the fight is a warm one.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 16 Wednesday Evening, April 22, 1903. p. 3, col. 3.*

Out at Craigville the fight against the Furhman saloon goes merrily on. Furhman has been hustling day and night to get names off the petition, and it is claimed that he now has enough. In the meantime the remonstrators have been working equally as hard to get more names on the paper, and just how the matter stands is hard to figure out. The case will be brought in at the next meeting

of the commissioners' court and will be more than likely fought out at that time.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 16 Wednesday Evening, April 22, 1903. p. 5, col. 2.*

Miss Mary Anderson, of Craigville, was in the city today visiting friends and attending to some shopping.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 17 Wednesday Evening, April 29, 1903. p. 5, col. 2.*

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

...

Jacob Baumgartner et al to Adam K. Ritchey. Being in lot No. 2 as known and designated on the recorded plat of the town of Craigville for \$250.

...

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 17 Wednesday Evening, April 29, 1903. p. 7, col. 1.*

#### FRED FURHMAN KNOCKED OUT

—————  
The Remonstrators at Craigville  
Have the Upper Hand of  
the Saloon.  
—————

Fred Fuhrman, the Craigville saloon man, is knocked out of a chance to get a liquor license for at least two years to come. At the last term of the commissioner's court, Fred had advertised that he would make application for a liquor license to sell booze at Craigville. The people of that vicinity got busy and circulated a petition which they were ready to present to the commissioners

asking that the license be not granted.

Furhman made a big effort to get a counter petition in effect but failed to have the proper number of signatures. He then decided that he would not apply for a license and this gave him another chance.

Had he made the application and been defeated, he would have been forbidden, according to the law, to apply for a period of two years. He waited until that term was over and advertised to make application at the May term. Again the remonstrators went out and secured a number of signatures sufficient to defeat him. Furhman also had men at work carrying a counter petition and for a time it looked as if he would be successful. Thursday was the last day he had, according to the law, to file his withdrawal of names and he failed to show up. The remonstrators filed their papers Friday and Fred is again put out of business. His saloon has been closed for the past month and will no doubt be closed at Craigville for the next two years.

Had he filed sufficient names to allow him a license, the remonstrators had a plan whereby they were to make one last ditch effort to defeat him. They had until Friday at midnight to file their paper and Friday twenty-five men were ready to begin a systematic canvass of the county to get a few more names. Frank Gordon, attorney for the remonstrators, stated the he would ask the commissioners at their session Monday to make a record of the remonstrance filed. They have enough names and Furhman has advertised his intention of applying. They do not want to carry the petition every month and feel that under the law they have accomplished their ends and want the trouble stopped.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 18 Wednesday Evening, May 6, 1903. p. 2, col. 1.*

Miss Pansy Huffman returned Monday to her home in Craigville after a short visit with Miss Mabel Cline.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 18 Wednesday Evening, May 6, 1903. p. 5, col. 1.*

#### ENGINE BROKE DOWN.

Clover Leaf trains were greatly delayed at noon today on account of an accident that happened to a freight in Buttermilk cut. A cylinder-head on the freight engine bursted, and the train was stalled in the cut. The east-bound passenger pushed the cripple back to Craigville, but the train for the west was held out about an hour by this delay.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 18 Wednesday Evening, May 6, 1903. p. 8, col. 5.*

Craigville is a dry town and proposes to sustain this order of things. But notwithstanding (*sic*) these facts, it is stated that Fred Fuhrman will make application before the Wells county commissioners for a license to do this kind of business at Craigville.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Daily Democrat. VOLUME 1 NUMBER 101 Thursday Evening, May 7, 1903. p. 3, col 4.*

#### CRAIGVILLE WINS.

---

Craigville defeated Curryville in a hard hitting game on their home field Sunday by a decisive score. Runs were numerous on both sides due to a rough field. Oria Pierce and Thomas Griffith formed the battery for Craigville, Pierce striking out

thirteen men, but was hit hard in two innings. Curryville's five pitchers looked alike to the Craigville sluggers, each player getting from two to seven hits, Henry Strohm leading with seven safe ones. They play again at Curryville on Decoration Day.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 20 Wednesday Evening, May 20, 1903. p. 1, col. 4.*

Cecil Beach, the two-year-old daughter of J. E. and Mary Beach, died Tuesday at noon at Craigville. Funeral occurred at two o'clock today at the house. Interment at Fairview.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 20 Wednesday Evening, May 20, 1903. p. 5, col. 4.*

#### PUGNEY.

---

...

Lancaster township is to have a Sunday school convention to be held at Craigville next Sunday at two o'clock.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 20 Wednesday Evening, May 20, 1903. p. 8, col. 4.*

#### PUGNEY.

...

Those who attended the Sunday School convention at Craigville last Sunday from this place were Emma Garton, Fairy Lash, Mary and Anna Nash, Chloe Garton, and Mary Wisner.

...

James Miller and wife, of Warsaw, are guests of John Beckner and family of

Echo. They came over last Tuesday and spent a short time with friends in Ossian and then went to Craigville to visit Mr. Miller's brother William. They will return home this week.

At the convention at Craigville last Sunday the following officers were elected for the next year: President Willet Sweeny, secretary and treasurer Vince Peas[e]m, president of home department George Drum.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 21 Wednesday, May 27, 1903. p. 4, col. 4, 5.*

#### OBITUARY.

-----

Evan T. Curry, infant son of J. H. and Lucy B. Curry, was born Feb. 23, 1903 and died May 22, 1903, age 2 months 20 days. His sickness was of short duration but his suffering was intense. He leaves a father and mother and many relatives to mourn his lost (*sic*). This little child responded to the purpose of Him that called it into being. It tarried a little while on the threshold, God's angels lifted the everlasting doors of grace and glory and it entered the penetrachia of the future. Now the giving back is very hard but you cannot give back to God all you received from your dear child; you can not give back those springs of deep affection which were awakened by the coming of the little one, you are better, you are richer even in this hour of your bereavement than you were. God gave and he cannot take away only in outward form. He holds, He watches, He loves, you shall have him again that which you have given back to him outwardly, your little child that was born so near the gates of pearl and had far to come, speaks to you across the little narrow strip of breathing and pulse beats and bids join it in the father's home above.

May God in his infinite mercy, bless and comfort the dear friends in their sad bereavement for to trust in God is to trust aright.

Funeral services were held at the residence on Saturday afternoon May 23, services conducted by Rev. C. T. Payne in the presence of a large congregation, text Malachi 3-17, after which remains were conveyed to Oakland cemetery where they were laid to rest to await the resurrection morn.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 21 Wednesday Evening, May 27, 1903. p. 4, col. 5, 6.*

The little three months old son of John Curry, who lives in Curryville, died Friday near the noon hour. The remains were buried Sunday at Oakland cemetery.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 21 Wednesday Evening, May 27, 1903. p. 7, col. 1.*

Mrs. Z. J. Reid and daughter, Miss Ethel, of Craigville, left this morning for Auburn, where they will spend several days visiting relatives.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 21 Wednesday Evening, May 27, 1903. p. 5, col. 3.*

Tomorrow evening at Craigville will be given a dance which is expected to wake the old town as nothing has since the corn war. Adam Richey is master of ceremonies and will see to it that good order prevails. Lots of good music has been secured for the occasion and there will be nothing lacking to make the dance a success in every particular. Many people

from this city have signified their intention of driving out and seeing the fun and there is no doubt but that there will be a big crowd.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 21 Wednesday Evening, May 27, 1903. p. 5, col. 4.*

The Journal's correspondent at Peterson says the following concerning a -rural route that is proposed to start from Craigville: "There has been a great deal of talking done about a new rural route west of here. It is to start from Craigville and run north to Pleasant Valley church. Here it will turn east and run a distance of four miles, or to the Bowers corner. Here it will go south three miles, thence west to the place of beginning. No one seems to know why the route is to go this way."—Decatur Journal.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 22 Wednesday Evening, June 3, 1903. p. 3, col. 2.*

#### HAS GIVEN IT UP.

Fred Furhman will not attempt to secure a license to run a saloon at Craigville. He has made an number of attempts but in each case has been met by a blanket remonstrance with enough names to put him out of business. Monday he sold to A. L. Brentlinger his property at Craigville, and will try farming in the future. Mr. Brentlinger intends opening up a hardware and general store in the building formerly occupied by the saloon, and its fixtures and the change in business will be made as soon as possible.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 22 Wednesday Evening, June 3, 1903. p. 6, col. 4.*

Mrs. H. M. Gilliom returned to her home in Craigville yesterday after a short visit with friends in this city.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 24 Wednesday Evening, June 17, 1903. p. 5, col. 2.*

#### GETS NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

-----

The three members of the advisory board representing Lancaster township met Monday in the county superintendent's office and decided that Craigville needs additional school facilities. The plans proposed for the new building were mentioned exclusively in the BANNER of last week and need not be repeated. Two rooms will be added to the building, it will be equipped with steam heat and will be modern in every particular. A three year's high school course will be added.

The board declared that an emergency exists and granted to the trustee, Joel Frye, the privilege of borrowing the money with which to erect the building. At the next time the tax levy is fixed a sufficient sum will be added to the assessment to pay for the loan. This is the plan usually followed in erecting a building of this nature.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 26 Wednesday Evening, July 1, 1903. p. 1, col. 5.*

Joseph Hawk, of Mexico, Indiana, is visiting friends and relatives in this county. He is a brother of John Hawk, who lives near Craigville. Several years ago he was a resident of Wells county. Mr.

Hawk has been sightless nearly all his life, but otherwise enjoys good health. At present he is visiting with Jacob Bower near Reiffsburg.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 26 Wednesday Evening, July 1, 1903. p. 3, col. 1.*

Craigville's new school building will be put up in time for use this winter if it is possible for human hands to do the work in that time. Architect W. H. Powers has received the job of making the plan and has side tracked all of his other work in order to get the plans out as soon as possible. It is hoped that the new building will be completed by the first of September. If it is not it will be done near that time and school will be taught there all right this fall.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 26 Wednesday Evening, July 1, 1903. p. 5, col. 1.*

#### NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

-----

I will receive sealed bids at the office of W. H. Powers, architect, Bluffton, Indiana, until one o'clock p. m. Wednesday, July 29, 1903, for the construction of a two-room addition to the Craigville school building Dist. No. 11, Lancaster township, Wells county, Indiana. Plans and specifications are on file at the office of W. H. Powers, Bluffton, Ind. Joel Frye, trustee of Lancaster school township, Wells county, Indiana.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 27 Wednesday Evening, July 8, 1903. p. 8, col. 3.*

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 28 Wednesday Evening, July 15, 1903. p. 6, col. 4, 5.*

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 29 Wednesday Evening, July 22, 1903. p. 6, col. 4.*

W. A. Powers has completed the plans for the addition to be made to the Craigville school and the plans are ready for the contractor. A front elevation of the structure shows it to be a handsome building and the appearance when built will entirely transform the school premises there.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 29 Wednesday Evening, July 22, 1903. p. 3, col. 3.*

CRAIGVILLE  
BOY HURT.

-----  
Irvin Deihl Dicked on the Chin  
by a Horse in Pasture  
Field.  
-----

Irvin, the fourteen year old son of Tilden Deihl, living near Craigville, was kicked by a horst Friday and is in a serious condition. The boy was sent to the pasture field to drive up the horses and was found with his face caved in.

It seems that his parents missed him and after a long absence they became alarmed and went in search of the boy. He was found lying unconscious in the field, his face a mass of blood and apparently terribly injured. The person bringing the word to this city stated that one of the horses had kicked the boy squarely on the chin, breaking the bones and simply mashing the chin flat. It is likely that the kick will leave the lad disfigured for life. A physician was summoned and at the last

reports the boy had regained consciousness. He had been unable to tell how the accident happened for the reason that it was almost impossible for him to talk without great pain.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 28 Wednesday Evening, July 15, 1903. p. 2, col. 3.*

The small babe of I. D. Bright and wife, of Craigville, has been sick for a few days but is now improving. An interesting feature of the case is that the child is the idol of mute parents. Mr. Bright located in Craigville a few month ago. He purchased the barber shop and trade belonging to A. S. Abbott, and in spite of the fact that only a few persons in the town can converse with him by signs, he has commanded the confidence of the people and enjoys a good trade. In connection with his tonsorial work Mr. Bright does harness and shoe mending and this branch of his business is also well patronized. He and his wife are nice looking, honest people and have had the advantage of training in culture and trade schools.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 28 Wednesday Evening, July 15, 1903. p. 3, col. 3.*

Mrs. David Hetrick, of Craigville, is dangerously ill. Today and operation was performed upon her with a hope of bettering her condition. Her husband is also quite ill.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 28 Wednesday Evening, July 15, 1903. p. 5, col. 4.*



Dr. Duenling of Fort Wayne, Drs. Severin and Cook of this city, assisted by Drs. Huffman and Davenport of Craigville performed an operation on Mrs. David Hetrick of that village for abdominal tumor. The operation was successful and when the physicians from town had left her bedside the patient had rallied and gave every evidence of withstanding the shock perfectly well.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 29 Wednesday Evening, July 22, 1903. p. 3, col. 2.*

Craigville and Tocsin ball teams indulged in a very narrow contest last Saturday when the former aggregation went under by the inglorious score of 40 to 3. Manager Robenold, of Craigville, is looking for some new men to brace up some weak spots in his team in his future games.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 29 Wednesday Evening, July 22, 1903. p. 5, col. 2.*

Mrs. David Hetrick, of Craigville, who was operated on for a tumor last Saturday, is reported to be getting along very satisfactorily and improving steadily.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 30 Wednesday Evening, July 29, 1903. p. 3, col. 2.*

Mrs. Mary Anderson who has made her home in the J. C. Fulton home for the past four years went to Craigville Tuesday and will live there hereafter with her brother.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 30 Wednesday Evening, July 29, 1903. p. 5, col. 6.*

#### CRAIGVILLE.

----

In the BANNER's report of the ball game it was stated that Craigville was defeated by a score of 40 to 3. This was a mistake the real score being 16 to 12 in favor of Ossian.

On Aug. 1 another games is scheduled to Craigville vs. Ossian. The game is to be played at Craigville and all are cordially invited.

Mrs. David Hetrick, who was operated on recently is progressing rapidly.

Elija[h] Christ, of Pittsburg, is here visiting friends and relatives. He is employed by the Westinghouse brake Co., of Pittsburg and is off on a few weeks vacation.

Our elevator which has been undergoing extensive improvements will soon be ready for business.

John Ritchey was the recipient of a dozen quarts of fine huckelberries (*sic*) from his father A. K. Ritchey, who is now visiting in Pennsylvania.

Olla Franklin Pierce and his assistant B. P. John have contracted the job of painting the elevator.

Lou Miller is again shoveling mud at the tile mill.

Elmer Stimmel, (Connie,) has been making frequent trips toward Decatur of late. We don't know whether he is looking for a wife or another rabbit dog. (Connie) is a great lover for a good dog.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 30 Wednesday Evening, July 29, 1903. p. 8, col. 3.*

CRAIGVILLE CHAFF.

-----

Oats are all cut.

Chas. Wolf had company from Liberty Center last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Church, of Bluffton, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilliland, last Sunday.

George L. Laney is doing work in our town.

Will Diehl, our poultry man, is improving his packing house. He has been doing quite a business here but expects to do a much larger business in the future.

Miss Mary Smith, of Columbia City, is visiting with her sister, Mrs. A. L. Brenthinger (*sic*).

Adam Richey is visiting in Bedford, Penn. His son John is looking after his place of business.

The Craigville Giants will give a social August 8th. In connection with the social they will give a free exhibition. Plenty of music guaranteed.

Capt. Billy and Ord Pierce made a business trip to Bluffton Tuesday.

Calico Corner boys meet the Craigville Giants next Saturday. All are invited to attend.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 30 Wednesday Evening, July 29, 1903. p. 8, col. 3.*

#### ANDREW MILLER DIED IN IOWA.

----

Sunday at Elhanan church in Jefferson township occurred the funeral of Andrew Miller, father of William Miller, the Craigville sawmill man. The death of Mr. Miller occurred in Iowa, where he had been living with a daughter. A telegram was sent Thursday apprising the Craigville relatives of the death and also that the remains had been sent here for burial but through some mistake another message was received Friday saying that the body

had been sent to Urbshire. It was expected however that the Iowa relatives would arrive Saturday with the corpse and the funeral be held Sunday. J. Miller, of Warsaw, was another son.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 31 Wednesday Evening, Aug. 5, 1903. p. 2, col. 1.*

Vincent Pease and wife of Craigville are the parents of a ten pound girl. Charley Pierce is now entitled to the name of uncle.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 31 Wednesday Evening, Aug. 5, 1903. p. 5, col. 2.*

Sylvester Miller and wife who have been in Bloomington since March, where he attended the university have returned to Craigville.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 32 Wednesday Evening, Aug. 12, 1903. p. 3, col. 3.*

Mrs. David Hetrick, of Craigville, who went through an operation two weeks ago for abdominal tumor, has got almost well again. She is able to walk about the house.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 32 Wednesday Evening, Aug. 12, 1903. p. 3, col. 4.*

#### TELEPHONE POLES LOCATED.

-----

The Central Union Telephone Company, formerly the Bell Company, has at last adjusted the trouble it had with the

location of some poles north of Craigville. They were first placed in a ditch along the road but John Christ took objections to that because of their obstruction of the water. When they received orders from the supervisor to change the poles and started to move them back they jumped against another obstacle, for Walter Reed stopped them from digging holes on the inside of the fence. In their despair the company had Surveyor North to make a plat of the ground thereabouts and it was found that there was sufficient room between where the fence was and the survey of the ditch bank to put the poles. They were accordingly changed there.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 33 Wednesday Evening, Aug. 19, 1903. p. 1, col. 6.*

E. L. Carroll is making some marked improvements in his elevator at Craigville, in the way of dumps, bins, etc. He at present has the Craigville field all to himself, for after the corn war there last spring, C. F. Davidson quit shipping from that point.--Bluffton News.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Daily Democrat. VOLUME 1 NUMBER 190 Thursday Evening, August 20, 1903. p. 4, col. 3.*

George Wemhoff went to Bluffton this morning to estimate the stone work which he will furnish for the Craigville school house.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Daily Democrat. VOLUME 1 NUMBER 191 Friday Evening, August 21, 1903. p. 3, col. 2.*

Miss Ethel Reed, of Craigville, who has been visiting Andy Reed and family, returned to her home Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gilliom, who have been visiting Mrs. Stafford Church for the past few days, returned to their home in Craigville Saturday.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 34 Wednesday Evening, Aug. 26, 1903. p. 3, col. 3.*

Mrs. Maggie Bartram and children, of Craigville, were in the city Saturday.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 34 Wednesday Evening, Aug. 26, 1903. p. 3, col. 4.*

#### OBITUARY.

-----

At Laidlow Falls, Miama (*sic*) county, Ohio, the 23rd of July, 1900, Mary Ellen Ransbottom was born; departed this life at her home in Craigville, Wells county, Indiana, August 9, 1903, aged three years, seventeen days. She leaves a father, mother, one sister, a grandmother, a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. Funeral occurred August 11th at the C. U. church in Craigville. Services conducted by Rev. J. H. Curry to a large congregation of sorrowing friends, after which remains were taken to Zion Chapel for interment.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 34 Wednesday Evening, Aug. 26, 1903. p. 6, col. 6.*

Calvin Kump, of Craigville, has rented the John Trostel farm northeast of town near the Wasson school and will move there this week.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 35 Wednesday Evening, Sept. 2, 1903. p. 3, col. 2.*

#### SNAKES IN CRAIGVILLE.

-----

Mrs. William Robenold was sitting in the kitchen at her home in Craigville Wednesday when in suddenly looking up she saw a large snake curled up under the cook stove. With a shriek she jumped past the stove and got out at the door. Calling the neighbors who came armed with clubs the serpent was soon dispatched. When he was stretched out and examined carefully he was found to be of the blue racer variety, five and a half feet in length.

Later in the afternoon a large snake was found crawling about the back screen door at the residence of Rev. Abbott, a few houses away from where the Robenold woman had been scared. After the fray was over here it was found that the newest blue racer was over six feet long. No explanation of their numerous presence in Craigville has been offered.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 35 Wednesday Evening, Sept. 2, 1903. p. 7, col. 1.*

#### THEIR PRESENCE EXPLAINED.

-----

The Craigville snake story reported a few days ago seems to have sprouted others. It is claimed that there is another one, larger than either of the other two, is loafing about the village. Half a dozen times he has been seen with his head protruding from the open end of a tile ditch. Those who have seen it claim it to be a blue racer of enormous size. There is talk of organizing a snake hunt to rid the town of the pest.

The presence of so many snakes has at last been explained by John Strohm. He claims that since Craigville was voted dry last spring and Fred Fuhrman put out of business, the snakes are being scattered over town. The fact that one big fellow was found at Rev. Abbott's was also cleared up by saying that the ones who take a few drinks on the sly as well as habitual drinkers have their habits displayed to the public by the appearance of these serpents. It is not known what effect the appearance of the reptiles will have on future remonstrances.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 35 Wednesday Evening, Sept. 2, 1903. p. 7, col. 1.*

Sylvester Miller, who is to be principal of the new Craigville school, has been helping in the remodeling of the building in which he is to teach. His position, which pays \$1.75 per day, is that of chief manager of the mortar box. His brother, Lewis Miller, will teach his first term in Nottingham township. Lew was licensed last year.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 35 Wednesday Evening, Sept. 2, 1903. p. 8, col. 1, 2.*

Fay and May Clouser, the twins who who (*sic*) have been in the Daily restaurant all summer returned to their home near Craigville Saturday, where they will attend school this winter.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 36 Wednesday Evening, Sept. 9, 1903. p. 3, col. 6.*

E. L. Carroll went to Craigville to look after his elevator interests.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Daily Democrat.*  
*VOLUME 1 NUMBER Tuesday Evening,*  
*September 22, 1903. p. 3, col. 4.*

#### LANCASTER SCHOOLS BEGINS.

-----

Lancaster township schools will start next Monday morning, September 28. All the schools in the township will open except Craigville which will be held back a couple of months on account of the new building not yet being ready. Trustee Fry has the following teachers who will be in charge:

- No. 1, Dora Harsh.
- No. 2, James Sturgis.
- No. 3, Transfer to Murray.
- No. 5, Myrtle Miller.
- No. 6, Willard Waugh.
- No. 7, Sibyl Lindsey.
- No. 8, Lester Wisner.
- No. 10, Charles Pierce.
- Craigville--Sylvester Miller, Arley Fry, Sadie Miller.
- No. 12, Raymond Wasson.
- Murray--Frank Waugh, Harry Park and Iva Clowser.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL.*  
*LIV, NO. 38 Wednesday Evening, Sept. 23, 1903.*  
*p. 4, col. 4.*

William Miller, of Craigville, returned to his home last night. He has been at Warsaw for the past week.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL.*  
*LIV, NO. 38 Wednesday Evening, Sept. 23, 1903.*  
*p. 5, col. 4.*

A. S. Abbott, of Craigville, returned last Friday from Warsaw where he had been

attending last week, the annual conference of the U. B. church. Bishop Gephart, of Dayton, Ohio, is presiding and has already appointed presiding elders for the five districts although they have not been definitely assigned. Rev. J. W. Lake will probably be sent to the Fort Wayne district. The assignment of ministers has not yet been made, but Rev. J. W. Barkert (*sic*) will very likely be returned to the Tocsin charge, which has been changed so that it now comprises but three places, Tocsin, Pugney, and Craigville.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL.*  
*LIV, NO. 38 Wednesday Evening, Sept. 23, 1903.*  
*p. 3, col. 1.*

O. B. Christ is spending the day at Craigville, his old home.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL.*  
*LIV, NO. 39 Wednesday Evening, Sept. 30, 1903.*  
*p. 5, col. 6.*

Drs. Geo. Fulton and Severin, of this city, assisted by Dr. Huffman, of Craigville, Tuesday performed an operation on Mr. Dick, a farmer living near Craigville, for bladder trouble. The operation gave the patient temporary relief and in case he rallies from the shock of the operation he will recover.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL.*  
*LIV, NO. 40 Wednesday Evening, Oct. 7, 1903.*  
*p. 5, col. 2.*

Mrs. J. W. Herbst was a passenger on the six thirteen to Craigville Monday evening. Her father, Hiram Drum, is seriously ill and is in fact not expected to live.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 40 Wednesday Evening, Oct. 7, 1903. p. 5, col. 5.*

Mrs. Dr. Huffman and Mrs. Sylvester Miller, of Craigville, were in the city Saturday, the guests of friends.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 40 Wednesday Evening, Oct. 7, 1903. p. 7, col. 3.*

#### WILL APPOINT TRUSTEES.

-----

Several persons interested in Oaklawn cemetery, half a mile north of Craigville, are desirouse (*sic*) of effecting an organization to care for that burial ground. It is their purpose to have trustees appointed and do the work up legally. They met sometime ago but nothing definite was done. The cemetery is not in the best shape and this will make it the duty of some one to care for it.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 40 Wednesday Evening, Oct. 7, 1903. p. 3, col. 2.*

Linn Grove.

...

Brick Laying on the I. O. O. F. block began last Wednesday morning. A crew under the supervis[i]on of John Bollinger of Decatur is doing the work and the first story was completed Monday evening and have gone forth to the brick work for the school building at Craigville while the carpenters are preparing the building for the second story.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Daily Democrat. VOLUME 1 NUMBER 231 Wednesday Evening, October 7, 1903. p. 4, col. 2.*

#### HIRAM DRUM DEAD.

-----

Sunday evening at Craigville occured the death of Hiram Drum, one of the pioneer residents of that part of the county. Mr. Drum has been sick for some time. Mrs. Joseph Herbst, of this city, is a daughter of the deceased.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 40 [s/b 41] Wednesday Evening, Oct. [7 printed, 14 penciled in above], 1903. p. 4, col. 6.*

#### TO HAVE AN OFFICE.

-----

Craigville people are feeling highly elated over the fact that they will soon be in telegraphic communication with the rest of the outside world. The Clover Leaf railroad company is making preparations to establish a telegraph office at the depot. They have long had a station there and feel that they have not been used right by not having the telegraph office as well. A gentleman who came in from Craigville Saturday morning stated that the office would be put in some time this week.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 42 Wednesday Evening, Oct. 21, 1903. p. 2, col. 2.*

#### OBITUARY.

-----

Hiram Drum was born in Perry county, Ohio, October 29, 1820. In September, 1875, he came to Indiana and located on a farm near Curryville, Wells county, where he has continuously lived, until his death, a quiet farmer's life. He was united in

marriage to Charita Clark in Huron county, Ohio, March 1, 1849. To this union were born nine children, of whom G. W., John W., Burton S., Eva E., Hattie L. and Sarah A. are still living and with their aged and afflicted mother and six grandchildren deeply mourn their loss. Hiram Drum was catechised in the faith of the German Lutheran church when a child and lived in that faith until last winter when he was awakened to the need of a personal Savior. He sent for the writer who, with friends and relatives, held a service at his home, at which time and place he became a happy christian and with his wife united with the United Brethren church at Craigville, Ind. He died at his home October 11, 1903, aged eighty-two years, eleven months and twelve days. The funeral was held in the U. B. church in Craigville, Ind., October 13, conducted by the pastor, J. W. Borkert, of Tocsin, Ind. The body was laid to rest in the Oakland cemetery.

J. W. BORKERT.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 42 Wednesday Evening, Oct. 21, 1903. p. 7, col. 4.*

THE CRAIGVILLE.  
FEUD STILL ON.

-----

Case of Dettinger vs Ward Was  
on Trial Thursday in Wal-  
bert's Court.

-----

Last Thursday before Justice of the Peace M. W. Walbert another chapter of the Dettinger-Ward feud was rehearsed. This time Mrs. Susan Ward was accused of striking a daughter of John Dettinger and wife. The two families have been scrapping for some time and their troubles have been aired in the local courts with great freedom. As long as there is no one

to stop them they will likely fight till one side or the other owns up whipped.

Part of the time that afternoon the case was being tried in the Gutelius drug store. Mrs. Ward, one of the witnesses is a very corpulent lady and it was almost impossible for her to climb the stairs leading to the Justices office. Therefore the justice picked up his court, the attorneys followed and they all gathered around the lady, who gave her testimony below. The defendant was acquitted.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 42 Wednesday Evening, Oct. 21, 1903. p. 7, col. 6.*

Fred Hoffman, Wash Beam, C. Bollinger, Frank Orant, Tom McNaulty, A. Shaw, Cal Duckett and Loger Voglewede went to Craigville today to put the finishing touches on the school house there.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Daily Democrat. VOLUME 1 NUMBER 244 Thursday Evening, October 22, 1903. p. 3, col. 3.*

Ross Mallonee and Charles Christen returned from Craigville last evening, where they had been working on a school house.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Daily Democrat. VOLUME 1 NUMBER 245 Friday Evening, October 23, 1903. p. 3, col. 2.*

Rev. J. H. Curry, of Craigville, is at Urbana, Ohio, to solemnize the marriage of Miss Fannie Egglestone and Preston Hadsell. His son George and son-in-law Sylvester Miller accompanied him, George being best man at the wedding. After the wedding the party mentioned

will attend a church council in northern Ohio.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 43 Wednesday Evening, Oct. 28, 1903. p. 5, col. 3.*

A game of ball was played yesterday at Peterson between Peterson and Craigville and the score was 28 to 8 in the sixth inning when Dee DeVinney who was playing with Peterson caught a fly ball that seemed almost impossible to get to, and the Craigville boys quit saying they would not play any more if the Peterson boys insisted on catching those kind of hit balls, so the game ended. Johns and Coffee of this place were the battery for Peterson.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Daily Democrat. VOLUME 1 NUMBER 253 Monday Evening, November 2, 1903. p. 3, col. 6.*

Mrs. Dr. Huffman, of Craigville, was in the city Saturday the guest of Geo. Huffman and family.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 44 Wednesday Evening, Nov. 4, 1903. p. 3, col. 3.*

Mrs. John Christ and son left last evening for Craigville where they will visit Mr. Christ's mother, Mrs. Anna Christ.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 44 Wednesday Evening, Nov. 4, 1903. p. 5, col. 1.*

Mrs. William Kinsey and child of Craigville, who has been visiting Mrs. Kinsey's sister Mrs. Steve Cline, of this city, returned home this morning.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 45 Wednesday Evening, Nov. 11, 1903. p. 3, col. 1.*

#### LOST POCKETBOOK WAS SOON RECOVERED

-----

Philip Miller, living near Craigville, found a pocketbook Saturday containing about \$15 in money. It was a lady's purse and feeling that the owner might call for it, Mr. Miller brought the purse to this office. A want ad was inserted but before the paper went to press the owner called and secured her property.

The pocketbook belonged to Mrs. J. A. Hoke, and she was greatly delighted to secure it again.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 47 Wednesday Evening, Nov. 25, 1903. p. 6, col. 2.*

All schools in the county have opened except Craigville. The new building at that place will not be completed for several weeks yet.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 48 Wednesday Evening, Dec 2, 1903. p. 7, col. 4.*

#### CRAIGVILLE TO BE A MONEY ORDER OFFICE

-----

The examination for a carrier over the rural route to be run out of Craigville was held there Thursday and Mr. Abbott, the postmaster, was instructed to prepare a bond for a money order office. This will be quite an accommodation to the people of that section, as a money order office will be found quite a convenience.



*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LIV, NO. 50 Wednesday Evening, Dec 16, 1903. p. 2, col. 1.*

CRAIGVILLE  
WANTS CHANGE

-----  
Bell Telephone Service Not Satisfactory Owing to no Night Service.  
-----

The people of Craigville want a different telephone service from that which they now have. As it is they are supplied with the Bell service but they claim that this is not sufficient to satisfy all their needs. The Bell is not an all night service and after the close of the store where the office is located in this city, they have no way of reaching Bluffton.

They have been talking for some time with a view of getting the United Telephone company to run a line to their place. It is claimed that the service would be a profitable one and that nearly all the residents of Craigville would equip their homes with telephones. Even if there was only one phone at the town, it would offer a better service than the Bell. The exchange of the United telephone is open all night in this city and at any hour it would be possible to reach Bluffton.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LV, NO. 1 Wednesday Evening, Jan. 6, 1904. p. 1, col. 6.*

Miss Della Clowser, who has been employed at the Ed Dailey restaurant for some time, resigned her position there Saturday evening and went to her home in Craigville. Miss Clowser will attend the Craigville high school.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LV, NO. 1 Wednesday Evening, Jan. 6, 1904. p. 3, col. 6.*

CRAIGVILLE SCHOOL OPENED  
IN NEW THEIR BUILDING

-----

Craigville high school opened for business Monday after a long shut down. The close of the school was made necessary from the fact that the new building was being completed. Now that it is completed and ready for business, Craigville has a school building that will rank with any of the graded schools in the county. A high school course is offered and there are already a number of students at that place taking high school work. The school is in charge of a competent corps of instructors.

Sylvester Miller, who has charge of the upper grades, is the principal, Arlie Frye, who although a comparatively young teacher, has won an enviable reputation as an instructor, has charges of grades five and six; and Miss Sadie Mill has charge of the primary work. They opened Monday and the school will start again after the long vacation. Superintendent Huyette will be present at the opening of schools and will see that everything starts off in a proper manner.

The finishing touches on the building were made Friday. The new heating plant, installed by Billy Kerfoot, was completed and fired up. It proved to work all right and heats the building to just the right temperature. Everything about the new structure is of the most modern order and the citizens of Craigville are justified in feeling exceedingly proud of their new school house.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LV, NO. 1 Wednesday Evening, Jan. 6, 1904. p. 6, col. 3.*

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LV, NO. 1 Wednesday Evening, Jan. 6, 1904. p. 7, col. 3.*

## FIGHT AT CRAIGVILLE

-----

Craigville was the scene of a fierce little scrap last Wednesday afternoon, two of the old timers were the participants. The trouble started over a small piece of harness picked up by a boy and before it was ended, the participants were both pretty badly pounded up.

John Hawk and a young man by the name of Shaffer were approaching Craigville on the Clover Leaf tracks. The story is that the boy saw a piece of harne[ss] and a tug lying on the track and called the attention of Hawk to it. John is said to have told him to take it to town and leave it at the store. This was done and a few minutes later, Elmer Beech came in.

He saw the harness and asked who had brought it there. The boy was pointed out and Beech (*sic*) walked over to him at the same time giving him a tongue lashing about picking up things that didn't belong to him. This continued for a few minutes and Hawk felt that it had gone far enough. He told the irate? owner of the harness the circumstances and of the fact that he had told the boy to take the bit of harness to town until it could be claimed by the owner.

This seemed to anger Beech and he turned to Hawk with some remark asking him how he got in the argument. Hawk replied that he was in it, and in it to stay and they went at each other, hammer and tongs.

Hawk has the reputation of being a coog man in a battle and Veech is considered the child. Spectators say that it was a pretty clean exhibition of scrapping, but before the victory perched on either banner, they were separated. Both were cut up a little and had black eyes to remember the occasion.

## RIG ALMOST COMPLETED

-----

The Pittsburg Oil company is going ahead with its work in Lancaster township and vicinity. At the present time they have a rig nearly completed on the Holthouse farm, just north of Curryville. The next location will be on the Walter Reed farm at the edge of Craigville. The farmers in that vicinity are anxious to have the work go on. They believe that they are very close to oil and they want the matter settled once and for all.

The people of Bluffton are just as anxious as those on the north. If a big field is developed there it will place Bluffton right in the center of the field and what it would mean in a business way can scarcely be calculated. Supply houses would be located here without question and there would be an influx of oil workers from all the surrounding oil towns. With Bluffton as the central point of a big oil field and with all the facilities it now has in the way of transportation, oil men would not hesitate an instant on moving to Bluffton.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. L[V], NO. 2 Wednesday Evening, Jan. 13, 1904. p. 2, col. 2.*

The well belonging to the Pittsburg Oil company located on the Hall farm near Craigville, will be abandoned for a new location. The tools have been fast in the well for two weeks and it seems impossible to get past some obstruction that now fills the well.

The leases that were held in the vicinity of Tocsin have been given up by the

company, it was stated Monday, only those leases held south of that point retained by the producers. Still the people of Tocsin and vicinity do not despair of yet being in the field.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. L[V], NO. 3 Wednesday Evening, Jan. 20, 1904. p. 5, col. 1.*

#### MOVED THURSDAY.

-----

J. Hawk moved Thursday from the farm he has been occupying in the vicinity of Craigville and is now located on a farm west of the city. Mr. Hawk is a progressive stock-raiser and will continue to attend to the stock business along with his other work.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. L[V], NO. 4 Wednesday Evening, Jan. 27, 1904. p. 6, col. 6.*

#### THREE NEW ROUTES START MARCH FIRST

-----

New rural routes have been granted to Craigville, Liberty Center, Ossian and Uniondale, and the postmasters at each of these places have received work that the service is to begin on the first day of March. Liberty Center and Ossian already have one route each and the latter gets two new ones, and this will give the other two places a beginning at the business. About 500 patrons will be supplied (*sic*) with daily mail service by the opening of these new routes, and the Evening Banner will circulate as usual in a large majority of these homes. People living on rural routes have to have a daily and the Banner is the particular pride of tis country subscribers. Each route will be sampled and our

solicitors will call personally on all the patrons and secure their subscriptions.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. L[V], NO. 4 Wednesday Evening, Jan. 27, 1904. p. 8, col. 1.*

#### CRAIGVILLE.

-----

Resolved, That the Mexican war was unjust, was the subject of a very lively debate Friday afternoon between the first and second year high school. The judges rendered the decision in favor of the second year pupils, on the negative side.

Morritt Abbott and Arley Fry went to Decatur last evening to attend the theatre.

The high school boys are able to announce an entertainment for Friday, Feb. 5. It is expected to outclass all former attempts. There will also be a box social given the same evening for the benefit of the library.

Will Wibee (*sic*) and Thomas Griffith were in town yesterday. They report the "muck" as covered with snow and in fine condition for sleighing.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. L[V], NO. 4 Wednesday Evening, Jan. 27, 1904. p. 8, col. 4.*

#### PUGNEY.

-----

Revival services closed here Monday night with several conversions and two accessions to the church.

Rev. Mr. Borkert will commence a series of meetings at Craigville next Sunday evening.

Revival services commenced at Emmaus last Sunday evening. . . .

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LV, NO. 5 Wednesday Evening, Feb. 3, 1904. p. 8, col. 3.*

#### OBITUARY.

-----

Anna M. Rosebaum, daughter of William and Manerva Rosebaum, was born in Mercer county, O., April 21, 1873, and departed this life at the home of J. M. Pyle and wife in Craigville, Ind., Jan. 8, 1904, aged 30 years, 8 months and 17 days. She was united in marriage with Ezra Beach June 19, 1892. To this union were born three children, one son and two daughters. The son having preceded her to the eternal city. She leaves to mourn her departure a husband, two daughters, a mother, eight brothers, five sisters and a host of relatives and friends. She was converted and united with the Christian Union society at Oakland church in March, 1891, later in the year 1898 while living in Bluffton, she united with the Baptist church at that place of which she was still a member at the time of her death. The hand of affliction was placed heavily upon her and for three months she suffered untold agony, but bearing it all with patience and Christian fortitude. She often expressed a desire to live that she might raise her children but at the same time saying if it was God's will to take her from this world she was ready to go. She departed this life with a smile on her face which was evidence that all was well. May God in his infinite mercy bless and comfort the dear friends and may they learn to rely more fully on God and His promises, for to trust in God and to trust aright in Him is life eternal. It seems hard for us to part with our loved ones here but if we are faithful to Christ and his calling when we are called to leave the shores of time we will be permitted to strike glad hands with our loved ones on that celestial shore where there will be no

more partings or sad farewells but all will be joy and peace. The funeral services were held in the Christian Union church at Craigville January 10, conducted by Rev. E. B. Yost, assisted by Rev. J. H. Curry; text from St. John, 11:25, after which she was laid to rest in the Oakland cemetery to await the resurrection morn. Six of her former schoolmates acted as pall-bearers and carried her remains to its last earthly resting place.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LV, NO. 6 Wednesday Evening, Feb. 10, 1904. p. 5, col. 1.*

Craigville is booked for another rural route, thus completing the free delivery of mail to that immediate section. It is not known the exact time the new route will start.

*Decatur, Indiana: The Daily Democrat. VOLUME II NUMBER 64 Saturday Evening, March 26, 1904. p. 3, col. 2.*

#### CRAIGVILLE'S SCHOOL CLOSED

-----

Friday was the last day of school at Craigville, and pursuant to the time-honored custom a large crowd of patrons and visitors attended the closing. The noon hour was taken up almost entirely with a "big dinner." And all who could possibly get into the house were treated to all they wanted to eat.

The school has been in session only a short time, and it was thought best by Trustee Frye and the teacher to close the term before warm weather came on. Next year the term will begin early in the fall. The teachers for this year have been: Sylvester Miller, principal; Arley Fry, Intermediate; Sadies Miller, primary; and

they have given almost universal satisfaction.

Friday afternoon the high school team and the sluggers gave an exhibition game of base ball. The high school team proved to be the best players. They were captained by Nick Pierce, the school house janitor, who completely puzzled the big boys with his benders. Billy Robenold was captain of the Sluggers and held down the initial bag. All the Sluggers could muster was six runs while the high school boys tallied eight.

That evening the children of the school gave an entertainment consisting of songs, declamations and dialogues. It was very interesting and they had a good house. Henry Strohm was present from this city.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. [X]LV. NO. 17 Wednesday Evening, April 27, 1904. p. 7, col. 2.*

#### CRAIGVILLE ITEMS.

-----

The Craigville Giants played the Peterson nine Sunday afternoon, resulting in the usual victory for Craigville. The score was 21 to 10. The Giants now speak out with a challenge to any amateur team in either Wells or Adams counties. Would like to hear from old Kingsland, who wanted us to speak out a couple of weeks ago. We sent them the challenge but we guess it must have taken their breath for we have not as yet heard them chirp.

Elmer Church of Bluffton spent Sunday with his sister, Laura Church.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Pierce of Swayzee spent Sunday with their son, Wiley Pierce.

Miss Sadie Miller is spending a few days with friends in Decatur.

A crowd of young folks spent a pleasant afternoon along the river last Friday, Those in the party were: Messrs. Worden Huffman, Oria Pierce, Edgar Abbott and

Albert Wibel and Misses Pansy Huffman, Josie Yager, Minnie Miller, Ada Fry, Verna Miller, Minnie Leye and Alta Clowser.

An entertainment and ice cream social will be given on the evening of Saturday, June 18, for the benefit of the Craigville Guards.

Orin Pierce is reported on the sick list. Wm. Diehl is getting his meat market painted.

Several of the young people went to the soup meeting at the Dunkard church Saturday night.

Base ball is now the talk among the boys.

It would be a good idea if the citizens of this berg would begin to clean the streets and alleys.

George Humrickhouse has got his new dwelling about completed.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LV, NO. 23 Wednesday Evening, June 8, 1904. p. 3, col. 2.*

#### CRAIGVILLE.

-----

Mrs Pyle and Mrs. Stamen, two of our Sabbath school teachers, took their classes on an outing near the Adams county infirmary last Saturday and all report a good time.

Parties were in Craigville Friday looking after the interest of a company telephone. Did not learn what success they met with, but hope it was good, as the 'phone we have is no good for a small town. If Craigville would get a good system of 'phones many of the citizens would patronize the same by having private phones in their dwellings.

Mrs. Reed has beautified her property by having a cement walk put down in front of her premises.

George Humerickhouse is a citizen now of Craigville. He moved to our village last

Tuesday. Welcome, friends, to our vicinity.

E. P. Davenport has placed a cement walk from the street to the rear of his dwelling.

B. F. Hoover has changed the color of his hotel by an application of paint.

Several of our people took in the ball game at Poneto last Saturday.

Mrs. Ralph Steele of Decatur is visiting her son B. F. Hoover, for a few days.

Mrs. John McCormick of Marion visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Warren Christ over Sunday.

Some of the Craigvilleites went to Decatur last Friday to hear the orator from Nebraska, Hon. W. J. Bryan.

One of Thomas Buckley's children is reported critically ill at this writing.

Albert Trulender has purchased property in our town and will move here in the near future.

Tillman Robenold is in a serious condition with gangrene in his foot. Dr. Davenport, the attending physician, called Dr. Cook of Bluffton in counsel last Saturday.

J. M. Pyle has raised five good sized rubbard squashes on the roof of is woodhouse this summer.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner VOL. LV, NO. 42 Wednesday Evening, October 19, 1904. p. 8, col. 5.*

#### OBITUARY.

-----

Tilman Robenold, son of Charles and Rachael Robenold, was born in Schuylkill county, Pennsylvania, on March 20, 1849. In the year 1855 he, with his parents emigrated to Adams county, Ind., where he resided until the year 1883, when he, with his wife and family, moved to Craigville, Ind., where he resided until the time of his death. He departed this life October 23,

1904, aged 55 years 7 months and 3 days. He was united in marriage with Melissa Crum, March 25, 1880, and to this union was born five children, three sons and two daughters. One daughter having preceded him to the Celestial City. He leaves a wife, three sons, one daughter, three brothers and two sisters, with a host of friends to mourn his departure. But our loss is his eternal gain. Brother Robenold united with the Christian Union society at Oakland Chapel, near Craigville, January 21, 1894 and remained faithful to God and His cause until he was called from labor to reward. Although sorely afflicted and suffering intense pain for several long weeks, he was never heard to murmur or complain, but bore it all with patience and Christian fortitude. He gave strong evidence that all was well with his soul, in his last hours as his mind seemed to be altogether on divine things and heaven; all he cared to talk about was the goodness of God, he often having expressed a desire to depart and go to that home that Christ had prepared for him that he might be at rest. He died in the triumphs of a living faith and has gone to receive his reward promised to the final faithful. The wife has lost a kind and loving husband, the children a kind and loving father, but this parting is only for a short time; where he is now is there we may also go. May the God who alone can comfort the widow and the orphan ever bless and keep the precious bereaved ones, may they ever realize that God doeth all things for the best and that His grace is sufficient for all who trust Him. The Psalmist David says "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." The funeral services were held in the Christian Union church at Craigville October 24, conducted by Rev. C. T. Payne. Text, Proverbs 14:32. After the services he was laid to rest in the Oakland cemetery to await the great resurrection morn.

EMMA D. PYLE.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LV, NO. 44 Wednesday Evening, November 2, 1904. p. 5, col. 1.*

CRAIGVILLE  
NEWS ITEMS

-----  
Short, Sweet Newslets From  
Lancaster Township's  
Metropolis.  
-----

Winter has come at last.  
Very little sickness in our village at present.  
Butchering is the order of the day.  
Tim Stalter and Emory Church each shipped a carload of hogs from this place last Friday.  
Joshua Bright was in Craigville last Friday selling honey. Mr. Bright has about sixty stands of bees.  
The protracted meeting at the U. B. church closed last Saturday evening.  
No persons need go hungry at the Detinger (*sic*) sale next Thursday near Honduras, as the Ladies' Aid society of Craigville will serve warm meals for twenty cents. All you can eat, everyone invited to eat dinner.  
Our merchants, B. F. Hoover and A. S. Abbott seem to be doing a good business these days.  
Everybody should sign the petition for the addition to the Oakland cemetery.  
It has been said that the grand jury will have some business to do in and around Craigville if there is not better order at meetings of different kinds. A word to the wise is sufficient.  
The Clover Leaf railroad has commenced to reduce its number of section hands.  
Daniel Abbott, who has been quite sick for several weeks, is reported to be improving.

Peter Fayler was in Craigville last Friday on business.

Uncle Dave Hetrick has been under the weather for several days, but is able to be out again.

The Ladies' Aid society elected its officers for another term last Thursday afternoon.

The Christian Union Sabbath school elected its officers last Sunday for the coming year. Superintendent, Sylvester Miller; assistant supt. H. M. Gilliland; secretary, Verna Miller; treasurer, Bessie Pease; organist, Emma Miller; supply purchaser, Emma D. Pyle; librarian, Garnet Christ.

Amos Ramsbottom (*sic*) finished plastering the basement of the Craigville school house last week.

W. J. Deihl shipped seven thousand pounds of dressed poultry last Saturday to New York.

Christmas entertainment at Christian church next Saturday evening. Everybody invited.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LV, NO. 51 Wednesday Evening, Dec 21, 1904. p. 6, col. 1, 2.*

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

-----

John Evans to Sarah Wake, eighty acres in Lancaster township, Conderation \$4,000.

Jennie Cline to Jane Abbott, lot No. 40, in Craigville. Consideration \$200.

V. S. Pease to D. W. Abbott, lot No. 41 in Craigville. Consideration \$200.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LVI, NO. 1 Wednesday Evening, January 4, 1904 [s/b 1905]. p. 1, col. 1.*

CRAIGVILLE.

-----

Health good in and around Craigville.  
C. F. Davidson of Bluffton has shipped twenty-five car loads of stock from this place this fall.

Oscar Blair and family of New Haven, were the guests of Mrs. Sarah Hartman and other friends at this place over Sunday.

Charles Pease spent his holiday vacation with his parents at this place.

Miss Gertha Hower visited with friends at Decatur last week.

There will be a box social at the school house at this place Wednesday.

Mrs. John Foust and children and Miss Sylvia Stemen of Elida, O., were the guests of Grandma Johns and other friends over the holidays.

evening, Jan. 4. Proceeds of this social to go for the benefit of the Christian Union church. Everybody invited to come.

[Sentence/paragraph inserted within a paragraph in column.]

Quite a number from this place attended the dedication at Pugney last Sunday. [See column one of same page.]

Dr. E. P. Davenport and wife visited friends at Bluffton, O., over Sunday.

Berlin Christ of Marion spent his holiday vacation with his parents, Warren Christ and wife at this place.

Miss Garnet Christ was the guest of Naomi Beach last Sunday.

Sylvester Miller and wife were the guests of J. H. Curry and wife of Curryville last week.

Mrs. Melissa Robenold and son Charles returned Monday from Uniondale

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Bluffton Banner. VOL. LVI, NO. 1 Wednesday Evening, January 4, 1904 [s/b 1905]. p. 4, col. 5, 6.*

Two big orders were received yesterday by Lew Starr for ice cream for socials to

be given tonight. One is to be given at Craigville and the other will be at Plum Tree, west of town.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Evening News. TWELFTH YEAR, NO 227 Saturday, June 18, 1904 p. 3, col. 2.*

Mrs. Joseph Hartman is visiting with her parents near Craigville.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Evening News. TWELFTH YEAR, NO 227 Saturday, June 18, 1904 p. 3, col. 4.*

#### CLASS NIGHT EXERCISES AT CRAIGVILLE

----

High School Seniors Delivered Ora-  
tions, and were Assisted by  
Bluffton Musicians.

----

The Senior class of the Craigville high school held their class night exercises at the U. B. church at Craigville Wednesday and the edifice was filled to its utmost capacity by the large audience which was anxious to see the graduates of 1906 and to hear their addresses and the fine music most of which was furnished by Bluffton talent.

There is a class of six seniors who graduate from the Craigville schools this year and all of them delivered orations that night as a portion of the class exercises. Every one of them did splendidly and the school has every reason to feel proud of the fine class of young men and women which is being sent forth into the world. Space does not permit of an outline of each oration, but all of them were a highly meritoriuos (*sic*) character.

The Seniors and the subjects for their orations were as follows: Miss Viola Smith, "Ideal Civilization"; Mary Nash,



"Our Hero President;" William Lindsey, "Manual Training"; Metta Frye, "Higher Education for Women"; Ada Frye, "The National Flag" and Albert Wibel, "Americanism".

The musical numbers on the program consisted of both instrumental and vocal music. Two selections on the piano were given by Mrs. W. W. Weisell, Jr., of this city, and her ability was recognized by well merited applause. Miss Pearl Saylor, who was on the program for two vocal solos, and Prof. Oscar Allen, who executed two fine violin solos, also had the appreciation of their talent shown by the audience in rounds of applause. One of the best musical numbers was a solo by Miss Ada Fetro, of Craigville, and the audience showed its appreciation of her singing.

The program was open[ed] with invocation of the Divine blessing by Rev. J. H. Curry and was closed with a benediction by Rev. W. H. Petro.

The commencement of the Craigville schools was held on Friday evening. The address to the class was delivered by Dr. L. N. Chase, and the diplomas were presented to the class by County Superintendent A. R. Huyette.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 37. NUMBER 38 Wednesday, March 21, 1906. p. 8, col. 2.*

## **BURGLARS BLEW A SAFE AT CRAIGVILLE.**

----

**Also Ransacked Clover Leaf Depot but  
Never got a Cent Used a Little  
Nitro and Some Tools.**

----

Burglars entered the Frank Hower general store at Craigville last night about midnight and shattered the safe with a charge of dynamite but got nothing for

their labor. After ransacking the Clover Leaf depot they left the town.

The Hower store is located on the principal street of the city. The burglars got in evidently with skeleton keys as this morning both front and back doors were found open but not injured. The work was done on the safe with a sledge hammer cold chisel and high explosive either dynamite or nitro-glycerine was used as the safe was badly wrecked. There was no cash in the safe and the only thing negotiable that could be found was a check for \$100 but his and a lot of notes and some accounts were not taken. The town was not disturbed by the explosions but Alfred Abbott heard the shots fired but did not get up to investigate.

From the Hower store the burglars went to the Clover Leaf depot which they ransacked but evidently found nothing to suit them as nothing was missing Thursday. They took all the lamps from the Hower store to make the search at the depot. Nothing in the store was disturbed except the safe and lamps.

Most of the Craigville residents believe home talent did the work bu[t] there is no definite clew as to who did it and how many were engaged. No horses or vehicles of any kind were missing this morning and it is believed that if foreign talent was engaged in the job they would have stolen some means of getting away.

There was a bad gang of desperate looking characters loafing around Bluffton Wednesday. They said they were boiler makers by trade and were traveling to find work. They did not look the part of honest laboring men and it may be possible that some of them did the work at Craigville.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 39. NUMBER 33 Wednesday, February 13, 1907. p. 8, col. 3.*

CHURCH AT CRAIGVILLE  
STRUCK BY LIGHTNING.

----

Children's Day Exercises were Being  
Held and Many were Shocked, two  
Men Getting Part of Current.

----

Scores of people were given a severe shock during the storm Sunday evening when a bolt of lightning struck the Christian Union church at Craigville, at which Children's Day exercises were in progress at the time. The church was crowded and when the bolt of lightning struck it seemed to divide its forces between a telephone pole just across the street and the chimney of the church. The pole was shattered while the bolt which struck the church followed the chimney and down the stove pipe to the auditorium below. Many in the congregation were shocked, but John Pierce, father of Deputy Sheriff Charles Pierce, and Clell Pyle received the most severe shock and had close calls from death. Both received a glancing portion of the bolt, and Pierce had one side of his face and one arm burned, while Pyle had one knee and his foot burned. Both were so stunned they were temporarily paralyzed, and both feel the effect today. A horse belonging to Will Garton stood near the church and it was knocked down. A panic ensued and most of the congregation left. The church received little damage.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 40. NUMBER 50 Wednesday, June 13, 1907. p. 1, col. 4.*

A barn on the west side of Bluffton was struck and other reports of fires and sheep killed from lightning on Wednesday and Thursday were on the same page.

The Craigville telephone company has fixed its toll lines and is going like clock work again.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Evening News. SEVENTEETH YEAR NO. 51 Wednesday, November 25 1908 p. 3, col. 3.*

VILLA NORTH ON  
CRAIGVILLE LINE

-----

INCREASE IN PRICE CAUSES  
BLUFFTON PHONES THERE TO  
BE TAKEN OUT.

-----

The residents of Villa North are to be subscribers on the Craigville telephone line and at the present time all but one of the homes are without the Bluffton phones for the first time since the pretty suburb was established. The work of connecting the Craigville lines, which will give the people free connections with Tocsin, Honduras, Vera Cruz, Markle and Uniondale will probably be started within the next few days, according to an announcement made today. The line now runs within a mile of Villa North.

The installing of the Craigville phones follows a ruling of the United Telephone company raising the price of phones in Villa North from \$1.50 to \$2.00 per month. The increase in price was made a year ago and all the phones except those of the homes of A. H. Reed, Joseph Anderson and A. R. Huyette were removed. Messrs. Reed and Anderson held over until March of this year but their old contract and their phones have now been taken out. Mr. Huyette will retain his phone on the Bluffton line.

The Craigville or German Telephone company, will contract to install the phones for \$1.00 per month, it is said, and eleven Villa North homes will have them in a short time. The new ruling of the

United company effects all people living a quarter of a mile or more outside of the city limits. As subscribers on the Craigville line it will be necessary for the Villa North people to pay ten cents toll to call into Bluffton.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Evening Banner*  
*VOLUME XV. NUMBER 103. Tuesday, March*  
*24, 1914. p. 1, col. 6.*

WILL GERMAN CO.  
REACH BLUFFTON

-----

TALK OF TWO TELEPHONE COM-  
PANIES REVIVED BY EXTEN-  
SION OF LINES.

-----

Will the German Telephone company think of breaking into the telephone business in Bluffton following the installation of their phones in the Villa North suburb? This is the question that arises following the announcement of the Villa North citizens yesterday that they would be subscribers of the Craigville company.

A few years ago directors of the German or Craigville Telephone company talked of breaking into the Bluffton field and asking a franchise to do business in the city. The argument did not carry with the entire board of directors and the talk was soon abandoned. The company has gradually been extending lines toward Bluffton and it will only be necessary to string a line about a mile to connect the Villa North homes. The people of the suburb having their Bluffton phones taken out because of the increase in rates may cause the talk of the German company's extension to be revived. The Craigville company is to connect the homes for \$1 a month and as previously announced this will give the subscribers free toll connections with practically all towns in the county north of

Bluffton. To telephone into Bluffton it will cost the people ten cents.

At the time some of the directors of the Craigville company talked of asking for a franchise from the Bluffton city council there was a plan to make the rates \$1 per month for residential phones and \$1.50 per month for business phones.

The outcome will be watched with considerabl[e] interest as at various times there has been talk of two telephone companies in Bluffton. The Craigville line is to be connected with the Villa North homes within the next few days, it is said.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Evening Banner*  
*VOLUME XV. NUMBER 104. Wednesday, March*  
*25, 1914. p. 1, col. 1.*

Mrs. Sarah Hockenschmidt and Mrs. Evelyn Hockenschmidt, of Huntington, attended the funeral of Phillip Miller Thursday.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Evening Banner VOL.*  
*XV. NO. 172. Friday, June 12, 1914. p. 3, col. 3.*

OBITUARY.

-----

John Phillip Miller, son of Fielding H. and Mary D. Miller, was born in Perry county, Ohio, September 17, 1841, and died at his home one-half mile north and one and one-half miles west of Craigville, Ind., June 8, 1914, aged 72 years, 9 months, and 21 days. He was married to Kesiah Horner, November 24, 1870. To this union were born two children, both of whom survive their father. Bro. Miller gave his heart to God and was converted under the pastorate of Rev. H. Hudson at what is known as the Old Oakland church. He joined the Christian Union and remained a member of this organization until the time of his death. He leaves to

mourn their loss a faithful companion, two daughters, Ida Bell at home, and Cora Elizabeth, wife of John L. Mounsey, one granddaughter; three sisters, Sarah Hockinsmith, Safrona Horner, Martha Longwell; three brothers, Henry, David and George Miller, besides a large circle of other relatives and friends. Two sisters and one brother, also two grandchildren having preceded him to the spirit land, but our loss is his eternal gain.

There is a stream whose narrow tide  
The known and unknown world divide  
Where all must go--  
Its waveless waters, dark and deep  
'Mid sullen silence downward sweep  
With noiseless flow.

Funeral services conducted from Bethel Chapel, Craigville by Rev. J. W. Sayar. Interment in Elm Grove cemetery, Bluffton.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Evening Banner VOL. XV. NO. 172. Friday, June 12, 1914. p. 4, col. 6.*

Miss Myrtle Tutwiler, of Craigville, was a guest in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nate Tutwiler, in this city Thursday.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Evening Banner VOL. XV. NO. 178. Friday, June 19, 1914. p. 5, col. 2.*

DEAF MUTE RUNS  
MANY BUSINESSES

-----

I. D. BRIGHT SUCCEEDS AT  
CRAIGVILLE IN SPITE OF  
HANDICAP.

-----

If you have no desire to "talk" with your hands don't move to Craigville. This little town probably has more people who can use their fingers for conversation than any town of the size in Indiana. It all comes about as the result of Isriael D. Bright, one

of the most prominent business men there being unable to talk or hear. Since he has lived in Craigville no one has ever heard him utter a sound, but this has not prevented him succeeding in business.

At the present time Mr. Bright conducts a barber shop, shoe repair shop, and is also engaged in the manufacture of harness. It is the quietest barber shop in the county, without a doubt, and even the weather is not discussed in the way that an outsider would be able understand the conversation. In spite of his misfortune, Mr. Bright is understood by the people of the little town and he also understands them. Most of them have become experts in conversing with their fingers and they get along just as well without talking. In a room owned by Mr. Bright in the rear of where he is engaged in business, an automobile garage is conducted by his cousin, The sound of the chugging motors fails to annoy him and he never grows tired of the pounding of the hammers in his shoe and harness shop.

One of Mr. Bright's neat ways of advertising is a business card on one side of which is his picture, and on the reverse the finger alphabet. These cards he hands out to his patrons and if the people do not learn his way of talking, it is their own fault.

Mr. Bright was left a mute after an illness with measles when a small boy. At that time he lived near Honduras, in Adams county, but for many years he has lived in Craigville and is raking in the sheckels from his many customers. He has no opposition in his many lines of trade, but this fact does no make him independent and he is always sociaible (*sic*) and glad to have new customers.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Evening Banner VOLUME XV. NUMBER 201. Friday, July 17, 1914. p. 2, col. 1.*

CRAIGVILLE ELEVATOR  
DESTROYED BY FIRE.

---

The little town of Craigville, six miles east of Bluffton, suffered one of the worst fires in its history Sunday morning, when the elevator at that place, owned by G. T. Burke, of Decatur, was completely destroyed by flames.

The loss is estimated at \$10,000 to \$12,000, with insurance partially covering that amount.

The fire, of unknown origin, was discovered about 3 o'clock Sunday morning, by George Humrickhouse and Charles Wolfe, both of whom live near the scene of the fire. They quickly gave the alarm that roused all residents of the little town, but the flames had such headway that there was not the least possibility of getting the fire under control. The building is reported to have been fully one-half in flames before the fire was first discovered. The fire was prevented from communicating to other buildings, and that was the extent to the aid volunteer firemen could afford. The elevator stood about 300 feet from the depot, on the northside of the Clover Leaf tracks, and there was no other building closer than about 100 feet.

3,000 Bushels of Grain Burned.

Contents of the elevator, in addition to the machinery destroyed, included about 3,000 bushels of grain, consisting of 400 to 500 bushels of wheat, 1,300 bushels of corn, 1,500 bushels of oats, and 500 to 600 bushels of rye.

The Clover Leaf railroad company also suffered a loss in the destruction of a box car loaded with 1,200 bushels of shelled corn. This had been billed out Friday and was in the company's hands and it will have to stand the loss.

The origin of the fire is unknown and probably the mystery never will be solved.

One theory is that it started in the engine room.

The elevator was a frame structure built several years ago by E. L. Carroll, of Decatur, and the roof and siding were of galvanized iron.

Gideon Gerber was in charge as manager of the elevator for Mr. Burke. He stated Sunday that Mr. Burke, after a visit to Craigville, stated that the elevator will be rebuilt as quickly as possible, and that in the meantime they will continue in business at Craigville buying and shipping grains, hay, etc. A warehouse which the flames did not reach will be used as a place of business until a new elevator can be erected.

Mr. Burke owned the only elevator located at Craigville. He operates elevators at several other points.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 48. NO. 31. Wednesday, February 10, 1915. p. 3, col. 3.*

Mrs. Absalom Ginter and son Harve left for Fort Wayne to call on Mr. Ginter at the Lutheran hospital. He was operated upon Friday. Word came last night at ten o'clock that he was very weak, and scarcely could talk aloud. However, it is too early to tell the outcome of his condition.--Decatur Democrat.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 49. NO. 37. Wednesday, March 15, 1916. p. 5, col. 1.*

MRS. ISRAEL BRIGHT  
DEAD AT CRAIGVILLE

---

(From Monday's Daily)

Mrs. Alice Bright, wife of Israel D. Bright, the owner of a barber shop at Craigville, passed away Saturday evening

at her home in Craigville, after a prolonged illness with kidney trouble. Her death was due to ureamic poisoning.

Mrs. Bright was born on April 18, 1870 at New Corydon. She was the daughter of William H. and Elmira Henker and was christened Alice. Her marriage to Israek D. Bright was Solemnized on December 25, 1902, at Liber, Indiana, a small town located two miles south of Portland. As the fruit of this union there are two children, namely: Charled D. Bright, and Ruth Irene Bright.

In addition to these children Mrs. Bright is survived by her husband and two sisters and a brother, Misses Wilma and Nettie Henker, of Portland, and Herman Henker, of Denver, Colo. Mrs, Bright had been a resident of this county for fourteen years.

She was a member of the Christian Union church at Craigville.

The funeral services were held at the late home at Craigville at 9:30 this morning and the funeral cortege drove to Liber, two miles south of Portland, where the interment will be held on Tuesday.

*Bluffton, Indiana: VOLUME 49. NO. 38.  
Bluffton Chronicle. Wednesday, March 22, 1916.  
p. 3, col. 6.*

CRAIGVILLE BANK  
IS INCORPORATED

---

THE NEW BANK WILL BE READY  
FOR BUSINESS AS SOON AS  
BUILDING IS COMPLETED.

---

Articles of incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State Wednesday, by the Farmers State Bank, of Craigville, Ind., with capital stock of \$25,000. Incorporators are Gideon Garber (*sic*), Joel Neuenschwander, David Klopfenstine, and others. The new bank purchased a site for a building recently from Dr. E. P.

Davenport, and will open for business as soon as a bank building is completed.

*The Evening News. TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR,  
NO. 290 Thursday, September 7, 1916 p. 1, col.  
5.*

FORMER ILLINOIS  
RESIDENTS IN REUNION

----

THIRD ANNUAL REUNION WAS  
HELD AT HAGGARD'S  
GROVE.

----

The third annual reunion of former Illinois residents was held at Henry Haggard grove on August 30, adjoining Monroe, twelve miles east on the Bluffton and Monroe road. About one hundred people were present including Indiana and Ohio residents. The day was an ideal one the crowd smaller than usual owing to the general rain a few days previous to Thursday. The following officers were re-elected F. P. Holberstadt, President; vice-president, secretary and treasurer, Dick Porter; assistant secretaries Henry Johnson of Paulding, Ohio, and Clarence Mitchell of Monroe, Ind. The reunion will be held at Monroe, Ind., the last Thursday in August, 1918. The following and their families were present: Dick Porter, Craigville, Ind., Philip M. Carper, Decatur, Ind., Perle Shotts, Convoy, Ohio, Grant Owens, Decatur, Ind., H. A. Colebaugh, Portland, Ind., L. C. Frink, Ossian, Ind., H. G. Munson, Craigville, C. A. Munson, Craigville, S. F. Lott, Decatur, Ind., B. W. Gray, Monroe, Ind., F. P. Halberstadt, Monroe, Ind., J. W. Crow, Portland, Ind., C. O. Rider, Bluffton, Ind., W. A. James, Pennville, Ind., J. D. Kump, Markle, Ind., F. B. Collier, Monroeville, Ind., Wm. Mitchell, Decatur, Ind., S. R. Miller, Monroe, Ind., Mrs. O. D. Rider and sons, Bluffton, Ind. A picture of the group was

taken by Ashbaucher of Bluffton. Very appropriate souvenir cards of the day were pinned on each person by the photographer Mr. Ashbaucher. Three long well-spread tables were heartily partaken of at the noon hour. Ice cream in conclusion and a good social time made the day a short one. Miss Shotts of Van Wert, Ohio, sang a solo "I Cross My Heart I Would Never Tell a Lie," which was highly appreciated by all. There are one hundred and thirty-one heads of families registered. The deceased one are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bagley, formerly of Paulding, Ohio, George H. Rice and wife old members are seriously ill at St. Joseph Illinois.

*Bluffton, Indiana: Bluffton Chronicle. VOLUME 51. NO. 11. Wednesday, September 12, 1917 p. 5, col. 7*

#### BUYS FARM, STOPS SALE.

----

C. E. Potter has called off his farm sale advertised March 12th. He has purchased the A. D. Shady farm two miles south of Craigville.

*Bluffton, Indiana: The Evening News TWENTY-EIGHTH YEAR, NO. 132 Thursday, March 4, 1920. p. 1, col. 2.*

Wells County Christian Endeavor convention which was to be held at Craigville, Sunday evening was postponed until another date which will be announced later.

*Warren, Indiana: The Warren Tribune. VOL. XXII, NO 18 Nov. 12, 1920 p. 5, col. 4.*

June Grove highlighted Craigville in one of her series of articles in The News-Banner. See the

Thursday, January 13, 2000 issue titled "Remembering the Good Old Days in Craigville . . . Who Could Ever Forget Laughing Boots With Needles and Pins?"

-----  
Thomas Liby  
213 1/2 W Market St  
Bluffton IN 46714-1934  
260-353-9150  
thomasliby@aol.com

Version 1.0 Created on Sunday 12 January 2023  
Version 1.1 Revised on Thursday 23 January 2023  
Version 1.2 Revised on Friday 10 March 2023  
Version 1.3 Revised on Thursday 15 Jun 2023