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to talk

The time allotted to me is 20 minutes, and 20 minutes are allotted to you to listen. I will narrate briefly some of the events occurring in this part of the country, commencing 100 years ago. At that time, the Government had obtained a large part of the country known as the North West territory, *and obtained from Congress* by treaties from the various Indian tribes. The country was surveyed, into sections, half sections and quarter sections, *in 1785.* The surveyors were the first white people to see the country, and were not interfered with by the Indians, who professed to be friendly. However, about twenty years after, *and his brother had prophetic commands,* the tribes under Tecumseh, ~~they~~ met Gen. W.H. Harrison in a battle, at the Tippecanoe, Nov. 7, 1811. The Indians being vanquished, they left for the far west. The first white settlers who came to this locality, was on the 31st, day of Dec. 1824. This makes the settlement commencement 97 years ago.

At that time, there were but few Indians here, and they were traveling from the west to the eastern part of the State. *Mt. Pleasant* In September, 1838, the Indians ~~in~~ in the eastern part of the State were removed west, by Gen. John Tipton. They formed a procession three miles in length, and traveled on the west side of the Wabash River. Some of the early settlers had the pleasure of seeing them on their journey, and felt good to think, that their scalps were safe in the future.

The Wabash River, one of the largest in the State, was a high way for the French and Canadian fur dealers, and the *for several hundred years.* early missionaries. There were ports and block houses along this river, where the Indians brought furs and robes for exchange of goods. They obtained guns and ammunition, and clothing, and whiskey, which the Indians, called ~~it~~, 'Fire-water.' They gave it the proper name.

This entire country was a dense forest, *east of the Wabash River* with a few small prairies. Most of the surface on the level lands were covered with water nearly the whole year round. The State was

organized in 1816, and the the emigration went mostly to the southern parts, They came from Pennsylvania, Ohio and Kentucky, to make homes. They came with provisions, tools and stock. Crawfordsville was a Government land office, and the people who came to to this territory, now Carroll County, bought lands, and paid \$1.25, per acre, in silver money.

From Dec. 31, 1824, to January, 1828, there were about two hundred people settled here. This period was the most trying four years, of the pioneer history. Living in rude log cabins, in the woods, clearing small tracts of land to raise corn and wheat and vegetables, and hundres of miles from any market, passing very od cold winters, we of to-day, can not realize the hardships and suffering they lived through.

Carroll County was organized in May, 1828. Delphi stands on ground donated to the County as a Seat of Justice, by William Wilson. The first house built on the plat, was a log school house, , which was used for holding courts, preaching, and Sunday schools.-

The first public building erected was a County Jail. There have been three court houses built in this County. The first was built in the thirties, the second in 1857 and 1858, the third, the present building. was built in 1916 and 1917. During the 97 years, more than one half of the cultivated land has been in cultivation, the best timber gone, fine roads, that have cost millions of dollars, ^{and} fine farms and towns show modern buildings.

At the time of the early settlements, this country abounded with wild game, wild fowls, and fish. Man is a destructive being, in many respects. He has got the game almost destroyed, and used up the fine timber, until now, farmers have to buy coal to keep from freezing. There are many virtues of the generations that have passed away, among them is a decent respect for morality, for honest dealing, and respect for education, and christiananity.

There are many things that held away in years past, that

have been eliminated in the progress made to the present day. One of these is the habit of using intoxicating liquor. That has passed after a long war made against it. Another is, ~~is~~ the women have become the equal of men, in all things that men engaged in. This right was recognized by many of the people who have lived and passed away, without seeing the results of a continuous agitation for more than 50 years. The people used to make their own clothes. They dont do that any more. They used to weave and spin. they do not do that now. They used to wear blue jeans, the men, and the women wore linsay-woolsey, and the garments were made to clothe the whole body, and did not attract attention, of a scarcity of covering at the neck, or at the feet.

Progressive education has not kept pace with business utilities. The educators are just waking up out of a twenty year "Rip Van Winkle" sleep, and they are wondering why Indiana stands 17 in the ~~role of~~ ^{of} educational advancements. The free school ^{system} was established over 60 years ago. Will the next 50 years chronicle the advancement now being agitated? If so, teachers will be paid living wages, children have free text books, and the only language taught, ^{in the elementary schools} will be the English language. In ~~conclusion~~, I will say, that many of you have ancestors who spent their lives in this county, do not forget them, but honor ^{and memory} their works, who left you a legacy that money can not buy.

When you pass out from ^{the} public School and the Universities, you will enter a larger school — the School of Experience. This school is attended by all persons, old and young. It is in continuous session, and there are no holidays. The discipline is square dealing, uprightness, and high ideals of success. The field of endeavor is world-wide, and it is a race to the goal, and to the victor belongs the spoils. Hold fast to the lines, drive to the right, avoid the wrecks on the way, and may you all live long and prosper.