

The spring was very late that season when most of these *Papilio*s appeared; the buds were just beginning to show signs of forthcoming leaves, but on these and the branches were deposited numbers of eggs, chiefly on the latter. It is rare to find any on the branches when the leaves are well out.

In 1881, the Vermillion River again overflowed the grounds at Pontiac, but the closest observations here at Fairbury, and at Pontiac, failed to show us a sign of *Walshii* or *Abbotii*; even *telamonides* was very scarce that season, but *marcellus* was quite plentiful from late in May throughout the season, but were much smaller at first than those of previous seasons or those coming later.

In 1882, the weather was very unfavorable for these insects, and but few *Walshii* were seen. Mr. Story took a few at Pontiac, and I secured several about the same time; even the most common form, *marcellus*, was very scarce. I visited quite a number of Pawpaw groves, including the extensive bottoms near the Illinois River, but I could see no signs anywhere of larvæ until the latter part of the season, when I found eggs on the young leaves of their food plant, and after that the leaves showed here and there where the larvæ had been at work, which in previous seasons could be seen throughout the warm weather.

Mr. W. H. Edwards had written me two years before this, saying that "the late Benj. D. Walsh had told him, before his decease, that the butterfly named in honor of him was not found in this State," and Mr. E. expressed the opinion that it was because no one had discovered how or when to look for it.

It is therefore no wonder that this insect should have escaped the notice of other collectors, when such an enthusiast as our honored and lamented Prof. B. D. Walsh failed to find it.

The parasites I have found infesting *P. afax* are a black ichneumon fly, rather large, belonging to the genus *Anomalon*, and another, perhaps a little smaller than the above, with a yellowish brown body and black shiny wings, *Trogus excorsorius*. Brull., species kindly identified for me by Prof. C. V. Riley.