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Price Two Cents

RETURN WITH BODY

Sweetheart of Leyton Potter
Asks Privilege of Giving
Burial.

WILL LEAVE TODAY

For Carmichael, Pa., With
Remains if Relatives'
Consent Comes.

Coroner J. C. Grandstaff of Preble

was in the city today arranging for the disposal of the body of Leyton Potter, the young Oberlin, Ohio, music professor, which has been lying at the Gay, Zwick & Meyers morgue since Tuesday evening, when it was brought from Steele's park, where on that fatal afternoon he had ended his life by shooting himself in the temple. A message has been expected for some time from the young man's father, H. W. Potter, of Tacoma, Wash., who had directed that the body be placed in the vault here until a later message from him, directing its removal. The message from him has been delayed, however, and last night Dr. Grandstaff sent him another, stating that unless he heard from him before noon today the body would be disposed of as he saw fit. It is very much the desire of his betrothed, Miss Martha Armstrong, of Carmichael, Pa., to whom his marriage was to have taken place next month, and who arrived here yesterday morning, accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Lincoln, of that city, that she be given the privilege of taking the remains to her home town for burial at her expense. This right was also conceded by the young man's grandmother, Mrs. M. Z. Hudson, of Lansing, Mich., at whose home the young lady had gone from Carmichael, expecting that the remains would be there by her arrival. (Continue on page 4.)

DESERVED MERIT

Several Certificates of Merit
Given to Participants in
Explosion.

A STEAMER BURNED

A Boston Railroad Man Was
Shot and Killed by an In-
sane Man.

(United Press Service.)
Fortress Monroe, Va., July 23—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Everything is again quiet about Fortress Monroe. Several certificates of merit were given to those who deserved such recognition. Colonel Townley, commandant of the fortress, issued certificates to Fred Kaulkner, private; Capt. William Hawk, C. G. Tark, private, and D. C. Wigley, private. Five others were commended for services during the exciting times following the scenes of the explosion. The board of inquiry is making an investigation of the cause, and it is expected that they will complete their report today and it will be immediately forwarded to Washington.

(United Press Service.)
Charleston, South Carolina, July 23—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A wireless received here today reports that the steamer Comus is afire. The blaze broke out in the cargo hole late yesterday. Another steamer from the same line rescued all the passengers, so no lives were lost.

(United Press Service.)
Springfield, Mass., July 23—(Special to Daily Democrat)—M. E. Shepherd, a Boston railroad man, was shot and killed here today by George C. Trety. The tragedy occurred near the latter's home, and it is believed that Trety is insane.

Miss Florence Sprunger will go to Marion Sunday, where she will sing a solo, solo obligato and anthem at the morning service of the church in which Prof. C. F. Tucker is the organist.

WANTS TO BE JUDGE.
George Matlack in Politics at His
Home in Oklahoma.

George A. Matlack, the former Bluffton attorney, is now in the midst of a hard campaign in Oklahoma county, Oklahoma, in his race for the democratic nomination as candidate for county judge. The primary election will be held August 2nd, and Mr. Matlack is closing a three weeks' tour of the twenty townships of the county. He has 6,000 democratic voters to see to whom he must write. And the campaign is especially straining as the mercury is hovering around the 100 mark most of the time.—Bluffton News.

IT'S A HAPPY DAY

Thirtieth Anniversary of
Father Wilken's Pastor-
ate Here.

MANY WELL WISHES
He Spent Day Quietly at His
Home But Received
Many Friends.

As has been stated this is a happy day in the life of Father Wilken as well as to the one thousand or more members of his church. For just thirty years this now venerable but able pastor has faithfully discharged his duties as pastor and spiritual advisor of the St. Mary's parish, and at the same time by his diligence he has seen his church grow in numbers and prosperity until now it is one of the largest and most influential in this diocese. Much of this can be directly attributed to the faithful work of Father Wilken, and he well deserves the credit and the good will that is today being expressed, not alone by the members of his own church, but by those of all the other churches in the city. In answer to a telephone call Father Wilken informed us that the only event out of the ordinary was the fact that he feasted on sweet corn, the first of the season, raised in the garden at his home. He spent a quiet but happy day, receiving the good wishes and the congratulations of the many who know him well.

NORTH INDIANA ASSOCIATION.
Editors Hold a Pleasant Meeting at
Lake Wawasee.

Goshen, Ind., July 23—At the annual meeting of the Northern Indiana Editorial association at Lake Wawasee the following officers were elected: President, A. D. Moffett, Elwood Record; first vice president, S. E. Boys, Plymouth Chronicle; second vice president, F. B. Leichty, St. Joseph News; secretary, J. A. Beane, Goshen Democrat; treasurer, G. N. Murray, Nappanee News. Executive committee—C. R. Trowbridge, the Dodge Idea, Mishawaka; J. B. Stolt, South Bend Times, and Harry B. Darling, LaPorte Argus-Bulletin. Mishawaka was selected as the place for next year's meeting. Today the editors and their families visited Lake Papakeechie, the combination of six lakes connected with Lake Wawasee by channel. Bishop John Hazen White of the Michigan City diocese of the Episcopal church, was one of the principal speakers. The association passed a resolution asking Senators Beveridge and Shively to vote for the Nelson bill, which provides that the government shall not print return cards on stamped envelopes.

ONE DASH IN INDIANA.

Terre Haute, Ind., July 23—Uncle Joe Cannon is to stump the Fifth district. Arrangements have been made for an automobile tour with former Congressman James E. Watson. They are to speak specially in behalf of L. Frank Tille, candidate for congress. Jake Flinklestein, Watson's close personal friend in Terra Haute, will provide the automobile and will accompany the speakers. Before coming into the district they will be across the state line in Uncle Joe's own district.

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AGED LADY FALLS

Grandma Sellermeyer, Aged
Ninety-Two, Suffering
From What May be

A DISLOCATED HIP

Makes Home With Son, Wil-
liam, in Preble Township
—Is Badly Hurt.

Grandma Sellermeyer, aged ninety-two years, one of the oldest residents of the county, is suffering from what is feared to be a dislocation of the hip, at the home of her son, William Sellermeyer, near Magley, with whom she has lived for many years. She is also the mother of A. H. Fred and Herman Sellermeyer of this city, and is well known to many over the country. Just how the accident occurred is unknown. She became sleepless during the night, and thinking that it was earlier in the evening, she arose and walked into the sitting room to see whether the other members of the family had retired, as has been her custom on several occasions. It is not known whether she slipped on a rug, or suffered a paralytic stroke, as the family had its first intimation of the accident when she called as she fell, and hastening to the room, found her prostrate. Dr. Grandstaff was hastily called to attend her, but the full extent of her injuries are unknown. Owing to her advanced age, the case is the more serious.

Mrs. John Rupright of Preble township is recovering from her fall of several weeks ago, in which several ribs were fractured and she was quite badly bruised and injured otherwise.

IN LONG GROVE

Old Settlers' Meeting For
Adams and Jay Countes
to be Held There.

DATE IS AUGUST 21ST

Congressman Adair and
Others Will be Speakers
of the Day.

Nelson Bricker of Geneva was in the city today and made announcement of the old settler's meeting which will be held this year in the Long grove, one and a half miles north of Geneva. This is the third year for these meetings and if the one held last year is to be any criterion they are bound to grow and be an annual feature in the life of the people of both Adams and Jay counties. The attendance last year was estimated at six thousand, and every one of that number had such an excellent time that it made the meetings a permanent feature. The list of speakers this year includes Congressman Adair of Portland, Hon C. J. Lutz of this city, Hon. Abraham Simons of Bluffton and Hons. J. J. Moran and J. J. LaFollette of Portland. The program of the day will be out within a short time and it will include one day of recreation and pleasure, and the opportunity of meeting relatives and friends that can really be accomplished in no other way.

FUNERAL OF MRS. HILGEMAN.

There was a large attendance of friends and relatives at the funeral of Mrs. Wilhelmina Hilgemann, held at the Zion Christian Union church at Honduras this morning, the Revs. Vitz and Hessert officiating. The death of Mrs. Hilgemann occurred on Thursday morning after a long decline.

Harvey Segur left yesterday afternoon for Angola, where he will spend several days at the lakes, visiting with his daughters and his sister, Miss Sarah Segur.

S. A. D. WHIPPLE AN AUTOHR.
Portland Attorney Writes Historical
Romance.

Attorney S. A. D. Whipple of Portland, well known to members of the Adams county bar, has written an historical romance. A Portland dispatch says:

"Dealing directly with the story of the Indian outbreaks of the eighteenth century in their relation to life in the vicinity of Fort Recovery, Ohio, Stephen A. D. Whipple, an attorney of Portland, has just finished an historical romance entitled, 'Arthur St. Clair of Old Fort Recovery.' The book was written primarily to give in historical and romantic form an account of the Indian battle fought November 4, 1871, at Fort Recovery. The book will contain more than 400 pages. The author has been gathering material for the book for three or four years, but it was constructed in less than two weeks, being written at the rate of a chapter each day. It is expected to be on sale soon."

WARM IN KANSAS

Senator Bristow Warming
the Hide of Speaker
Cannon.

PAYS NO ATTENTION

Uncle Joe Says He Will Pay
No Attention to Ravings
of Insurgent.

Manhattan, Kans., July 23—(Senator Joseph L. Bristow in a speech here, charged Speaker Cannon and the standpat congressmen with manipulation of the lead schedules of the tariff bill in support of the "smelter trust," so-called. "A duty not measuring the difference in the cost of smelting at home and abroad is promised in the republican platform but from \$2.50 to \$6.00 higher than the entire cost of smelting in this country was imposed on lead," the senator said. "This was done not in the interest of protecting a struggling American industry, but in the interest of a monopoly by the Guggenheims, backed by the great Rockefeller financial interests. Because I presume to object to this sort of thing, Mr. Cannon calls me a democrat, a demagogue, a lunatic and a pickpocket. Mr. Cannon, holding the office of speaker of the house, second in power and dignity in this government, has been routed over Kansas for a number of days denouncing the insurgents, myself in particular. Instead of indulging in vilification, why doesn't he give the reasons why he insisted upon, ignoring the plain, specific declarations of the national republican platform? Why did he stand by the senate in the interest of the Guggenheims?"

Danville, Ill., July 23—When Speaker Joseph G. Cannon was shown what purported to be a speech or a portion of a speech by Senator Bristow at Manhattan, Kans., as carried over the wires by the Associated Press, he said: "I do not care to discuss, to pay any attention to the ravings and screams of Senator Bristow and those who co-operate and scream with him and are joined together in an effort to put the republican party out of business. The legislation enacted by the republican congress speaks for itself by its operations from the standpoints of revenue and protection and every other standpoint. I endorse the Payne tariff bill as the best bill ever enacted."

MRS. TRITCH RECOVERING.

J. C. Tritch writes Rev. Powell from Bloomington that Mrs. Tritch is slowly improving and will be able to come home in two weeks. She suffered a relapse Wednesday of this week, but has recovered from that. She is now able to read her mail, which is a great comfort and recreation for her, and no doubt the pens of her many Decatur acquaintances will send many words of cheer to her.

MODERN WOODMEN SOCIAL.

Attend the ice cream social to be given by the Modern Woodmen of the world at the Niblick lawn south of the court house and east of the library this evening. A good time is promised.

ENTER BUSINESS

Frank and James Edington
Prepare to Open Racket
Store at Nappanee.

IN NEXT FOUR WEEKS

Mrs. S. E. Edington Remov-
ing Household Goods to
That City.

James and Frank Edington, accom-
panied by Clarence Baughman, pro-
prietor of the five and ten cent store,

left today for Bluffton, where they
will consult Morris & Company regarding stock purchased by the Edington boys for a five and ten cent store which they will open at Nappanee.

They have been desirous of entering
this business for some time and decided
upon Nappanee as a most excellent
location, as that city has no other
store of this kind. They expect to

have their stock in readiness for open-
ing in about four weeks. The boys
are hustling fellows, with many good
business qualities and will no doubt
make good in their new enterprise.

Their mother, Mrs. S. E. Edington,
will move her household goods to that
place, where the family will make
their home. The goods are being sent

this week and Mrs. Edington left to-
day for Fort Wayne, where she will
visit until Tuesday, when she will go
to Nappanee. Adams county is fur-
nishing quite a great many merchants

in this line, among them being A. Beavers at Monticello; Charles Barnhart, at Attica; Joshua Barnhart, who is preparing to open at Swayzee, and the Fuhrman boys from Monroe, who have located at Cambridge City. Miss Ella Edington, a sister, will go with them to help arrange their stock, will later continue her millinery work.

SEASON'S FRUITAGE

Is an Unusually Good One
—Wheat Yields 15 to 25
Bushels Per Acre.

LARGE OATS ACREAGE

Oats Yield Estimated at
From 50 to 80 Bushels
A Good Season.

Those who predicted a shortage in
the season's fruitage will have to
draw in their horns and give an opti-
mistic turn to their countenance,
for all the pessimistic predictions

have fallen flat, says J. D. Hale, the
well known seed dealer, who has talked
to many farmers of Adams county.

The wheat crop is proving a
bumper yield, being from fifteen to
twenty-five bushels per acre, and the
quality extra good. The oats yield, it
is estimated, will be from fifty to
eighty bushels per acre, and the acre-
age this year in the county is said

to be a third larger than ever before.
The alsike yield is a remarkably good
one, the marker pulling to about the
three bushels per acre notch. In fact
one farmer reports that he got thirty-
one bushels of alsike from ten acres.

Red clover also promises equally well.
The timothy hay crop was also an
excellent one, and as the sun shone
with unprecedent brightness during
the entire haying season, and the
quality extra good.

The yield of clover and clover
mixed also promises an unusually
large crop.

WILL RUN SPECIAL CARS.

The interest of not only the mem-
bers of the Methodist Sunday school,
but also of the public, centers about
the excursion which will be run to
Robinson park, Fort Wayne, next
Thursday, July 28th. Three special
cars will leave the city at 7 o'clock
and three more at 8:30 o'clock. The
special rate tickets are good only for
going on one of these cars, but good
to return on any car.

BEING REPAINTED.

Catholic Church and Schools Under-
going Improvements.

For the last week the painters have
been busy working at the Catholic
church and schools. All the outside
work has been gone over on the
church with the exception of the tower,
which will be done next week.
Father Wilken's house and the sisters'
home as well as the school and other
buildings are also being repainted,
and it will be some time before the
same is completed. Several of the
floors in the school have been oiled
and other improvements made, so as
to be in shape for the opening of
school in September.

TAKES VACATION

Rev. Spetnagel Given Extra
Week of Vacation—Will
Leave Monday.

FOR CARLISLE, IOWA

To Join Wife and Sons, One
of Whom He Has Never
Seen—Happy Reunion.

Tomorrow will be the last Sunday
of the Rev. Spetnagel at the Presby-
terian church before leaving for his
vacation, which extends to Septem-
ber 1st. Rev. Spetnagel has been
granted one week additional for his
vacation this year, and will leave
next Monday for Carlisle, Iowa, where
he will join his wife and sons—the
youngest of whom the father has nev-
er seen, as the little fellow was born
at the home of its grandparents in
Iowa, where Mrs. Spetnagel and son,
Robert, had gone for the summer.
The reunion will, therefore, be the
more delightful and is the more eag-
erly anticipated by all. The usual
sermon will be delivered by the pas-
tor in the morning, while the Sunday
services will close with the twilight
service, the merging of the Christian
Endeavor and preaching hours. The
pastor desires to greet the congrega-
tion at the services.

INSURANCE MAN DEAD.

Otto Wemhoff, local representative
of the Prudential Life Insurance com-
pany, received notice this morning
from headquarters in New York that
the vice president of the company,
Joseph D. Wood, of Newark, N. J.,
was dead. He had been on a trip
to England and it was while there
that he took sick, in London, and died
on the thirteenth of this month. The
remains have been brought to this
country and taken to his home at Newark,
where the funeral will be held. During
the funeral service all business is
to cease out of respect for him,
and the hours designated are from one
to three o'clock.

AUTO RUNS OVER BOY.

Jay, four-year-old son of Jeff Klop-
fenstine, received a sprained hip by
being run over by the automobile of
Herman Wefel. It is said the little
fellow attempted to get onto the auto
but was thrown off in some way, and
he says the wheel ran over his hip.
He soon recovered, however, and is able
to use the limb now. Dr. Grand-
staff was in attendance.