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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 fateful 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 Insane 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 Kaulner, 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 hold 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. Trely. The tragedy occurred near the latter's home, and it is believed that Trely 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 or 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 Pastorate 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. Leitchy, 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. Stoll, 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 Papakeechee, 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 Tilley, candidate for congress. Jake Finklestein, Watson's close personal friend in Terre 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.

AGED LADY FALLS

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

A DISLOCATED HIP

Makes Home With Son, William, in Preble Township—Is Badly Hurt.

Grandma Sellemeyer, 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 Sellemeyer, near Magley, with whom she has lived for many years. She is also the mother of A. H. Fred and Herman Sellemeyer of this city, and is well known to many over the county. 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 Counties 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 Hilgeman, held at the Zion Christian Union church at Honduras this morning, the Revs. Vitz and Hessert officiating. The death of Mrs. Hilgeman 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 vituperation, why doesn't he give the reasons why he insisted upon, ignored 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 is 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 Mrs. 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 on 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 Removing Household Goods to That City.

James and Frank Edington, accompanied by Clarence Baughman, proprietor 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 opening 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 today for Fort Wayne, where she will visit until Tuesday, when she will go to Nappanee. Adams county is furnishing 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 Moore, who have located at Cambridge City. Miss Ella Edington, a sister, will go with them to help arrange their stock, but 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 optimistic 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 acreage 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 unprecedented brightness during the entire haying season, and there was nothing to hinder in any way, the hay is of unusually good quality. The yield of clover and clover mixed also promises an unusually large crop.

WILL RUN SPECIAL CARS.

The interest of not only the members 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 Undergoing 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 Presbyterian church before leaving for his vacation, which extends to September 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 never 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 eagerly anticipated by all. The usual sermon will be delivered by the pastor 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 congregation at the services.

INSURANCE MAN DEAD.

Otto Wemhoff, local representative of the Prudential Life Insurance company, 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 Klopfenstine, 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. Grandstaff was in attendance.

SOLD COLT.

F. M. Sullivan stepped a yearling colt, Hal Askins, one-sixteenth of a mile this morning in ten seconds, a 2:40 gait, and sold him on the spot for \$300.00. He is sired by Judge Askins, 2:11½, dam by Major Hal, 2:14, whom he looks like. He will be able to pace in 2:30 class next year in his two-year-old form.

HE PROVED AN ALIBI.

(United Press Service.)
Chicago, Ill., July 23—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Ernest Hoffman, the negro chauffeur formerly employed by I. G. Rawn, and who is in custody, suspected with the murder of Mr. Rawn, was released this afternoon after having proven an alibi.

NEWS OF BERNE

Some News Items Clipped From the Berne Witness.

KICKED BY HORSE

Wilber Neuenschwander Was Put Down and Out For a Time.

Carl Sprunger, who graduated from the Berne high school the past school year, recently received a certificate in North Dakota, which gives him the privilege of teaching in any county in that state. This speaks well both for Mr. Sprunger and the B. H. S.

Lawrence Yager made a trip to the home of Ed Zimmerman near Peterson in his Jackson automobile Wednesday evening, accompanied by his wife, his mother, Mrs. Lena Yager, and his sister, Mrs. J. C. Moran, and daughter, Margaret, of Decatur. After spending a pleasant evening at the Zimmerman home and partaking of a big dinner, the party returned to Berne, accompanied also by Mrs. Jas. Zimmerman, formerly Miss Viola Yager. She and Mrs. Moran are spending a few days here.

While assisting his father in hauling in the wheat crop Monday, Wilber Neuenschwander was badly kicked by a horse. The accident happened at the barn, where he was handling a team. The blow was a severe one and might easily have resulted in sudden death. He was picked up by members of the family and assisted to the house and medical assistance was at once called. He suffered much pain for some time, but is now getting along nicely. His injuries are not permanent and he will no doubt be up and around soon.

RUNNING IT DOWN

Scotland Yard is Running Down the Last Clew on Murder Mystery.

FIRE AT NEWARK

One Hundred Horses Burned in a Disastrous Fire This Morning.

(United Press Service.)
London, Eng., July 23—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The officials of Scotland yards sent officers to Panama today and the information given out is that they have scented a strong clew as to the whereabouts of Dr. Crippen and Miss Leneve, both of whom mysteriously disappeared after the murder of the former's wife. All other clews have been run to earth and the officers of Scotland yards are at the end of their string unless something develops from the trip and investigations of the day. The arrest of the suspect who gave his name as C. Rickward of Chicago, is not thought to know anything of the awful tragedy.

(United Press Service.)

Newark, N. J., July 23—(Special to Daily Democrat)—One hundred horses were burned to death in a fire here this morning that burned in the large Buckley sale stables. Sixty horses were recovered. The loss is heavy and it looked for a time as if many other buildings would suffer, but the fire fiend was finally controlled and confined to the stables as mentioned.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

On next Tuesday evening under the auspices of the Knights of Columbus an ice cream social will be given in the church yards, to which an invitation is extended to the public to attend. As on previous occasions these events have always proven a success, this will no doubt be likewise.