

## ACCIDENT WAS FATAL

**Lloyd Davis Victim of Gun-shot Wound Wednesday Morning Succumbed**

**THE SAME EVENING**

**Died From the Shock and Weakness From Loss of Blood.**

Lloyd Arthur Davis, son of Frank O. Davis, of northwest of the city, who was so badly injured Wednesday morning by an accidental gunshot wound, tearing away the muscles and large artery of his right arm, succumbed Wednesday evening at 4:30 o'clock from the shock and weakness resulting from the great loss of blood. The doctors had worked faithfully and well with him the entire day and the wound was in a fair condition for recovery had his strength not been so weakened from the great loss of the life-blood. After being with him the entire day, the doctor left late in the afternoon for a necessary trip to this city. The young man seemed to be getting along well then and talked without the least apprehension of any serious outcome of the accident. The attending physician after only a half hour's stay here, returned again, but before he reached the home the young man had succumbed to weakness.

The accident as stated Wednesday, happened about 9:30 o'clock in the morning. The young man had gone to the woods, riding a horse with his shot gun in his hand to kill a chicken hawk, which had been troubling their chickens. He was unsuccessful in locating it and returned to the home with the gun still loaded. Upon arriving near the house, he leaned over from the horse to place the gun beside the fence. The horse it is thought shied at his shadow, and in the jolt the gun trigger struck the fence and went off, sending the shot through the upper part of the young man's arm. The young man after the injury, showed great presence of mind and rode a distance of some thirty or forty rods back to the corn field where his father was cutting corn. Upon seeing the father he cried: "Oh, papa, I shot myself, I'm going to die."

The father at once grabbed the horse, which was by this time covered with blood, pouring from the severed heart artery of the injured boy, and taking the boy from the horse, grabbed the injured arm, endeavoring to staunch the blood. The family hastened to the Butler farm nearby to a telephone and summoned medical help from this city, and in the meantime everything possible was done for the comfort of the boy and to stop the flow of blood. The doctor called an assistant from this city and both worked several hours with him, one remaining the entire day.

The deceased was the only son, and the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Davis, and was just nineteen years old, seven months and two days of age at death. He was born March 3, 1891, in St. Mary's township, near Pleasant Mills, where the family resided until about two years ago, when they moved to the Barney Meibers or Keller farm, two and one-half miles northwest of this city. Lloyd was a most exemplary young man, and a great favorite with his many friends. He became a member of the Baptist church at Pleasant Mills, and was one of its best young Christian men. Besides the sorrowing parents, one sister, Estella, at home is left to suffer a bereavement sad in the extreme, in its suddenness. A sister, Verna, died about two years ago, and another sister, Addie, had preceded them both.

The funeral will be held Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock from the home, and burial will take place in the Decatur cemetery.

The telephone girls will enjoy a picnic supper this evening at the home of Miss Agnes Dutcher, and it is said the event will be one of unusual interest.

### CALLED ON CONDUCTOR.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Lee, Mrs. F. E. France and Miss Frances Laman motored to Bluffton, where they called on Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spillers. Mr. Spillers, who is a personal friend of theirs, is the conductor who was in charge of the northbound interurban car which was wrecked at Kingsland September 21st. They found him recovering nicely and getting along well. A Bluffton dispatch of Wednesday says that Mr. Spillers has announced positively that he will quit the railroad business, and he and his wife and little daughter are planning to leave between this time and October 15th for Los Angeles, California, where they will reside. It is the purpose of Mr. Spillers to accept employment in the California oil fields. Mr. Spillers formerly worked in the Indiana oil business when the local field was booming.

## A RARE READING

**Dramatization of Sir Walter Scott's "Kenilworth" Given**

### IN THE HIGH SCHOOL

**By Miss Fay Smith—Vivid and Artistic Portrayal of Characters.**

An hour and a quarter of great pleasure was that closing the afternoon session of the high school Wednesday, when Miss Fay Smith gave a reading of her dramatization of Sir Walter Scott's "Kenilworth." Miss Smith has long been a favorite reader of Decatur audiences, who have watched with pleasure the development of her rich talent early manifest in her school days here—through the years of study in the Emerson School of Expression at Boston, of which she is a graduate—to its present ripened perfection. While her readings embrace a wide range of interpretation, in all of which she is mistress of expression, none, perhaps, embrace so wide a range in one, and is therefore the most difficult in portrayal by reason of the many quick changes in character, than does this dramatization of "Kenilworth," yet never did she interpret in so true and realistic, and withal so artistic a way. The dramatization which she gave Wednesday was arranged in ten scenes by herself from Scott's classic. With rare skill and the true artistic insight, she has selected the characters and the dramatic points of interest, and then by her clever impersonation and interpretation of character, she reveals the story with great vividness that is not often shown in a stage production of many personages and stage settings. The reading was especially appreciated by the high school students, in their study of Scott and his works. The following is the scenario:

#### Characters.

Sir Robert Dudley, the Earl of Leicester.

Sir Richard Varney, Leicester's Master of Horse.

Anthony Foster, Keeper of Leicester's Castle, Cunnor Place.

Edward Tressilian, a Young Noble.

Amy Robsart, now the Countess of Leicester.

Elizabeth, Queen of England.

#### Synopsis.

Scene I—Library of Cunnor Palace. Tressilian pleads with Amy, Countess of Leicester, to return to her father.

Scene II—Withdrawing room of Cunnor Place. The Earl of Leicester tells Amy he cannot yet acknowledge her his wife.

Scene III—Court of England. Varney, to save his master, Leicester, from Queen's disfavor, claims to be Amy's husband. Queen commands Varney to bring his wife to Kenilworth.

Scene IV—Leicester's chamber. conjures Amy to impersonate Varney's wife.

Scene V—Countess Amy's apartments at Cunnor Place.

Scene VI—Garden of Kenilworth. Leicester confronted by queen and Amy, is saved from confession by Varney.

Scene VII—Amy's apartments at Kenilworth. Amy persuades Leicester to confess his marriage.

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## SPAIN IN DANGER

**If King Alphonse Attempts to Assist His Friend King Manuel.**

### THE KING ESCAPED

**Was Managed by Revolutionists—The Palaces Are Being Dynamited.**

(United Press Service.)

Badajose, Spain, October 6—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Messages received from Lisbon state that the revolutionists have fortified all the city's vulnerable points, in anticipation of an attack by royalists who are reported marching against the capital.

(United Press Service.)

Madrid, Spain, Oct. 6—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Spain today is poised on the bubbling edge of a caldron of civil strife. The capital is in a turmoil over the report that King Alphonso proposes to aid Manuel. Alphonse is said to believe that if he can assist Manuel to recover his throne, Spanish republicans will be cowed. Such a move, however, is almost sure to cause a civil war in Spain.

(United Press Service.)

Lisbon, via Caravelox, Oct. 6—(Special to Daily Democrat)—King Manuel has escaped and will not be recaptured. It is stated on the most reliable authority that the "escape" of the monarch was carefully planned and executed by the revolutionary leaders who reasoned that Manuel, as a living exile and victim of his own excesses, was much preferable to a martyred victim of the cause of monarchy. Revolutionary leaders know where Manuel is and are protecting him.

(United Press Service.)

Madrid, Spain, Oct. 6—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A report reached here this afternoon that the republicans are dynamiting the Necessidades palace and also the king's palace at Santarem.

## THE G. A. R. UNION

**Organized at Bluffton Wednesday Where District Meeting Was Held.**

### MANY WERE PRESENT

**New Order is Auxiliary to the Grand Army—Officers Elected.**

The rainy weather kept the G. A. R. boys from this city from attending the district meeting at Bluffton Wednesday, called to further the interests of the Grand Army of the Republic. However, the county was well represented, Geneva sending a large delegation. About two hundred veterans attended the session which was called by H. C. Melick, district mustering officer. Among those present was A. P. Asbury of Farmersburg, commander of Indiana, and he delivered the principal address for the occasion. An organization, known as the G. A. R. Union, a district order to boost the G. A. R., was completed, officers being chosen as follows:

I. P. Watts, Winchester, president; J. W. David, Elwood, treasurer; W. Drew, Pennville, vice president; T. Place, Pennville, vice president; J. H. Smith, Muncie, Delaware county vice president; M. C. Bayler, Elwood, vice president; O. A. Marsh, Winchester, vice president; M. N. Newman, Ossian, vice president. The vice presidents constitute a sort of advisory board, one from each county. The president was given the privilege of appointing his own secretary. The officers will meet in a short time to frame by-laws and complete the organization of the union.

## ADAIR'S CONDITION.

In a personal letter to this office, Congressman Adair thanks the friends in this section who have taken so much interest in his welfare. He says the fever has left him, but he is very weak, unable to stand. He expects to regain strength rapidly, however, and hopes to take part in the last two weeks of the campaign. The letter is signed by Mr. Adair, the signature being a little wobbly, but recognizable.

## VISITS INDIANA

**W. J. Bryan Spent the Day Yesterday in Indianapolis.**

### TO THE DEMOCRATS

**The Indications Point to a Democratic Victory This Year.**

**DEMOCRATIC NEWS BUREAU, 325 Pythian Building.**

Indianapolis, Ind., Oct. 6—(Special to Daily Democrat)—William Jennings Bryan, while in Indianapolis yesterday, took occasion to show why all republicans, both standpatters and progressives, and all democrats should vote for John W. Kern. He also spoke of the encouraging prospects of the democratic party.

"Indications point," said Colonel Bryan, "to the election of a democratic congress and to a large gain in the senate. It is likely that we will gain at least five senators and we may gain as many as ten. In fact, in the present chaotic condition, it is hard to estimate with any accuracy the majority of the house of representatives or the gain in the senate. But the tide is turning our way and it is a strong tide. Take for instance the election in Vermont. If that can be taken for a criterion, we ought to have something like one million majority on the popular vote this fall in the election of congressmen, and that would give us a large majority in congress. The returns from Maine are even more encouraging. The contest between the standpatters and the insurgents is so bitter and so widespread that it cannot but affect very materially the republican vote. When a member of a party doesn't like the way things are going, the first tendency is to stay at home and not vote at all. This helps the opposition on the entire ticket. If a man's disapproval of his party's course is strong, he may carry his disapproval to the point of voting against the ticket, which is even more helpful to the opposition. The republican revolt against the administration is so pronounced that the effect of it is likely

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## WED NEXT WEEK

**Invitations Issued For Wedding of Miss Fanny Robison and Mr. Elzey.**

### WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12

**Popular Young Couple of City Will Take the Nuptial Vows.**

Invitations were issued this morning for the wedding of Miss Fanny Robison to Mr. Forest Elzey, which is to be solemnized next Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Perry Robison, on North Second street. The wedding will be a quiet affair, the guests being only the immediate relatives of the two parties. Miss Robison is a highly esteemed young lady of the city, a graduate of the city high school, with a large number of friends. The groom is a son of Mrs. Mary Elzey of this city, and is the well known young barber. Their host of friends extend best wishes in advance.

## THE DEATH RATE

**Unusually Great the Past Two Months—Eighteen Permits Issued.**

### IN THE TWO MONTHS

**For Burial in Decatur Cemetery—Fifty-three is the Yearly Average.**

While it is generally conceded that the death rate in this vicinity the past two months is appalling, the fact that eighteen permits have been given for interment in the Decatur cemetery (commonly though not officially known as Maplewood cemetery), in the months of August and September of this year will be received by all as nearly incredible. Yet such is the case as the books of the association show, states Squire J. H. Stone, secretary of the organization. He stated that this is the greatest number issued in any two months in the history of the association, which was organized in 1888. Since that time 1165 burials have been made in the Decatur cemetery, which is an average of little less than fifty-three a year. This means that in the past two months just a trifle less than one-third of the average yearly number have been given interment in the cemetery.

When one takes into consideration the many more that have been buried in the Catholic and in the many church cemeteries of the surrounding country, during this time, the awfulness of the number becomes even more appalling.

The work on the new fence and gateway at the Decatur cemetery is progressing nicely and it is thought will be finished by October 20th. The brick columns for the gateway, and the cement posts for the fence are completed, and the fence itself which is under construction at the Ward Fence factory will soon be ready to set up. The ornamental cement caps for the brick columns are being made in Fort Wayne and will be a handsome finish to a handsome and useful enclosure.

## KERN IS COMING

**Distinguished Hoosier Citizen Will Address the People Here**

### SATURDAY EVENING

**The County Has Been Billed and a Large Crowd Will be Here.**

The men in charge of the Kern meetings here Saturday evening believe the famous Indianian will be greeted with a large crowd. The county has been billed from one end to the other, the work having been looked after by J. W. Bosse and R. C. Parrish, Tom Durkins and Andrew Wolfey, and they have covered the district in good shape, the posters having been placed in Geneva, Berne, Linn Grove, Monroe, Pleasant Mills, Bobo, Preble, Peterson, Bingen, Monmouth and the places between. The committee on decoration and reception have completed arrangements for their part of the evening's program and all is in readiness. The Decatur band will furnish music for the occasion. Mr. Kern will probably arrive during the afternoon and will address the crowd at the court house in the evening. He is a popular man in this county and his hundreds of friends are glad that they will have the opportunity to hear him on the issues of this very important campaign. All who can should come.

#### ACT AS JUDGE.

James Rice left last evening for Lagrange, where he will act as judge in a horse show held there this week. Mr. Rice has been in the horse business for years and is one of the best judges of good stock to be found in this vicinity.

### "AT SUNRISE."

The originality of the dramatist in adopting actual occurrences, and by his art of enlarging on them and constructing a possible lot of situations, with possible dialogue and the interweaving of it into a play of human heart interest, is what has never been so cleverly done as by the author of "At Sunrise," a play that has been seen and favorably received in every large city. This success cannot be laid to chance, but solely to the strength of the play, which encompasses every passion of the heart, places them in the most intensely interesting situations, and plays with a master hand on the sympathy of the audience. Mr. Frank F. Miller, the well known manager, has secured a brilliant company to produce "At Sunrise," and it will be seen at the Bosse opera house, Saturday, October 8th.

## SIGNED THE ORDER

**President Taft Issues Order Making Deputy Postmaster Job Permanent.**

### EFFECTIVE DEC. 1ST

**President Also Expects to Take in all Postmasters But First Class.**

President Taft has signed the order placing assistant postmasters in the classified service, also all other postoffice clerks or assistants who are not now in the service. The order takes effect December 1st and each assistant must prove himself eligible. This perhaps means that Mr. Hocker will continue to serve as assistant postmaster during the rest of his natural life, or until some change is made in the rules and regulations of this department of the government. It is also stated that before Mr. Taft's term as president has expired that he expects to make permanent even the postoffice jobs in all cities except those of the first class of which there are but about 300 in the United States. This would give Mr. Lower a life-time job at a comfortable salary, and so far as known Bert is not circulating any petitions to keep the president from issuing any such order. The president's idea is to take the office out of politics as near as possible. It is quite likely, however, that he will find considerable objection to this plan when the time comes.

#### EXCITING EXPERIENCE.

**Of Ladies Returning From Social Fair at Hoagland.**

Mesdames E. S. Christen, Dwight Wilder, Charles Johnson and R. K. Fleming of Root township, while returning home from Hoagland Wednesday afternoon, after being guests of the Rev. and Mrs. A. K. Mumma, had an exciting runaway experience. They were driving the Dwight Wilder western pony hitched to a surrey, and had not yet left Hoagland, when the horse became "spunky" and began to back and kick. All the ladies but Mrs. Christen, who was the driver, jumped from the rig when the "maneuvers" became serious, and had not the shaft and harness broken, setting the horse free, it is quite probable serious injury to many would have resulted. When the horse broke loose it ran several squares, leaving the driver sitting safe in the rig. The minister's horse and another rig were secured and the party drove home, thankful that they escaped so luckily.

#### RECEIVES INSURANCE.

Carl D. Green of Chicago, representative of the Hartford Fire Insurance company, of which Gallogly & Peterson are the local agents, was in the city and made a settlement with Noah Frauhiger for his automobile which was destroyed by fire a few days ago. The machine was a new one and Mr. Frauhiger took out the insurance with this company, carrying it but a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Ford have returned to their home at Geneva, Ohio. They were accompanied to Fort Wayne by Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Selfmeyer, whose guests they have been.

## DELEGATES ARRIVING

**In Spite of Rain—Missionary Banquet and Convention Will**

### BE A GREAT SUCCESS

**Seventy-five Delegates Expected—The Convention Opened at 2 O'clock.**

The inclement weather did not prevent delegates coming to the missionary convention, and as we go to press the first session is being held just as announced Wednesday evening, the convention opening at 2 o'clock in the Methodist church. The opening devotional was conducted by the Rev. Edwards of Portland, followed by addresses by Rev. J. A. Beatty of Fort Wayne and Dr. Richards of Africa. Many of the delegates arrived on the early trains today, and it is expected that at least seventy-five, besides many other representatives of the M. E. missionary organizations in Adams, Allen, Wells and Jay counties will have registered.

This evening at 6 o'clock is the men's banquet in the church dining room. Following this an unusually good program is in store for the evening as follows:

7:30 p. m.—The full choir and men's chorus will sing special music and lead the congregation. The choir will render "And the Glory of the Lord" from Handel's "Messiah," and "Victory," by Gabriel.

The Devotions.  
The Present Emergency.  
The Laymen's Missionary Movement.

The convention will continue Friday, the program being as follows:

9:00 a. m.—Devotions, led by Rev. L. M. Edwards; special interest.

"Survey of the World Field"—The Home Land, India, China, Korea, Malaysia, Africa.

2:00 p. m.—Devotions—Rev. L. M. Edwards.

1. What Constitutes a Standard Missionary Church.

2. Advantages of the Weekly Offering Plan.

3. Why Have an Every-Member-Canvass?

4. How Obtain an Increased Interest by Means of an Educational Campaign

5. Can it be Done in Our District? If so? How?

7:30 p. m.—Devotions—Rev. L. M. Edwards.

1. Report on Policy.

2. Address: "What the Carrying Out of This Campaign Will Mean to Our District."

3. Address: "The Preparation Adequate For Victory."

The Men's Chorus and full choir will sing. The evening's program will close with the "Hallelujah" Chorus, from Handel's "Messiah."

#### RALLY DAY.

To be Observed at Evangelical Sunday School October 9th.

Rally day will be observed in the Evangelical Sunday school next Sunday morning. Special music will be rendered and other special arrangements for a good time are being made. The church will be decorated with flags and each one present will be given a little souvenir of the day. All children and grown folks not already registered in another Sunday school are especially welcomed. We hope to see every old scholar and teacher present. Let us make this day a red letter day at the Evangelical church on Winchester street. Come and bring some one with you.

#### FUNERAL HELD TODAY.

The funeral service for the late G. C. Gotsch was held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Zion Lutheran church, the Rev. Wehmeyer officiating. The body will be taken Friday morning at 1:45 over the G. R. & I. to Columbus, Ind., where another service will be conducted Friday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Loris Scheldt. Burial will take place in the Gotsch family lot in the cemetery at that place.