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JAY W. WILLIAMS COMMITTS SUICIDE

Shoots Himself Through Head With Revolver Yesterday Morning.

ACT WAS DONE IN HIS STORE

At 10 a. m., and Death Was Instantaneous—Poor Health Supposed to Have Been the Cause for the Rash Act.

The city was thrown in an uproar of excitement yesterday forenoon by the suicide of Jay W. Williams, the well known furniture dealer. The act was committed at almost precisely 10 o'clock, and a revolver was used.

Dr. E. N. Loy, George and Clint Colvert were in the store, sitting there talking. Mr. Williams was up on the landing above the main floor. Charlie Rhoads, brother of Ed Rhoads, the groceryman, came in and joined the group by the stove.

A moment after a shot was heard from the landing above, and rushing up there Mr. Williams was found lying on the floor, a bullet hole in his right temple and a revolver by his side.

Death had apparently been instantly, and it was a clear case of suicide. The rash act was no doubt caused from his continued poor health, and he had been unable to sleep but little of late, which had so worked on his mind that in a moment of mental aberration he ended it all with a bullet. The act was evidently premeditated, as he was not in the habit of carrying a revolver. He went into Rhoads' hardware during the morning and bought a box of cartridges, and is supposed to have had the revolver in his desk.

He had been up on the landing about a half an hour before the shot was fired, and the clerks in the store supposed he had lain down up there and gone to sleep, which he sometimes did, as he had been very quiet.

A salesman for a furniture house was in the store about a half hour before the suicide. Mr. Williams told him he did not want to see him then; to come back later. He seems to have almost immediately gone up to the gallery and made the preparations for ending his life.

The body was removed to Wright's undertaking parlors some twenty minutes after the shooting and later taken to his late residence on North Division street.

Of course no arrangements for the funeral have been made at this writing.

Mr. Williams was a native of Ohio and served in the War of the Rebellion in an Ohio regiment. He later came to Kentland, Ind., and engaged in business, and while there was married to a daughter of John Makeover of Rensselaer, who with one daughter, Mrs. Charles Porter of Chicago, survives him. In 1883 he came to Rensselaer and engaged with his father-in-law in the banking business.

In 1887 Mr. Williams engaged in the furniture business, in which he continued up to the time of his death. He was a successful business man, and leaves a large estate. He was prominent in the church, and in all public enterprises, and was a member-at-large of the city council of Rensselaer at the time of his death.

He has been in poor health for the past two years, although able most of the time to look after the management of his business. The sad ending of so successful a life is a blow to the community as well as to the loved ones left behind.

him, who have the sympathy of everyone in their bereavement.

C. O. F. INSURANCE IS PAID.

Last Saturday Joseph Luers, treasurer of the local court, Catholic Order of Foresters, paid to Mrs. Bernick of Wheatfield, \$1,000, the amount of insurance carried by her husband, the late Michael Bernick, in said order. This amount of insurance carried by her husband, the late Michael Bernick, in said order. This amount will come in very handy to the widow, who is left with a large family of small children in rather straightened circumstances, and again demonstrates the wisdom of the heads of families carrying a little life insurance to protect their families if they are suddenly taken away. Fraternal insurance costs but little and often prevents the family from becoming a burden on charity or causing much financial suffering, something that no good husband and father desires his wife and children to have to contend with when he is gone.

GIVE IT A TRIAL FIRST.

The Democrat does not believe the coming legislature will or should repeal the county option law. The democrats are not responsible for its having been placed on the statute books, although it could not have become a law without the aid of a few democrats who voted for it. No blame can attach to the democratic party, for its enactment and the party is not pledged to its repeal. While Mr. Watson says: "The majority of the people, however, have said at the ballot boxes that they were not in favor of county local option, and on that question I was beaten," we think the law should be tried out and see if the extravagant claims of its over-zealous advocates prove true. We do not believe it is the cure-all that has been claimed for it and still think that the township and ward plan as advocated by the democratic platform is preferable. However, there is plenty of time to act on this after it has had a trial, and until that time we believe it should be let alone.

TO RAISE A FACTORY FUND.

At Least a Factory Fund Promoter Is Here for That Purpose.

H. Deam, representing a Chicago industrial company whose business it is to promote factory funds, is here trying to interest Rensselaer people in the project.

The plan in brief, as we understand, is to form a commercial club, where one does not already exist, secure an option on a tract of land adjacent to town, lay it out in lots—not less than 300—which he promotes sell at \$200 per lot, \$10 down and \$5 per month thereafter.

The commercial club pay all expenses of laying out the "factory addition," advertising, rent of office rooms, etc., and give the promoters five per cent for their work of soliciting buyers and selling the lots. The first \$10 paid in goes to the promoters for their per cent, and the future payments go to the club, to be used for the purpose of inducing factories to locate in the city.

If the full 300 lots are sold and all are paid for, it would mean \$60,000, of which amount the promoters get \$3,000 for their work. Deducting the cost of the land in addition to the above would leave some \$50,000 for the club to be used in factory promotion proper.

The lots are to be apportioned by a drawing, to take place some six months after the scheme is started, or before, we understand, if all are sold.

A meeting was held at the court house Monday evening and a committee composed of J. H. Chapman, J. J. Hunt and Frank Foltz appointed to work in conjunction with the old Commercial Club to see what could be done in the matter.

Warren Robinson, who owns 75 acres at the west side of town and along the railroad, offers to sell this land for \$150 per acre to the club. There will probably be other plots offered if the project goes through.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Nov. 12, to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Willets of Hanging Grove, a daughter.

Nov. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. James Downs of Hanging Grove tp., a son.

Nov. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Reed, of north of town, a son.

BANKERS TAKE CHANGE OF VENUE.

A change of venue to Warren county was taken in the suit of the receiver of the Fowler Bank vs. Baldwin & Dague for judgment for the face and interest of a ten thousand dollar note. The costs were paid by the receiver and the case will be called the first of next term. Another note for the same amount is due and action will be brought unless the note is paid, the first of next term. The Arkansas land is sold if Receiver Elliott will accept the offer.—Goodland Herald.

BRYAN TO RECUPERATE.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 13.—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryan will leave within the next few days, possibly Saturday, for a trip to Mexico. The journey will be taken, Mr. Bryan says, "to get a little rest after the campaign." Inasmuch as the late Presidential candidate and his wife desire to attract the least possible attention en route they made no announcement of the trip, but their intentions were learned from friends of the family. When asked about it, Mr. Bryan admitted that he and Mrs. Bryan are preparing to visit Mexico.

WILL SPEND THE WINTER IN OKLAHOMA.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. W. Farmer expect to leave soon for Oklahoma City, Okla., to spend the winter at least with their sons, A. C. and Worth Farmer. Mrs. Farmer has two sisters at Yukon whom they will also visit a part of the time. If well pleased with Oklahoma Mr. and Mrs. Farmer may conclude to locate there permanently, otherwise they will return to Rensselaer and take up their residence in their property on South Division street. Mr. Farmer sold his farm south of town a year or two ago to his son-in-law, Warren W. Sage of near Foreman, who is thinking some of renting his old farm and moving onto the Farmer place.

KITCHEN SHOWER.

Mrs. Joe Hallagan gave a surprise kitchen shower Monday evening at her home on Front street in honor of Miss Katherine Michael, who yesterday became the bride of Mr. Philip Heuson. Miss Michael and Mr. Heuson were at the church in the evening and when they got back they found the house filled with a merry party of young ladies, thirty-five of them, and about a dozen young men, who are hard to keep away from where such an attractive bunch of young ladies are congregated.

Refreshments were served and a jolly good time had by all. Many handsome and useful presents were left as a token of the esteem in which Miss Michael was held, and at a late hour the guests dispersed to their respective homes.

HEUSON-MICHAEL WEDDING.

Mr. Philip Heuson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nat. Heuson of north of town, and Miss Katherine Michael, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Michael of Jordan tp., were united in marriage yesterday at St. Augustine's Catholic church, at 9 a. m., Rev. Father Meyer officiating. Mr. Joseph Kolhoff and Miss Stella Cain acted as groomsmen and bridesmaid, respectively.

A dinner was given at the home of the bride's parents in Jordan tp., yesterday in the young couple's honor. They will for the present reside with Mr. Heuson's parents, but will move upon a farm in the spring.

The young couple are popular young people and The Democrat joins their many friends in extending best wishes.

CHICAGO JOURNAL NOW DEMOCRATIC.

The Chicago Daily Journal, until now an independent paper, has come out as a democratic, daily and will henceforth advocate democratic principles. The Journal is one of the oldest of Chicago's newspapers, having been established in 1844, and has a very large circulation. The need of a true democratic paper in Chicago has long been felt, and now that the Journal has fully espoused the democratic cause, and did excellent work in the campaign just closed, it is up to the democrats of the middle west, who want a Chicago paper, to subscribe for the Journal.

The Democrat has made arrangements to club with the Journal, and can furnish it and The Democrat for \$3.50 per year, or only \$2.00 additional over the price of The Democrat alone. This offer applies to both new subscribers and renewals.

We shall try to have a sample copy of the Journal sent to every one of The Democrat's subscribers in a few days, that they may see what it is.

The doctor always prescribes plenty of exercise to be sure of good health. That is what Box Ball means.

THE FARMER'S WIFE



THROWN FROM BUGGY, ARM BROKE

Mrs. Albert Warner of Hanging Grove Tp., Meets With Accident Saturday Afternoon.

As a result of the team becoming scared at an auto Saturday afternoon and starting to run away, Mrs. Albert Warner of Hanging Grove township, sustained a broken arm by being thrown from the buggy near the Granville Moody property at the south side of town.

It seems that Mr. and Mrs. Warner were just starting home from town and when near Dr. English's residence on Cullen street, they met County Superintendent Lamson coming in driving his auto at rather slow speed. The horses pricked up their ears and shied somewhat and after Mr. Lamson had got by, started to run. Mr. Warner had on heavy mittens and the reins slipped through his hands and he could not hold the team. When near the Moody place he succeeded in pulling them into the fence and both Mr. and Mrs. Warner were dumped out.

The former was not much hurt, but Mrs. Warner got her right arm broken a few inches below the shoulder from her fall and also got one hip considerably bruised.

Dr. English set the broken bone and she and her husband later returned home. The injury will lay her up for several weeks, but they are congratulating themselves that it was no worse.

They attach no blame to Superintendent Lamson, as he was not driving his machine at an excessive speed and the team apparently did not scare much until he got by. The latter did not even know of the accident until some time after it had occurred, when someone told him that it was his machine that had scared a team and caused a runaway. He immediately hunted up Mr. Warner to see if he was in any way blamed for the accident, but the latter said not. The team simply took it into their heads to run—probably owing to the keen biting air—and used the auto passing them as an excuse.

DIPHTHERIA SITUATION IN PULASKI COUNTY.

There are a couple of cases of diphtheria in the home of Edward Liptrap, in White Post township. Another case is reported south of Francesville in the home of Frank Devault. Their little boy has it. The patients have the disease in its mild form and are at present getting along alright. Up to the hour of going to press there are no cases in town. Tuesday, Dr. F. L. Sharer, acting in behalf of the local board of health, examined all the pupils in the schools. Scholars having colds and sore throats were instructed to remain at home until their conditions were sufficiently improved to return.—Francesville Tribune.

The Democrat is prepared at all times, remember, to turn out up-to-date job printing promptly and at reasonable prices.

The Democrat is prepared again this season to print the best looking sale bills turned out in Jasper county. A free notice of sale, in full, embellished with stock cuts, printed in The Democrat without extra charge.

Boys, bring your sister and sweetheart to the Box Ball and enjoy a pleasant evening.

Posts for sale:—A quantity of Catalpa fence posts for sale. Enquire at this office.

SOME JOBS FOR DEMOCRATS.

Much Patronage at Disposal of the Indiana Executive.

Very few persons have an idea how much patronage the governor has at his disposal. He has the appointment of:

A private secretary at \$2,500 a year.

An executive clerk at \$1,500.

A stenographer at \$1,000.

An executive accountant at \$2,500.

A chief engineer of the state house at \$2,000.

An adjutant general at \$2,250.

A quartermaster general at \$1,200.

A brigadier general at \$2,250.

A factory inspector at \$2,000, and several deputies.

An oil inspector at \$2,500 with 35 deputies at salaries ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 a year.

The four trustees at \$300 a year and expenses for the Central, the Northern, the Eastern and the Southern hospitals for the insane, also for the epileptic village at Newcastle and the insane hospital at Madison, the deaf and dumb institute, the girls' school, the women's prison, the institution for the blind, the state penitentiary, the Indiana reformatory, the boys' reformatory, the soldiers' homes at Knightstown and Lafayette and the school for feeble minded at Fort Wayne.

A state entomologist at \$1,500.

Four members of the state board of forestry at \$300 a year and expenses.

A commissioner of fisheries and game at \$1,200.

Five members of the state board of optometry at \$5 a day and expenses while in session.

Six members of the state board of medical registration and examination at \$300 a year and expenses.

Five members of the state board of pharmacy at \$5 a day and expenses while in session.

A state veterinarian at \$100 a month and expenses.

Two state labor commissioners at \$2,000 a year and deputies.

Three members of the state tax board at \$3,000 a year.

Three members of the state railroad commission at \$4,000 a year. Secretary of the railroad commission at \$1,500.

Three members of the state board of pardons at \$300 a year and expenses.

Three members of the tuberculosis commission at \$25 a month and expenses.

And members of other commissions and boards too numerous to mention, most of whom serve without pay or draw nominal salaries.

In several of the offices mentioned there are deputies who are appointed by their immediate chiefs, but it has been the custom in the past for governors to make suggestions regarding some of these appointments, which suggestions were treated with eminent respect by the chief.

BOX SOCIAL AT PAROCHIAL SCHOOL.

A Box Social will be held in the hall in the parochial school building next Thursday evening. Ladies are requested to bring boxes and gentlemen the cash. The social is for the benefit of the Catholic orphan's home at Ft. Wayne.

Strayed, or taken from my place near Surrey, Nov. 15, one roan mare pony, one sorrel colt wearing halter. Both are white-faced. A reward for any information as to their whereabouts. C. L. PARKS, Rensselaer, Ind.

For Sale:—An unmounted horse-power, complete with tumbling rods, at a bargain if taken at once, at C. A. Roberts.

THE COURT HOUSE

Items Picked Up About the County Capitol.

Attorney Frank Davis of Brook was looking after business matters here Monday.

New suits filed: No. 7378. State Bank of Rensselaer vs. Barney D. Comer and Henry Wilson; suit on note. Demand \$175.

The "open" season for killing prairie chicken, grouse, quail and rabbits begun November 10 and continues to January 1 for the former, and until October 1 for rabbits.

The notice of the tax rate of the various townships and towns of Jasper county appears in this issue of The Democrat. The notice regarding time, etc., of payment of taxes is self-explanatory.

Jasper county's allotment of the acts of Hanly's special session of the legislature was received here a few days ago and have been received for by the clerk. The book contains but 28 pages. The proclamation putting the county local option law in force will probably be issued in a few days.

Marriage licenses issued: Nov. 14, George Leonard Kistler of Rensselaer, aged 48, occupation fireman, to Ida E. Masterson, also of Rensselaer, aged 44, occupation housekeeper. Third marriage for each, the male having been divorced in Dec. 1903, and again in October, 1908, and the female divorced in 1883 and again in March, 1907.

Nov. 14, Lewis Albert Grube of Wheatfield, aged 23, occupation farmer, to Clara Huber, also of Wheatfield, aged 24, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for each.

Nov. 14, Samuel Wiles of Barkley tp., aged 25, occupation farmer, to Anna Webb, also of Barkley, aged 21, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for each.

Nov. 16, Philip Heuson of Rensselaer, aged 22, occupation farmer, to Katherine E. Michael, daughter of Wm. F. Michael, of Remington, aged 22, occupation housekeeper. First marriage for each.

GIRLS ATTEMPT SUICIDE.

Bloomington, Ind., Nov. 13.—Because their parents had threatened to send them to the girls' reform school for playing hockey Miss Mabel Griffin and Lucile Yeo attempted suicide together to-night. Their recovery is doubtful.

WELCOME NEWS, IF TRUE.

Creditors of Baldwin-Dague Institution to Get Dollar for Dollar.

Logansport, Ind., Nov. 16.—The depositors of the Baldwin-Dague defunct banks in Ambia, Goodland and Fowler will receive every penny which they had deposited. W. H. Dague, of Fowler, and Judge Daniel P. Baldwin, owners of these private banks, are under two indictments each, for embezzlement of funds. In the hope that they will escape prosecution on these indictments, settlement in full with all depositors will be made. This means that the Arkansas timber land, which is the indirect cause of the bank failures, will be sold.

TWO OF A KIND.

The New York Tribune says: "One of the most significant and gratifying features of the Republican victory on Tuesday is the demonstration that there are no groups of American voters that can be traded in and delivered wholesale. The most discredited politician in the United States today is Samuel Gompers. He has been doing business for the last four years under fraudulent pretenses."

We have another of the same kind here in Indiana. Probably the most discredited man in the State is Rev. E. S. Shumaker, Supt. of the Anti-Saloon League, who undertook to deliver that organization wholesale into the Republican camp. The serious thing about Rev. Shumaker's fiasco is that his partisan efforts and damnable misrepresentations have probably killed an organization that was accomplishing a splendid work on nonpartisan lines. His frantic efforts to deliver the votes to Watson made the Democratic members mad and his failure to deliver made Republicans mad; and wholesale desertions are threatened on the part of both.—White County Democrat.

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