

TOOK FOUR SHOTS AT HIM

James L. Davis, Formerly of Helena, Wounded by His Wife, in Butte.

Said to Have Left Her for Another After Using Up Her Money.

She Came All the Way From New York to Kill Him—Davis' Marital Troubles.

Butte, Dec. 26.—[Special].—At a few minutes before four o'clock this afternoon, a woman of medium size, twenty-eight years old, with pleasant face of creamy tint, blue eyes and dark hair, walked into the grocery store of H. H. Guthrie & Co. at the northeast corner of Main and Granite streets. She went to the rear of the store where the office of the bookkeeper is located. J. L. Davis, an employe of the grocery firm, was engaged at the books. He didn't see the lady who was approaching. She walked up to the door of the office, carefully opened her hand satchel and took from it a .32-caliber revolver. She aimed carefully at Mr. Davis, but her aim was bad, and the shot went away over his head and through a window in the rear of the office. She fired again, but the second shot also went through the window. Mr. Davis had jumped up by the time the second shot was fired and found the woman still had the gun leveled at his head. "You dirty scoundrel," she said, "You took \$4,000 of my money, married me and then deserted me." Mr. Davis took a flying leap from the office. He was pursued by the frantic woman, who fired two more shots. She was evidently better at a flying shot, as she hit him both times, but he managed to reach the cellar door, and he only took two steps for him to reach the bottom of the cellar staircase. There was a general clearing out of the store. Some one sent Officer Mike Donovan in, and the woman submitted to arrest and was taken to the county jail. Davis was brought up from the cellar and taken to his room on East Broadway. Dr. J. C. Johnston attended him. He found a bullet in the upper part of Davis' right leg, and he had been grazed by another bullet on the leg. The wounds are not considered at all serious. The woman was seen in jail a short time after the affair occurred, and gave her story as to the motive she had in taking a shot at Davis. She said she had married him about three years ago in Helena, and that shortly after the marriage her sister advanced Davis \$4,000 to go into business with. With this sum he purchased an interest in Guthrie's store in this city. He had never, she claimed, paid a cent either of the principle or interest in return. Davis, according to the story of Mrs. Davis, became infatuated with another woman last winter. Last March he deserted her, while she was expecting soon to be confined. He wrote a letter to her stating that he could make no money in Butte, and expressing regret at leaving her. Her child was born last June, and as soon as she was able to travel she went to her parents in New York. Lately she heard that her husband was living in Butte again with a woman named J. John. She got on the cars, arrived in town last night, and started on the war path this afternoon.

CAREER IN HELENA. What is Known in This Place of Davis. James L. Davis, the target in the Butte shooting affair, is well-known in Helena. He was at one time in business on South Main street, with R. C. Wallace, was married to a very nice lady and has a son still living here, the offspring of this marriage. Davis was divorced from his first wife about ten years ago, and she went to California, where she married again and is doing well. Some years after the divorce Davis suddenly left Helena and was gone for some time. When he returned he again went into the grocery business with Charles Jellies. About eight months after his return a lady—the wife who did the shooting at Butte—came to Helena from Texas, where she had met Davis, and they were married soon after. Two children were the result of this marriage, one born in Helena, and the other in Butte, to which place the family moved two or three years ago. Some time before the birth of the second child, Davis is said to have left Butte suddenly with a woman he had met and with whom he had become infatuated. This occurred last summer. Recently Davis and so the story goes, the woman, went back to Butte, and their presence there, and the alleged fact that they were living together no doubt caused the abandoned wife to make the attempt to take the life of Davis. Friends in Helena say he was a pleasant fellow and a first-class groceryman, affable and accommodating and very popular with customers. They say his only fault was too much attention to too many women. He is a man of about 30 years now. No one knows who the second wife was before her marriage, as the time here a stranger, but all speak of her as a very nice woman.

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Every article in our entire stock is useful as well as ornamental and guaranteed as represented. F. J. Edwards, 19 S. Main street.

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Sam'l K. Davis' Special. INVESTMENT SECURITIES. 1,000 Cumberland—great snap if taken at once. 200 Glenary, \$1.25. 700-800 Helena and Victor, \$2.25—one of the best stocks offered. 1,500 Iron Mountain, 85c. This stock has the best now. 1,000 Northern, \$1.07 1/2. 1,000 Metallic Extension, 45c. 1,000 Panther (regular dividend payer). The only lot ever offered. There is not a stock in this lot that is not safe to buy for investment, or that will not pay a big interest in 1892. Rooms 26 and 27, Bailey Block.

Jewelry of all kinds and high class ornaments at cost at The J. B. Gomez Jewelry Co., Best place in town for holiday goods.

Buy your New Year's gifts at The Bee Hive sale this week and save 50 per cent.

Children's Black Derby filled wool hose, all sizes, were 50c now 25c at Fowles' Cash Store.

Electricity Applied to Relieve Pain. Amalgam and silver fillings, \$1 and up. Gold fillings, \$3 and up. A full set of teeth, upper or lower, \$10. Extraction of teeth with electricity, 50 cents. DR. SKRIMM & ESSIG, dentists, Sixth avenue and Main.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

Musical Programmes at the Congregational and St. Peter's Churches. Christmas services will be held at the Congregational church to-day at which the following musical programme will be rendered: Organ voluntary. Morning. To Beum Lagmann. Mrs. Judge Hahn. Overture, solo, "Oh Holy Night." Mrs. Judge Hahn. Antiphon. "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices." Mendelssohn.

St. Peter's Church. The Christmas music will be repeated at the Episcopal church this morning. The following is the programme: Processional, "Come Hither Ye Faithful." Venite. "Come Hither Ye Faithful." Crotch. Gloria. "Come Hither Ye Faithful." Crotch. Benedictus. "Come Hither Ye Faithful." Crotch. Hymn, "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices." Mendelssohn. Kyrie. "Come Hither Ye Faithful." Crotch. Gloria. "Come Hither Ye Faithful." Crotch. Hymn, "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices." Mendelssohn. Offertory, "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices." Mendelssohn. Recessional, "Hark! What Mean Those Holy Voices." Mendelssohn.

SERVICES TO-DAY.

Congregational church—Special Christmas services morning and evening. German Lutheran service at 10:30 a. m. at the Norwegian Lutheran church, corner Twelfth avenue and Idaho street. Central Presbyterian church—Corner Helena avenue and Cooke street. Services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Rev. F. D. Kelsey, So. D. will lecture at the Salvation army barracks, South Main street, Monday, Dec. 28, 1891. Subject, "Mortgage Bonuses." Admission 10 cents. Unitarian—At G. A. R. hall on Park avenue. Rev. Joseph H. Crocker, minister. At 11 a. m., subject, "The Intellectual Life of the Church." At 7:30 p. m., subject, "Who is a Christian?" Grand Street Methodist church—Corner of Grand and Warren streets, D. B. Price, pastor. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor. Subject of morning discourse, "Faith, Joy and Fellowship." Sunday School at 2:30 p. m. The special Christmas service of the First Presbyterian church will be held to-day at the court house at 11 a. m. Evening service at 7:30 p. m. Christmas music led by a full choir at both morning and evening services. Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Young people's prayer meeting at 6:45 p. m.

Christian church—Subject at 11 a. m., "Jesus and His Influence, From the Standpoint of Profane History." Evening subject, "The Angels' Serenade." Christmas music will be rendered by the music quartette. Young people's prayer meeting at 6:30 p. m.; subject, "Preparation for the Week of Prayer." J. N. Smith, pastor. St. Peter's Episcopal church.—Rev. F. T. Webb, rector; residence, 310 Broadway. Regular services, 7:45 a. m. Celebration of the holy communion, except first Sunday in March, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible classes, 2:30 p. m. Service also on Wednesdays, from Advent to Easter, at 7:30 p. m. The rector may be found at the church rooms, in the basement of the church, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, from 11 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.

Misses black cashmere hose, British, were 50c now 25c at Fowles' Cash Store.

Children's toy books and games at cost price at The Bee Hive.

Katie Putnam. To-morrow evening Katie Putnam opens a week's engagement at Ming's opera house with special matinee New Year's day, and regular matinee Saturday. The play selected for the opening night, "Love Finds a Way," is new to the Helena people. Of it the exchanges speak in the highest terms of praise. Tuesday night, "Erna the Elf" will be produced, followed by "The Old Curiosity Shop" on Wednesday evening, and the remainder of the week by a change of bill nightly, announcement of which will be given. That Katie Putnam is an established favorite in Montana goes without saying. Her first husband, a man handsomely, her engagement there breaking all former records as to receipts. A private telegram says that over \$1,500 was received during the opening night. The many friends of Miss Putnam will be pleased to know that the present season is the most successful ever played by this winsome little actress. The charming individuality of the little lady, coupled with her true womanly qualities, have made her an established favorite in the homes of prominent citizens, where she is their honored guest.

New Year's Offerings. New Year's gifts are now in order, and the very tempting prices now ruling on holiday goods will no doubt induce many to make New Year's presents, who would not otherwise do so this season. All holiday goods at Sands Bros. are offered this week at fifty cents on the dollar. The assortment includes many useful and desirable articles and at the present prices cannot fail to please bargain seekers. Sands Bros. are now preparing for their annual inventory and all odds and ends are being sold at 50 per cent. The goods are priced at prices calculated to close them out at once. In imported dress patterns Sands Bros. offer \$20 patterns at \$22.50. Patterns that were \$25.00 at \$15. Patterns that were \$15.00 at \$12.50. Patterns that were \$12.50 at \$9. and \$9.50 patterns at \$6.25. Remnants of dress goods in colors and black in all quantities, from the cheapest cotton and wool fabrics to the finest novelty goods will be sold at about half price. Broken lines of ladies' and children's underwear at reduced prices. Cloaks, jackets and wraps for ladies and children at the same unapproachably low prices that have prevailed during the great clearance sale of the past two weeks. Among the bargains still offered to wit: may be mentioned, sarah silks at 25c, reduced from 50c; China silks at 60c, reduced from \$1; gros grain silks at 60c, reduced from \$1; satin rhinoceros at 75c, reduced from \$1.25; silk plush at 65c, reduced from \$1; Paule Franconese at 75c, reduced from \$1.25.

In carpets, curtains and draperies, everything new and attractive in recent designs is displayed at unusually attractive prices. Reskinning garments and seal sets are offered at less than the present wholesale prices. Children's fur sets also reduced to low cost to close. Prudent buyers are invited to examine the bargains now shown in all departments.

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PERSONAL.

Oscar Bradford is a visitor in Helena. W. B. Wright leaves to-day for Poudre, Oregon. Henry A. Root leaves for California on Tuesday next. J. B. Kincaid went to Chicago over the Union Pacific yesterday. H. H. Chittenden of Cooke, went to Omaha yesterday over the Union Pacific. Mrs. J. Switzer went to Leavenworth, Kan., over the Northern Pacific yesterday. J. W. Hauser and wife leave for Castleton, N. D., over the Northern Pacific to-night. C. W. Chowning, one of the best known stockmen in northern Montana, was in Helena yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Cannon and son, Wm. LeGrand, leave for the east Monday morning via the Great Northern. W. L. Leggett and J. O'Connor were among the east-bound passengers over the Union Pacific yesterday. They go to Salamanca, N. Y. John C. Remington, manager of the Opera house, was presented with a fine silver mounted cane yesterday by the attendees of the theatre. Col. W. F. Sanders and Mrs. Sanders left yesterday afternoon for San Francisco, to be gone about three weeks. The colonel has an important case in court there. Judge F. S. Bodell, chief postoffice inspector of this district, has arrived home from Washington where he was attending the meeting of all the chief inspectors of the country. Among the passengers over the Northern Pacific yesterday were Esther Starkweather and Parker for Detroit, Mich.; W. E. Barrett and wife for Walla Walla, and W. H. Jewett for New York city. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Maok, of Boston, are spending the holidays in Helena, the guests of Mrs. and Mrs. Francis Pope. Mr. Maok has been in Butte for the past two months engaged in executing for D. G. Bricker, paintings of four of that gentleman's favorite horses. Arrivals at The Helena. C. W. Chowning, city. L. S. Simons, Portland. S. W. Stryker, Philadelphia. Phil. Gibson, Great Falls. S. A. Miller, Big Sandy. Geo. S. List, Seattle. S. T. Jackson, St. Paul. Geo. Forest and wife, New York. Chas. E. Woodruff, Ft. Assiniboine. W. H. Haher, Kansas. C. H. Jones and wife, Great Falls. J. C. Hooker, city. Geo. B. Miller, Spokane. Julian Smith, New York. J. E. Jackson, Kansas City. Chas. I. Hastings, Minneapolis. J. W. Lewis, city. T. Gahagan and wife, Great Falls. H. Veeder, Washington Bar.

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NEW MASONIC OFFICERS.

Three Lodges of Helena Install Officials for 1892. An interesting event in Masonic circles was the joint installation ceremony which took place in Masonic temple last night, in which Morning Star lodge No. 5, Helena lodge No. 3 and King Solomon lodge No. 9 participated. The following officers were installed by Grand Master Richard O. Hickman: Morning Star No. 5—W. H. McCann, W. M.; A. J. Craven, S. W.; H. W. Barrington, J. W.; T. H. Kleinschmidt, Treas.; J. J. Hindson, Sec'y.; Scott Donnelly, S. D.; Miss Witsan, J. D.; H. M. Burris, S. S.; D. W. Middlemas, J. S. Helena Lodge No. 3—C. B. Nolan, W. M.; E. D. Neill, Jr., S. W.; F. D. Jones, J. W.; H. M. Farchen, Treas.; Geo. Booker, Sec'y.; G. W. Jackson, S. D.; C. W. Percie, J. D.; Roy Bowen, S. S.; Francis Nuvar, J. S. King Solomon Lodge No. 9—Herman Gens, W. M.; J. W. Kinsley, S. W.; A. Harty, J. W.; Joseph Gens, Treas.; Kirk Fritz, Sec'y.; Henry Meyer, S. D.; Joseph Ginsberg, J. D.; H. S. Hepler, S. S.; Henry Seiben, J. S.

Ladies black cashmere hose, British, were 50c now 25c at Fowles' Cash Store. T. G. Power & Co. are headquarters for everything in agricultural, implement lines, and vehicles of every description. Mammoth Montana Steer. Messrs. Shaffer & Patterson, of Helena, received a check yesterday from Secretary Frenit of the Montana Stockgrowers' association for \$71 with the information that the money was the proceeds of the sale on the Chicago market of a stray steer from the Chestnut valley range. The beef was picked up in a round-up this season, having wandered off from the land belonging to Messrs. Shaffer & Patterson. It was shipped to Chicago with a lot of other Montana steers. It is thought to be the largest steer from the Montana ranges this season, weighing 1,700 pounds. Ladies' black cashmere hose were 50c now 25c at Fowles' Cash Store. Mrs. Sperling has removed from the Denver block to 14 Warren street, near the Merchants hotel. Fifty Cents on the Dollar. A fine line of clothing and gent's' furnishings must be closed out immediately. Stock will be offered at 50 cents on the dollar. Call soon in Novelty block, opposite Sands Bros. Landmarks crumpled and pass away, but Washburn Crosby Co. a world renowned and justly celebrated "Best" flour stays with us forever and there are more barrels of it sold now than ever before. Ask your grocer for it. A. R. Galas Grocery Co. mill agents, Helena, Mont. Toy furniture almost given away at the cost sale at The Bee Hive. For Sale. Fifty head of fat cattle on lower Flat creek. Enquire of Joseph Belleville, Dearborn. Boze tool chests in all sizes, hobby and rocking horses in every style, school desks, blackboards, book and saw magic lanterns, tops, horns, marbles, top pin games, board games, card games, paint boxes, books, steam engines, mechanical toys, etc., in great variety at The Bee Hive.

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