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One paper in the home is worth a dozen in the by-way. THE DEMOCRAT IS THE HOME PAPER OF Mercer County.

## FATAL ENDING TO FAMILY TROUBLES

### John Swartz of Coldwater Shot Through the Heart by Andrew Coates, Who Claims Act Was in Self-Defense--Surrendered to Officers

### Grand Jury Called to Meet This Morning to Delve into a Puzzling Case, Secrets of Which Are Locked Up in Breasts of Mother and Son

The grand jury of the May term of the Common Pleas Court will convene in special session in this city at 9:30 o'clock this morning. It is called to investigate the Swartz murder case at Coldwater. Its finding will be awaited with interest.

Whether it will go further and delve into the alleged saloon violations that have made that place notorious, remains to be seen.

Night Policeman Jacob Swartz of Coldwater was shot and instantly killed by his stepson, Andrew Coates, of Porterville, Calif., in the council room of the town hall at Coldwater last Saturday evening, following, it seems, a quarrel, which Coates alleged his mother had been mistreated by Swartz.

Coates gave himself up immediately after the shooting, and was brought to this city by Sheriff Fisher and Deputy Sheriff Betz and lodged in jail.

The prisoner claims self-defense, and his mother, the only other witness of the tragedy, says that Swartz attempted to shoot her son, but that he was too quick for the older man.

Swartz and his wife had never lived happily and several times had parted. The last separation occurred a couple of months ago, since which time Mrs.

Swartz had been living with a daughter at Fosteria.

On request of her husband, it seems, she returned to Coldwater last Saturday afternoon over the Lake Erie and Western, presumably to settle up some business affairs.

Swartz met her at the train and they went together to the town hall. A few minutes later Coates, while playing cards in the Wagner saloon, was told of his mother's arrival and presence with Swartz. He immediately left the saloon and went to the hall. Just what took place prior to the shooting is not definitely established, but only a short time after Coates left the saloon he returned and had Wagner call for the Sheriff, giving himself up.

People near the hall heard the shots, and rushing to the building found Swartz lying with three bullet wounds in his body. Dr. Fred Brumm was the first physician to arrive on the scene, but Swartz expired while he was being picked up.

Coroner Ayers of this city was immediately summoned, and assisted by Dr. Brumm performed an autopsy. An examination of Swartz's body revealed the fact that one bullet had penetrated the top of the right shoulder at the back, another penetrated the left side in front, just below the shoulder, and the third, entering the breast between the fifth and sixth ribs and passing through the body. The bullet was found in Swartz's clothing.

Swartz was a brother of the late John Swartz of this city and a sister of Mrs. M. Schmitt, of Pasadena, Calif. He was well known in this city.

Coates formerly lived in this city, and as a boy worked at both the Ellis and Ashley Hotels.

## AN OLD FRIEND IN THE DISCARD

### Organization Having for Its Purpose Abandonment of Canal Is Launched.

If plans now on foot do not miscarry, one of the first proposals to be submitted under the new initiative feature of the Ohio constitution will be for the abandonment of the state canal system. An organization has already been effected under the name of The Western Ohio Progressive Association, created for the purpose of conducting an educational campaign favorable to abandonment of the entire canal system except the Grand Reservoir, which is to be partly drained and converted into a park and fish preserve.

H. F. Vanfleet, of Maumee, is President of the new organization; H. B. Bennett, of Montezuma, Vice President, and John J. Huetner, of Grand Rapids, Secretary.

Prosecutor John G. Romer of this city is one of the attorneys engaged by the organization to gather data and look after the preliminary work. The first meeting will be held at Toledo the latter part of this month. It is proposed to hold meetings in all the towns along the course of the canal. Many interests would be affected by the abandonment of the canal, and the cry for it has been more or less manufactured and is not likely to get much encouragement from the general public. The canal, while seemingly of little concern to-day, is of incalculable value. The right of way, which schemers have tried to gobble for years, is alone worth millions of dollars, and in its half abandoned condition is now worth all it ever cost. It served the people well in its day, and it can be made to be of commercial value again.

While a section of our common country are talking of building and improving their waterways, we have a valuable asset in the canal, now in the hands of the people, that is only awaiting sensible development to make it fruitful in many ways. The loss it has caused has been made to stand out boldly, but its little conveniences along its three hundred mile course are not paralleled before the public eye. It is a fault of the canal that it has no better reputation. The public leeches should be shaken off, plans laid for its regeneration in a broad and comprehensive way, and it would not only pay its bill, but would enrich the people of the State in many fields besides those of transportation in the wide and varied service it can be made to render. To build up and not tear down should be the slogan, and the almighty dollar should not be our only god. The lakes, the rivers, the brooks, the waterways, natural and artificial, make life worth living, and the damages from freshets, about we hear so much, are taken too seriously.

### Misleading and Uncalled for Report

Relative to a report circulated about town to the effect that the expenses of the death and funeral of George Arnett were paid by the county, his son, Frank Arnett, authorizes us to say that he paid all the bills himself, and in proof of his claims showed receipts from the undertaker, liverman, grave-digger, etc. If those circulating the report had been fair they could have found from the public records whether such a claim had been presented and allowed.

### Has Skipped for Parts Unknown

Robert O'Connor, who for sometime past has been running the old Alspach livery barn, South Main street, for Attorney Julius Boesel of New Bremen, skipped out last Monday, taking with him two of the best horses and a wagon in the barn, and leaving behind numerous creditors.

## BIG ASSEMBLAGE SAW DEDICATION

### Several thousand people, including over a hundred from this city, attended the dedication of the handsome new Catholic church at St. Rosa, last Sunday.

The large crowd was well handled by the members of the congregation in charge of the celebration. The sumptuous dinner served in the old church was a treat to the ladies of the congregation and no one went away hungry.

Music was furnished by the Celina and Minster bands and the former made such a hit that they were given the pleasure of heading the big parade and drill given by the different commanderies of the Knights of St. John in attendance.

The services of the day opened with solemn high mass at 10 o'clock, with Most Rev. Archbishop Henry Moeller, D.D., C.P.P.S., of Cincinnati, as honorary celebrant, Rev. Eugene Grimm, of Minster, acting as Deacon of Honor, and Rev. Geo. Hindelang, of this city, as Subdeacon of Honor.

The mass was celebrated by Very Rev. Paulinus Frost, Rector of the St. Charles Seminary, Carthage, and Rev. Julius Heffner, of Cassella, as deacon, and Rev. Linus Stahl, of St. Francis, Ohio, as Subdeacon. Acting as Archpriest to the Archbishop was Rev. Boniface Russ, provincial of the Most Precious Blood Society, while Rev. Nicholas Schneider, of Sebastian, was master of ceremonies.

A rather lengthy but a very appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. Raphael Schmans, of Ft. Recovery. About twenty priests from neighboring parishes in Mercer, Darke and Auglaize counties were present.

### Council Sizes Up Proposed Sewer Plans

Council held a lengthy session last Tuesday night but transacted little business of note, the major portion of the evening being spent in the examination of the plans of the W. J. Sherman Co., on the proposed sewerage improvement.

Mr. Sherman was present and presented two very complete and carefully prepared maps of the storm and sanitary sewerage system as developed through their surveys of the town. On suggestion of Council, a few changes will be made by Mr. Sherman and the maps returned for final examination and approval. They will at that time be placed on exhibition for the general public examination and criticism.

## HIS PAST.



—From New York World.

It will be remembered that it was in 1904 that Roosevelt wrote the celebrated "My Dear Mr. Harriman" letter, saying "you and I are practical men" and asking the millionaire magnate to the White House, and after a conference that Mr. Harriman raised \$240,000, which was used in the campaign; and that it was also in this campaign Perkins contributed toward Roosevelt's campaign insurance company money belonging to women and children.

## Ohio Holds Aloof Banner of Progress

Ohio has proudly seized the banner of progress and stepped to the forefront of the new crusade for liberty.

Her voters on the third wrote themselves a new Constitution. They voted overwhelmingly to take into their own hands control of the politics and policies of their State. For the worn-out governmental devices which they cast aside as junk there is no regret, save in the breasts of selfish men who profited by them at the expense of the common weal.

Ohioans today can scarce realize the tremendous impetus which they have given to the movement throughout America for equal rights and opportunities. From every corner of the nation rise cries of "Hail" to this latest State to write itself progressive.

Here is the fundamental law under which Ohio has voted to govern itself in the future. All candidates for elective offices from Governor to Constable, hereafter will be chosen by the people themselves at primary elections. The convention system is dead in Ohio.

The people, whenever they see fit, will draft laws for their own welfare through initiative, and in the event of failure of the Legislature to fulfil the people's will, the voters themselves will enact the laws through the referendum.

Cities of the State, hobbled in their dealings with public service corporations in the past by archaic legislation, robbed right and left by street railways, gas companies and electric lighting companies, now are given the right to own and operate their own public utilities, and to barter on equal terms with corporations.

### Weakness of Progressive Platform

One of the weaknesses of the Progressive Party platform, a weakness that goes to its very foundation, is its tariff-Protection principle. Free-traders in the Progressive Party may retort that the Democratic platform is not for Free-trade, and this is true, but the Democratic platform forin does demand the fullest measure of trade freedom that Constitutional barriers permit, whereas the Progressive platform pledges its supporters to tariff-Protection in perpetuity. It does this, indeed, for the benefit of wage-workers; but hasn't Protectionism been demanded for that purpose? and hasn't it always failed? Aye, but the Progressive Party is to make the purpose a reality! Impossible. No party can do that. Tariff-Protection is a system of privilege, and in the very nature of Privilege there can be no privilege for wage-workers the benefits of which they can keep. Privilege means monopoly, monopoly means concentration, concentration means power for the few, power for the few means exploitation of the many.—The Public.

Chas. Harden, living on the R. E. Riley farm, east of town, was operated upon for appendicitis at his home, yesterday morning. He rallied and seems to be doing nicely. The operation was performed by Dr. Bowers, of Dayton, assisted by Drs. R. E. and James H. Riley of this city.

The seventh annual reunion of the Beery-Grim families was held at the Fair grounds in this city on the 5th, and proved to be the most enjoyable and largest attended in the history of the family gatherings. The following officers were chosen for the ensuing year: President, J. A. Grim; vice president, Amos Good; secretary, Alice Brookhart; assistant secretary, Golda Grim; treasurer, Frank Lutz; committee on grounds, Howard Beougher and Emmit Carpenter; jr. reception committee, Charles Carpenter and Golda Grim.

At the annual meeting of the Mercer County Law Library Association, held in the court-room last Friday afternoon, the following officers were chosen: President, J. H. Day; Vice-president, F. V. Short; secretary, C. S. Younger; treasurer, J. M. Schlosser; and E. Tonville, John W. Looce and John Kramer.

which for two generations have had the upper hand. Cities may choose their own local form of government and frame their own charters. The right is given to fix and regulate the hours of labor by law, to establish a minimum wage, and generally to recognize the duty of the State to provide for the welfare of working men and women. Compensation will be paid to workers suffering from industrial diseases and the cost and time of litigation will be cut down.

Do you realize what this all means, Mr. Common Citizen?

It means that the people of Ohio from this time will govern themselves.

Women, for the time being, will not have a part in government. Suffrage was defeated for reasons that cannot yet be analyzed.

The machinery, though, is ready for the insertion of equal suffrage in the Constitution, and the day cannot long be averted by those who oppose women's votes when Ohio equals with mothers will be place on equality with men.

The fight for governmental progress began in Ohio many years ago. Until this present year a little body of progressives stood alone in the struggle. The initiative and referendum were condemned as "Socialistic" when they began; direct primaries as nonsense; care of working men and women in their daily toil as little less than anarchy.

On the third the voters set the seal of approval on these policies, and today Ohio invited the attention of the world to the fact that it purposes to prove that those policies are right.—Cincinnati Post.

### And This from the Heathen Chinese

In a late issue of the Peking Daily News appeared the following letter from Dr. W. E. Macklin of Nanking:

One of the most urgent things to be done in China now is the prevention of famine. To prevent the floods of the Hwai River valley will cost maybe 100,000,000 taels.

Where is this money to come from? It is a good rule to go by, not to borrow unless there are resources with which to pay back the debt. Lands in the Hwai Valley are worth from \$2 to \$40 a mow. Lands in which there is no danger of floods are worth, say, \$40 a mow. Lands subject every year or two to floods may be worth \$2 to \$10 a mow. If we borrow capital and dig a canal to the sea we make this \$2 to \$10 land worth maybe \$40. This will be a gift to the land owners. We should, therefore, take a list of sales of land before and after the digging of the canal. The increase in value will show how much advantage the land owners have received. By taxing this unearned increment the landlords will not be hurt and yet there will be an abundant revenue to pay back the debt.

Famine relief is very much improved in method in the past few years. First, great sums of money were collected from Chinese and foreigners and doled out to the famine sufferers. This was a great source of profit to the rice dealers, as the increased demand for rice raised the price. Then food stuffs were sent up to the famine region. This, of course, lowered the price of grain and hurt the rice dealers. Both methods tended to pauperize and degrade the people.

It has been found in the last year that a better method was to send grain and pay the starving people for work done in digging ditches and making dikes. This work improved the land and tended to prevent flooding—a permanent benefit.

Unfortunately the benefit goes to the land owners who are thus able to get a greater return for the land. The land owners should be taxed to pay for all improvements of their land. Famine relief should not be in any sense a charity work but a business proposition.

Every improvement, as dikes, ditches and canals, raises the value of the land. This increased value can be taxed to pay for the improvement.

## WHO WILL HAVE TO GET OUT

### Plan for Reducing Number of Saloons Must Be Worked Out by Legislature

[Dayton News.] With the liquor license amendment to the constitution having been passed on favorably by the voters, 73 saloonists in this city will be eliminated, providing the legislature takes action accordingly at its coming session in January.

The question which is agitating the community at present is—what form of discrimination will be adopted to prevent all saloonists from renewing their licenses?

Judge Dennis Dwyer, member of the constitutional convention which framed the amendments, believes that the standing, general character and worthiness of the saloons and cafes to continue in business will be the determining factors in issuing of new licenses.

It is the purpose of the amendment that the legislature shall pass such laws as will regulate the licensing of saloons and it is the belief of Judge Dwyer that the legislature will appoint a local tribunal of some kind, probably including the probate judge or the county commissioners, to receive and consider the application of the saloonists for a renewal of their licenses.

According to the records at County Auditor J. W. Edwards' office, there are 306 saloons in the city. The liquor license amendment allows only one saloon for every 500 inhabitants and as the present population of Dayton is placed at 116,500, the number of saloons within the corporate limits would have to be reduced to 233. The liquor licenses at present in force will expire on the day preceding the fourth Monday in May.

As the legislature does not meet until next January, it is considered entirely probable that the license amendment may not be acted upon until May of 1914. Judge Dwyer, who is naturally highly gratified at the result of the vote, believes that the people of the state should not be in haste to take advantage of the amendments.

## DEMOCRATIC CAMPAIGN OPENING WILL BE HUMMER

The Democratic campaign opening in Columbus, Ohio, Sept. 20, will be one of the largest and best political meetings in the history of the state. On this occasion Gov. Woodrow Wilson, who is being greeted by enormous crowds everywhere he goes, will deliver his first public address in Ohio. Cong. James B. Cox, gubernatorial candidate, will make his first address on that date in behalf of his candidacy. Both men are keen students of public affairs, gifted speakers and in the past both have demonstrated their ability with the great masses of the people to restore to the people governmental agencies which have been seized temporarily by selfish interests.

These two, the principal speakers, are types of men that are exceedingly popular. No Democrat should miss the opportunity to hear them discuss the issues at the campaign opening. There will be two meetings one in the afternoon and the other at night.

## THE GRIM REAPER

Albert Rockwood, aged 54 years, one of the prominent farmers of Hopewell township, and well known in this city, died last Tuesday following a lingering illness of cancer of the throat.

Deceased was born in Adams County, Indiana, but came to Mercer County with his mother when but five years old. In August, 1877, he was united in marriage to Eliza Brown, and she together with three sons and three daughters survive. The living children are Harry, Charles and John Rockwood, Mrs. Leonard Gray, Miss Ethel Rockwood and Mrs. Chas. Nickel, of Utica, O. Funeral services were held at the new Bethany Evangelical church in this city, of which the deceased was a member, yesterday morning, with Revs. Neff and Koenig in charge. Interment in North Grove cemetery.

Mrs. Mathias Herman, aged 58 years, a well known resident of Granville township, living a mile west of St. Henry, died last Monday morning.

She has been a sufferer for years from dropsy, but seemed apparently in her usual health when she arose Monday morning. Her husband, however, upon returning to the house, after doing the morning chores, found her lifeless body in a rocking chair. The husband and three children—John Herman, Mrs. John Knapp and Mrs. John Ullenhake—survive.

Mrs. John Hoyng, aged 46 years, died at her home at Coldwater a week ago last night of tuberculosis. Her husband survives. Funeral services were held at the Catholic church at Coldwater last Monday morning.

Sarah, the little two year old daughter of John Kyle, died of pneumonia last Saturday night. Funeral services and interment at Swamp College Tuesday morning.

## PERSONAL GOSSIP

Wm. M. Rice, of St. Marys, was in town yesterday on local matters in the Probate Court, involving the sale of the Rice farm, eight miles and a half southwest of this city, which as executor, he will sell on October 12. Mr. Rice just returned from an enjoyable month's outing up in Minnesota, visiting a couple of his brothers.

Orlando Garrison and wife, of Dayton, spent Sunday in this city, the guests of G. M. Garrison and wife.

G. M. Garrison left last week for Nash-ville, Tenn., where he again takes up his duties as an instructor in bookkeeping in Walden University.

For sale—A fine and well bred driving colt. Inquire at this office.

## ENDS HIS LIFE WITH PISTOL

### Ill-Health, Augmented by Financial Troubles He Could Not Face, Too Much for Unfortunate Mercer Man, Who Locks Himself in Room and Fires Fatal Shot Into Brain.

Despondent over ill health and adverse financial troubles, Charles A. Miller, a young man of Mercer, committed suicide Wednesday morning, shooting himself in the right temple with a thirty-two caliber revolver.

The tragedy occurred about half past ten, following a visit to the Miller home of Constable Hight, of this city, to collect the payment of a chattel mortgage amounting to something over two hundred dollars.

Miller after asking the constable the amount of the claim said he would go and get the money. He went into the house and entered the bed room, telling his wife he was going to change clothes and go and get money to settle the bill.

He locked the bed room door and a moment later a shot rang out. The door was broken open and Miller's prostrate form was found in a heap on the floor, with blood oozing from a bullet wound in the right side of his head just above the temple.

Dr. Wickersham, of Rockford, was hurriedly summoned. Miller passed away about one o'clock, while the physician was trying to locate the bullet, which had lodged in the brain.

Miller was about 38 years of age and leaves a wife and six children. At one time he was in the harness business at Mendon, but failed. He moved to Mercer and until forced to quit work on account of ill health he drove a medicine wagon.

## Ike Peake Again Locked Up on a Serious Charge

Isaac Peake, aged sixty years or more, was arrested by Marshal Pumphrey yesterday morning on a charge of indecent exposure of person. He pleaded not guilty before Mayor Miller and was given a trial yesterday afternoon, found guilty and fined \$10 and costs. Unable to pay the bill, he was sent to jail.

The witnesses against Peake were two school girls of tender age and the mother of one of the tots.

It will be recalled that about a year ago Peake was bound over to court on a charge of criminal assault upon a small girl, but the grand jury ignored the case. The present offense came near being like charge, as the little girls testified that Peake had made undue advances toward them, and only the fact that

they did not go to him possibly saved a more heinous charge being placed against him. He claimed no knowledge of the affair, and stated that he must have been drunk. Mayor Miller gave him a severe reprimand and said he would find time to sober up while in Sheriff Fisher's keeping.

Close surveillance should be kept on Peake by the authorities, when he is again liberated, as a repetition of past misdeeds may be expected. The pity is that he could not have been more summarily dealt with. His is a case of personal liberty gone to seed—a worthless old soak, a product of the saloon pure and simple. Once partnership with the business that has made the old degenerate what he is should, however, make us stop and think.

## GOLD FOR BOYS

### Liberal Prizes Offered by State Board of Agriculture for Wheat Growing.

The farmer sells wheat at 90 cents per bushel which is 1-1/2 cents a pound. Translated into fancy, high-priced pastry on a dining car, the pound of wheat sells for 66 cents. Somewhere, between the producer and consumer, somebody multiplied the farmer's 1-1-2 cents by 44.

The Ohio State Board of Agriculture offers liberal prizes for a Boy's Wheat Growing Contest. Cash to the amount of \$370 in gold will be given to the boys between the ages of 12 and 21.

First \$100; Second \$75; Third \$50; Fourth \$40; Fifth \$30; Sixth \$25; Seventh \$20; Eighth \$15; Ninth \$10; Tenth \$5. Every farm boy is invited to enter this contest. Now is the time. The success and the educational value of the Corn Growing Contest induced the State Board to continue the good work in wheat.

In many counties Bankers, Millers, Grain Dealers, and Merchants are offering as prizes, in addition to the above cash premiums, free trips to Washington next year.

The prizes offered are not worth as much as it is to make better farmers of the boys this year than they were last year.

Boys entered in this contest will be eligible to compete for the free trip to the Ohio State Fair in 1913.

Boys now entered in the corn contest may enter the wheat contest also. By this kind of farming from five to ten bushels of wheat can be added to the yield per acre. This will help to make farming profitable and to keep the boy away from the city.

Printed rules and information sent on application to A. P. SANDLES, Columbus.

J. B. McNeese, aged 35 years of Winchester, Ind., attempted to commit suicide, while walking along one of the principal streets of Rockford last Sunday evening, by taking arsenic. Physicians, after working all night, succeeded in saving his life. Family troubles is attributed as the cause of the act. McNeese is a painter and has been working for L. L. Schultz, of Rockford, for the past several months.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. J. Smith and three of Henry Hoenie's sons, of Hopewell township, had a narrow escape from death during the severe storm last Saturday afternoon, when the barn on the Henry Hoenie farm, two miles north-west of town, in which they had taken shelter from the rain, was struck by lightning. All of the party were stunned by the bolt, one horse killed and the barn fired. The heavy rain assisted the party in stopping the blaze before it had gained much headway. A quantity of hay was destroyed.

Mrs. Carrie Symons, President. Miss Ida May Hedrick, Vice President. Mrs. Ford Lewis, Rec. Secretary. Mrs. Grace Fryinger, Cor. Secretary. Mrs. Amanda Shimp, Treasurer.

County Superintendents—Mrs. Hunter, parliamentary law; Mrs. Bowers, flower mission; Mrs. Hammer, evangelistic; Miss Hedrick, medal contests; Mrs. Bastian, juvenile court; Mrs. Pearl Monroe, party; Mrs. Springer, temperance and labor; Miss Alice Newcomb, scientific temperance.

Press Reporter—Miss Ida Hedrick.

As the result of injuries sustained last July, while employed in the Union Hant-Co's, factory at Chickasaw, Alous Strunk last Monday filed suit in Common Pleas Court against H. A. Schweiterman, Frank and Lewis Grieshop, asking damages in the sum of \$2,000. Plaintiff alleges that he was a truck in the abdomen, while operating a rip saw, that he sustained severe injuries from which he may never recover; and that defendants were negligent in not having proper protection around the saw.

### Seed Wheat

Tests 61 and 69 pounds. Reclaimed and ready to sow. \$1.25 per bushel cash. PALMER & MILLER. For chronic pain in the back apply Hand-Foot-Bath. Rub it on and rub it in thoroughly.