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FATAL SHOOTING AT CAPE GIRARDEAU

Jim Gill, Restaurant Proprietor, Fires 4 Shots at Harry Gerst, a Boilermaker, Two Taking Effect.

The following is from the Sunday Cape Girardeau Morning Sun:

Harry Gerst, a boilermaker, 38 years old and a son of Mr. Francis Gerst, of 713 Morgan Oak St., was fatally shot this morning at one o'clock by Jim Gill, restaurant proprietor, in front of the Gill restaurant on the corner of Independence and Water streets.

Four shots were fired by Gill from a Bulldog revolver. An examination of the body at the inquest showed that only two of the shots hit Gerst, one glazing his right shoulder blade and the other entering the body just under the left arm. The latter shot was fatal.

According to the testimony of [illegible] to the coroner. He said that L. C. Matney, a waiter in Gill's he saw two or three men running restaurant, who was on duty at the time he approached and that the time the shooting occurred three men came up in front of the restaurant and began talking in a loud manner. Profanity interspersed their remarks, he said, and the talk was loud enough to rouse Gill, who was sleeping just above the restaurant. Gill came down, according to Matney, and going through the restaurant to the front door, stepped outside and told them to go away and not cause any disturbance. Two of the men started to leave, said Matney, but Gerst remained and said to Gill that he didn't have to go; that he didn't care whether he was disturbing his family or [illegible] Gill a vile name, [illegible] then, according to Matney, began firing.

Gerst, when hit, staggered to the street and after walking a [illegible] fell in the street.

Patrolman Lee Atchinson, who was on the sidewalk near the Terminal [illegible], heard the firing. Gerst was lying in the street. Gill had walked back to his restaurant. He admitted firing the shots and was placed under arrest by Atchinson.

To a Sun reporter, who interviewed Gill in the city jail at an early hour this morning, Gil said that he was awakened by loud talk beneath his window. He said upon looking out of the window he saw three men talking to two negroes. The talk, he said, was loud and abusive and immediately in front of his restaurant. He said that he got out of bed, dressed, slipped on a pair of slippers and taking a 32 pistol that belonged to his wife, went down stairs and through the restaurant to the front door. He said that he told the men that they would have to get away from there—that they were disturbing him and his family. Two of the men started to leave, he said, but Gerst began cursing him and his family. "I again told him to stop," said Gill, "and he replied by calling me a house guard and struck at me. I opened fire on him then, and fired three or four shots and went back into my restaurant."

"Chubbs" Doll was one of the men who were with Gerst last night, but when taken to the police station he said that he did not remember whether any one else was standing out. Doll is a roughneck of the Fifth ward. He was summoned as one of the witnesses but appeared at the coroner's investigation this morning.

GRADUATING EXERCISES AT WILL MAYFIELD

The summer term of Will Mayfield College closed Friday, July 11. The term was a success from start to finish. There were 100 enrolled and there never was a more earnest body of students. It was a success in every department and with very few failures.

The graduating exercises were held in the gymnasium Friday evening. Dr. Carson, pastor of the Cape Girardeau Baptist church delivered the graduating address.

There were three graduates from the science department and eight from the academic department. The college graduates were Miss Lenna Bolchoucher, Revs. E. C. Abernathy and Wm. Wigger. The graduates from the academic department were Miss Ruth Clack, valedictorian, Messrs. Hoover Emmerson and Theodore Graff.

CHAUTAUQUA HAS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Excellent Programs Presented and All Were Well Attended. Cappy Ricks a Favorite.

The chautauqua closed last night with a rollicking program presented by five merry lassie, the "Maids of Dundee." Throughout the three days the programs have been the best ever presented in Marble Hill and the local committee has had the support of the community in putting over this great education. The local Chautauqua is one of 500 conducted by the Western Welfare and Cadmean bureaus, which are affiliated.

The street sales were better than could have been hoped considering the fact that Will Mayfield summer term closed Friday and the Missouri guards left Saturday, taking out a large number of the young people of Marble Hill and Lutesville. The gymnasium proved to be an ideal place for such a meeting. Comfortable seats, good lights, good ventilation and a stage facilities added to the success of the Chautauqua.

Mr. and Mrs. Catron and her memory and impersonations were the delight of the first day's audience. Her pleasing personality coupled with her cleverness made a combination that overcame the uncomfortableness of some caused by the heat. Miss Gettinger's readings were received well and Mr. Hartley delighted everyone with his readings and his easy, pleasing way of talking as he spoke.

The dramatic sketch, "[illegible]" presented by the Marion Franklin players, and a message to Mr. Gates lecture, brought nearly applause from the audience, who seemed to appreciate the young couple's difficulties in evading the bill collectors and the subsequent misunderstanding.

Mr. Gates touched upon many community problems during his talk Tuesday afternoon. He is called the "community doctor," because he has spent much time studying the ills of towns and remedies for those ills. His lecture has ad irect appeal to all those who have an interest in their town at heart.

"Cappy Ricks" was perhaps the strongest and most heartily received of all the programs. The story was interesting and the characters were ably portrayed by an experienced cast of players. The gruff old sea captain had a roundabout way of frightening everyone around him. The sympathy and admiration of the audience were with Tom Binney from the time he died of the red car until the [illegible] to get Cap to his daughter.

The humorous lecture, "The Maids of Dundee," were as winsome as their names would indicate. Each an artist in her line, the combination proved to be a treat for the audience. The violin, trombone, cornet, drums and piano furnished ample instrumentation for music to suit everyone's tastes. The impersonations and the rube stunt were especially strong. Both afternoon and evening programs were well attended and from the introduction to the end there was not a dull moment.

Miss Ethel L. Mingee, was the platform superintendent and Mr. Marvin Hopkins was the assistant.

Tuesday morning the juniors held an animal and doll show at the gymnasium and later came to the court house square where blue ribbons were awarded the following:

Rabbits—Jesse Cunningham.
Chickens—Dallas Estes.
Pigeons—Willie Yount.
Dogs—Wilfred Crawshaw.
Dolls—Eleanora Chandler.

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Rev. Sheets is holding a revival meeting at New Salem and is having quite a success. He baptized fifteen candidates Sunday afternoon.

A STATEMENT

The Press was not sold on the first of July, as was expected. No approved bids were received for the purchase of the plant, and the paper will therefore be published in the same name as before, until such time as a sale shall be made, or if no sale is made, will continue to be published as now.

A new printer has been employed. Mr. C. E. Warren, who has had extensive experience in the newspaper business and we hope to be able to get the paper out each week on good time, and all job work will receive prompt attention. We also have Miss Lulu Schhamber assisting in revising the subscription list. Since Judge Hill was incapacitated from press work, and has not been able to do anything, it has been rather a confused matter in keeping or trying to keep the subscription list and accounts in proper condition. But with the help of the subscribers, we want to get the list adjusted in a satisfactory way. It is very hard to take up a matter like this and do the work like one who has had the matter in hand for years and knows al the details. We will be pleased to have anyone send us the news from their neighborhood, such as marriages, deaths, births or any event that in your judgement would interest the community either morally, religiously, politically or financially.

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