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ACCUSED OF MURDER.

WILL WOOD, WHO SPENT SUNDAY HERE, UNDER ARREST.

The Identification of Clothing Worn by a Girl Murdered at Ft. Thomas, Ky., and the Reading of a Letter Causes the Arrest of Will Wood as an Accomplice to the Crime.

Last Friday Will Wood, of Green Castle, Ind., arrived in Plymouth and spent Sunday with a number of acquaintances in this place. Young Wood is a son of Rev. D. M. Wood, who is pastor of the M. E. church, at Green Castle. Rev. D. M. Wood a few years ago occupied the pulpit at the M. E. church in this city, and was well liked by his congregation. It was through this intimate church relation that Will Wood was so well acquainted with the young people here, and thus this visit. At the time he was in our city he was enroute for South Bend and in all his actions and conversation gave no indication that his mind was burdened with such an awful crime as that laid at his door. Those of our citizens who are intimately acquainted with the accused laugh at the idea of him being implicated in such a terrible affair. The facts of the case, as published in the Chicago dailies, are as follows:

GREEN CASTLE, Ind., Feb. 5.—Miss Bryan's age is about 23 or 24 years. She left here on Tuesday, Jan. 28, ostensibly to visit a friend, a Miss Fisher, of Central avenue, Indianapolis, a daughter of Mrs. Lou Fisher, formerly of this city. Miss Bryan had not visited the house in question, as a telegram from that point to her brother here stated last night. She took a switch of hair with her to have it repaired, and it was returned here from Cincinnati, which first excited the family's suspicions.

The suspected party who has been ordered arrested is Scott Jackson, of the Ohio Dental College, at Cincinnati, whose mother resides here. The detectives also ordered the arrest of Will Wood, of South Bend, a son of Rev. D. M. Wood of this city.

The clew was given to the detectives by Gus Early, operator of the Western Union here, who heard a letter read from Jackson to Wood, who was here and was an intimate friend of Jackson, and Miss Bryan went direct to Cincinnati, it is thought.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Feb. 5. At 10:18 o'clock tonight the following telegram flashed over the wires and was delivered five minutes later:

GREEN CASTLE, Ind. To Colonel Dietsch, Chief of Police, Cincinnati: Arrest and charge with the murder of Pearl Bryan, one South Jackson, student at dental college, about 24 years old, 5 feet 7 or 8 inches high, weighs about 125, dark, sandy mustache, light complexion, feminine in appearance, positive identification of clothing by family. Arrest if in Cincinnati. William Wood, friend of Jackson, and charge as an accomplice; about 29 years old, 5 feet 11 inches, light blonde hair, smooth face, rather slender, weight about 165. We go from Green Castle, Ind. after Wood, as he left here for that place.

Accordingly, at 10:15 o'clock, Scott Jackson was in the mayor's office undergoing an examination by the mayor and chief of police. The culprit was perfectly described in the above tele-gram to the detectives. He stood the ordeal with apparent calmness, though it lasted till midnight, most of the time before the mayor and chief alone.

The family of the murdered girl live on a farm about one-half mile from Green Castle, and at the time their daughter was missing felt positive that the body found at Fort Thomas was that of their daughter, Pearl Bryan. Last Wednesday morning the sheriff of Cincinnati visited the family of the murdered girl and submitted all the clothing he had in his possession taken from the dead body of the woman. Mr. and Mrs. Bryan positively identified the dress and shoes as those of their missing daughter.

Reports seem to fly thick and fast over this late sensation. One of the most shocking stories is to the effect that Jackson or Wood, after killing the girl, decapitated her and for several days the disfigured head was carried around in a valise.

SOUTH BEND, Feb. 6, 2:15.—[Special to THE INDEPENDENT, Plymouth, Ind.]

Detectives arrived here this morning. Will Wood has been arrested and turned over to the officers, and left on the noon train for Cincinnati.

LATER:—As near as can be ascertained the facts in the case are these: Young Jackson had been intimate with Miss Bryan for some time, and it was discovered that the girl was in a serious condition. She left home, it is thought, to meet Jackson, when an operation would be performed. She was never seen alive afterward by her friends. It is thought she met Jackson and died probably while undergoing an operation. The young fiend is supposed to have severed her head to prevent identification. What implicates young Wood is: A letter was written to him by Jackson designating what kind of medicine should be purchased to give to the girl. It is not probable that he

can be implicated in the actual murder, as that, according to valuable information, occurred Friday night last, and young Wood was in Plymouth on that date.

SOLDIER'S HOME.

A Home for Widows and Orphans of Old Soldiers not What It Should Be.

A great deal has been said and written regarding the advantages and benefits to be derived from homes for aged widows and orphans, and it is taken for granted without question that they are above suspicion, and free from a grasping disposition. While we are not in touch with the line of work utilized by those connected with these institutions, yet there has come under our observations, a case upon which we are able to comment intelligently.

An aged soldier's widow in Plymouth, who, ever since she was deprived of her protector, has by close economy and patient industry in connection with her small pension succeeded in living comfortably. A short time ago, owing to the failing of her eye sight, and a general giving way of her physical constitution, she concluded to go to Lafayette, Ind., where one of these homes is established, and secure the much needed rest, and return to her work in the course of a few weeks. When she arrived at this harbor of comfort, she learned something of importance. It was this: That before she could enter the home, she must turn over to the officials all her papers such as discharge papers, certificates, etc., and be compelled to work while able and forfeit the pension she has been in the habit of receiving. In so doing she gave up everything that pertained to her recognition as a soldier's widow, and the home would in the future receive her pension. So it appears, if she even remained there three weeks for a much needed rest, in gaining admittance she resigned her rights to any assistance from the government in the future. Of course she did not accept such arbitrary demands and returned to Plymouth. Now if such is the case, a few women like this one spoken of could form themselves into a little band, rent suitable apartments in this city, and with the money they receive as pensions fit themselves up comfortable quarters, and live more comfortable than they would at Lafayette and not be compelled to work either.

Canaan Examined.

Lewis Canaan, the religious acrobat and all round contortionist who has been enlivening the community north of Bourbon, was examined Wednesday by Drs. Matchette and Linn of Bourbon, whose diagnosis of his case corroborates the general impression that he is mentally unsound. They did not seem to think, however, that his condition would warrant proceedings for commitment to an asylum. It is understood that Canaan went to Bourbon with Messrs. Sullivan and submitted to the examination with the understanding that if he did not do so his case would be taken up by the neighbors in legal form.

Looks Bad.

We never believe in kicking a man when he is down, and are aware when a man has established a bad record any little thing that happens in his immediate neighborhood, he receives the blame. It is thus with Mr. Hill who is incarcerated in the county jail. The following is from the Warsaw Times regarding a little transaction in that city:

"Piano" Hill, a gentleman fairly well known in Plymouth, called at a house in this place where a piano was owned, claiming to the wife that he had been sent there by her husband. The subject might end here, but unfortunately the wife cannot find a pair of gold spectacles since that day!"

Death of Mrs. A. D. Jacoby.

Mrs. A. D. Jacoby, of Elkhart, died at her home in that city Wednesday night of neuralgia of the stomach. She had been sick only since Sunday last.

The remains will be brought to this city at noon today and funeral service will be conducted by Rev. Rothenberger at Jacoby Reform church at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Jacoby moved to Elkhart from this county in 1887 and are well known to many people besides having a number of relatives in this vicinity.

Obituary.

Mrs. John S. Garver, or Mamma Garver as she was commonly called, died at her home 1/2 mile south of Burr Oak, on Tuesday Feb. 4.

Mrs. Garver suffered a stroke of paralysis in the year 1882, and a second stroke in 1885, since which time she has

been in declining health, but never so poorly but that she readily recognized and gave a hearty welcome to all her old time friends and acquaintances, of which she had many. The Garver home was known to almost everybody in the county who have lived in the county many years, she having children in almost every township. She was the mother of thirteen children, eleven of whom nine boys and two girls—survive her. Mamma Garver was 79 years old. Her name will ever be held in sacred remembrance by her many friends who she has so often welcomed at her home.

ATTACKED THE FORT.

The Salvation Army Commences Their Work at Goshen.

For some time past the people of Goshen have recognized the importance of making a combined attack upon his Satanic majesty in that city. After due deliberation a Salvation Army band of Chicago was enlisted in the cause, and upon an urgent invitation came to that city Tuesday to commence the work. The M. E. church of that place opened its doors to those young men, and although the large auditorium room was crowded, a greater number no doubt through curiosity, they will no doubt do a great work.

How many of our people know of the work done by these people. It may be of some interest to our readers to state a few facts regarding this great representative military organization, and the work they do: They are divided off into working forces, such as stum work, rescue work for fallen women, the prison gate brigade, who assist discharged criminals, the shelter work for the homeless in cities, and much more of interest to and connected with the work. The membership of the army has reached nearly two million souls, with 11,335 officers or evangelists whose entire time is given up to the work. Its operations are being carried on in more than 42 different countries and the average number of conversions per year numbers one hundred thousand.

Another New Enterprise.

An eastern firm of unquestionable responsibility is desirous of contracting several hundred acres of cucumber pickles to be grown within five or six miles of Plymouth. Could they be assured of sufficient contracts to warrant them in so doing, at prices as favorable as have heretofore been paid here, they would commence the erection of salting works in this city at once. They will also want large quantities of cabbages, tomatoes, small onions and string beans.

The Business Men's association, believing it would be highly advantageous to our farmers and citizens generally to have them here, have undertaken to ascertain to what extent the farmers would interest themselves, and to that end will have, on Saturday, the 8th inst., and a few days thereafter, in the hands of every groceryman in Plymouth, papers for the signatures of those desirous of making contracts. The first to sign will have the preference when contracts are awarded.

Farmers, please mention this to your neighbors and get as many interested as possible.

Fire Anniversary.

From Thursday's Daily. Who, but those who are acquainted with the patriotic energy of our people, can walk along Michigan street and look upon those two handsome structures that now grace the corner of Michigan and Laporte streets, can in the minds eye look back one year ago this morning and see the great wreck created by that early morning fire.

One year ago this morning at about 4:30 this corner was a mass of flames; and our plucky firemen were struggling with frozen hydrants, and hundreds of our people who looked upon the seething flames, believed the entire block was doomed. But the rapid change has been completed and today not a vestige of the great fire ruin remains.

An Explanation needed.

"It was a Plymouth school teacher who was trying to explain the meaning of the word 'husband' to a class of youngsters the other day, and not being able to make them understand the word to her satisfaction, asked the question 'What would I have if I was married?' The answer came quick as a flash from a 7 year old boy, but was not what she expected, and her blushes made the sunlight pale in comparison."—Valparaiso Vidette.

Look here, E. E., what have the school teachers done to you, that would give you cause to spring such a diabolical no-such-a-thing. Our teachers in the public schools do not waste their time by asking such foolish questions. Don't attempt to shift onto Plymouth, stories that have originated in Valpo.

THE INQUEST ENDED.

A VERDICT OF JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE.

After the Examination of Two Witnesses Wednesday Coroner Kaszer Renders His Verdict.

Wednesday at 9:15 coroner proceeded to hear two more witnesses in regard to the Swoverland shooting. Those who were before Coroner Kaszer were Melvin Spencer and Melvin Reed. The evidence secured from those two witnesses did not materially differ from that secured from those who had heard the remarks of John Swoverland on the streets of Bourbon two weeks ago last Saturday. These two gentlemen were in the group on that day when the threat to kill Stewart was made.

At the conclusion of the evidence given, Coroner Kaszer rendered the following verdict: "That the deceased, John Swoverland, came to his death by being shot by Samuel Stewart, who committed the act in self defence, and was exonerated by the coroner."

Immediately after the rendering of the verdict an affidavit was filed by Mart Swoverland against Samuel Stewart, charging him with murder. The warrant was placed in the hands of Constable Klinger who served it on Stewart.

Stewart was brought before Squire Reeves Wednesday at 2 o'clock, and as he was arrested on the charge of murder, and not bailable, it will necessitate his laying in jail until the next term of court which is set for March.

Samuel Stewart seems to feel confident that he will be cleared of the charge of murder, and is perfectly willing to wait patiently the result of the trial. His arm which was cut is improving slowly and though at first he was unable to move his fingers, they are becoming so that he can move them without much trouble.

RUMORS FROM THE BATTLE GROUND

There are always rumors as thick as hairs on a dog's back that originate from such a scene as occurred at the Elsesser's sale last week. A report comes to us, the truth of which we are not willing to assume, but give it space as it is worthy of perusal.

It is said that Joe Anderson, of this city, who is now in the oil business for a firm at Cleveland, was there, when the shooting commenced there was a lively scattering. Among those who were in close proximity to Swoverland and Stewart, were Joe Anderson and James Sheetz, a constable from Bremen.

Mrs. Elsesser hearing an unusual commotion in the house went to see what it was, and discovered Joe Anderson and Constable Sheetz hid in the bed room.

She asked them what they were doing there, and Sheetz replied that he was an "officer of the law." It is said that Anderson was speechless and kept jerking his head from one side to the other as though he was trying to dodge bullets.

Mrs. Elsesser again ordered them out of the house and as she went into another room an unusual noise attracted her attention and an investigation found three more brave men under a bed. It is said it took considerable work to get them all out of the house, but she finally succeeded, but not until after the shooting was over.

Raised it a "Teen."

Joseph M. Berkley, who is managing ice cutting at Eagle Lake, will in the future be careful how he fills out a check. A couple of tourists, worked for him a few days, and on Saturday last desired a little money to carry them over Sunday. Not having the necessary cash he combined their wages and wrote out a check for \$1.14, obligingly accompanying the check with a little note to the banker stating it was all O. K.

The "Weary Willies" took a turkey feather, made a quill pen, perhaps, but did insert a figure 1 in front of the first 4, wrote in plain English "teen" after the four—and there you are—ten dollars ahead. They cut no ice this week.

A Social Gathering.

Afternoon tea socials are becoming all the rage in our classic city and the time spent at these receptions by our home people seem to form a stronger bond of friendship. Wednesday one of these social gatherings was held at the residence of G. W. Thayer. The pleasant time had was simply the same as experienced at all of these gatherings.