

ILLINOIS STATE NEWS

PROPOSING TO HER

SOME ODD WAYS IN WHICH THE TRICK IS DONE

Sometimes the Proposal is Precipitate; at Others it is Precipitated—Damsel Usually Lands Her Fish Without Assistance.

Ethel, whom he met opportunistically on the saloon stairs. She good naturedly handed him the volume. Turning over the leaves, he came upon the photograph of an actress dressed up as a young Quakeress.

WHY SILHOUETTE.

A Curious Bit of History Wrapped Up in the Word.

The making of silhouettes can hardly be classed among the lost arts, since there is so little art about them.

A very crude picture was popular at that time. It was made by tracing the shadow or profile of a face projected by the light of a candle on a sheet of white paper and the outline defined with a pencil.

BRITISH COAST LINE CHANGES.

How the Sea Cuts the Shore and Yet Builds Out Capes.

While the action of the sea upon the coast line of Great Britain may not be more severe than it is in other parts of the world, it attracts much attention.

At the last meeting of the British Association for the Advancement of Science two addresses on the subject were delivered.

Among the lady passengers was a girl named Ethel, whom he knew, but did not particularly revere.

As a last desperate resource he hit upon the unworthy device of pretending that he was consumed by a passion for a fair unknown.

"Oh, how very, very interesting!" was the eager response. "I should so like to see her photograph! You have a photograph of her, I am sure. Don't deny it."

It was easier to own the soft impeachment than to disprove it, and he fair one whispered, "You will let me see it, won't you? Do!" Then, seeing that he hesitated (he had no photograph to show), she added, "I thought you would have granted me just that one little favor!"

"Will you lend me your album for a moment, Mrs. Fortescue?" he asked a middle aged lady, a friend of

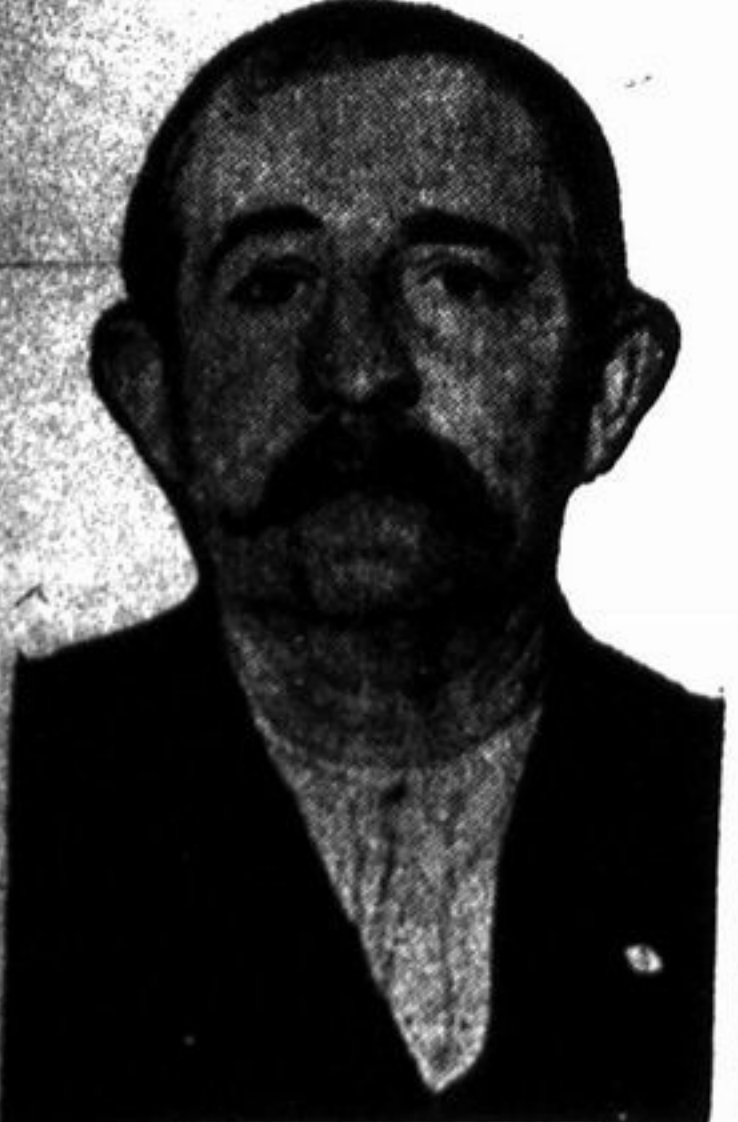
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SAYS MURDERER IS INSANE.

Chicago Alleged Giver Decision After Examination of Theo. Baldwin.



THOMAS BALDWIN.

four people and will have to hang," was the exclamation of the doctor. It had no effect upon Baldwin.

THREE KILLED BY DYNAMITE.

Two Children Also Fatally Hurt in Wreck of Farmer's House.

Three persons are dead and two more fatally hurt as the result of the attempt of Charles Tittles, a Hamilton county farmer, to blow up his house.

BANKER BEATS UP FOOTPAD.

James Severs Drubbing to Thwart Records Him to Police Station.

BELL GORES MAN TO DEATH.

October Aged Victim in Barnyard and Kills Him in an Instant.

BOBBY HAS \$75,000 FINE.

Whose Trunk Stolen, but Blame to Chicago's Heavy Loss.

AWAY TO BECOME ACTORS.

Four Youth from Streator Find Road Path to Theatrical Fame.

All Over the State.

The billiard hall of F. T. Brown at Sterling was entered and robbed of \$120. The thief escaped.

James Kennedy, a well-known young man of Pana, was run over and killed by a train. He was 24 years of age.

By removing the plate glass from a front window, burglars secured \$300 and goods from the store of Lee Carter in Herby.

Frank Hicks, aged 12, was shot by Albert Depew, aged 14, and almost instantly killed in Ramsey. They had been hunting, and were playing with the gun.

Peter Klepper, a German resident of Centralia, committed suicide by asphyxiation. He was 88 years of age and had been dependent since the death of his wife two years ago.

At the point of a revolver Deborah McMahon, a Sterling telephone girl, was held up and robbed of earnings. Frederick Simons of Peoria was relieved of \$88.

To an increase of wages from \$35 to \$50 a month, which he could not understand, is attributed the insanity of Philip Couture, a painter at the Illinois Eastern hospital in Kankakee, who was adjudged insane and committed to the same institution.

In Chicago the grand jury voted six indictments against Herman Belek, charged with murdering six members of the Vrzal family by poisoning them. A son testified his father gave medicine to the Vrzal family, and Jerry Vrzal said Belek obtained insurance and the homestead after his parents' death.

The sentence of the Criminal Court of Cook county of twenty years in the State penitentiary at Joliet for George Gill Roberts, convicted of the murder of County Commissioner John V. Knopf, was affirmed in a decision handed down by the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Arthur Keigley was shot down on the street in Percy and her husband has been arrested for the offense. Although seriously injured, Mrs. Keigley has improved. After the shooting Keigley fled from the officers, but was overtaken at Panama and returned to Percy. He was bound over to the grand jury and lodged in the county jail.

George D. Bradford, a merchant of Waverly, committed suicide at his home after sending his wife to the basement on the pretext of looking after the furnace. He shot himself in the head, dying instantly. Overwork was the cause. His family had intended sending him south for his health. He owned large stores in Waverly, Greenville and other cities. He was 45 years of age.

A desperate attempt to blackmail A. K. Ellis, the leading merchant of Williamson county, was foiled at Carterville by a Chicago detective, who landed Murray McManey, an ex-convict, and Mrs. Minnie Laudor in jail. The woman was caught at the place where anonymous letters had been instructing Mr. Ellis to hide \$1,500 on penalty of death and after her arrest she implicated McManey.

An important ruling was made by Judge Clendenin of Monmouth in the recent trial of John W. Gail for violation of the dramsop act. He instructed the jury that if the defendant was found guilty of selling intoxicating liquor to a minor or an intoxicated person he should likewise be found guilty of maintaining a nuisance. The jury followed instructions and the case will be appealed.

In Kewanee Joseph Selph the other night was awakened by his dog, which frantically jumped upon his bed. The man saw that the dwelling was on fire. Nearly stifled, he succeeded in getting fresh air by breaking a window and made his escape just before the walls fell in. Death would have been certain had the dog not aroused his master. Selph was the only person in the house at the time.

A warrant was sworn out by Milk Inspector Rize charging Mrs. J. B. Bartholomew, leader in the exclusive society not in Peoria, and wife of the president of the Avery Manufacturing Company and of the Bartholomew Automobile Company, with violating the city statute which imposes a license fee of \$5 annually for operating a dairy.

Smearing under the reprimands of his teacher who mistook his sensitiveness for obstinacy, and deeply grieved by the gibes of his schoolmates, Paul Berk, Jr., 14 years old, killed himself in Chicago. After writing two notes in the Hungarian language explaining his intentions to commit suicide and giving directions for the disposal of his body, he went to the rear of the Loomis street power house of the Metropolitan Elevated railroad and fired a bullet through his brain.

Gov. Deneen has announced the appointment of Dr. Walter R. Schussler of Orleans as a member of the State board of health; vice Dr. H. W. Hipp, deceased. Other appointments are William C. Boyden, Chicago, trustee of the Industrial home for the blind, vice William J. Jackson, resigned; John J. Bondy, Centralia, public administrator for Marion county; J. L. Oakleaf, Moline, public administrator for Rock Island county, and Robert H. Block, Marshall, public administrator and guardian for Clark county.

Deputy Game Warden Earl Eldrede, aged 30, a trapper of McHenry county, was found dead in the woods, six miles northeast of Woodstock. There was a bullet through his heart. Foul play is suspected. Eldrede left his home early Sunday morning, accompanied by his brother, Charles, a Chicago lawyer, living in Ravenswood. There was no anxiety concerning his absence until Monday and a search party was organized. Eldrede was recognized as a vigilant official, who prosecuted game-law violators without prejudice and made enemies by upholding the law.

Miss Bonnie Nelson, aged 27, lost a race with death, expiring at a Chicago and Alton train near Tallula, while en route to her home in Gardner, Colorado, where she vainly sought health.

PEORIA THEFT PLOT BARED.

E. S. Tate Admits Burying Proof of N. C. Dougherty's Guilt.

Revelations calculated to upset the peace of mind of a number of prominent citizens of Peoria who were friends of Newton C. Dougherty, the school board treasurer now serving a sentence at Joliet for embezzling nearly \$1,000,000 of public funds, were made in Chicago in the confession of Edwin S. Tate, the "gentleman burglar" who was arrested in New York and brought back to answer to the charge of robbing the home of John G. Plynt, 3739 Indiana avenue, Chicago, last fall.

Tate, it is said, confessed that he was the man who rifled the safe of the Peoria school board on Jan. 6 and burned all the evidence referring to Dougherty's pecuniations, which, it is said, not only would have made it possible to convict Dougherty on other charges, but would have involved a number of other prominent residents. Tate was a convict in Joliet whose sentence expired soon after Dougherty's prison. He met the Peoria educator in his home, and arrangements were made to rob the safe in Peoria and destroy the evidence. According to Tate's confession the "job" cost Dougherty and his friends \$4,500. Tate got \$2,500 as his share, a well-known Peoria attorney is said to have got \$1,000 for giving the combination of the safe, a police official, who sat idly by and permitted the board of education's rooms to be entered, is said to have got \$500, and a like amount went to a woman with a long police record, through whom the negotiations were conducted. Dougherty, of course, could not pay the money in person, as he was in prison, so the cash is said to have been put up by a number of men high in business and social circles who had a personal interest in seeing that the evidence was destroyed.

DEFENSE FUND FOR OPERATORS.

Illinois Miners to Aid Each Other When Strikes Are Called.

The Illinois Coal Operators' Association has made arrangements for a defense fund at its meeting in Springfield, and hereafter when strikes are called the miners will be obliged to fight all the operators in the association, instead of the individual mine owners. Heretofore no means have been provided by which an operator whose mine was not working because of a strike could obtain financial assistance from his fellow mine owners.

NEW CRIME LAID TO GIRL.

Helena Dixon Accused of Taking \$900 from Insurance Company.

A new chapter in the famous case of Helena Dixon was developed in Bloomington when the local agent of the Northwestern Life Insurance Company made a statement implicating her in thefts from the company while she was acting as stenographer and bookkeeper. The auditor reported a shortage of \$900 and the discovery that thirty pages of the ledger had been torn out. Miss Dixon attributed this to burglars. The agent made up the shortage on his own pocket and the affair was hushed up until now. Becoming alarmed over additional disclosures alleging peculations, the bondsmen of Miss Dixon have notified Sheriff Moore that they would no longer be security for her appearance. She was accordingly returned to jail.

FAT MAN BLOCKS RAILROAD.

Two Trains Held Up While Crews Struggle with Problem.

Valentine Rodemeyer, height five feet and some inches, girth about the same, and weight 303 pounds, tied up the Illinois Central railroad about an hour the other day by getting stuck between the ties of the trestle over Richard creek, near Belleville. John Macklin freight Rodemeyer's rick, and haggard freight train just in time to save his life. The train crew joined in the effort to pull the man out, but it was not until a second train arrived and the crew joined in the work that he was extricated.

MINERS IN NEW MOVE.

Will Paralyze Food and Clothing to Strikers, Instead of Money.

The Illinois Mine Workers of America in their annual convention in Springfield amended their constitution as regards strike benefits. Heretofore the strikers have been paid so much per diem. Hereafter a commissary department will be established and in case of a general strike, instead of money, food, clothing, coal, etc., will be furnished the strikers out of the strike funds. In case of local strikes, the strikers will be given \$5 per week.

Aged Sisters Die at Paris.

Miss Elizabeth Tenney, aged 71, died at Paris a few weeks ago as the result of a fall. Her aged maiden sister, Kate Tenney, also died a few days ago from pneumonia, due to her efforts in nursing her sister.

Dies from Eating Head Cheese.

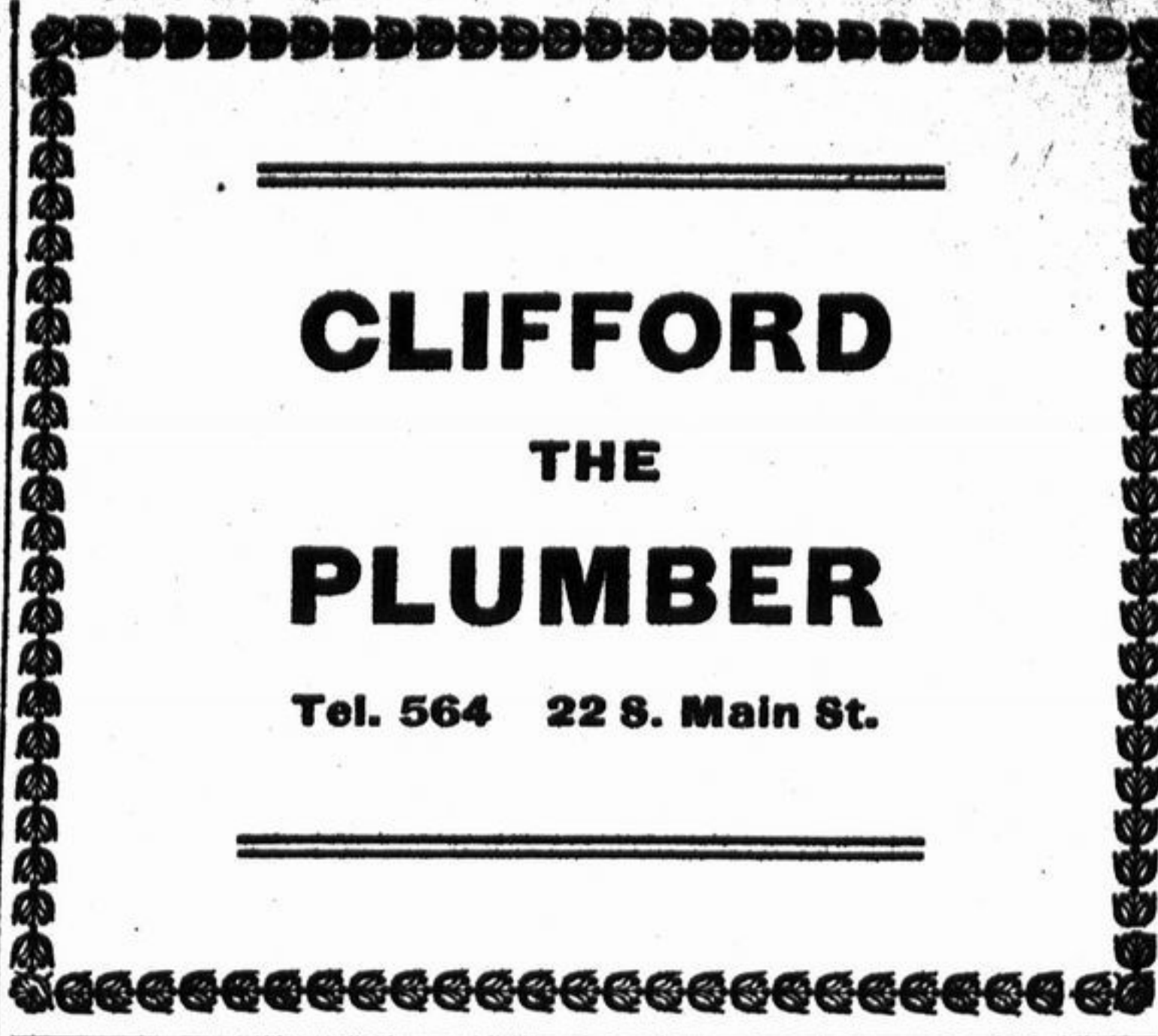
Ferdinand Stadler, aged 75, died in Mount Sterling from prussic poisoning caused by eating head cheese that had become tainted. He was born in Germany, and had lived in Mount Sterling for many years.

Business Man Ends Life.

The body of M. F. McClusky, proprietor of a general store at Edinburg, was found in a room in a rooming house at 22 1/2 North Fifth street in Springfield. He had taken chloroform and carbolic acid. McClusky was 55 years old and leaves a widow.

Firemen to Have \$5,000 in Prizes.

The executive committee of the Illinois Firemen's Association has decided to increase the prizes for the State tournament to be held in Kewanee this summer, to \$5,000. The tournament will open July 16.



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