

**ARRESTED FOR MURDER.****After Three Months Billy Montgomery is Taken in This City—His Crime.**

When Chief of Police Lane laid his hand on the shoulder of Billy Montgomery in the baggage room of the Union Depot late Friday afternoon and told him to consider himself under arrest, that person coolly looked around, saw the officer's badge of authority and said, "All right." Since the third day of last December Montgomery has successfully eluded arrest for the murder of his brother-in-law, J. W. Davidson, near Carrollton, Illinois, on that day. The three months that have elapsed since the murder have been spent by Montgomery, for the most part, near Martinsburg and Rush Hill, where the murderer worked in the coal mines. He first came to Martinsburg, where he worked for Weaver, going from there to Rush Hill, where he engaged in the same business, digging coal, working this time for George Short.

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for which he is now under arrest was committed on the public road three or four miles northeast of Carrollton early in last December. A brother-in-law of Montgomery, Davidson by name, was reported to have beaten his wife on different occasions and the man now under arrest heard of it and, to use his own words, "concluded to settle with him for it," if reports were true, Davidson's wife being his sister. On the day of the murder he met Davidson, who, with a party of friends, was riding along the public road. Montgomery walked up to his brother-in-law and asked him if the stories in circulation were true, adding:

"You are afraid to strike a man."

From Montgomery's account of the difficulty, as related to a LEDGER reporter at the City Hall just after the arrest, it would appear that this remark threw Davidson into a rage. He drew a knife and was about to cut Montgomery when one of the party, a man named W. M. Crow, interfered, grabbing Davidson's arm. This interference further increased the passion of the angry man and he turned upon Crow, who, in a moment, lay lifeless at his feet, with a great knife-wound in his body. Davidson was not satisfied with this bloody deed and made a lunge at

**MONTGOMERY MARRIED.**

**Acquitted of Murder and Married  
a Second Time in Less  
Than a year.**

For a young man of 26 years, Billy Montgomery, late of Carrollton, Illinois, has had lots of experience. Montgomery does not look to be over 20 years old, yet he was married Thursday for the second time. He has a child living back in Illinois, and last winter he killed his brother-in-law, J. W. Davidson, in Green county, his home State. It will be remembered that Montgomery was recognized here by Joe Weimer, of this city, who formerly lived in Carrollton, and the local authorities at once placed their man under arrest. He had been a fugitive from Illinois justice sometime when apprehended and during his peripatations through this section of Missouri he met Miss Lillie May Lewis, of Wellsville, whose age is about eighteen. Soon after he was arrested and taken home by the Sheriff of Green county, Ill., and at the March term of Circuit Court in that county he was acquitted on the grounds of self defense. He at once returned to Mexico and Thursday was married to the girl from Montgomery county by 'Squire J. J. Winscott.

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Billy Montgomery, who was acquitted of murder at Carrollton, Ill., last March, requests the publication of the following from an Illinois paper, referring to the verdict: "The impression prevails, now that the facts are understood, that the killing of Davidson was justifiable, and we hear of none who find fault with the verdict of the jury."

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