

## WAS A SUICIDE

Isaac Zimmerman Killed Himself in a Fit of Despondency.

Left Note For A Pal - Explaining His Act - Was Recently in an Explosion.

The body of Isaac Zimmerman, who shot himself Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, at the home of his mother Mrs. Malinda Fronfield, was brought to Decatur this afternoon from Fort Wayne on the 2:30 o'clock car. Funeral services were held at the home of his mother in Fort Wayne before shipping the body. From the car the body was taken to the Maplewood cemetery where interment was made.

Mr. Zimmerman was forty-seven years old and was recently in the explosion at the Western Gas Construction company's plant when a dye vat exploded. Depression and injuries sustained at that time are attributed as the cause of the suicide. The Journal-Gazette said in part:

"Isaac W. Zimmerman, forty-seven years old, an employe of the Western Gas Construction company, committed suicide yesterday afternoon shortly after 1:30 o'clock by shooting himself through the head with a 32 calibre revolver in a bed room at his home, 617 Holman street. The body was found stretched out upon the floor with the weapon beside it when his mother, Mrs. M. Fronfield, returned home after a few hours' absence. She could not find him and a search of the house led her to her son's room where the unfortunate man had shut himself in before firing the fatal shot. Shocked by the discovery, the mother gave the alarm, and Dr. A. L. Schneider was called, who found that the death had been instantaneous."

Isaac W. Zimmerman, aged 47 years, and one of the three employes of the Wester Gas Construction company injured several weeks ago in the explosion of the dye works at the plan, shot himself through the head with a 32 calibre revolver in a bedroom of his home, 617 Holman street, shortly after 1:30 Saturday afternoon. He had been acting sullen for several days, and was greatly depressed because of his injuries.

His mother, Mrs. M. Fronfield, had left the home shortly after eleven o'clock and when she returned called to her son, and receiving no response had opened the door of his room. Half dressed and spread on the floor, his head under the bed, she saw the body of her son, and beside it a revolver. Dr. A. L. Schneider was called and found that death had been instantaneous.

Although there is only one hole in the dead man's head, two of the chambers of the gun had been exploded. Neighbors heard but one shot. Investigation by Coroner J. E. McArdle disclosed a note left by the suicide.

It was addressed to Jack Burke, another employe of the Western Gas company. The note is as follows:

"Good night. I am going to all. Good night. Give Jack my best and Mr. Perry, too. I am going to shoot. You know where my watch is and the \$150 loan. Good night." - Ft. Wayne Sentinel.