

DIES SUDDENLY

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Mrs. Lulu Welch, wife of Jesse Welch and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry I. Teeple, died very suddenly yesterday, believed to be due from smothering while falling face downward during an attack of epilepsy or a fainting attack to which she was subject. She was found dead. Funeral services will be held at the Pleasant Mills Methodist Church Friday afternoon. A divorce suit is now pending in the circuit court, brought by the husband, who claims that he did not know until after the marriage that she was subject to epilepsy. They had lived together a number of years before he brought the suit. A divorce was refused recently, but is still on the docket pending action on a petition for a new trial.

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Mrs. Lula Welch, aged twenty-four, wife of Jesse Welch, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry I. Teeple, died at the home of her mother, one mile south of Salem at 2:00 o'clock this morning, death being due to epilepsy. She had been in ill health for some time, but on retiring last night, she appeared to be in unusual good health, having taken part in a picnic in the afternoon with a number of neighbors. She was united in marriage to Jesse Welch a few years ago, but lately has been living with her mother. Funeral services will be held at the Pleasant Mills M.E. Church Friday afternoon, and burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery.

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The case of the state vs Jesse Welch, charged with wife desertion was dismissed in the Adams circuit court and the defendant was discharged. This case ends with the death of Mrs. Welch, who was formerly Miss Lulu Teeple, and whose death occurred last week suddenly. Welch brought a suit for divorce a number of years after he was married, alleging that his wife had epilepsy and had deceived him. He was refused a divorce as doctors failed to agree that the attacks to which she was subject were epilepsy.

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