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BANK WRECK LEADS TO SUICIDE OF STUDENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The wrecking of the Farmers and Drivers' National bank of Waynesburg, two years ago, in which his father lost heavily, is directly concerned in the suicide of Ira Minor, 24, president of the senior class in Waynesburg college, whose body was found today in the home of a friend.

Minor was heir to \$500,000. He left letters to his parents and college chums in which he expressed his fear that J. B. F. Rinehart, whose case has been in the hands of a jury 30 hours on a charge of wrecking a bank while acting as cashier, would not be convicted. The jury is still out. Minor was a daily attendant at the trial.

Minor presided at a meeting of the college literary society yesterday afternoon and later hastened to the courthouse to inquire if the jury had returned. On his way from court he bought a revolver and went to his room in the home of Robert Milligen in Franklin. After retiring he covered himself with bed clothing and shot himself through the heart.

NOTED HEBREW'S BIRTHDAY WILL BE OBSERVED

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 19.—With prominent Hebrews from other cities among the speakers, B'nai B'rith day will be celebrated tomorrow by the Jewish citizens of Memphis. B'nai B'rith day is also known as Leo N. Levy day, in memory of one of the greatest leaders of American reform Judaism.

BUTTE HIGH SCHOOL PLAYS TEAM FROM CHICAGO

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 19.—Coming all the way from Chicago, the football gladiators of Englewood high school in the Windy City are here and this afternoon will attempt to humble the pride of the Butte high school eleven, which has defeated every team it has played in the northwest in the last two years.

AGAIN.

Grand holiday excursion. Round trip tickets \$16, good for 15 days, baggage checked, return allowed any time within limit. Ashland to San Francisco, leaving Saturday, December 26, 1908, on regular overland train at 11:35 a. m. Sixty or more excursionists will make the fare \$15.

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LOTTIE'S BARGAIN.
By EDNA BLEEKMAN.
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Perhaps it was because Wisner was the proprietor of the only dry goods store in Undervale that Lottie Vincent was attracted to him, perhaps because Lottie was an inveterate bargain hunter, and propinquity is a powerful aid of Cupid.

It is a matter open to argument and not worth the arguing. The main point at issue is the fact that Lottie was attracted and that Sidney Wisner repaid that regard with interest.

Undervale had reached that stage of growth when the "general store" had commenced to resolve itself into its various component parts, not to be reunited until at some far distant day, when the department store repeated the original shopkeeping on a larger scale and again one could purchase dress goods and salt fish, groceries and harness under one roof.

It was Wisner who had seen that the time was ripe, and the Boston store was the result. He rented one of the rooms in the new Benson block and with new stock and fixtures gave the place the aspect of a city establishment. Undervale was delighted with the change, none more so than Lottie.

She was a born bargain fiend, and as her parents were wealthy she had the money to gratify her passion, with the result that from the first she had been Wisner's best customer.

Even after the business reached a point where he was able to put on two clerks he made it a point to wait upon her himself.

Lottie delighted in her personally conducted shopping tours, and from visiting in the store Wisner passed to visits to her home.

Wisner also began to watch his bank account grow. From the first his store had prospered, and he determined that when his profit and loss account showed a fair balance on the proper side he would put his fate to the test.

Homer Vincent was president of the bank and trust company, and Wisner wanted to be able to make a good showing when he went to ask for Lottie's hand, though he could not hope to equal the Vincent fortune.

He had not long to wait, for the new store prospered mightily, and the time soon came when Wisner began to rehearse the speech he should make to Lottie's father when he should first have spoken to Lottie.

It was a simple matter to prepare his speech for the elder Vincent. He said it over until he believed that he must repeat it in his sleep. The trouble now was to speak to Lottie.

He knew that Lottie would not be won by the simple suggestion that they get married. When the Clemons Comedy company played their semi-annual engagement at the rink Wisner went up and took Lottie to the performance every evening for the week. Lottie's keen appreciation of the romantic leading man dashed his hopes.

He never could hope to make love like Ralph Rascovar of the Clemons company, and that was the model Lottie most admired. He had a vague idea of taking a course in a dramatic school, but he could not spare the time from his business, so he contented himself with studying the methods of the leading men of the tenth rate companies that visited Undervale, and the more he studied the more hopeless he grew.

Leading men were tall and slender and had dark, romantic eyes. Wisner was short and inclined to plumpness, and his eyes were shrewd and gray. He could not toll over the back of a sofa and look into Lottie's eyes as she raised her timid orbs to his.

That was all right on the stage, but Lottie's gaze was disconcertingly frank at times, and anyhow he would have to stand on a footstool to gain the proper height, and he was positive that at the critical moment he would fall off and spoil it all.

Lottie herself was just a shade too rounded in her curves to be called willowy, and she, too, was below the medium height.

Taken by the large, it seemed an impossible task, and the advent of each theatrical company seemed to set a higher standard by which his feeble efforts were to be judged.

Hubert Bonnington was the last straw. Lottie came away from the performance of "Won by a Vendetta" declaring that after having seen Bonnington all other lovelings would seem tame and flat by comparison.

Wisner went home to spend a sleepless night with despair for company, and not until the dawn broke did there come a ray of hope. The company was playing not forty miles away on Saturday.

He might get Bonnington to let him come over and take some lessons. He went to the store to see that it was opened, and then he hurried to the station to catch the company when they should come over from the hotel.

Bonnington was one of the first to arrive on the station platform, and Wisner made an immediate attack. Around the corner of the depot he poured out the story of his troubles, and, to his credit Bonnington did not laugh.

"My dear boy," he said kindly, "if you're the right man and she's the right girl you don't need to study lovelings. It's never that way in real life. You watch a chance and take her off her guard. Then do and say whatever comes into your mind, and she's yours."

"You would study for years, and

you'd forget everything that you had learned when it came to a showdown. They wouldn't stand for real proposals on the stage, and the reason we make love so well is that we don't care for the girl. That's how we can give all our attention to the lovelaking."

"When the right time comes you'll know it, and you won't get down on your knees and say 'Be mine, be mine!' You'll just gather her in, and it's all over before you realize it."

Bonnington accepted the cigars that Wisner thrust upon him, and Wisner went back to the store happy in the possession of expert opinion. He puzzled over the comment through the day, and when Lottie came in to see about some dress lining he gazed hungrily at the flushed face and wondered when the right time would come.

Apparently it was not the right time yet, for Lottie left the store with a bundle under her arm, and his nearest approach to sentiment had been to cut the price of the lining 2 cents a yard.

He thought of a dozen clever speeches he might have made, but not until she had gone.

He was still thinking them over as he dressed the window that evening. Wisner made a point of frequent changes in the display, and every Friday evening he fastened a canvas screen outside the plate glass and changed the dressing, running out many times to observe the effect before he pulled down the inner curtains and took down the screen, content that the Saturday shoppers would be attracted by his display.

He had just commenced to dress the window after removing the old stock when one corner of the screen was lifted and Lottie's smiling face was seen through the glass.

Wisner smiled and nodded in reply to her greeting, and he was about to beckon her to wait until he could join her on the sidewalk when his hand struck the stool on which rested the new price tags. He caught up the top one and plumed it on his coat, striking an attitude in imitation of the dummy forms.

Lottie laughed at the sign, which read, "A Real Bargain at the Price," and the end of the screen dropped. For one awful moment Wisner thought that she had been disgusted by the clownish appeal.

He could not know that even eyes that are gray and unromantic can tell their story of love. Lottie had read their plea, and a moment later Wisner heard the store door open and close again, and a moment later Lottie's face appeared at the door to the window.

"I think I'll take that bargain, Sidney," she said as her cheeks were dyed a deeper red. "You can wrap it up, and I'll take it home with me—to talk to father."

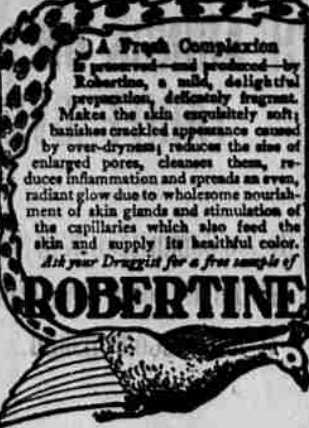
The bargain sprang from the window, but it was half an hour before it wrapped itself up in its overcoat—and was taken home to talk to Homer Vincent.

"I thought you couldn't resist a bargain," he jubilated as they hurried along the street.

Lottie gave the strong arm a little hug. "You'd be dear at any price," she cooed.

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