

J. E. BLUM KILLS MRS. DAISY HICKEY

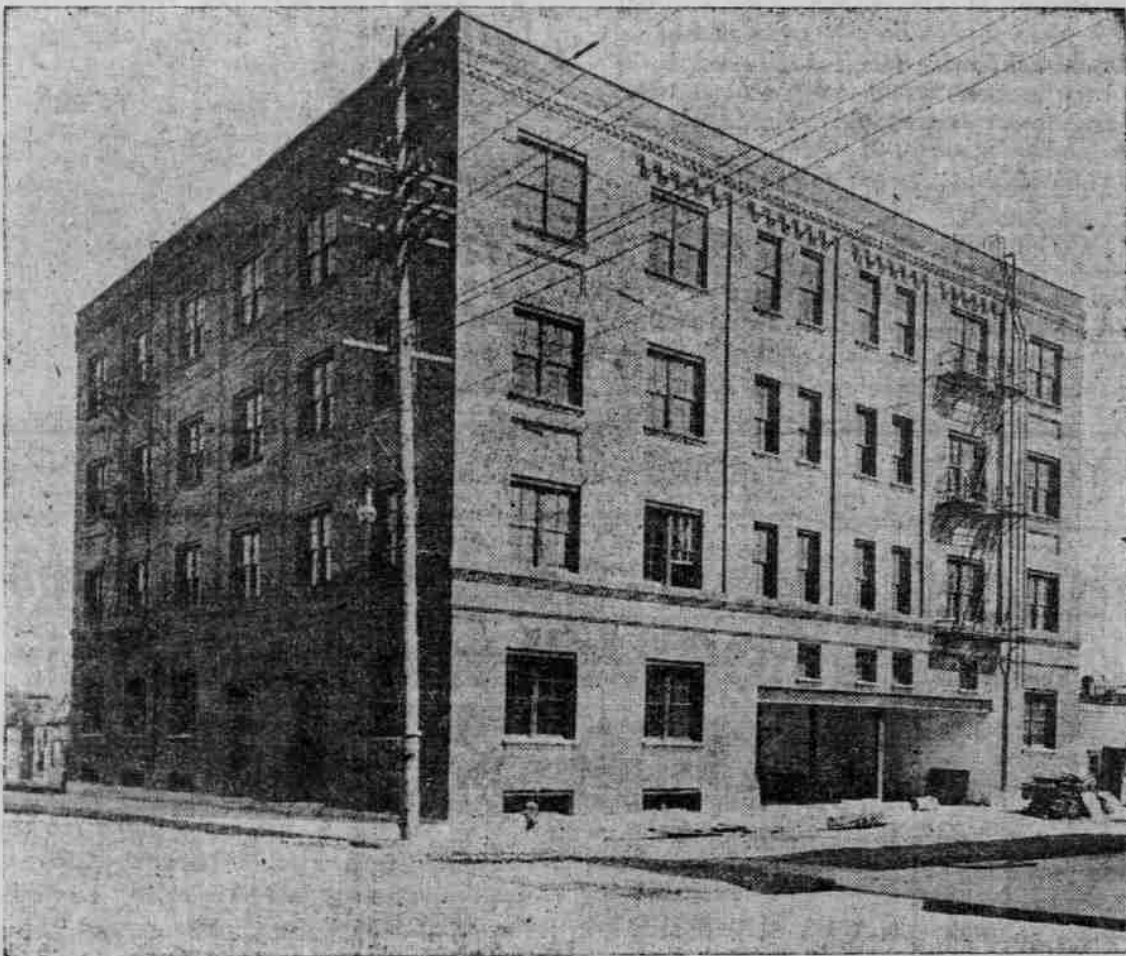
Then Shoots Himself in Lodging-House at Third and Yamhill.

OUTCOME OF ILLICIT LOVE

Murderer Leaves Wife and Children at Baker City, and Children of His Victim Are Taken by Aid Society.

Continued from First Page. with her two children, a boy of 18 and a girl of 16. About one year ago, following a quarrel with Blum, Mrs. Hickey left Portland and went to live with her brother at Troutdale. Blum remained in Portland for a short time, during which he was employed as a teamster by Marshall Bros., cement contractors. While in their employ, both at that time and on previous occasions, he was known as a steady workman. Shortly after Mrs. Hickey left him, Blum visited her at Troutdale, and she returned with him to Portland. From here the couple again went to Beaverton, where they later separated.

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Children Returned to Her. Mrs. Hickey brought her children to Portland and secured a position as a domestic. At this time, Detective Hawley and other officials of the Juvenile Court took from her the custody of the children. The case was heard before Judge Gantenbein, who decided in Mrs. Hickey's favor, and the boys were returned to her. She succeeded in proving that she was a hard-working woman and was given the benefit of the doubt by the court.

Shortly after this incident Blum put in his appearance, and after purchasing the Elkhorn rooming-house, at First and Jefferson streets, again persuaded Mrs. Hickey to return to him. She remained in charge of the rooming-house for three weeks, when she again left him, and secured employment with Mr. Carrier, at the Laporte rooming-house. This occurred several weeks ago, and since that time it is not believed she had met or had anything to do with Blum until yesterday. She frequently declared that she feared harm would come to her at Blum's hands.

Waiter for His Victim. Yesterday morning Mrs. Hickey was around the house performing her duties and several times talked with Mrs. Roos in the hall. About 11 o'clock she left Mrs. Roos on the third floor and went to her room at the head of the stairs on the second floor. Mrs. Roos, with whom Mrs. Hickey had attended the dance at Merrill's Hall Saturday night, said that Mrs. Hickey appeared in good spirits, and not as though worried. The two children had been sent to Sunday-school, and it is presumed that when Mrs. Hickey arrived at her door she found Blum awaiting her. They evidently entered the room, closed the door, which had a spring lock, and engaged in another quarrel. No one could be found who had heard an altercation, and the four shots fired by Blum went unheeded.

Blum had spent Saturday night at his room in the Elkhorn rooming-house, and is believed to have left there between 2 and 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Saturday night he met Mrs. C. A. Reed, who is looking after the Elkhorn rooming-house for the owner, to whom Blum sold the house several days ago, and while talking to her, showed her several 38-caliber cartridges. She was somewhat frightened, but Blum calmly said: "Don't be frightened. These won't go off until the hammer is pulled on them."

Mrs. Reed said that Blum retired about 10 o'clock Saturday night and she had not seen him again. When informed by

Deputy Coroner Finley of the tragedy, she was greatly shocked.

Blum Had Bad Temper. "This is terrible," she exclaimed. "Mr. Blum had a terrible temper, but I never believed he would do such a thing as murder Daisy. They both roomed here when he owned the house, and she wanted him to marry her, but there was some hitch over which they quarrelled frequently. Mrs. Hickey taxed him with having too many women on his string and this led to a quarrel. After which she went away. The next I heard of her she was working at the Laporte."

Deputy Coroner Finley ordered Mrs. Reed not to allow any one to touch Blum's effects until he should investigate further. A search of Mrs. Hickey's apartment after the tragedy revealed nothing in the shape of correspondence between her and Blum. Beneath the mattress of her bed, was found a purse containing \$6.65, and in her trunk was another purse containing metal discs, most of which were saloon or slot machine checks and carnival souvenirs. On the table was found another metal disc which bore the inscription "Mrs. Daisy Blum," by which name she was sometimes known. Another article found that shows the close relationship of the couple is the bill of sale of a rooming-house, supposed to be the Elkhorn. It was dated May 12 and signed by "Mrs. Daisy Blum."

Crowd Gathers in Street. When the news of the tragedy spread to the streets, a crowd congregated at Third and Yamhill streets, and Captain of Police Moore was compelled to send additional officers to aid Patrolmen Riley and Zhoop in clearing the street and sidewalks. The officers had considerable difficulty in performing the task, as the

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Mehan & Rice have the contract for a \$5000 residence to be built on East Sixteenth street, between Halsey and Welder.

The contract for building the \$5500 flat for J. McNamee, on Grand avenue, between Pacific and Oregon streets, has been awarded to A. R. Richardson.

R. N. Hockenberry & Co. are preparing plans for a two-story stone and brick store and lodgeroom building at Prineville, for the Masonic organization. The estimated cost is \$17,500.

Concrete foundations for the Burkhardt-Cadwell building will be put in at once, and the walls will be started in the next few days.

Good progress is being made on the building for the Y. W. C. A. Brick work on the second story is about half done and the appearance of the building now gives a fair idea of what it will look like when completed.

Excavation for the Rosenblatt Hotel building at Tenth and Alder streets is nearing completion. The work somewhat, but considerable dirt was removed between showings.

Reed, Fields & Tynan, the real estate firm, which had offices in the Lumber Exchange building, dissolved last week. Mr. Fields succeeded to the business under the firm name of C. E. Fields & Co.

A building permit was taken out last week by the Board of Education to erect a schoolhouse on Beech street, between Garfield and Mallory, at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

A permit was issued to the Oliver Chilled Plow Works for a brick building on East Taylor street, at a cost of \$25,000.

E. H. Meyer is to build a dwelling at East Twenty-fourth street, between Tillamook and Hancock, to cost \$2500.

CAL EWING RETURNS HOME

President of League Has Good Word for Portland.

J. Cal Ewing, president of the Coast League, left last night for San Francisco on the same train with the Oakland team. Henry Berry, owner of the Los Angeles club, also went south, taking the late train. Berry had lots of fun poking fun at President Ewing because Los Angeles, by taking the double-header from the Seals, again goes to the top of the percentage column.

"If I were to make up my mind to leave California, I certainly would come to Portland," said President Ewing, before he left last night. "I, and I speak for the rest of the officials of the Pacific Coast League, have always looked upon Portland as one of the best baseball towns for its size in the country. Your fans are loyal to the home team, but at the same time they keenly appreciate good playing on the part of the visiting clubs. It is a pleasure to sit through a game with the Portland fans, because they are so uniformly fair."

With the expansion of the league next year, while the Coast League may not be able to furnish better baseball, because as we stand now, we are the last minor league in the business, we will give the fans of Portland more baseball, more teams and more players."

Oregon Political List.

Astoria Leader. It is a constant nag, nag, nag, before a voter can be induced to register. He has to swear to his political faith at that time, and fully 23 per cent at the recent registration lied about it. They knew they were lying about it. So did the registration clerk. If no liar shall inherit the kingdom of heaven, then hell may thank the Oregon election laws for much successful missionary work.

Bankers Will Meet in Denver. DENVER, May 24.—Announcement was made today that the next annual

\$400,000 IN SMALL DEALS

EIGHTY TRANSFERS BOOST THE RECORD OF THE WEEK.

Daily Average of Over \$50,000, With Fifty Transactions a Day Shown.

Over \$300,000 was reported as the valuation on 82 transfers of real estate last week. One-third of the number of transfers were entered on the records under nominal values, mostly at \$1. If the real values had been given, the total would reach something over \$400,000. There were six transfers with amounts given between \$5000 and \$10,000; 30 from \$1000 to \$5000, and five at over \$10,000. About 80 per cent of the transfers were for pieces on the East Side.

J. T. Peters paid \$10,000 for the property on Hawthorne avenue at East Twenty-fourth street, the deed being recorded last week. The purchase was made from Hubbard Taylor.

Last week a transfer was recorded from Blaise Labbe, trustee, to himself, of one-third interest in lots 2 and 3, block 59, Couch Addition, the consideration named being \$10,000. Block 59 is bounded by Seventh, Eighth, Flanders and Everett.

Realty men and citizens generally are looking forward to the lecture to be given June 11, at the Empire Theater, by City Engineer Thomson, of Seattle, with much interest. The subject of street-improvement has been one to which much study and attention has been given in this city for years, and those interested in having Portland take high rank in the way of modern streets will embrace the opportunity to hear from an engineer who has made a record for himself as one of the foremost men in the country as an expert on the subject.

L. Vevsey has bought lot 8 and part of lot 7, in block 28, Carter's Addition. This block is bounded by Sixteenth and Seventeenth, Spring and Elm. The lots sold for \$4500.

One-half of one-fifth interest in Rosemere figured in the transfers last week. J. W. Cook transferred to T. P. Cook the interest referred to with consideration named of \$8000.

N. P. Olsen sold last week a five-acre tract near Woodstock to Theodore Schmidt, price \$4000. Sale was made by W. J. Day & Co.

Stephen T. Dove sold to W. R. Kaser a lot on East Fourteenth and Yamhill streets for \$2100. Sale was made by W. J. Day & Co.

Mail & Von Borstel have sold for P. J. Mellis a lot on Clackamas street, near Twenty-sixth, to D. A. Cole. Mr. Cole will improve the property.

Selling agents of lots in platted tracts report no falling off in sales. Quite a number of sales are being made in Heights sites for residences, and the several new propositions down the Peninsula are attracting buyers. Already, a fairly good movement is reported in lots along the line of the Oregon Electric road.

Central Alhina values keep improving. Last week a deed was recorded for a lot in block 3 that was bought by Ellis Cooper for \$3500.

Pat 2000 Men to Work. HUNTINGTON, W. Va., May 24.—In the Elkhorn and Pocahontas coal field more than 2000 miners, who have been idle owing to the slack business, will resume work tomorrow.

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