

DEADLY TRAGEDY AT OREGON CITY

W. W. Henderson Kills Wife, Himself and Wounds Father-in-Law, J. D. Maxwell.

LATTER VICTIM MAY LIVE

Woman Had Sought Divorce, but Henderson Wanted to Secure Her Property—Parties Are From California.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. William W. Henderson are dead and Joseph D. Maxwell is seriously wounded as a result of a tragedy that took place at 8:30 o'clock this morning in a room on the third floor of the Wilhelm Tell House, on the corner of Main and Sixth streets, in this city.

Henderson came to this city at 11 o'clock last night and was seen in a drunken condition. This morning he entered the parlor of the Wilhelm Tell House, where his wife and her father, Mr. Maxwell, were sitting. He was angry, and talked in a loud voice, demanding an interview. In order to avoid publicity, the three went upstairs to Maxwell's room, and it was here that Henderson fired the shots that resulted in the death of himself and his wife.

Conversation Is Overheard.

Their conversation was overheard by Edward Willoughby, who occupied a room adjoining, and he listened to the pleading of Henderson, who insisted that his wife should live with him. The woman rejoined:

"Why don't you talk sense?" "You can't you do something?" said Henderson, addressing his wife's father.

"No, I cannot," replied the old man, and then Henderson whipped out a heavy 41-caliber Colt's revolver from the pocket of his coat and fired five shots in quick succession, the first two taking effect in the head and breast of his wife, and she fell to the floor.

"For God's sake, don't," exclaimed Maxwell; but the infuriated man turned upon his father-in-law and shot him down.

Supposing he had killed Maxwell, the murderer placed the weapon against his temple and blew out his brains.

Police Arrive Quickly.

When the first shot was fired, Willoughby ran from his room, leaped down the rear stairway of the building and sought Chief of Police Burns, who tried to enter the room, but the body of the woman was lying in a pool of blood against the door, which was forced open, and a horrible spectacle met the eyes of those gathered in front of the door of the little room.

The body of the murderer was lying stretched across the bed, with his head against the blood-spattered wall. Half on the floor and half on the bed, with his hand under Henderson's knee, was Maxwell, groaning heavily. The unfortunate woman was moaning on the floor, but expired in a few minutes after the shooting and her husband and slayer soon died.

Maxwell was removed to Willoughby's room, where Dr. C. E. Stuart was called, and an examination disclosed that the bullet had not penetrated his skull, but had struck a glancing blow, and gone through the partition. Maxwell was weak from the shock and the loss of blood, however, but was partially unconscious and murmured that Henderson had committed the terrible deed. He informed an officer that there was \$2500 in bank drafts sewn in his clothes.

Woman Twice Married.

The dead woman has been twice married, and her maiden name was Martha Ellen Maxwell. Her first husband was a Mr. Odell, who is dead, and it is from Odell that she inherited the property that she alleged Henderson was trying to obtain from her by threats. She was married to Henderson in San Francisco, March 30, 1905, but their married life was unhappy, and after the earthquake they separated, and part of the time since she had been at Kerby, Josephine County, where she owns a 150-acre farm.

On January 19 of this year she filed a suit for divorce against Henderson in the Circuit Court of Clackamas County, through her attorney, A. B. Mendenhall, of Portland, stating that her husband had treated her in a cruel and inhuman manner and had inflicted personal injuries upon her. Service was obtained upon the defendant by publication, but he did not abandon the attempt to secure his wife's property, and about two months ago came to Oregon.

Came Here to Get Divorced.

Less than two weeks ago Mrs. Henderson came to this city for the purpose of appearing to secure her divorce, and she was accompanied by her father, whose home is in Latrobe, Eldorado County, Cal. They secured rooms at the Wilhelm Tell House, where they lived quietly. Several days ago Mrs. Henderson was surprised to meet her husband on the streets of Portland, and became frightened. Her father also took alarm and purchased a 35-caliber revolver, which was found, fully loaded, under his pillow after the tragedy. They had heard that Henderson had made threats of bodily harm towards them.

The murderer secured the services of Detective Stuart in Portland, and Stuart shadowed Mrs. Henderson for several days, and learned yesterday that she intended going to Grants Pass on this morning's train, and it was his intention to go there with her and keep a close watch on her actions, as Henderson had said that his wife would meet at Grants Pass a man named Rich.

Lived in Fear of Henderson.

Mrs. Henderson went to the office of Judge Gordon E. Hayes yesterday and executed a will, and said she would return to Grants Pass when the April term of the Circuit Court was convened, leaving her father here. She told Judge Hayes that she was afraid of her husband and that he was a dangerous man.

Henderson accused his wife of deserting him at Latrobe, Cal., and running away with another man. In the pockets of the murderer and suicide was found a note instructing the coroner to notify G. M. Henderson, his brother, at Rutledge, Tenn. In the event of his death. This brother was once an Attorney-General of that state, and no word had been received from

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him tonight relative to the disposition of the body. Henderson was in Seattle for a time and was employed in the streetcar service there. He wore on his coat emblems of the Masons, Elks, Modern Woodmen of America and Independent Order of Odd Fellows. Maxwell is an old soldier and a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, and he is also a member in good standing of the Odd Fellows.

The bodies were taken to the morgue and Coroner Holman held an inquest

VICTIM OF HUSBAND'S BULLET.



Mrs. Martha Ellen Henderson.

there tonight, the jury returning a verdict in accordance with the facts. The building where the tragedy occurred was once the meeting-place of the territorial Legislature of Oregon.

HER REPUTATION NOT BEST

Coroner's Inquest Shows Henderson Was Victim of His Wife.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—It developed tonight at the inquest held over the body of W. W. Henderson and his wife, Martha Henderson, that the woman has a reputation more or less shady in connection with some deals in mining stock. Part of the evidence introduced consisted of clippings from various newspapers showing her record in police courts and giving a history of her different transactions.

According to newspaper reports she was in the habit of patronizing marriage bureaus in order to attract men, whom, it is said, she proceeded to fleec for what she could get out of them. Henderson was among the men thus caught and married her in San Francisco to keep from testifying against her in a suit brought by one John A. Horn, a Nebraska farmer, who was induced to put \$300 in one of her mining schemes in April, 1906.

The testimony at the inquest showed that half a dozen men were infatuated with the woman, and although Henderson admitted she had serious defects, yet a certain smartness she possessed haunted him and he was unable to keep away from her. Although Henderson declares that Vaughn and Stuart, whom he had employed to shadow his wife, to let her entirely alone, the power of the woman over him caused him to seek her out this morning and to plead with her to return to him.

Maxwell was reported late tonight as resting comfortably and hopes are entertained that his injuries will not prove fatal. It was expected that he would be removed to a Portland hospital, but it was decided that he was too weak to move and he is being taken care of at the Electric Hotel in this city.

GAMBLERS JUMP THEIR BONDS

Forfeit \$500 Each Rather Than Stand Trial on Felony Charge.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., March 23.—(Special.)—It was learned today that most of the gamblers, who were arrested last week for violating the felony law, had skipped and forfeited their bonds. Seven of them were under bonds of \$500 each, but when their names were called they failed to answer. Judge Brents of the Superior Court overruled a demurrer to the information in which the defendants, through their attorneys, contended that the law under which the gamblers were informed against was defective.

Heavy Thunder at Hoquiam.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 23.—A lightning storm struck this vicinity tonight, illuminating the entire country for miles around, while the peals of thunder were deafening. The rainfall still continues.

Showing at Prineville.

PRINEVILLE, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—Snow in the depth of one inch has fallen here since 5 o'clock this evening. It is still snowing, and there are prospects of a still greater depth before morning.

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THINKING WOMAN DEAD, MAN SHOOT HIMSELF.

His Bullet Had Missed Her but Two Inches—Lovers Quarreled After Drinking in Saloon.

ASTORIA, Or., March 23.—(Special.)

At 2 o'clock this morning, Corporal Lewis, at Fort Columbia, in company with a woman from Chinook, on the Washington shore, by name of Mrs. M. J. Robertson, entered a Commercial-street saloon, and going to a box drank for an hour or more, when suddenly two pistol shots rang out and the proprietor, going to the box, found Lewis lying on the floor and the woman fainting in his chair.

DAKOTA BREAKS UP.

Big Steamer Goes to Pieces During Heavy Gale.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 23.—C. C. Lacey, supervising engineer of the Great Northern Steamship Company, has received word from the Orient that the steamship Dakota, which went ashore at Osnari reef, on March 2, has broken up.

GOES TO ASYLUM AT AGE OF 87.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., March 23.—(Special.)—Dr. Hughes, of Ilwaco, was yesterday adjudged insane and sent to the asylum at Skellacom. Dr. Hughes is 87 years old, and one of the oldest citizens of Pacific County, having settled at Ilwaco about 39 years ago.

JOHN KING BADLY WANTED

CASHES BAD CHECK ON OREGON CITY FIRM.

Pretended He Was Retired Capitalist and Negotiated for Valuable Residence Property.

OREGON CITY, Or., March 23.—(Special.)

Louis Noebel, of the liquor firm of Knapp & Noebel, this afternoon swore to a complaint charging John King with obtaining money under false pretenses, and a warrant has been issued for King's arrest.

Body Filled With Rocks.

HOOD RIVER, Or., March 23.—(Special.)—With pebbles and small pieces of rock blown far into his body by a charge of dynamite, James English, day foreman in the tunnel of the North Bank Railroad at Cape Horn, lived from Tuesday until yesterday afternoon, when he succumbed, at the railroad hospital at Collins. English was connecting the wires preparatory to exploding the last shot of the day, which was about half the size of the usual charge, and was bending over it when the explosion took place.

Gale Off Gray's Harbor.

HOQUIAM, Wash., March 23.—(Special.)—There has been a violent gale from the

GAME WARDEN ELUDES WOMEN

Had Refused Request That One of Them Should Be Deputy.

SEATTLE, Wash., March 23.—(Special.)—Game Warden E. Reif today turned down a request of the Audubon Society, composed entirely of prominent Seattle women, for the appointment of one of their members as a deputy game warden. As soon as the Game Warden announced his decision he hurried off into the country on a vacation, before the irate club women could find him.

HEALER VS. THE MINISTERS

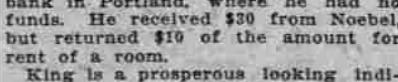
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