

THE CURTAIN FALLS.

THE LAST ACT OF FRIDAY'S TRAGEDY.

Charles Kenyon but Slightly Wounded—His Wife Shot and Poisoned by Her Paramour—Applewhite a Suicide and Self-Confessed Murderer.

In the GAZETTE of last Friday an account was given of the shooting of Charles Kenyon by Dr. J. M. Applewhite and the subsequent finding of the would-be assassin in a weakened condition and with his throat cut, lying by the lifeless body of Mrs. Kenyon. Subsequent investigations have verified the account as already given in the GAZETTE.

On Saturday morning about nine o'clock Sheriff Osburn and Deputy Skipton, with Brady Barnett and Wes Fuller, after spending a large part of the night in search, found the tracks of a man and woman and following them up the ravine and crossing the small stream, were soon attracted by moaning and an incoherent indistinct monologue as if someone in pain. On the way the cover to a drugists pill box was picked up labeled "morphine," and contained a small quantity of that drug.

DISCOVERING THE BODIES.

Approaching cautiously and carefully peering through the underbrush of vine maple and hazels that surrounded the spot, the sheriff saw the bodies of Mrs. Kenyon and Dr. Applewhite both lying on their backs and within a few feet of each other. Crouching so as not to be seen the officers came within twenty yards of them unnoticed, then springing to their feet, ran at them. As they did so Applewhite, partially rising, reached for his revolver which lay by his side but being weakened and his hands covered with blood he was unable to pull the trigger. The weapon slipped from his grasp and was secured by Deputy Skipton. Mrs. Kenyon was lying above him on the side hill with his hat over her face. When the hat was lifted a pallid face and glassy eyes spoke to the beholder in terms that the silent lips could not express. They seemed to pathetically entreat forgiveness for the errors of her life.

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In a leather purse in her stocking was found \$61.95 in coin, and \$1.75 and a key were found in Applewhite's purse.

The jury empanneled by Acting Coroner Holgate returned the following verdict:

CORONER'S VERDICTS.

We, the jury duly empanneled and sworn to act as coroner's jury at said inquest, do return the following verdict: The above named person came to her death by morphine poisoning, assisted by strangulation and gun-shot wound, and believed to have been administered by Dr. J. M. Applewhite.

Geo. F. Edin., Sol. M. Stock, A. E. Brookwater, El. Bryan, John Smith, S. N. Wilkins.

Dated this 14th day of May, 1894.

Another jury were summoned after Dr. Applewhite's death who found as follows: We, the jury duly empanneled and sworn to act as coroner's jury at the inquest on said body, return the following verdict: We find that Dr. J. M. Applewhite caused his death at about 1 o'clock a.m. on May 13, 1894, from the effects of a dose of Morphine administered by his own hand with suicidal intent.

R. M. Davison, Alex. Rennie, P. M. Zirolf, S. L. Henderson, Robt. Erwin, Wm. H. Bass.

To every reader of the GAZETTE, as well as every citizen of Benton county, the facts of the Applewhite case are too well ventilated to need repetition. When the complaint was first lodged against Applewhite and Mrs. Kenyon on a charge of adultery, Mrs. Kenyon, at the solicitation of her friends, turned state's evidence and it is the affidavit then made that is referred to in the foregoing letter. It is not of such a character as to admit of publication, but the principal fact is that he was the victim of his profession, he succeeded in seducing her, and while he had once accomplished his evil purpose, he continued to use her a thing with which to satisfy his sensual desires. This had first occurred in his office at Corvallis.

KENYON'S STORY
of the affair was in substance as follows: "He was at the gate behind some trees; just as I stopped he came out from behind the trees, and said 'now I have got you to ——————, or something to that effect. He fired about the same time he spoke. The first shot hit me. I jumped out of the wagon and climbed the fence. He came over too, and kept shooting until he emptied his revolver. I had a revolver in my pocket, but it was not loaded. I ran to the wagon for cartridges, and loaded it as soon as I could. My revolver would not work, the cylinder would not turn. I had to work it with my fingers. The first shot I fired at him got over the fence and ran down in Sol King's pasture. He saw that my revolver did not work, and came back, shooting at me. My wife ran up the lane crying to him not to shoot me. That made him mad, and he said 'Damn you, I will kill you too!' The first shot he (Applewhite) fired she fell, and he shot at her two or three times after she fell—stood over her at close range.

I rushed up to the fence and shot at him once or twice again. He jumped back over the fence again into King's pasture, and as he turned back he said 'I will kill myself now.' I asked my wife if she was hurt and she said she was shot through the lip. Applewhite advanced on me, shooting at me. I had to get back into the timber for shelter. He got over into the lane and got my wife by the arm and raised her up. They started up the lane and I started up after them. He was leading her by the arm. He kept — between me and him so I could

get no chance to shoot at him. My leg got so numb that I could scarcely travel on it, and I went down the lane where I could see some of the neighbors' houses, and hollered for help. It did not seem to raise anybody so I started to Mr. Lock's and gave the alarm.

This happened about three and one-half miles north of Corvallis, in Benton county, on the Motley place. Most of the shooting was done in the open land, near what is known as the Motley place. I got a letter signed J. M. Applewhite, Thursday, which stated that he had been getting scandalous and anonymous letters from some person. That he knew for certain who wrote the letters and would shoot them on sight. He stated in one place that I was the one that was doing it or was having it done and if I would have the man who were doing it acknowledged to me, he would be man enough to give me a fair chance. We could not fight a duel here in Oregon but we could go to some other state and settle the matter. The letter is in the hands of the First National bank and yesterday I gave an order to Frank Irvin for it. I could not tell whether she was hurt badly or not, he was dragging her away. She made no resistance. They were going south in the King pasture when I saw them last. My leg is hurt so badly I can't travel on it."

The letter referred to above is as follows:

CORVALLIS, ORE., May 10, 1894.

DEAR SIR—I want to inform you that I am receiving a few scandalous letters about me and your wife in a manner that I was sure that they were I would shoot them at sight. I sometimes think you have something to do with them; if you have, please have the manhood to say so and I will be man enough to give you a fair chance. We cannot fight a duel here in this state and settle the matter. Any one who would write or have written such letters as I have received are cowards and I would willingly give a hundred dollars to know who they are. I have had much trouble with this thing, writing but I have much trouble for your wife and her feelings ever to say, or sanction any one else to say anything against her, and one reason why I think you are doing or having it done is that you have already disgraced your wife by your affair before Holgate and also your statement before the different orders I would willingly give a hundred dollars to know who they are. I have the honor to be yours,

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Y. P. S. C. E. CONVENTION.

The Delegates Royally Entertained—A Synopsis of the Proceedings.

The seventh annual convention of the Oregon Christian Endeavor Union convened in Corvallis last Thursday afternoon and completed the program of the session Sunday night. About two hundred and seventy delegates of all denominations and from throughout the state were in attendance, all of whom were entertained by the residents of Corvallis. This union is composed of two hundred and seventy-seven Endeavor societies, with an aggregate membership of 11,912 Endeavorers, representing all the counties of the state, with the exception of Curry, Grant, Lake, Harney, Klamath and Crook, where no societies have yet been organized.

THE PROGRAM.

The convention was called to order at 4 p.m. by President C. H. Curtis, who introduced Prof. J. D. Letcher, who, in Pres. Bass' absence delivered the address of welcome, extending the liberty of the city and college and grounds to the convention. His address was responded to by H. A. Denton, of McMinnville. Announcements; organization, the appointment of committees on credentials, reports, nominations, occupied the remainder of the afternoon.

In the evening the service was begun by a praise service conducted by W. P. Miller, Portland. The O. A. C. chapel was packed to hear the addresses by President Curtis and John Willis Bier. Mr. Curtis, after a 15-minute address, introduced Mr. Bier, of Boston, secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor of the United States, who is making a tour of the United States and attending a series of state conventions occupying a five weeks tour. The United Society is made up of 21,500 societies, with a membership of three and a half million. Mr. Bier is an able Christian worker and would willingly give a hundred dollars to know who they are. I have the honor to be yours,

SECOND DAY, FRIDAY.

Began with sunrise prayer meeting at 6:30 at the Christian church with a large attendance, and at nine o'clock Mr. Fred Lockley, an old O. A. C. student, of Salem, conducted a praise rally, and business reports were taken upon reports of president and treasurer, the latter reporting the union's expense for the fiscal year to be \$316.73, with a cash balance of \$16.53 on hand.

Miss Tillie Atkinson's paper, "The Essentials of Christian Endeavor," and a paper by Miss Daisy Loosin, of Eugene, followed. The latter on Christian Endeavor committee work, is well worthy of being followed by every society.

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AFTERNOON SESSION.

J. C. Templeton, of Salem, paved the way for a free parliament upon conversion—what, by addressing the convention upon "The vitality of conversion," and Wm. H. Lewis, of Seattle, also read a paper on "Christian and Public Reforms," bringing out very strongly the Christian citizenship movement now being agitated.

Following a discussion Mr. Baer opened the question box, and answered all, greatly to the education and amusement of the large audience, advising Christian Endeavorers to avoid dancing and theater going, if in doubt; likewise be temperate and avoid tobacco. The parting service followed, and President Curtis, on behalf of the convention, presented Mr. Baer with a Manzonia natural finish cane, and Mr. Baer responded with the story of his life and fitting to the appropriate lesson to be drawn from his crooked-wood cane, applicable to Christian Endeavor and himself. This service will be long remembered. While it was being conducted his wife was conducting a similar service at the public school, addressing the juniors. Mr. Baer and wife left by way of Albany for Sacramento immediately.

THE EVENING SESSION.

Was occupied with addresses by Revs. Boyd, of Portland, T. W. Bittle, Lafayette, J. R. Wilson, Portland, and Kautner, of Corvallis. A large audience was in attendance, and a great deal of interest and Christian enthusiasm manifested. This service was presided over by Sec. Morrow in the absence of Pres. Curtis.

THIRD DAY, SATURDAY.

Opened as Friday, with sunrise prayer meeting, led by E. S. Miller, Portland, at the Presbyterian church, and immediately upon convening at nine at the college, the state secretaries' report was read by Sec. Morrow, followed by reports from county secretaries all of which showed large increase. Multnomah county being entitled to the banner for the greatest number of societies organized during the year and Coos for greatest per cent. increase, 500. Discussion and prayer service followed, and then denominational secretaries made their reports of similar purport.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Opened by Rev. H. J. Thompson and convention in a song. Short addresses were made by Miss Atkinson and Miss Strong, after which Pres. Bass was introduced and in his clear speech way again extended the hand of cordial welcome to the delegates about the grounds and buildings. The junior hour was conducted by Miss Preston, superintendent, and was a hand hour of glee for good points in junior work. Miss Preston is to be congratulated upon her great success in this greatly beneficial work for the little folks. A report from the committee on credentials showed that about two hundred and seventy delegates were entitled to seats in the convention, about 230 senior and 40 junior; Chris-

tians, 90; Presbyterians, 55; Congregationalists, 40; other denominations, 1 to 15 each.

EVENING SESSION.

Opened by song and praise service, following which Rev. Thomas Boyd, of Portland, presented the banners to Multnomah and Coos counties, who will protect the victories so proclaimed for the ensuing year. Revs. G. M. Werner, of Eugene, and E. A. Holdridge, of Albany, then delivered short, but interesting addresses on "Sunday School Bible Study" and "Fellowship," respectively. During the love feast following over \$600 of the \$1,000 necessary for the expenses of the year was pledged by the societies present.

SUNDAY, LAST DAY.

Sunrise prayer meeting and denominational services throughout the city was the program for the forenoon. At three o'clock a mass rally of juniors was held at the college, and a very interesting program was rendered by the little folks, presided over by Miss Preston, junior superintendent.

Greeting by Mildred Johnson and the response by Master Claude Hubbard were very creditable. In the evening cottage prayer meetings were held at several homes throughout the city at 6 o'clock, and at seven open-air exercises on second street, which was followed by addresses at the opera house, the last service of the convention.

MEDAL CONTEST TONIGHT.

The second semi-annual literary contest between the Websterian and Ciceronian societies of the agricultural college, for the Blue gold medal, will occur tonight at the opera house. The program is one fully up to the standard. While the interest in this contest has hardly reached the height attained heretofore, there is no doubt that a great deal of spirit will be displayed by members of the opposing sides, and that the efforts of the contestants will fully equal those made by students who have striven to win the same beautiful trophy before. The judges selected for the occasion are Rev. J. A. Townsend, Independence; Prof. John Straub, Eugene, and Prof. Eugene M. Earle, Albany. The program for tonight is as follows:

A DISASTROUS RUNAWAY.

But few people will learn in a school other than that of experience. Numerous instances have been recorded of runaways happening as a result of changing the bridle of a team when on the public highway, yet such an occurrence took place here in Corvallis last Wednesday morning and as a result a splendid team of horses were drowned and their owner is lying at his home suffering from numerous injuries. On the morning in question J. C. Mohr started for his ranch in Linus county, accompanied by E. D. Horner and Bert Van Cleve, who had been engaged to do the painting on Mr. Mohr's new dwelling. Arriving at the ferry landing, Mr. Mohr discovered that a mistake had been made in bridling the horses, and stopped to make the necessary change. When the bridle had been removed from the horses' faces one of them looked around and saw Bert's face and "they are both up with the angels now" in horse heaven. Mr. Mohr was standing immediately in front of the team as they started for the river, and was knocked down, stopped on and ran over by the wagon. He was soon conveyed to the residence of Clas Hodges and medical aid summoned. Dr. Pernot who has the patient in charge, says that the injuries sustained are not dangerous, although they are very severe and painful and will confine him to the house for some time.

Young Ladies' Republican Club.

At the residence of Miss Louisa Weber, last Saturday evening, the Young Ladies' Republican Club entertained a number of their friends of the republican male persuasion. The evening was pleasantly spent with games and conversation until 10:30 o'clock, when sherbet, cake, and chocolate were served. The guests were then favored with a recitation by Miss Cundiff, of Albany, in which eloquent talents of a rare order was displayed. Miss Lillian Hamilton, the favorite elocutionist of Corvallis, also recited in her usual pleasing style. Both selections were well received and added much to the evening's amusement. About midnight the company dispersed for their respective homes, all trusting that the Young Ladies' Republican Club would live and continue to flourish even after the campaign has closed.

Among those present were Misses Barker, Birdie and Mildred Linville, Mandren, Lula Matlock, of Eugene, Jessie and Delia Gehlatty, and Lillian and Olive Hamilton, Flora Mason, May Cundiff, of Albany, Hattie Gaines, Louise Webley, Myrtle Lewis, Anna Allen, and Miss Butler, of Independence; Messrs Bert Bowersox, L. V. Eberhart, W. H. Bass, J. F. Yost, Liette, C. E. Deuter, W. H. Curran, Sherman Wade, Luther Smith, T. E. Wilson, Claude Williams, Percy Nash, and B. W. Johnson.

WEDFOOT COMMERCIAL FERTILIZERS.

The vital question to the planter to-day is not how much land can he till, but how much he can draw from the land. That farmer is more prosperous who raises on a ten-acre field as much if not more than another does on twenty acres. To accomplish this a fertilizer must be used. There the question arises, from the use of what brand of fertilizers can the best results be obtained. The Commercial Fertilizer, manufactured by Wedfoot, is especially fit for use in this state and has a decided fitness for our soils. Nels H. Webber has been appointed sole agent in Benton county for Posson & Son and is prepared to fill all orders in this time. Results of experiments made with these fertilizers at the agricultural college by Prof. George Cope, are fully set out in a letter printed below:

CORVALLIS, ORE., Aug. 14, 1893.
F. L. POSSON & SON, Portland, O.—Gentlemen:—Herewith I hand you report of fertilizers sent to this department during April last:

On Peas—I applied fertilizer to peas in the hill, or row, when sown, before the seed was covered. The results were one-half increase above those of the same variety, sown on the same date, side by side, also advancing the plant 10 days.

On Turnips—This was applied to the hill at the time of planting, procuring a growth of the plant at this time 50 per cent. over that planted without the fertilizer.

On Strawberries—The fertilizer was applied to the plants early in the season, just as growth commenced; applying the fertilizer on each side of the row. It increased the growth of the plant and berries 75 per cent.

On Turnips—The fertilizer was sown in the drill with the seed, on the 7th of July, in the dust, or rather, very dry, well pulverized soil. The results have been good, producing roots at this date (August 16th) 12 inches in circumference and from 2 to 3 inches in depth.

On Turnips—For this purpose twelve varieties were used. The results were excellent in every variety, increasing the growth of the plant from 45 to 50 per cent.; also having the same effect on the production of the fruit.

On Pot Plants—Good results, such as fuchsias, geraniums and begonias, the effect was excellent, the foliage becoming a very dark green and strong; also producing a much larger display of bloom, likewise prolonging the blooming season. For top dressing one heaping teaspoonful to 6 and 8-inch pots was used.

Very truly,
GEO. COPE.

From the above you will perceive the great benefit to be derived from the use of this fertilizer, and the increased maturity; that is, the crop is ready for market from one to two weeks earlier than crops planted at the same time, but unfertilized, except with barnyard manure.

Are you insured? If not, now is the time to provide yourself and family with a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera, and Diarrhea Remedy as an insurance