

SUICIDE AT JUNCTION.

Robert McKay Shoots Himself Through the Head.

Daily Guard, July 18.

Last night about eight o'clock, Robert McKay, of Junction, informed his wife that he intended shooting himself. As he had been acting somewhat despondent of late Mrs. McKay feared he might put his threat into execution and when he started from the house to the barn, she hurried to find assistance to withhold him from the rash act. Hailing a passer-by and informing him of the danger, she hurried to the barn, but before their arrival he had shot himself through the head, death being instantaneous.

Coroner J. W. Harris, of this city, was immediately sent for and made an inquest there this morning. The ball entered the right temple and came out near the left ear. He fired two shots, only one hitting its mark.

Deceased was about 40 years old and a son-in-law of John Blew. About two years since he failed in the furniture business in Junction and since then has been growing more and more despondent. Saturday he returned from a trip down the valley in an unsuccessful search for work. This made his melancholia deeper with the result stated above. It was only a few yards to the barn from where he stood when he made the threat, and he stepped to the pantry and taking a 44 calibre revolver, succeeded in getting to the barn and doing the deed before help could be summoned which was not more than twenty steps away.

AN ASTORIA SUIT.—Geo. W. Raymond, of Astoria, has sued Capt. Geo. Fanny for the recovery of 300 acres of Tansy Point property, claiming the right to it under a deed made thirty years ago. The complaint alleges that on December 7, 1859, William Raymond borrowed of John Adair the sum of \$200 with which to redeem an execution issued against him. As security Raymond executed to Adair a warranty deed, but which after a lapse of thirty-three years plaintiff alleges "was only a deed of trust as security for the repayment of said loan, which deed was duly recorded." It is further alleged that W. W. Raymond did not deliver to John Adair the possession of premises, and that Adair made no claim of title under the deed. In the year 1862 Raymond, plaintiff, claims that he paid off the loan, "but in consequence of mutual dealings and mutual confidence no reconveyance of the legal title was made by Adair prior to November 20, 1873," and that the indebtedness between Raymond and Adair has now been fully paid and settled.

NATIVE SHRUBS.—Eugene people hardly realize how many beautiful native shrubs they have growing about at their doors, until they are reminded by visitors from abroad all of whom invariably rave over the beauty and grace of these trees and flowers. First of all there is the native dogwood. It is not only a handsome tree, but the bloom is simply gorgeous. The mountain laurel is equalled by few imported varieties as a clear lawn decorator, and it is growing scarcer every year. The "ocean spray" has just been in its glory being equalled only by the wonderful pampas grass, while it is a hardy deciduous shrub. Last, but not least, is the Oregon flowering currant which is an early spring bloomer, and is of very thrifty growth. These four native plants in particular should be sought and preserved by all lovers of choice trees and flowers, especially as they are growing scarcer from year to year.

INFLECTED A HORSEWHIPPING.—Friday's Albany Herald says: The usual quiet of the town of Tangent was disturbed yesterday by a woman alighting from a buggy and proceeding to inflict a horsewhipping upon a seemingly inoffensive drummer who was awaiting the train there. It was learned that the woman was an inmate of a house of ill fame of this city, and that the drummer was her divorced husband. The trouble between them was not disclosed.

The Polk county wool crop brings 15 to 17 cents. About five million pounds will be shipped from Dallas.

FINANCIALLY EMBARRASSED.

D. P. Thompson Appointed Receiver for the Staver & Walker Company.

PORTLAND, July 17.—Considerable of a breeze was created in commercial circles of the city on Thursday over the announcement that the well known agricultural implement firm of Staver & Walker had made an assignment. The report proved true but the assignment was so quietly made many will first become aware of the financial difficulties of the firm on reading the Welcome. The firm of Staver & Walker is not in business now, having been merged into another concern, but its affairs under the old management have not been wound up and owing to the slow payment of a large amount of money due from all over the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, it was compelled to temporarily go to the wall. The J. I. Case company, one of the principal creditors, made the application for the appointment of a receiver, before Judge Stearns of department No. 2, and D. P. Thompson was appointed to serve in such capacity with bonds fixed at \$50,000. The liabilities of the firm are stated to be about \$250,000 while the assets will foot up in the neighborhood of \$400,000 when all collected. The assets are mainly in the shape of farmers notes given for machinery bought and collections this season have proved to be unusually poor. The embarrassment of the firm cannot be called a failure as it can pay all it owes, dollar for dollar, in time, but if the claims against it should be forced on the market they would not be collectible at once on account of the failure of those owing the firm to meet their obligations.

Goshen Items.

Miss Green, of Fairmount, returned to her home Sunday.

Cutting grain is keeping the average farmer busy these days.

Miss Effie Watkins, of Springfield, is stopping with A. J. Keeney.

Jas. Stoops and family have moved into the residence on Eden farm in this precinct.

One threshing machine was taken into the field Monday for the purpose of threshing some oats.

Mrs. Carter, of Halsey, who has been visiting her niece, Mrs. B. F. Keeney, returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. A. L. Roney and Master Raleigh returned last week from an extended visit with relatives at Dexter.

Several have recently returned from the mountains where they have been for berries. They report them plentiful.

Mrs. N. E. Handsaker and little sons and brother, Thomas Keeney, of Tacoma, are expected here on Saturday on a visit with their parents.

A DEMOCRATIC CONVERT.

COLUMBUS, Ind., July 18.—Hon. John Overmeyer, of North Vernon, for years one of the most prominent republicans in the state, twice a member of the legislature and for two years chairman of the republican state central committee, has come out openly and boldly for Cleveland and Stevenson.

His Neck Dislocated.

Thomas Richmond, a well known citizen of Polk county, met with an accident a few days ago which resulted in his almost instant death. For several days County Surveyor Butler has been surveying a tract of Mr. Richmond's farm, and the latter gentleman had been out superintending the work. His farm is located about six miles from Dallas on Salt Creek. Saturday morning, while Mr. Richmond was about to climb over a high five-board fence in the rear of the surveyors, and after he had one leg over, the board gave way and he fell alighting on his head and breaking his neck. Doctors were immediately summoned, but they arrived too late, as his death was nearly instantaneous, he only murmuring a few words after the accident.

Mr. Richmond was prominent man and a member of the state board of agriculture, having recently been reappointed by Governor Penney. He was a pioneer of Oregon, and leaves an estate valued at \$60,000 to \$75,000.

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