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## BURR OSBURN TAKES HIS LIFE

Popular Young Man Destroys Him-  
self Because of Continued  
Ill Health.

SHOT HIMSELF LAST NIGHT

Went to His Room After Din-  
ner And Blew Out His  
Brains With a  
Revolver.

The community was shocked last evening by the announcement that Burr Osburn, youngest son of ex-Police Judge Osburn, had committed suicide at his home on Irving avenue near Sixteenth street. The young man ended his life about 7 o'clock, just after dinner. He lived for a few moments, but was dead when Dr. Estes, who had been hastily summoned, reached the home in a carriage.

The young man was prompted to kill himself because of his continued ill health and the belief that he could not recover. He had been despondent for some time past, but his mother, father and brother had no idea that he even so much as contemplated self-destruction. In his capacity as assistant teller at the First National bank he had occasion to spend much of his time on the streets of the city, and his smiling countenance never for a moment betrayed the plan of suicide which he must long ago have contemplated. He was regarded around the city as a young man not only of the very highest principles, but as well as an optimist, with anything but a despondent disposition.

Thought He Could Not Live.

Some months ago the young man went to southern California for the benefit of his health. He remained away for several weeks, and on his return to the city seemed much improved in health. His lungs had troubled him, but the change of climate seemed to have assisted him greatly. He returned to his position and was cheerful and happy.

Recently, however, he had been on the decline, and on Thursday night suffered a hemorrhage of the lungs, which greatly worried him. He became somewhat despondent and less hopeful than he had previously seemed to be. It is evident from a letter left by the young man that he had given full consideration to the matter and had calmly decided to end what he regarded as merely a lingering existence. This note was written yesterday afternoon on the fly leaf of a book: "I have tried to live, but it seems impossible," the young man wrote.

Blew Out His Brains.

Last evening the members of the family sat down to dinner and conversed cheerfully during the meal. Burr seemed rather quieter than usual, but his actions did not betray his feelings. After dinner he left the dining room and went to his room. He had been gone but a few moments when those gathered down stairs heard the report of a revolver. The report was not distinct and none of the family had the slightest intimation of what had occurred. A short time later Austin Osburn, brother of the deceased, left the dining room to go to his apartment, and stopped at the room of his brother. He was horrified to find him dying at the foot of the bed with a gaping hole in his head.

After going up stairs Burr had placed the muzzle of a large navy revolver to his head, just above the right eye, and sent the ball crashing through the brain.

When Austin entered the room his brother was still alive, but unconscious. He was sitting on the foot of the bed when the shot was fired and was about to fall to the floor when the brother entered. Austin ran over to him and took him in his arms just as he expired.

Relatives Are Grief Stricken.

The suicide of the young man was quite as much a surprise to his relatives as to the people who knew him well, and there was grief in the household. Dr. Estes was summoned with all haste, but Burr was beyond medical assistance when the physician arrived. The ball had entered the brain and the young man experienced not the slightest pain, though he survived the wound a few moments.

News of the suicide spread rapidly and there was universal sorrow among friends of the family. It seemed incredible that the young man should have taken his life, and, as his physical condition was known to but few, the announcement of the death proved a sad surprise. Mother, father and brother are heart broken over the sad affair, and in her bereavement have the sympathy of the entire community.

A Promising Young Man.

Burr Osburn was a promising young

man. While only 21 years of age he filled with much credit a position of trust at the First National bank, and was held in high esteem by the business men of the city, with whom he frequently came in contact. S. S. Gordon, cashier of the bank, had formed a strong attachment for him, and he was one of Astoria's most popular young men. He was of quiet disposition, but always pleasant, and held the friendship of Astorians generally, young and old. He was born in Bodie, Mono county, California, and would have been 22 years of age in May.

Arrangements for the funeral will be announced tomorrow.

## Astoria Axmen Hold Sociable

Disciples of the Strump Listen to  
the Address of George  
K. Rogers.

Astoria camp, Woodmen of the World, held another of its royal social gatherings last night. The occasion was a reception to State Deputy George K. Rogers, who is on a tour of the camps in this portion of the "forest." Those who were present pronounced the evening one of the most pleasant of the many splendid social nights of this progressive fraternity. At the conclusion of business the camp was entertained by the Astoria Mandolin and Guitar Club in selections which won the enthusiastic plaudits of the large gathering of "choppers." Neighbor N. J. Blaessing, a prominent Portland Woodman, then gave a most interesting address. Mr. Withers followed with selections on the phonograph and the Downing brothers sang several duets and were heartily encored.

Mr. Rogers' address was, as usual, witty and pathetic by turns and touched the humorous and pathetic senses of his hearers by turns. His address was followed by more music, songs and "good things," after which Mr. Rogers brought up the subject of a bill recently introduced into the United States senate, the passage and enactment of which into law will undoubtedly prove a deathblow to the fraternal benefit societies. Mr. Rogers stated that all orders in America would take action against this measure and appealed to those in Astoria to fall in line. (Tomorrow's Astorian will devote considerable space to this subject, and it should be read by every fraternalist in this city.—Ed.) The meeting then adjourned and the boys wended their ways homeward, after having spent one of the most pleasant evenings in the history of the camp.

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