

HARRY TRACY KILLS HIMSELF

Wounded By the Posse and Bleeding From a Severed Artery, He Preferred Death By His Own Hand.

(Journal Special Service.)
DAVENPORT, Wash., Aug. 6.—Outlaw Harry Tracy is dead.
He committed suicide sometime last night on Lake Creek, near Davenport, Wash. His body is now at Davenport, where it was brought at 9 o'clock this morning.
The whole top of Tracy's head is blown off by a six-shooter, which was found beside his body in a wheat field.
He found himself hard pressed by the posse and decided to die by his own hand, rather than be shot by the posse or taken alive.
TRACY LOCATED.
At 6 last night Sheriff Gardner and his posse found a trace of the outlaw near the Eddy ranch on Lake Creek. An hour later one of the posse saw Tracy emerge from the barn and start across a wheat field.
Suddenly the outlaw opened fire on his pursuers, who he saw at a glance were closing in on him.
He shot himself over the left eye, the bullet from his six-shooter tearing away the top of his head.
The posse lost sight of him last night, and on making a search of the wheat field at daylight found the body.
The news of Tracy's whereabouts was night, when a boy named Goldfinch sent a report from Farmer L. B. Eddy that Tracy was then at the ranch, in fact, had spent several hours there Tuesday afternoon, when he compelled Eddy to feed his horses, sharpen his raz-

ors and knife and wait on him generally.
Several hundred armed men went to the scene last night and early this morning with the result that the fugitive's body was found.
CROWDS VIEW BODY.
The news of the finding of Tracy's body this morning spread rapidly in Davenport and great crowds thronged around the Sheriff's office to view it. It was a ghastly sight. The revolver had been placed over the left eye, and the bullet tore away the eye, flesh, frontal bone and almost the top of his head.
OUTLAW WOUNDED.
From the position of the body found in the field, it was concluded that Tracy had sat upon the ground to fire the fatal shot, as the body had fallen backward, the legs outstretched.
Death must have been instantaneous. The body showed Tracy had been wounded by one of the posse. A clear cut rifle bullet wound was found in the right thigh, and an artery was severed. Finding his end near, Tracy ended his life by his own hand rather than bleed to death.
BODY GOES TO SEATTLE.
DAVENPORT, Wash., Aug. 6.—(19 a. m.)—The Sheriff has not yet decided where to take the body of Tracy, but it is likely that he will take it to Seattle, pending the settlement of the rewards offered by both Washington and Oregon. There are several claimants for the rewards.
REWARD WILL BE PAID.
(Journal Special Service.)
SALEM, Aug. 6.—The news of Tracy's suicide was received with great satisfaction. There was, however, general surprise at the outlaw's action, as all believed he would fight to the death. Superintendent J. D. Lee says the posse

should have the reward for the capture of Tracy promptly, and it should be divided among the men surrounding him last night and morning.
INQUEST OVER TRACY.
DAVENPORT, Aug. 6.—An inquest was held over the body of Tracy at Davenport at 2 o'clock. The body will be held there until identified by the prison officials from Salem.

TRACY'S LAST FIGHT

The Outlaw Was Surrounded in a Barn on the Eddy Farm.
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SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 6.—Harry Tracy killed himself about 11 last night by firing a bullet through his brain.
As soon as young Goldfinch brought word to Creston that Tracy was at the Eddy farm, a posse of citizens quickly left for the scene of the outlaw's last exploit.
The posse came upon Tracy, who was working at one of his horses in the Eddy yard.
The posse was not more than 50 yards away, and ordered the outlaw to surrender. Tracy stepped behind Eddy and then behind his horse. In this manner he got to the barn and secured his rifle. He darted out of the barn, and for several hours a running fight followed until Tracy disappeared in a wheat field.
The posse kept firing wherever the grain was seen to move.
Altogether 15 shots were discharged, and one of those struck him in the leg.

HOW TRACY DIED.

Details of the Battle That Resulted in His Death.
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DAVENPORT, Wash., Aug. 6.—Harry Tracy died as tragically as he lived. His love of the spectacular followed him to the end, and he must have been calm even in his last moments as he sat in the wheat field nursing a wound that would have meant his death in the course of a few hours.
Tracy was brave in the sense that a cornered bear is brave—his life since his escape from the Oregon penitentiary depended upon it. His bravery led to recklessness for his personal safety, and his worthless life has paid the penalty.
The long chase after the most noted outlaw of recent years came to an end this morning in a rather surprising and unexpected way when the bandit's body was found by the posse, who surrounded the Eddy barn last evening.
After the battle with Tracy about 5 o'clock, he fled into a wheat field, and no more was seen of him after dark. This morning his trail through the wheat was taken up by the officers, and they soon ran upon his body in some tall grass near the edge of a swamp.
THE BODY FOUND.
The posse heard a shot about 11 last night, and it was this shot that ended the criminal's career. The officers did not dare to make an investigation on account of the darkness.
This morning when the body was found the outlaw still held the revolver with which he ended his life. An examination showed that he had been shot in the leg, breaking the bone and severing an artery. He apparently gave up all hopes of escaping after his leg was broken, and bringing the revolver to his forehead, nearly blew the top of his head off.
THE LUCKY POSSE.
The body is now in the hands of officials at Davenport. The posse which came upon Tracy consisted of C. A. Straub, Dr. L. G. Lanter, Maurice Smith, G. J. Morrison and Frank Lillingren, all reported to be from Creston, Wash.
Last night they came near to S. B. Eddy's ranch where Tracy was reported to have been resting for two days.
Upon approaching the farm cautiously, they saw Eddy in the field cutting grain, and near the barn was Tracy. The officers asked if the man at the barn was Tracy, and were informed that

It was Eddy then went to the barn, and then Tracy say the man hunters.
The posse divided, two taking a position upon a little knoll, while the others went around to intercept a retreat. Eddy went to the barn, where Tracy asked him who the men were. He was told they were after him.
Tracy then got behind Eddy and his horse, and protected in this manner, made his way into the barn.
A RUNNING FIGHT.
Immediately he reappeared with his rifles, which he had not been carrying when first seen by the posse, although he had his revolver.
A running fire immediately took place in which Tracy fired several wild shots and made off down the valley.
Others fired upon him, but apparently no shots took effect until Tracy was partially under cover, crouching behind a large rock. He soon found that this was not a safe retreat, and made for the wheat field, the posse firing upon him all the time.
BANDIT WOUNDED.
Just as Tracy entered the field he fell and crawled into the wheat. This led the officers to believe that they had wounded him.
After that they surrounded the field and waited. They fired no shots, preferring to wait till they could get a good view.
In the meantime, Sheriff Gardner, Policeman Stauffer and Gemmrig, of Spokane; Jack O'Ferrill, of Davenport, and others came upon the scene.
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The only shot fired by Tracy after reaching the wheat field was the one by which he killed himself. None en-

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The cold body of the murderer was found at an early hour this morning in a wheat field near the town of Fellows, on the Central Washington railroad.
When found the dead body of the much-famed conviet lay face upwards, while firmly grasped in his right hand was his now-famous 30-30 rifle. In his left hand he clamped a 45 Colt, with which Tracy had ended his lawless life.
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Quickly the party divided, Lanter and Smith accompanying Eddy a short distance toward the barn, while the other men went in a different direction.
When Eddy reached the barn Tracy came out to assist in unharnessing the team. He carried no rifle, but a revolver.
He caught sight of the strangers carrying rifles and turning sharply, asked Eddy who they were. Eddy informed him.
The men stepped closer and commanded the outlaw to hold up his hands.
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TRACY'S MURDEROUS RECORD

In connection with the chase after Tracy, the following compilation of his movements and crimes since escaping the prison at Salem and in the long journey from there to where the chase ended, near Spokane, is of interest.
On June 9, 1902, with Convict David Merrill, Tracy escaped from the Oregon penitentiary at Salem. Here follow the events of his life from that date:
June 9—Escaped with Merrill from Salem penitentiary at 7 a. m., killing Guards S. R. Jones, Frank Ferrell, and D. F. Tiffany and wounding Guard Frank S. Ingram, and shattering the leg of a fellow-convict, who died later.
June 10—Returned in darkness of early morning to Salem, held up J. W. Roberts, whom he stripped of his clothing, stole a team of horses, and made his way with Merrill to Portland. Near Gervais they held up two members of the posse in pursuit and took a horse and buggy.
June 11—Laid a trap for posse and fired on pursuers from ambush near Gervais.
June 12—Broke through cordon of 250 militia men in the night and made their escape.
June 15—In the morning reached Columbia River and forced Geo. Sunderland and Walter Burlingame to ferry them across, landing five miles above Vancouver.
June 17—Heard from at Salmon Creek, where they exchanged shots with posse, and Tracy wounded Deputy Sheriff Bert Blescher. At Hildgefeld they stole two horses and continued their flight.
June 21—Robbed house of Pat McGuire, near La Center, while owner was at church, taking clothes and cash.
June 23—Robbed house near Kelso, Wash.
June 25—Stole two horses, but on meeting owner dismounted and gave them back.
June 29—Slipped through strong posse guarding roads near Chehalis during the night.
July 1—Convicts seen on Northern Pacific at Tenino, about 29 miles from Tacoma. Tracy there separated from Merrill, saying later that he had killed him in a duel. If Tracy killed Merrill the number of his murders is nine. Riding one horse he had stolen until it was disabled, he stole another and passed through Olympia.
July 2—Tracy held up six men at South Bay, near Olympia, and forced four, including Captain Clark of a gasoline launch, to embark with him on Puget Sound. He told Clark he had killed Merrill in a duel and that he never would be taken alive. He landed at night at Seattle and started toward Clancy's saloon.
July 3—At 2:40 in the afternoon he encountered the advance guard of the Seattle posse at Bothell, six miles from Seattle. In the battle Deputy Sheriff Charles Raymond of Snohomish County, was killed, Deputy Sheriff Jack Williams of Seattle, seriously if not fatally wounded, and Carl Anderson and Louis Seefrit, newspaper reporters, wounded. Returning toward Seattle, in the suburbs of the city, he killed Policeman E. E. Breez and fatally wounded Neil Rawley, deputy game warden. Rawley died this morning.
July 4—Order was issued by Governor McBride for two companies of militia to assist in the hunt for Tracy. The desperate convict was seen on the railroad track going north from Seattle. He has a large supply of ammunition, and his aim is so deadly that only a strong posse would dare attack him. A reward of \$5,000 has been offered for him, dead or alive.
July 5—Spent the afternoon at home of Farmer Johnson, near Madison Point, taking farmer's best suit of black clothes; bound and gagged the family and started north in a small boat, taking a farm hand by the name of Anderson, with him as rower.
July 9—Tracy holds up Gerral household and escapes from posse after being hard pressed by bloodhounds.
July 10—Tracy holds up the Johnson home near Kent and secures food.
July 11—Tracy, near Covington, shots exchanged with posse.
July 12—Holds up Prosports' household near Black Diamond. Posse pass the house while he is there.
July 13—Tracy attempts to board freight train on grade near Buckley to get over Cascades.
July 14—Tracy seen near Enumclaw by a boy. Was later shot at by posse.
July 15—Tracy in woods about Buckley, hard pressed by hounds and posse. Body of Merrill, whom he had murdered, found near Chehalis.
July 16—Tracy holds up Garner family. Makes boy shave him, near Enumclaw.
July 17—Tracy was supposed to be surrounded in a cabin near Covington. The Sheriff's posse rushed the cabin and found it empty.
July 31—Tracy holds up W. A. Sanders and family near Wenatchee and spends the day. Also holds up blacksmith named Swayze.
August 1—Tracy crosses Columbia at early hour by holding up ferryman.
August 2—Tracy seen by campers near Almira, working toward Idaho.
August 4—Tracy around Odessa; sends note of warning to Sheriff Cuddeheo to give up chase or be killed.
August 5—Tracy hard pressed by posse about Odessa.
August 5—Tracy shot in the leg by the posse, and on finding escape improbable, blows out his brains.

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This morning at daylight his body was found. He had tied a strap around his leg to keep the artery from bleeding. He had apparently put his revolver just over the left eye when he fired the fatal shot.

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