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SAD SUICIDE.

Young Corvallis Woman Takes Her Own Life—Cause a Deep Mystery.

The people of Corvallis were severely shocked Tuesday evening upon the announcement of the suicide of one whose apparently happy condition of life preclude the possibility of such an act. All who know Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lacy have been impressed with the devotion manifested each to the other; their situation was financially such as should have been entirely satisfactory; they owned their home; Mr. Lacy had employment. Monday Mr. and Mrs. Lacy returned from a pleasant visit with friends and relatives in Washington state, having also visited the Exposition and Mrs. Lacy's parents in Polk county. Both are highly esteemed by their acquaintances, and all their known surroundings were such as to justify the belief that the Lacy home was one of the happiest. So, with these facts in the mind of so many, there was extreme surprise and profound sorrow when it became known that Mrs. Lacy lay dead at her home as the result of a gunshot wound inflicted, as seemed probable, by her own hand.

Discovery of the body was made by Mr. Lacy upon returning home at the close of business hours at the J. H. Harris store, in which he has been an employe for many years. Mr. Lacy entered the back door accompanied by Chester Proebstel, who was to have supper with the family. The husband passed into the dining room and from there saw his wife lying on the bed in their sleeping apartments opening from the dining room. He approached his wife, lay his hand upon her, and simultaneously discovered an exusion of froth from the mouth and a narrow streak of blood passing from the right temple across her face. With a cry of anguish Mr. Lacy called to his friend and commanded him to hasten for a physician. Within five or six minutes Dr. Cathey arrived. "It is no use—she is dead!" said the heart-broken husband to the doctor as he entered the room. And so it proved, upon a casual examination by the physician.

Mrs. Lacy lay upon her back, her head turned well to the left and resting upon the pillows. A tiny hole in the right temple and a 22-calibre rifle lying by the bedside gave the first, and in fact only, evidence of how she came to her death. The bullet had entered the right temple and passed almost diagonally across to the opposite side where it was arrested by the heavier bone slightly below the left temple, lacerating the blood vessels of the brain in its course. The nature of the wound caused speedy and extensive discoloration of the face.

Dr. Cathey suggested that Coroner Wilkins be summoned and that in the meantime the corpse and attending conditions be not disturbed. After a survey of the situation Coroner Wilkins removed the remains to his undertaking parlors and an once summoned a jury and ordered an inquest, which began at 8 o'clock. The jury was composed of Wm. Crees, G. Seely, A. E. Wilkins, J. A. Strange, Z. Davis, J. W. Crawford. W. B. Lacy was the first witness called. He stated, in answer to interrogatives by Dep. Dis. Attorney Bryson, that he last saw his wife alive when he left his home just after having dinner at 12 o'clock Tuesday; at that time there was nothing unusual in her manner; she seemed cheerful, was in her usual health; she was in no way despondent; their relationship had always been very pleasant, as had that of herself and relatives; nothing had occurred on their recent vacation trip to mar her usual peace of mind. The witness knew of no person

who was likely to have a motive for causing her death. Upon his departure for his place of business Mr. Lacy had told his wife that she need not prepare a warm supper. He identified a 22-calibre rifle offered in evidence as being one he had kept in a closet opening from the bedroom occupied by himself and wife. It was not kept loaded. Cartridges for the gun were kept in the pantry. Mrs. Lacy had never handled the gun; had never shot a gun, to his knowledge. The empty shell found in the gun corresponded with the shells of cartridges kept by Mr. Lacy.

Chester Proebstel, an instructor at the college, testified that he had known Mr. and Mrs. Lacy a considerable time. He had just arranged to begin boarding with them; had taken dinner with them on the fatal day; about 6 o'clock had gone to the Lacy home for supper, rang the front door bell, but receiving no response, had started down town. When he had gone a short distance he met Mr. Lacy and returned, finding the dead body of Mrs. Lacy as previously narrated. Mr. Proebstel had noticed nothing at dinner time to indicate despondency on the part of Mrs. Lacy.

Dr. Cathey gave evidence in accordance with facts already stated, and assisted the jury in the examination of the body.

Charles Harding, driver of a delivery wagon had delivered groceries at the Lacy home about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and on going to the rear of the residence to leave the purchases, had seen, through a window, the form of a woman lying on a bed. Other evidence, however, was to the effect that the groceries delivered by Mr. Harding had been moved from where the deliveryman left them, and had been properly put away.

Testimony of E. B. Horning, from where the groceries were purchased, showed that wrappers of the goods had been removed, placed in the kitchen stove, and partially burned. These facts tended to show that Mrs. Lacy had not fired the fatal shot when Mr. Harding saw the person (evidently Mrs. Lacy) upon the bed. A number of ladies residing in the vicinity of the Lacy home were called as witnesses, and testified that Mrs. Lacy was not of morose or despondent disposition, that they knew of no motive or cause which might prompt the act under investigation. Mrs. H. E. Hodes had gone upon an errand to the Lacy home at 5 o'clock, but was unable to procure a response to a ring of the door bell.

The verdict of the jury was substantially that deceased had come to her death from the effect of a gunshot wound inflicted by her own hand.

The maiden name of Mrs. Lacy was Laura Collins. She was the daughter of Wm. Collins, a pioneer resident of Polk county, the family having been near the line between Benton and Polk. She is a sister of Mrs. E. F. Wiles. During several years the family of Mr. Collins resided in Corvallis and it was while they lived here that Laura became the wife of W. B. Lacy, seven years ago this month, since which time the young people made this city their home. Deceased was aged 32 years. She possessed an unusual happy disposition, and this trait of character, combined with many other admirable womanly qualities, made her a large circle of devoted friends, and her demise particularly under such circumstances as attended her death, caused profound sorrow throughout the city wherever she was known. Mr. Lacy has been an employe of the J. H. Harris store during nine years past. He is an estimable citizen and very much sincere sympathy is extended to him. No children were born to them. The remains of Mrs. Lacy

EXPOSITION ITEMS.

Of Interest to Benton County People by Special Correspondent.

German Day was the great day last week and the long and beautiful procession the most interesting feature. This parade was made through the public streets down town, so that when they arrived at the Fair ground everyone was too tired to properly enjoy a visit to the various buildings. But the singing was superb, and anyone who has heard a German singing society can imagine how much more music they can furnish when they get a number of these clubs together and every man singing for all there is in him. The fireworks in the evening is getting to be a very attractive feature.

While the ministerial profession are quarrelling over the tongue lashing given them by Bishop Thorburn regarding sensationalism in the pulpit, the Trail concessionaires are quietly working for an open Sunday, and judging from the friendly attitude of the State Commission they are likely to get it. The matter is expected to be decided this week.

Corvallis and Benton county people are very well informed regarding telephones, rural lines, etc., but the best posted among them can learn many new and interesting points by paying a visit to the B-R Electric and Telephone exhibit in the Machinery building. Here our old friend, W. D. DeVarney, holds sway with the most complete and varied assortment of electrical goods and appliances in the whole Fair. The most interesting part of the apparatus to an uninitiated person is the several switchboards, some for 50 lines, and one for 100; also smaller sizes down to 16 lines. An examination of these will give one a better idea can he could find out by reading or studying for a year. We were most particularly interested in some special Telephone attachments, one for calling central without ringing any instrument on the line—another that permitted you to call any particular person on the line without letting even central know it—and the last that is especially made to cut out the rubber necks who usually butt in when you are talking to your best girl. The last is a special favorite with married men whose office phones happen to be on the same line with their resident phones. There is also a bewildering collection of batteries and bells, tools and attachments, fuses and fuse blocks, lightning arrestors and protectors, and a hundred and one smaller articles used in the business. No one should fail to see this exhibit.

E. C. Kezel and C. F. Logan, of Philomath, were at the Fair last week and registered at the county booth. They spent a couple of days in viewing the exhibits of the various buildings. Miss Isabella Gray, of Philomath, was also here during the week. We also noted some other Benton county citizens during the week. Amongst them we saw Thomas and Mac Alexander, of Hoskins. Dr. C. H. Lee, of Corvallis, was up late in the week, and visited the agricultural display. Miss Leah Barelay, of Corvallis, was also a visitor. We passed Zack Taylor on Sunday evening last, but he was so deeply interested in the three young ladies he had in charge that we could not get his attention without hitting him with a brick, and so we are unable to say how long he has been here or when he is going back. If he breaks away later in the week we may possibly get an interview.

were conveyed yesterday morning to a cemetery near the old family homestead. She was a member of the Presbyterian church of this city, and Rev. M. S. Bush, pastor of the church here, conducted the funeral ceremonies.

Suffrage of Women.

New York boasts an association opposed to the suffrage of women and numbers among its officers such women as Mrs. Lyman Abbott, Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge, Mrs. Elibu Root, and many other notable women. We have just received from this association the following, with the request that we publish it:

The executive committee has pleasure in sending you the following statement of woman suffrage defeats in the United States during the past six months.

In California the senate voted 14 to 21 against submitting a constitutional amendment for woman suffrage to popular vote.

In Kansas the senate voted 29 to 60 against a bill giving women the right to vote for presidential electors.

In Montana the lower house rejected a woman suffrage bill by a vote of 38 to 30.

In Missouri the house committee on constitutional amendments reported against a proposition to extend the suffrage to women.

In Wisconsin a bill introduced in the legislature providing for the municipal suffrage for women was defeated in the assembly by a vote of 34 to 43.

In Illinois the house was overwhelmingly opposed to a woman suffrage measure, and later a bill was introduced for the total and complete disfranchisement of woman, who, having the privilege to vote for school trustees have in ten years allowed their interest to dwindle from a vote of 24,000 to an insignificant 1,000.

In Wheeling, West Virginia, the popular vote cast for municipal suffrage to woman stood 2,401 in favor, and 4,001 against the proposition.

In Washington, D. C., neither the senate nor the house gave hearings to any petition for woman suffrage. This was unusual, for it is the first time in several years that such an omission has occurred.

In Massachusetts three woman suffrage bills were adversely reported, and a unanimous report against the proposition to strike the word "male" from the qualification of voters was accepted without protest by the lower house.

In Maine the committee to consider a woman suffrage amendment gave the "usual leave to withdraw."

In Connecticut a bill admitting women to the right of suffrage in municipal elections was killed in the house by a vote of 29 to 112.

In New York the senate committees on cities voted 1 to 11 against giving woman taxpayers in the cities of the 3rd degree the right to vote on questions of appropriations, and later the senate voted 11 to 26 against a resolution to discuss the matter.

The activity of a few women who so earnestly advocate woman suffrage is in no sense diminished

by the successive failures, their zeal blinding them to the fact that the determined and intelligent opposition to any extension of the suffrage to women is not confined to one locality, but extends throughout the length and breadth of our country.

Beat Her Double.

"I knew no one, for four weeks, when I was sick with typhoid and kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Annie Hunter, of Pittsburg, Pa., "and when I got better, although I had one of the best doctors I could get, I was bent double, and had to rest my hands on my knees when I walked. From this terrible affliction I was rescued by Electric Bitters, which restored my health and strength, and now I can walk as straight as ever. They are simply wonderful." Guaranteed to cure stomach, liver and kidney disorders; at Allen & Woodward's drug store; price 50c.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that parties indebted to the undersigned are urgently requested to settle their accounts at once as I have dispensed of my harness business to Mr. Grant Elwin, and it is necessary that all sums due me be paid.

J. E. WINEGAR

Doctors said He would not live.

Peter Fry, Woodruff, Pa., writes: "After doctoring two years with the best physicians in Winesburg, and still getting worse, the doctors advised me if I had any business to attend to I had better attend to it at once, as I could not possibly live another month as there was no cure for me. Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended to me by a friend, and I immediately sent my son to the store for it and after taking three bottles I began to get better and continued to improve until I was entirely well." Sold by Graham & Wortham.

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