

Clyde Brock A Suicide Friends Shocked

Ends Life Soon After Promotion From Heppner Bank
Worry Is Believed To Have Been The Cause.

WAS WELL KNOWN AND LIKED

Clyde Brock, cashier of the Bank of Ione, committed suicide at about 12:35 Sunday afternoon. A 41-caliber revolver was used, the bullet entering the head above the right ear and coming out on the left side near the top of the skull. No motive is assigned except worry over the change of assistant cashier of the First National Bank of Heppner to cashier of the Bank of Ione. He succeeded E. A. Claire, acting cashier.

J. E. Cronan, the president, was with Mr. Brock about noon and prevailed on him to go to lunch and receiving a refusal, left for his lunch. Upon his return 25 minutes later he found Mr. Brock breathing his last in the rear room of the bank.

That there was absolutely no possibility of Mr. Brock's suicide being due to financial irregularities was the statement made by Mr. Cronan.

BUSINESS REPUTATION GOOD

"I have known Mr. Brock for a long time," said Mr. Cronan. "I had implicit confidence in him and I know there could have been nothing wrong. He was a man of spotless character and his record in business and in private life was ideal. He came here only recently to take the cashiership of the bank Oct. 1. It was a promotion from his former position as assistant cashier at the Heppner bank.

"On leaving the bank at Heppner and winding up the affairs there, his accounts underwent a thorough accounting and were found to be absolutely accurate. That sets aside all possibility of there having been any financial irregularities as he had only been with our bank for a few days."

CHANGE CAUSES DISCONTENT

"There seems to be no doubt, however, as to what caused his suicide. On coming to Ione, although the change was a promotion, he heard from many persons that he had made a mistake in leaving Heppner, the larger town, for work in a smaller town. He seemed to brood about this. I had noticed for the last two or three days that he seemed disconsolate and did everything I could to cheer him and make him realize that there was a future at Ione, as well as Heppner. He wouldn't be cheered, though. Sunday I legged him to go to luncheon with me, but he insisted that he couldn't eat a morsel and said he was feeling too blue. Twenty-five minutes later I returned and found him dying.

Mr. Brock had left Heppner Sunday morning on the early train for Ione to do a little checking on the books of the bank before opening hours Monday. He seemed to worry over displacing the former cashier and was to have taken over the entire charge of the bank, relieving Mr. Cronan of many of the heavy duties of the institution, so he could attend to Portland business.

A Coroner's jury found a verdict of suicide. The inquest was held by Dr. C. C. Chick, Coroner. Some papers and \$18.64 were found on the body.

Mr. Brock leaves a wife and two children at Heppner and mother at Salem. He was with the Capital National Bank of Salem, Or., for 4 and half years and for 14 years was with the First National bank of Heppner. He was assistant cashier eight years of this time.

AFFAIRS AT HEPPNER GOOD

Former Business Associate
Thinks Brock's Mind
Was Unhinged.

T. J. Mahoney, cashier of the First National Bank of Heppner where Clyde Brock was assistant cashier for eight years prior to his suicide at Ione, declared that Mr. Brock's financial affairs were in good shape. "The only way I can account for his suicide is on a theory of temporary insanity," said Mr. Mahoney. "He resigned here voluntarily September 2 to take the position of cashier at Ione, and sold his residence property at Heppner. Mr. Brock left Sunday morning for Ione and seemed depressed. Many of his former associates had told him that he was making a mistake in leaving Heppner for a smaller town, and he seemed worried with the idea.

SUICIDE IS SHOCK TO SALEM

Clyde Brock Well Thought
of in Long Residence
at Capital.

Clyde Brock, well known in Salem, where he attended school and later, for six years was head bookkeeper for the Capital National Bank. He was 36 years old and a native of Kansas. An invalid mother, Mrs. Nancy Brock, resides in Salem, while a brother, Arthur Brock, is a linotype operator on the Evening Telegram, Portland. His father Cassius Brock, died in Salem three years ago. He is survived by a widow and two daughters.

Mr. Brock left Salem 14 years ago for Heppner, where he was assistant cashier in the First National Bank until recently, when he resigned to accept the cashiership of the Bank of Ione. During his residence here Mr. Brock was known as a man of the strictest integrity and the news that he had ended his life came as a shock.

W. N. Peddicord the Pendleton horse buyer was in Monday and bought a carload of horses and shipped them out Tuesday morning.

There will be a car load of Rock Springs coal at Cecil and those who wish coal can leave their orders at the Cecil Postoffice or with T. H. Lowe.

John Johnson made a short visit to Ione this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Moffat went to Heppner Monday night to attend the meeting of the American Yeomen and assist in the initiation of the new members.

We have just received a copy of one of the newspapers printed in Morrow County that had escaped our notice before. We refer to the Budget printed at Heppner by Robert Notson and Jasper Crawford. We are glad to chronicle the fact.

Jake Bertzer came in Monday and had his horses shod at the John Wilt blacksmith shop.

J. W. Stringer brought in some things for the store and did a little shopping.

We notice that J. E. Whiton the job printer of Newberg has merged his interests with that of the Newberg Enterprise one of the news weeklies published in that city. We knew Mr. Whiton personally and believe he will make good in his new position as he has in the past while conducting his own business.

Christ Joost came in this week from Morgan to spend a few hours at the horse sale.

Glenn Ball was one of the visitors from the country this week and while here took in the sights.

Ture Peterson sold some horses at the horse sale held here last Monday.

The Oregon Optimist comes to our exchange table this week for the first time and while it is understood that it is a continuation of the old Stanfield paper yet we are glad to welcome it and hope that its years of usefulness may be long.

Jake Bertzer and J. W. Stringer made a shopping trip to Ione the past week.

Lou Davidson came in Friday evening from the Frisco Fair and reported a fine time. He renewed old friendship with his many friends in the Fair City.

Marie Cason arrived from North Yakima, Washington Friday evening after a months visit with friends and relatives there.

Mrs. Jos. Knappenberg was a Heppner visitor this week returning Saturday morning.

Frank H. Robinson made a little trip to the Big City Friday morning returning Saturday.

Clyde Brock and Vawter Crawford were passengers on the train Saturday evening. They left to spend Sunday with their families.

W. W. Crittenden, Sr. hailing from Seattle the Sound City paid Ione a visit the past week.

Those who were registered at the Hotel Ione the past week were: A. W. Lundel and wife, P. Brenner, R. H. Zinter, J. E. Frazier, N. McClintock, Timan Hogue, R. K. Drake, and L. E. Akers.

Mrs. F. W. Sears left Saturday morning for Butteville, Oregon to make a short visit with her father. She will visit with her sister at Amboy, Washington before she returns.

Ed. Bookman was in Saturday. He is working on the Benedict house at the Diamond T. ranch and he expects to finish up about Tuesday of this week.

Dr. Davis arrived Friday evening to stay for a few days to look after a number of his patients.

C. J. Anderson of Fairview came in Saturday to spend Sunday with his family who are staying in town this winter so the children may attend school.

Novel Manufacturing Exhibit at Marvelous Exposition



ILLUSTRATION shows one of the interesting exhibits in the Palace of Manufacturers at the Panama-Pacific International Exposition, San Francisco. This typifies the realism that dominates the whole exhibit type of the great Exposition. The harvester and model horses are complete in every detail. Be sure to visit San Francisco this summer.

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Gusher Draws Crowd Farmers Rejoice

Morrow County People Flock To See Rice Well Which
Promises Raise In County Land Values

RAILROAD OFFICIALS SPEAK

(Special.)—Morrow County farm land jumped \$100 an acre today when 300 farmers, their wives and children, traveled across country for a radius of from 40 to 60 miles to help celebrate the dedication of an artesian water gusher on the farm of R. B. Rice ten miles from Lexington, Or.

Ten years ago R. B. Rice, aged 28, came to Morrow County from Missouri, took up a quarter section of homestead land. Four years later he purchased an adjoining section from the Government at \$1.25 an acre, and since then has purchased 854 acres at \$10 an acre. Two weeks ago he was offered \$15 an acre for his property, but today he wouldn't sell his 1174 acres for \$115 an acre, because water was struck at a depth of 600 feet September 24.

All of Morrow County is rejoicing with Mr. Rice now, as water for Rice means water for Morrow County.

William McMurry, general passenger agent for the O. W. R. & N., opened the dedication exercises, introducing Farmer C. E. Smith, of the same road, who spoke of the great benefit the gusher, which flows 270 gallons a minute, means to this section. He was followed by H. E. Lounsbury, general freight agent of the road.

W. D. Newlon designated sagebrush water king of Morrow County, because he found the water, made the closing address, thanking the Morrow County residents for the faith they placed in him for the past two years. James Miller, traveling passenger agent of the O. W. R. & N., was also a prominent participant in the celebration.

Many residents of Ione were present with their autos. They were all satisfied that this well would be one of the best ads that Morrow County has had for years. Say, people, didn't we tell you something like this was coming. There is more to follow.

Schedule High School Football Made

Last Saturday the Morrow County Interscholastic High School Athletic League met at Lexington and arranged the athletic schedules for the coming school year. The representatives from the three towns were: Mr. Mottley, coach of the Heppner football huskies, Carl Miller, Lexington and "Fat" Blake from Ione. The football schedule is as follows:

- Oct. 9 Ione at Lexington.
- Oct. 16 Lexington at Heppner.
- Oct. 23 Heppner at Ione.
- Oct. 30 Heppner at Lexington.
- Nov. 6 Lexington at Ione.
- Nov. 13 Ione at Heppner.

It was decided that Heppner must stop playing men on their team, whose ages exceed 21 or the other two teams will not play them.

The tennis tournament will be held at Lexington, but as yet no date has been decided upon. Lexington High School is to

arrange the schedule in tennis, while Ione arranges basketball and Heppner, the basketball schedules. The annual track meet will be held at Heppner at a date to be fixed by them. Medals are to be given to the winner of each event.

Town Team Drubs High School Boys

Sunday afternoon the town football team drubbed the high school athletes 14 to 3. The game was fairly fast considering that it was the first game of the year and that many of the boys had not handled the moleskin this year. The town team outweighed the high school team perhaps 10 pounds to the man but in spite of the handicap the smaller boys put up a good fight. The town team scored their touchdowns in the first and second quarters, respectively. Walter Cochran carried the ball over for the first touchdown, while Warner Reitman scooped the ball and ran half the length of the field for the second. Neither team scored until the last quarter when Captain Blake of the high school boys kicked from about the 25 yard line and secured their three points. Those who played were; Town team; Warner Reitman, Dutch Reitman, Vic Reitman, Frank Hopkins, Guy Cason, Joe Williams, Leo Gist, Ray Blake, Arch Cochran, Bob Sperry and Walter Cochran. School team: Rusty Cochran, Lee Howell, Isaac Williamson, Ray Sperry, George Zink, Tom Griffith, Earl Blake, Harley Sperry, "Fat" Blake, Roy Blake and "Silk" Blake. The high school boys are to play Lexington high school team at Lexington next Saturday.

Fred Esteb of Gooseberry brought in the last load of 1915 wheat crop Monday.

Frank Everson was doing a little shopping in the City Monday.

Leonard Carlson of Gooseberry took out some lumber for a garage the other day.

W. A. McClintock of Gooseberry was in town Saturday for fruit for canning purposes. Guess he had fair luck from the appearances of his back when he left town.

Sylvan Smith who has been employed on the R. McEligott ranch the past summer left Tuesday morning for Yakima.

Hub Shifty who has been working on the Fred Griffin ranch near Fairview left Tuesday for Portland.

Sample Shoes

to arrive early next week. Here is a chance to buy ladies', mens and childrens shoes at wholesale prices. Remember the bargains you got last year and watch for the arrival of this lot.—Bert Mason.

R. M. Akers was in the city on business Monday.