

DIED TOGETHER.

Double Tragedy Enacted at Yolo's County Seat.

DISAPPOINTMENT IN LOVE LEADS TO A TERRIBLE CRIME.

J. W. Montgomery Kills His Newly Made Wife and Then Himself—The Couple Leave Letters Saying That the Act Was Mutually Agreed Upon.

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WOODLAND, Sept. 17.—A frightful case of murder and suicide has just come to light. The lifeless bodies of Miss Mae Adams and J. W. Montgomery were discovered this morning lying in the rear of the yard of a small, occupied residence on College street, one block from Byrns' Hotel. A valise labeled "Poison," also a Smith & Wesson .35-caliber pistol were found between the bodies.

On investigation it is quite plain that Montgomery first shot Miss Adams in the left temple and then turned the revolver and fired a fatal shot through his own brain, ending the right tragedy.

The people in the neighborhood heard two shots fired at short intervals at 8 o'clock last night. These were probably the fatal shots.

It was discovered that young Montgomery had also taken poison, and as there was an interval of not more than a minute between the shots, it is thought that the drug must have been swallowed immediately after the first shot.

Both were representative people of the best society, and the public is at a loss to know the cause of the tragedy, although it is supposed that the murder and suicide were the result of a refusal on the part of the lady's parents to permit their marriage.

The young couple had been keeping company for two years and it is thought by many that a contract of marriage had been entered into between them. At any rate, it was a common supposition that they were to be married in a few days, and he was heard to remark a few days since, that he would marry the girl or kill her.

A letter was found on young Montgomery's person which will probably explain the tragic affair more fully, but it was concluded not to open it until the coroner's inquest.

J. Warren Montgomery was about 21 years of age, and had resided at the house of his aunt, Mrs. Briggs, in Woodland for some time. He was a well-to-do man, and had done more or less reporting in the past year or two for both the Woodland papers. For the past few days he has been acting very strangely, and very heavily, and his aunt had written to his parents in Stockton to come over, as the boy was acting in a manner that would give her a heart attack, and she was unsettled. Both parents, however, were in Stockton at the time of the tragedy.

The Adams was a handsome young lady of 18 or 19 years of age, and was regarded as one of the popular belles of the place. Her father, Mr. Adams, was a man of considerable wealth, and one of the most prominent men in the county, having represented this county twice in the Legislature.

The last time the parents saw their murdered daughter in life was about 6 or 7 o'clock last evening, when she left the house ostensibly to visit a friend, but some young lady friends.

Miss Mae Adams was born and raised in this county. She was a young lady of excellent address, and a member of the society. Her friends are everywhere all over the county, and no one could say a word against her, and she was held in high esteem and loved by all who knew her. She had an idea that she could reform Montgomery, and as they had almost grown up together, she naturally had considerable affection for him.

There was no idea that she ever contemplated suicide or that she would ever agree to die with her lover. She has been in the best of spirits lately, and only yesterday was talking to a friend about how soon she would be married, and she was going to do, and how she was going to be beautiful.

J. W. Montgomery is as well known in Woodland as Miss Adams. He has been a law student in the office of C. W. Thomas for a number of years. At intervals he has been practicing at Woodland, and has been reported both on the Democrat and Mail. He was above the ordinary from an intellectual standpoint, and there was nothing particularly about him that would lead him to drink rather heavily when opportunity presented itself. He was not very studious, but was rather inclined to study. He was not a very liked as a rule, although he had made some few enemies. But there was no one who would wish him any harm, and he was a tried friend, and what has caused him to commit this rash act is something his friends cannot explain.

THE INQUEST. WOODLAND, Sept. 17.—The coroner's inquest on the bodies of Montgomery and Miss Adams. No new facts have been elicited further than that contained in a letter by Montgomery addressed "To the Public." The envelope contained a marriage contract and the following letters, both bearing date of September 14th at Woodland, Cal.:

"To the Public, My Father and Mother: This is a will, also a public statement. By force of circumstances I am forced to commit two acts of violence—one against myself and one against my wife (generally known as Mae Adams). I will pull the trigger to-night as to who shall do the act. I hope I am the one. I enclosed in my marriage contract. Please advise if in the papers to have those whom I owe to present their bills to my father for payment. Outside of my debts all my money shall go to my mother."

"J. WARREN MONTGOMERY."

The following letter was found on Miss Adams' person: "WOODLAND, Cal., September 13, 1891. 'To my Mother: Warren and I are married. We have not been happy for the reason the papa is interested. He has the contract. Give my ring to Carrie and Daisy and give the other to Carrie Mayhew. This act is all my fault. Love to you and Daisy. Good bye. MAE ADAMS."

YOUNG MONTGOMERY'S FATHER. STOCKTON, Sept. 17.—W. S. Montgomery, the father of the young man who suicided at Woodland, left here this morning for that place. He is a boarder at the asylum here, and although regularly committed, is not insane. He is an editorial writer for several journals, and was a prominent lawyer here many years ago, but has been out of practice a long time, and is perfectly contented to remain in the asylum with his books and papers.

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Two Texas Editors Settle Their Disputes on the Field of Honor, One Being Killed—Judge Van Fleet and W. W. Morrow Recommended to the President by Congressman McKenna for the Vacant California Judgeship.

Special to the Record-Union.

NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—A Washington special says: Senator C. C. MacKenzie, a well-known Italian-American residing here, and acting as agent in this country of the National party of Hawaii, corresponding to the Hawaiian Congress, to-day laid before the President a letter, that he recently received from a correspondent in Honolulu, asserting that England is now planning to take possession of the Kingdom. The writer said that some action on the part of the United States is necessary; that the Queen is favored by the British interests and ready to countenance the move when made. The President was interested in the letter, and asked Senator MacKenzie to communicate with Secretary Blaine.

INTERSTATE COCKING MAIN. California to Compete Against Maryland. WASHINGTON (D. C.), Sept. 17.—Arrangements have been made for an interstate cocking main between California and Maryland for \$3,000, and \$100 each battle. The contracting parties are Anthony Green of Sacramento, California, and A. B. Suit of Suitland, Mo., both prominent breeders of the same wolf. Richard K. Fox is the final stake-holder. Each side is to show seventeen cocks, light weight to be four pounds, eight ounces, and heavy weight six pounds and four ounces. The main is to be fought in New York or New Jersey on September 7, 1892, and Arthur B. Suit or the stakeholder is to select the battleground. Each side has deposited \$500, and the final deposit is to be posted on January 4, 1892, making the total \$3,000.

MEXICAN GULF RAILROAD. Its Completion Creates a Boom in Commercial Circles. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The Bureau of American Republics is informed that the opening of the Monterey and Mexican Gulf Railroad to Tampico has created an unprecedented activity in commercial and shipping circles. Long before the road was opened to the public for traffic large quantities of freight for export was delivered along the line, and heavily laden trains followed the track layers to this city.

To avoid a blockade the West India and Pacific Steamship Company and an English organization provided a special steamer to take the cargo to Europe. It is thought that the volume of imports and exports of Tampico will by January next be as great as Vera Cruz, the newly constructed port offering a thoroughly safe harbor to vessels and better facilities for handling cargoes than any other port of Mexico.

THE INTRA SEIZURE. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The opinion is gaining ground here that the post-office label suit against the Chilean steamer Itata, now set for trial at San Diego, Cal., on the 25th inst., will be presented by the Government, although the other postoffice is in the hands of the Chilean Government. It is expected that the case will be decided in favor of the Government, and that the steamer will be allowed to proceed on its voyage.

BODIES BENEATH FIRE RUIRES. NEW YORK, Sept. 17.—Two more bodies, identified as the remains of John Adelstein and Frederick, his son, both Jewish, were found in the ruins of the Commercial Advertiser building this morning. The police believe other bodies will be unearthed.

PRESIDENT HARRISON INVITED TO GEORGIA. WASHINGTON, Sept. 17.—The President to-day received a delegation of prominent citizens of Augusta, Ga., who invited him to attend an exposition to be held in that city next November. The President declined the invitation, and said whether he could accept the invitation or not he could not say, as very important matters demanded his attention from now on till the next meeting of Congress.

FUNERAL OF EX-MINISTER LORING. SALEM (Mass.), Sept. 17.—The funeral of Dr. Loring, ex-Commissioner of Agriculture and ex-Minister to Portugal, was held this afternoon. After services in the church the body was escorted to Harmony Grove Cemetery, its resting place, by Knights of Winslow Lewis Commandery, Knights Templar, and a long cortege of carriages.

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