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HE COMMITTS SUICIDE

Charles Allen, a Citizen of Columbus, Blows Out His Own Brains.

WAS ACTING QUEERLY

And Had Said He Was Tired of Living—Deed Done with a Revolver.

Special Correspondence of The Gazette.

Columbus, Nov. 27.—Chas. Allen committed suicide here Friday evening by blowing his brains out with a .38-calibre Colt's revolver. Mr. Allen was one of the oldest residents of Columbus, and not until last Saturday morning was the awful news made known to the citizens of this place.

Mr. Allen had been acting queerly for some time, and had mentioned to his wife that he was tired of living and that for her, he would end all. Last week he asked her to get some poison at the drug store, and they would go together. Since that time he was closely watched by his father-in-law, James Herrington, who had grave fears for his daughter's safety. He induced them to give up business in town, where Mr. Allen had a saloon, and come and look after his cattle, in which they were both interested. All the fire arms on the place were kept under lock and key, but Friday morning Mr. Allen asked for his revolver to shoot wolves, which he claimed were among the cattle. His brother-in-law went with him and they returned in the afternoon as usual. Mr. Allen spent a few minutes talking affectionately with his wife and partaking of some light refreshments which she had prepared.

About 5 o'clock supper was served, but Mr. Allen refused to come to the table, saying he was unwell. A few minutes later the family were startled by the report of a pistol in the bedroom. Mr. Herrington rushed to the door and found his son-in-law's lifeless form stretched out on the floor in front of the mirror. The pistol lay on the dresser, where it had dropped from the suicide's hand. The entire forehead and upper part of the face were blown away and nearly the entire brain lay about the dresser in handfuls or was scattered about the room. Mr. Herrington closed the door on the awful spectacle, telling the family to call for assistance, but not to enter the room. Many friends soon arrived and took charge of the body.

Sunday the remains were interred in the family lot at Absarokee. A large concourse of friends and neighbors followed the body to the grave and endeavored to comfort the bereaved family.

Mr. Allen left a note in his pocket asking the bank to pay all money to his wife. He had always been of a melancholy disposition, but lately had been addicted to the use of alcoholic stimulants, which, with business misfortune, probably led to his suicide.

This makes the third time in the present year when the question "Is life worth living?" has been decided in the negative.

MATED FOR LIFE.

Two Popular Young People Enter the Matrimonial State.

Wednesday evening Nov. 16th, the Reverend Dent united in marriage at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lewis, Mr. W. H. Spear and Miss Daisy Lewis, says the Sheridan Post.

The groom is a young man well and favorably known having resided in this country for seventeen years and is interested in the cattle business with the firm of Spear Bros. of which he is a member. He is a son of W. Spear of Billings, Mont., at which place his brother Charles is at the head of a large and very successful mercantile firm. He has a host of relatives and friends throughout the county and we are pleased to say that he is deserving of all the friendship and trust that he has bestowed upon him.

The bride is a beautiful and talented young lady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lewis and a sister of Mrs. R. R. Selway. Mr. Selway being one of the Montana sheep barons and a very successful flock master.

The happy couple will arrange to reside near Big Horn where Mr. Spear has stock interests that will occupy his full attention.

The annual meeting of the executive committee of the North Montana Roundup association was held in Helena yesterday. The members of the committee met at Helena once a year to discuss business matters pertaining to the management of the affairs of the association. All of the cattlemen in attendance upon the meeting felt very buoyant over the year's good prices for beef and the fine condition in which the cattle enter the winter.

BIG SHEEP SYNDICATE

Will Invest \$10,000,000 in Montana to Revolutionize the Business.

PAIR OF BILLINGS MEN

Are Interested in the Scheme—Have Been Buying Up Options on Ranches, Etc.

A few weeks ago the Gazette published an article to the effect that eastern parties were buying up ranches and sheep in Sweetgrass and Meagher counties. At that time, although not known definitely, it was thought that a big company was going into the sheep business in eastern Montana, and later developments proved this to be correct.

An American-English syndicate has been organized and already has secured options on nearly 500,000 head of sheep and 500,000 acres of the finest and most fertile sheep raising land in the state have been obtained. The representatives of the syndicate in Montana are Col. E. C. Waters and Edward J. Morrison, former residents of Billings, both old, experienced and successful Montana sheepmen. Bert Reiss of New York city, is counsel and organizer of the company, which will be known as the Montana Consolidated Sheep and Land company, with a capital of \$10,000,000.

The Gazette is in receipt of a letter from Mr. E. J. Morrison, from New York City, in which he gives an idea of the objects of the syndicate, which are gleaned from the following extracts:

"The company will seek to improve the sheep industry of this state. Experienced sorters, graders and packers will be in charge at the various shearing plants, so as to have the wool in a good shape on the market, commanding ready sale and highest prices.

"Instead of sending sheep to the states to be fattened, the company will get them in proper condition for the market and grain feeding upon alfalfa, which is grown in large quantities upon many of their properties, and acknowledged to be the finest sheep food grown. Securing plants, woolen mills, etc., are among the company's possibilities.

"Montana has a sheep commission which has been in existence for many years; it regulates the sanitary laws for the raising of sheep; their statistics show no loss from disease, their rules entirely govern the sheep industry in the state. The climate is the best in the world for the raising of sheep, and the carrying on successfully of the industry. The Montana sheep is a world-famed animal.

"The amalgamation of the best sheep ranches in Montana will revolutionize the business and put it on a more profitable basis. The plans under way will bring about a saving of a very large percentage of yearly expense. We will introduce many new devices; the saving will not be by cutting down labor, but by minimizing and centralizing the work, and discontinuing many useless expenses now existing. We will take care of all the business, from raising the finest of bucks, shearing and putting the wool and mutton into satisfactory shape for the markets, as well as improving the quality of our products.

"It is understood that nearly all of the bonds of the company have been underwritten, and I believe that within one or two months we will be ready for business.

"The principal office of the company will be in the state of Montana, with sub-offices in all the large cities of this country, as may be deemed advisable."

BODIES OF SOLDIERS FOUND.

Belonged to the Seventh Cavalry, Killed by Sioux Indians in '76.

The Gazette has received the following letter which is self-explanatory: Garryowen, Mont., Nov. 28.—Editor of The Gazette: On the nineteenth of this month myself and C. C. Cole, while digging on the Reno battlefield, found buried in one of the old rifle pits, three dead soldiers of the Seventh U. S. Cavalry, killed by the Sioux Indians in 1876. Why we know they were soldiers was that on one we found eight brass buttons, three being on the buttons the letter I. On the other soldiers wore buttons with the letter C, which denotes the troop to which they belonged. In one of the skulls we found a .45-70 bullet. In another skull we looked at the teeth and found an upper tooth filled with gold and also one filled with silver. On one of the bodies we also found a rifle sling. A white-hat also covered one of the skulls. You can plainly tell that they were buried in blue overcoats. We covered over the skulls, not digging up the bodies after we were sure they were soldiers.

We notified J. E. Edwards, the Crow

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Indian agent, and in turn he reported the matter to Mr. Grower, who is in charge of the Custer battlefield, whose duty it is to dig up these bodies and bury them in the national cemetery at the Custer battlefield. As yet have heard nothing and neither has anything been done. It seems as though Mr. Grower would attend to this matter before the ground freezes over, when it will be almost impossible to dig them up. Unless something is done shortly I shall notify Gen. Nelson A. Miles at Washington, D. C.

I served in the Second Cavalry in the Spanish-American war, my First Lieutenant being Jack Ivey, who is residing at Billings.
Yours truly,
T. A. Gallagher,
Section foreman, Garryowen, Mont.

WITT BOUND OVER

On a Charge of Grand Larceny—Schultz Disappears.

The preliminary hearing of Herman Witt and Rudolph H. Schultz on the charge of grand larceny came up before Justice Fraser Saturday. But one of the defendants appeared, Mr. Schultz having apparently left the country for parts unknown and thereby forfeited his bail bond of \$750, which was a certified check furnished by himself. The hearing was not concluded until late Saturday night. Mr. Witt testified that he had not known of the presence of the sheep on his ranch until a day or so after they were brought in by Mr. Schultz, and that the brand at the time was hardly legible; that he had had a branding iron made several days previous for the purpose of branding his sheep.

At the conclusion of the testimony the justice took the matter under advisement until Monday morning, when

he bound Mr. Witt over to the district court in bonds of \$750, which were readily furnished by Chris Yegen.

THE CHINAMAN WON.

A Suit Against Yee Sing for the Sum of \$250.

B. F. Davidson was beaten in the suit he brought against Yee Sing, proprietor of the New York restaurant for \$250, which he alleged was due him for wages. The suit was heard before Justice Kelly Friday afternoon, when a decision was rendered in favor of the defendant. Davidson may have taken the Celestial for a chump, but before the hearing was finished he was fully aware that the native of the Flowery Kingdom had the best of the proposition. Davidson tried to make it appear that he had the above sum coming to him as wages, but he had no one to corroborate his testimony. Yee Sing brought forth three white American citizens, who testified that Davidson had told them that he had a good lay-out at the Chinaman's doing a certain amount of work for his board. This was enough to satisfy the justice and he rendered a decision as stated above. Davidson was working at the New York restaurant when it was robbed by Dunne, and he was arrested as an accomplice, but afterwards discharged.

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