

HOTEL EMPLOYEE SUICIDES BY HANGING HIMSELF TO BED POST

NEWTON BLOOMER SUICIDE'S NAME SEEMS LIKELY TO BE

The lifeless form of a man, aged 40, was found in room 14 in the annex of the Waldo hotel at 6:30 o'clock Thursday evening. The man had evidently committed suicide.

The discovery was made by William Thomas, colored, the janitor of the building, when he went to call the fellow to go to the hotel, where he was employed as one who aids the "help" of the hotel. Dr. C. R. Ogden was immediately summoned by telephones and responded quickly. Together with George Wine, the carpenter, who had just arrived at the building to repair a trunk, Dr. Ogden entered the room and there saw the man with a satchel strap around his neck tied to the head frame of the iron bedstead. His feet were on the floor and his knees almost reaching the floor and his head was against the wall next to the window.

The man was hurriedly cut down and the noose formed of the buckled end of the strap removed from around his neck. An examination proved him dead, although his body was still warm and although his pulse seemed to beat a time or two. By this time Manager R. J. Gazley, of the hotel, was on the scene and Justice M. S. Riley in the capacity of coroner was sent for. He arrived in less than half an hour as did also the undertakers, and made an inspection of the man, the strap and the room. Lying on the dresser five feet from the head of the bed were two ounces of oxalic acid, which is a slow poison, and besides this was some tissue paper, in which it had evidently been wrapped.

The fellow had on all his clothes and the coroner searched his pockets, but found but a few articles. They consisted of a miniature picture of a woman, apparently about 30 years of age, on the back of which picture was written Emma V. Whitehead, 56 8th St., Cov., Ky.—an unaddressed envelope well worn and containing two blank sheets of letter paper, a memorandum book issued by a Chicago concern, blank with the exception of the last leaf on which was written "Emma Whitehead," the name "Newton Bloomer" or "Blummer" written on the envelope in which was the picture, a five cent piece and a one cent piece, four pale blue envelopes with the return card of the Winchester Steam Laundry, W. W. Simpson, proprietor, Winchester, Va., some cigarette paper, a laborer's dark blue handkerchief, a small bunch of wrapping cord, part of a black comb and a spool of thread.

Inquiry at the quarters brought out the information that he was last seen alive about 3:30 or 4 o'clock by William Thomas, colored, when he entered the room. This appeared to be all the information obtainable, except that the fellow applied December 1 at the hotel for work and began working there December 2, when his name as he gave it was entered on the hotel books.

Justice Riley directed the undertakers to take charge of the body and then went to the hotel, where he got the name as given by the man. Following this he sent the following telegram to the Whitehead woman: "Newton Bloomer dead here. What shall we do with remains?" It was then decided not to hold an inquest as there was every indication that the man had committed suicide. It is supposed that he formed the noose, placed it around his neck, tied one end to the bed railing and then jumped off the bed and strangled to death. His neck was not broken.

So far no motive has been discovered. He had a morose appearance and it is probable he committed the rash act in a fit of despondency. However, his associations with others here was not of such an intimate character as to result in the knowledge of his manner of life.

It is stated that he got hold of some oxalic acid at the hotel on a previous occasion and attempted to swallow it, but the baker snatched it from him and informed him that it was poisonous. It is probable he got hold of some of this and that

accounts for its being in his room. The man looked like a German, weighed 180 pounds, was 6 feet tall, and had black hair, black eyes and black mustache.

At 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon Justice Riley received the following telegram in answer to his:

"Covington, Ky., Dec. 8, 1905. "Prepare the remains for shipment to me. Wire particulars. "E. V. WHITEHEAD."

The message was turned over to the undertakers to communicate with the woman as to the expense of shipment.

ONLY FIVE MEN IN THE PARVENUS

The ladies of "The Parvenus" discovered they had to have a few men in the production to handle the baggage and scenery, so after quite a search they discovered five who had sufficient nerve to face the collection of female loveliness that would confront them when the play was produced. The gentlemen were bearing up remarkably well under the strain.

The male characters in the musical comedy "The Parvenus" are certainly in good hands as was demonstrated by the performance of last Monday night.

John Saunders, the author, is an actor of large experience and ability, having been connected for a number of years with some of the best New York productions. His portrayal of the Count is most pleasing and keeps the house in a ripple of laughter.

Will Lewis, as the retired German brewer, is a decided hit and as his lines are bright and full of points it is easy for him to amuse the audience. His "Goody Woody" song with local hits, is certainly a winner.

Most every one knows that Sam Bentley can act, but very few knew him to be a singer. Sam says he don't know it yet. But he certainly does a fine piece of character work in playing Hiram Shale. Gus Smith, our Gus Smith, we're proud of him and his voice. He has both range and quality and then he sings with that grace and ease that marks the real professional. You know Gus has been with the best of them—Weber & Fields, Fritzi Scheff and others of like calibre.

The surprise of the evening was in Fleming Holden. We didn't think he could do it, but he did, and so well that all are loud in their praise. He made Grip very funny indeed.

It's not so hard to make good when you have a good, bright, snappy comedy like "The Parvenus." It is full of points from beginning to end. The music is catchy. The situations are humorous and there is no drag in it.

It is reproduced tonight at the Grand and every thing points to another triumph.

WATCHMAN ASSAULTED

Jim Wood, night watchman for the Fairmont Coal Company at Hutchinson, was assaulted while on duty at night, by some unknown person. His assailant dealt him a stunning blow in the forehead, which rendered him unconscious and it required twelve stitches by the surgeon to close the flesh wound. Wood is unable to describe his assailant as the cowardly blow was struck in the dark and was unexpected. The assault was doubtless the result of trouble which Wood had with some of the miners at that place.

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 8—The executive committee of the trunk lines association will meet Tuesday or Wednesday of next week in New York to discuss the abolition of free transportation. Nearly all roads in the trunk line territory favor making a change in issuing passes, but several do not care to go so far as did the Pennsylvania.

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MRS. MARY ROGERS IS EXECUTED IN A VERMONT PRISON

SALEM'S MAYOR REFORMS

Mayor O. L. Rohrbough, of Salem has openly declared that he intends to make battle upon the gamblers of that city and has instructed the chief of police to carry out the laws against gaming of all kinds.

Resulting from the mayor's declaration a public meeting was held Thursday night. It was addressed again that he intended to "clean up."

In the course of his address he said he was not a candidate for reelection at the election to be held January 4.

Plans were adopted to aid the mayor in his effort to enforce the laws.

The mayor's declarations and the public meeting has thrown the various members of the sporting fraternity into a panic and within the next few days there will likely be a general exodus of them from the place.

DOVENER WANTS FOREST RESERVE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8—Among the bills introduced in the House is one by Representative Dovener, of West Virginia, to establish a forest reserve in the Appalachian mountains, and to conserve the waters of the Potomac watershed and provide a pure water supply to the District of Columbia.

HENDERSON ARRESTED

Charles Henderson was arrested Thursday evening on a warrant sworn out in Justice M. S. Riley's court by Frank Sheldon, charging him with forging Jennie Sheldon's name to an alleged contract relative to the sale of a horse. He gave bond of \$500 before Justice J. N. David to appear for a hearing at 10 o'clock Saturday morning. Justice Riley could not act and Justice David will hear the case. Some days since Henderson was acquitted on a similar warrant sworn out by Sheldon.

IMMIGRATION CONFERENCE HELD IN NEW YORK

New York, Dec. 8—West Virginia was well represented at the national conference of immigration here today. Of the delegates appointed by Governor Dawson to attend the conference a large number were present. The entire West Virginia delegation made the trip to Ellis Island and witnessed the landing of the immigrants arriving on the Kaiser Wilhelm II.

There was no delegate in attendance from Clarksburg.

Services Tonight

Rev. C. H. Holden will preach tonight at the First Baptist church. This will be his closing service. He goes from here to his native place, West Milford, to assist Rev. L. W. Holden in a meeting now in progress at the Baptist church.

Rev. R. B. McDanel will occupy his own pulpit here next Sunday. At the evening service he will preach the last sermon in the series to young men. Subject, "Another Look Forward, or The Young Man's Greatest Problem."

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TELEPHONE MEN HOLD MEETING

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Independent Telephone Association of West Virginia, held Thursday afternoon at the office of W. C. Handlan, manager of the National Telephone Company in Wheeling, it was decided to hold the first meeting of the association at the Chancellor Hotel, of Parkersburg, on February 22 and 23, at which time the representatives of all the independent telephone companies of the state and also from other states will be in attendance.

The object of the coming meeting is to bring all of those who do not now belong to the association into it and bring harmony among the independents so that all may fight in harmony in the battle against the competing company.

The executive committee members at the meeting were General Manager A. E. Davis, of the West Virginia Telephone Company, of Parkersburg; J. Walter Barnes, general manager of the Consolidated Telephone Co., of Fairmont, and W. C. Handlan, of the National Telephone Company, of Wheeling.

COURT IS HEARING PERITIONS

The county court resumed its sittings Friday morning as a reviewing board of the re-assessment of real estate. All the members of the court were present. A number of persons were before the court inspecting the books, with some making applications for a reduction of the valuation. At and up to two o'clock in the afternoon, in addition to those already reported about a score of petitions were received and others were received later in the day.

The Shinnston Light & Water company wants a reduction from \$10,000 to \$6,000; Caroline James from \$9,300 to \$7,500; Theodore Paichert not owner of lot on Lee street; J. L. Corbin 172 acres from \$18 to \$10 an acre; R. R. Boggs and H. L. Cunningham 56 acres from \$25 to \$15; J. E. and R. G. Latess large tract reduction figures asked for not given; Hood and Pritchard large tract from \$80 to \$90 to \$50 and \$60; C. D. Sturm house and lot from \$3,200 to \$2,000; Virginia Lucas house and lot from \$3,150 to \$2,450; Maud Dunkin 45 acres from \$2,850 to \$2,700; Columbia Winters 65 acres from \$30 to \$25; Laura L. Winters 106 acres from \$33 to \$25.51 acres from \$25 to \$16; Columbia Winters 78 acres from \$32 to \$25; A. F. Wagner house and lot Mechanic street from \$3,700 to \$3,000, and lot on Baltimore street from \$1,875 to \$1,000; C. M. Gaylord house from \$2,600 to \$1,600; S. I. Butters from \$650 to \$500, and D. S. and J. F. Strother on 6 1-2 acres at \$20 an acre.

Stuart F. Reed made application to have the value of some of his property increased, regarding it too low. This is the first application asking for an increase that has been filed with the court.

WITNESSES TAKE NOTICE OF THIS

As it has been decided to give only Friday and Saturday, Dec. 15 and 16 to the trial of criminal cases at this December term of Circuit court, witnesses in State cases set later than the 16th will not be required to attend for such cases.

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Persons having summonses for cases of this nature will save themselves the time and expense of attending the court by taking notice of this announcement.

Metal Furniture

The metal furniture for the county clerk's office is beginning to arrive and will soon be installed. The Art Metal Company, of Jamestown, N. Y., has the contract.

WITTE WANTS TO QUIT

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 8—A dispatch to the Tageblatt from St. Petersburg says Premier Witte has given his resignation to the Emperor, who refused to accept it.

BIG FIRE OCCURS AT PARKERSBURG

The Franklin school building, located at the corner of Ninth and Juliana streets, Parkersburg, was destroyed by fire early this morning. Today only the walls stand and a special policeman has been detailed to keep passersby from going near the building as the walls are in a dangerous condition and are liable to fall at any moment. The entire inside of the building is completely gutted and two of the walls are also ruined, so there is practically nothing left of any value. All of the desks, school books, papers and other articles in the building were destroyed.

President Byran of the Board of Education said today that the loss would amount to about eight thousand dollars in all and the building is insured for five thousand dollars.

Immediately after it was seen that the building was lost the Board of Education went to work to prepare places for the pupils at that building to enter school so that they will lose no time.

MAGGABEES WILL PAY LIFE INSURANCE CLAIMS

C. C. Showalter, state commander of the lodge of Maggabees, was in the city yesterday collecting proof of the death of Al Stout, who recently suicided by taking morphine. Mr. Stout was a member of the order of Maggabees and carried \$1,000 life insurance in the order. The amount will be paid to the executor of his estate as soon as the necessary papers are filled out.

TRAINMEN KILLED IN A COLLISION

By Associated Press. Chillicothe, O., Dec. 8—Engineer John Mullen, Fireman Samson and brakeman William Taylor, all of this city, were killed early this morning near Roxabell in a rear end freight collision.

B. & O. S. W. officials say the cause of the wreck was not a disobedience of orders, but a breaking in two of the eastbound train. A brakeman had thrown the switch when he supposed train No. 98 was all in the siding, but the rear part passed on the main track and struck No. 97, a short distance east of Roxabell. They say only an engineer and fireman were killed, and brakeman Taylor was severely injured.

Entertainment and Supper

The Court of Calanthe gave a very successful entertainment and supper at Reed's hall on Pike street last night. Quite a good sized crowd attended. Refreshments of all kinds were served, and all present enjoyed the evening immensely.

Thursday, January 4, will be election day in Salem, Shinnston, Lumberport, West Milford, Adams-ton and Bridgeport. So far no tickets have been nominated in any of the places, although candidates are beginning to be talked.

D. C. Mayhall, foreman for the Philadelphia Company of West Virginia, was here last night from Jacksonburg.

Joseph A. Davis returned last night from Robinson.

PAID PENALTY ON THE GALLOWES SHORTLY AFTER NOON

32ND. DEGREE WAS TAKEN

The Scottish Rite Masons have ended their fall re-union at Wheeling. The following are those who took the 32d degree during the re-union:

- Charles W. Furbee, Clarksburg.
- W. J. Maier, Clarksburg.
- L. Tracy, Clarksburg.
- J. C. White, Clarksburg.
- Less G. Race, Clarksburg.
- Robert A. Haynes, Clarksburg.
- B. F. Sayre, Grafton.
- H. B. Thayer, Grafton.
- W. B. Snodgrass, Robinson's Mills.
- T. D. Stewart, Morgantown.
- Dr. J. F. Grant, Morgantown.
- C. H. Frederick, Ellenboro.
- Herford Gray, Monongah.
- E. J. Taylor, Miltallburg.
- Maj. W. H. Hill, Banley Bridge.
- E. Leslie Long, Welch.
- Wm. I. Geary, Belmont.
- A. J. Magee, Cairo.
- Wm. N. Way, Salem.
- Wm. H. Spear.
- W. A. Carpenter.
- Earl Carpenter.
- Homer B. McKinley, Saley.
- B. E. Howell, Littleton.
- James Elliott, Govers Gap.
- W. A. McElmurry, Moundsville.
- J. W. Sherill, Moundsville.
- Ralph Sweeney, Shirley.
- J. P. Wilson, Weston.
- Charles W. Sneath, Weston.
- Reed T. Goe, Weston.
- Robert C. Slaughter, Alderson.
- Rawley W. Hall, Pine Grove.
- W. G. Allsader, Mannington.
- Thomas B. White, Mannington.
- Roy Comise, Mannington.
- J. A. Pugh, Fairmont.
- Elmer E. Harper, Polard.
- W. W. Ferguson, Berryburg.
- Robert J. Wagner, Wheeling.
- Harry J. Schaeffer, Wheeling.
- Charles M. Bruemmer, Wheeling.
- Herman L. Mantle, Wheeling.

By Associated Press. Windsor, Vt., Dec. 8—Mrs. Mary Mabel Rogers was hanged at 1:13 o'clock P. M. today.

Mrs. Rogers was pronounced dead at 1:27 1-2 o'clock. The doctors said her neck was broken.

By Associated Press. Windsor, Vt., Dec. 8—A telephone message from White River Junction from Governor Bell to Sheriff Keck stated there would be no interference with the sentence of Mrs. Rogers.

Final arrangements for carrying out the death sentence was then made. Aside from the presence of an unusual number of deputy sheriffs and a number of newspaper correspondents and telegraph operators, the town of Windsor proceeded with its business as usual today.

There was apparently no interest in what was taking place at prison. At the prison no one was admitted during the forenoon, except the persons directly connected either with the institution or the execution.

Three newspaper representatives were the only press men permitted to witness the hanging.

By Associated Press. White River Junction, Vt., Dec. 8—A conference was terminated by the positive declaration by Governor Bell that he would not interfere in the execution.

The arguments offered by attorneys were not new. They simply asked for more time.

Then he heard Miss Pharelon, who said she had brought a petition from Ohio, not for the purpose of interfering with the execution of the law of Vermont, but in the interest of humanity.

Governor Bell said: "I believe I know the sentiment of the people of Vermont as well as does any person in this room. I know of no law that is not as much for woman as for man. I consider that for you to gain to meddle in this case would place me as an executive and the State of Vermont and its laws in a ridiculous position."

The Governor then announced he would remain at the hotel here until 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, to be available in case of an emergency.

By Associated Press. Windsor, Vt., Dec. 8—An official report of the last hours of Mrs. Rogers given out by the superintendent says:

"Mrs. Rogers had been in good spirits all the time, considering of course, what must have been passing in her mind in anticipation of the awful hour of execution. She had occupied her time to a great extent in crocheting lace for aprons to be sent to relatives and persons who had sent money to her. She had read the Bible and had even committed some passages to memory. She had never lost hope that in some way her life might be spared."

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