

CROWN OF HEAD GONE

Horrible Suicide of "Jimmy" Horak on Spring Flat.

Put a Shotgun in His Mouth and Scattered His Head All Over a Room.

One of the most shocking single suicides of the Palouse country was that of Wensell, commonly known as "Jimmy" Horak, a Danish widower of about 45 years, who owned and lived alone upon a fine farm adjoining J. B. and Glenn Johnson, six miles south of Colfax. In the little kitchen of his home, he placed the muzzle of a combination rifle and shot gun in his mouth and fired the shot gun barrel. The entire crown of his head was blown off, and his false teeth blown into the ceiling of the room. Brains and skull were scattered in all directions.

Done a Week or More Before.
Horak lived alone on his farm. His wife died about 13 years ago, leaving a daughter at birth, who has for a number of years lived with the family of P. C. Smith near Pullman.

It is now known that the suicide took place as late as Friday last, the body being discovered Monday by Geo. Howell, a threshing machine operator, who went to Horak's house to secure his assistance in the fields, or to engage his crop.

Mr. Howell found Horak's harnessed team standing tied to a wagon, furnished both for food and water. The horses had eaten about all the wood work of the box within reach and were scarcely able to stand. A calf was also found tied, in the same finished condition.

Last Friday Mrs. Johnson is said to have visited the place and saw the horses, but noticed nothing wrong. She found the house locked, and thinking Horak somewhere in the fields, departed without a suspicion that he was lying dead inside. For several weeks Horak had been acting queerly and had been persuaded to remain with the Johnsons, so it is said, that he might be taken care of. It was for this purpose that Mrs. Johnson visited the place.

Other neighbors say that several days before Friday Horak was seen to drive home with the same team, harness and wagon as found. As he was never seen after that day, it is believed the body had lain at least a week or 10 days. The condition of the body, which was badly decomposed, bears this theory out.

No Known Cause.

There was no known cause for the bloody and horrible deed, outside of insanity, which seems to have been working on the man for some time. When a head crew was on his farm two or three weeks ago he imagined that the crew wanted to hang him and fled to the fields. At one time he engaged a room at a Colfax lodging house for a night, occupied it for a few minutes and then fled barefooted and was seen no more that night. His hallucination seemed to be that everyone he came in contact with was after his life with a rope.

Twenty years ago Horak had a squatter's right on a ranch on the North Palouse river, four miles below Palouse City, which he traded to G. W. Hobbs for two or three horses of indifferent breed. He then removed to the Spring flat farm. There he has since lived. The baby girl, now 13 years of age, was cared for during the first few months of her life by Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Crabtree, being finally adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Smith of near Pullman and well cared for.

There was no explanation. The only writing found was a letter to his mother, of previous date and referring in no way to the tragedy.

Coroner Mitchell and Deputy Sheriff Davis were among the first at the scene, and when they opened the door of the little house were almost overpowered by the stench from the body which had lain so long. The verdict of Coroner Mitchell was that of deliberate suicide. Even his gun was broken in twin either from overloading or stoppage of the muzzle when thrust in his mouth.

The body was brought to Colfax and buried. The dead man has a brother, Frank Horak, who lives near Astoria. His mother is a resident of Wisconsin.

That he had contemplated the act for some time is shown by a farewell visit made to his child a few days before his dead body was found and the transfer of a \$1200 deposit in a Colfax bank to his daughter, who is sole heir to the money and a well stocked farm.

A DEMOCRATIC JOKE.

Cruel Tilt At Our Wide Awake County Sheriff

The laugh is on Sheriff Mackay, who came up here the first of the week to court a new generation of the county to Colfax, says the Pullman Tribune. Tuesday morning he went to Henry's restaurant to meet his man, whom Marshal Holt had taken there for his breakfast. The prisoner was in the next room eating when Mackay came; so was the proprietor of the shooting gallery, who wore a striped sweater. He was taking his morning meal with Mr. Henry, who pointed out to him the sheriff in the next room. Mr. Henry finished his breakfast first then joined the others in front. As he of the striped clothing came out a young lady employe of the establishment remarked "here comes our convict." "Yes," replied Marshal Holt, as they frequently joshed on the subject. The sheriff, not having seen his man, stepped up to the shooting gallery proprietor, remarking, "you're a pretty tough looking citizen and you'd better put these on," holding up a pair of steel "bracelets." Mr. Revenue, the "tough looking citizen" was spell bound with astonishment, speechless, when Marshal Holt exclaimed, "hold on Mackay, you've got the wrong man." While this was going on the real prisoner came out and walked around behind the sheriff. The situation was becoming ludicrous. His majesty, the sheriff, looked about exclaiming, "well, where is he then?" The marshal indicated the man behind him, and turning he gave him the same "tough looking citizen" spell. The laugh was on, and when it was known that the key to the spring lock handcuffs was no nearer than Colfax it grew in volume and there are some laughing yet, and "the convict" shivers when he thinks how near he came to wearing the

ornaments around for the want of a key. The sheriff, too, wonders if the episode will hurt his chances.

Off for Buffalo.
Geo. W. Hull left Tuesday for Buffalo, with the expectation of being absent several months. His trip will not be all for pleasure, the principal object being to negotiate with machine works all along the line for the manufacture of the header invented by him five years ago, and which he has constantly improved since. He was accompanied by Frank and Hamilton Crampton of Spring flat, who will also visit Buffalo, points in Maryland, and probably other places.

Phenomenal Prune Tree.
Geo. Ruedy, the well-known Colfax nursery-man has succeeded in growing the finest prune tree yet reported in this region. It is of Luther Burbank's sugar variety. At one year from the bud it stands 9 feet and 1/2 inch in height. The branches measure 45 feet 2 inches in circumference. This is phenomenal for a growth of but one year, especially when it is taken into consideration that no water except that from the clouds nourished it.

Fingers Clipped.
M. E. Carley lost about three-fourths of the nails of the two first fingers of his left hand Monday by being caught in some machinery at the iron works. They were clipped squarely off, and it is doubtful if either of the nails can be saved.

PRICE OF WHEAT.
Bulls Yell Foreign Shortage, Bears Big American Crop.

Now that the wheatgrowers of the Pacific northwest have a record-breaking crop pretty well under cover, their greatest concern is in regard to prices. The present season does not differ much from its predecessors so far as a lack of unanimity of opinion on the future course of the market is concerned, says the Oregonian. Every argument that is presented by the bulls in the trade is countered by a seemingly plausible statement from the bears. If it were not for this difference of opinion, even a horse trade would be effected with difficulty. The farmers of the Pacific northwest, having a large surplus of wheat to sell, are naturally inclined to regard the cereal as too cheap at present quotations. In support of this belief, a number of bullish factors can be cited. There is unquestionably a large shortage in the German crop. Russia is famine stricken in some districts, and the French crop is not all that can be desired.

The bears, when confronted with this testimony, respond with the statement that the American crop is so much above the average that there will be an exportable surplus over and above all normal requirements sufficient to meet the usual shortage abroad. This argument is sound in a measure, but the present excellent financial condition of the American farmer must be reckoned with. If the latter decides that wheat at present prices is below a parity with other commodities, and indulges in a little speculation by holding his wheat, advanced prices will be necessary in order to make up the deficit, unless substitutes or wheat supplies are obtainable from some other quarter. The course of the market a year ago, if taken as a criterion for that of the current season, offers but little comfort for the believers in high prices. Last year the deficit in the middle west cut over 100,000,000 bushels of wheat, and the Argentine crop came in on top of this shortage with at least 50,000,000 bushels less wheat than it turned off the preceding season. On the first wave of excitement which followed the news of the crops burning up in Minnesota and the Dakotas there was a sharp advance, which in a few days ran prices up 18 cents a bushel. An analysis of this sudden strength in the market proved it to be more sentimental than statistical, for the big shortage was not seriously felt except in the immediate locality where it was the most pronounced. The result was that wheat dropped back to about where it started, and even the direct reports from the Argentine a few weeks later could not start it from the rut in which it settled.

This year America and Canada have a surplus, generally conceded to be sufficient to meet the shortages so far reported from Europe, and long before all of this wheat will be needed the Argentine will be in the market. This latter country, in fact, may be said to hold the key to the situation. Her crop will undoubtedly have a bad effect on the early movement from this country the season. July, August and September are heavy shipping months for San Francisco, and had it not been for the strike at least 5,000,000 bushels of California grain, which is still on the docks, would now be afloat.

This grain will hang over the market, and as it goes forward now will not reach the European market until steam cargoes from the Argentine are arriving off coast. In fact, the heaviest shipments from Oregon, Washington, California and the Argentine will all reach the foreign consumer about the same time. Against this array of bearishness, as previously stated, is the possibility that the American farmer will not sell freely. The situation is certainly a perplexing one, and the oldest operators show an unusual degree of hesitancy about assuming any further obligations until conditions are more clearly defined.

Coast Wheat and Flour.
Portland, Sept. 30.—Shipments for the month closing yesterday from Portland were 600,633 bushels of wheat, 74,252 barrels of flour and 210,088 bushels of barley. Total shipments from Oregon and Washington for the first three months of the year, flour included, were 4,261,308 bushels, compared with 4,274,670 for the same period last season. Wheat shipments from Portland and Puget sound are both lighter than last season, but there has been a heavy increase in flour shipments.

A new remedy for biliousness is now on sale at F. J. Stone's drug store. It is called Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. It gives quick relief and will prevent the attack if given as soon as the first indication of the disease appears. Price, 25 cents per box. Samples free.

FREE RURAL MAILS

Three Routes Out of Colfax Were Started Tuesday.

But the Regulation Boxes Have Not Arrived, and Some Trouble Resulted.

People on 68 miles of rural roads are now in touch with the daily mails. Three free rural delivery routes were put in operation Tuesday. The only drawback is that the regulation boxes, even those already subscribed for—have not yet arrived, and as a consequence some of the mails taken over the lines on the first day were returned to the postoffice, the carriers being unable to deliver it. However, where houses were on or near the road, delivery was generally made. All the carriers were in on the town or out, most were in on the other started late. Two routes are each 22 miles long and the other 24.

All the earlier morning mails arriving at Colfax postoffice are carried out on these routes the same day. The system is generally hailed with delight by the people along the routes, and for a starter Postmaster Ewart and the carriers have matters in good shape. It is expected that as soon as the farmer gets wheat off the brain and the long leisure evenings for reading come on that the people will more than ever appreciate this little service of their Uncle Sam.

It should be remembered that with the establishment of the free rural delivery system the 1-cent drop-letter system is abolished. Hereafter, all letters, in town or out, must carry the regular 2-cent postage.

How Spokane Appreciates.

The excursion of Spokane business men to Colfax Thursday to attend the Whitman county fair was a success, says New West Trade. It was conducted by the chamber of commerce and a large number of Spokane's enterprising jobbers, wholesalers and business men took advantage of the opportunity to express their feelings of good will and fellowship for the people of Whitman county, and to aid in the success of their fair. Spokane is linked to Whitman county by every tie that binds a city to its natural tributary territory. Their interests are in a large measure identical; here are associations which should and must continue throughout the years to come, and it is to be hoped that the commercial relations between Spokane and Whitman county will be materially strengthened and extended as a result of this friendly commingling and exchange of greetings between the representative business men of the two sections.

Returned to Colfax.

Carl W. Swanson, formerly a student of Colfax college, and an active canvasser and speaker in the last republican campaign, has returned from the Puget Sound country, after a stay of several months. Mr. Swanson was admitted several months ago to practice law in the supreme court of the state, and has returned to Colfax with the intention of remaining. He has formed a law partnership with J. G. Combs, the firm name to be Combs & Swanson. Jos. Mogan, who left Colfax with Mr. Swanson, and was admitted at the same time to practice before the supreme court of the state, has decided to locate at Aberdeen, it is understood.

Returned Home.

Mrs. W. J. Windus returned Monday from Spokane, where she has been under treatment at Mt. View sanatorium for 12 weeks. Mrs. W. L. Schmidt, who has been at the same institution for a month, also returned. A trained nurse accompanied the ladies, and they will hereafter be treated at home.

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A New School Room.
The fifth and sixth grade rooms at the High school building have become so overcrowded that it was found necessary to secure another teacher for the overflow. Tuesday evening the board engaged Miss Gwendolin Wood for this position. An extra room in the Main street building will be ready soon and used for ungraded scholars, where the teacher will work with each scholar individually until they are able to enter a regular grade. This is something Superintendent Ransom has been endeavoring to secure for some time, as it has been badly needed.

Wheat at La Crosse.
J. T. Billups, agent for the Pacific Coast Elevator Company at La Crosse, was a Wednesday visitor in town. He reports threshing about completed in that vicinity, though a little backward about Hay, on account of a scarcity of machinery. His warehouse is receiving about 20000 sncks of wheat a day this bright October weather. The crop was a record-breaker, clean and heavy, and has been harvested in splendid condition.

Good Season's Run.
Practically all the heading and threshing has been completed in the neighborhood southwest of Colfax, at least. Chas. Loesy, who operated his header 38 1/2 days, cut 1120 acres of heavy grain. He could have secured more, but thought he had done enough and laid up Tuesday.

Row Over Chickens.
John Melrose was fined Saturday in an Elberton justice court \$20 for assault with an ax upon Ira S. Stiles, in a misunderstanding between the gentlemen over some chickens. He was prosecuted by Prosecuting Attorney Neergaard.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of letters remaining unclaimed for in the Colfax postoffice, Oct. 4, 1901:
Anderson, John Murray, Hiram
Aschmole, A C Newell, A C
Collins, Henry Raymond, Mrs H W
Fisher, A E Rose, Martha
Engler, Takol Simons, Walter J
Griffin, Harry Shirle, Mrs Elmer
Hanley, Miss Besie Strickard, Fred
Hicks, W J Taggard, Miss Lue
Horner, Harry Travis, Clyde
Jester, V S Warner, Rev Robt
Klugman, Heimig Wendover, W G
Lofin, W W Wisley, W H
Meller, Geo A
One cent postage will be collected.
JAMES EWART, P. M.

The Ladies.

Every woman is devout. No handsome woman ever looks into a mirror without a keen appreciation of the wisdom of the Creator in bestowing beauty on so deserving an object. The woman who is stared at feels insulted. The woman who is not stared at feels neglected. Women think it is wicked to bet—except on a sure thing. Many a woman finds out to her sorrow that there is a heap of difference between getting married and being married. Women like to see a first class theatrical company, especially if it is a delicious comedy, so why not have them see "A Wise Woman?"

A Fiendish Attack.

An attack was lately made on C. F. Collier of Cherokee, Iowa, that nearly proved fatal. It came through his kidneys. His back got so lame he could not stoop without great pain, nor sit in a chair except propped by cushions. No remedy helped him until he tried Electric Bitters which effected such a wonderful change that he writes he feels like a new man. This marvelous medicine cures backache and kidney trouble, purifies the blood and builds up your health. Only 50c at the Elk Drug Store, F. J. Stone, Prop.

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