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YOUNG MAN SUICIDES

Asa Deloughery Shot Himself Near Laclede Monday Morning

A young man, a stranger in this vicinity, afterwards identified by relatives as Asa Deloughery, aged 21, from near Bedford in Livingston county, was found dead in his motor car by the side of the road a mile east of Laclede about 7:00 o'clock last Monday morning. The discovery was made by Rural Carrier Finney shortly after he had started to serve his route.

Taking Jay Stark, who lives near the scene of the tragedy, Mr. Finney returned to town and notified Constable Sayles, who with Undertaker Thurman and several others went to where the car was, just a short distance east of the Turkey creek bridge.

After noting carefully the position of the body, the conditions of the car and surroundings, the constable took charge and brought the car to town and took the body to the Thurman undertaking establishment.

In searching his clothing a letter was found addressed to Asa Deloughery, Chillicothe, written by a Chillicothe young lady.

A representative of The Blade at once got in communication with parties at Chillicothe and soon had his father, Mike Deloughery, located at his home some twelve miles southeast of that city, and within two hours several automobiles from that vicinity, bringing his father and uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Deloughery, with whom he had made his home and other relatives and friends were in Laclede and identified the body.

Coroner Holmes having arrived from Linneus at once convened an inquest court and began taking testimony.

Mr. Finney testified that when he made the discovery the body was reclining in the right end of the back seat of the car, the left leg extended along the seat and the right foot resting in the bottom of the car. There was a clot of blood on the forehead, and blood had trickled across the face and clotted on the lapel of his overcoat. His right hand, clutching a revolver, his thumb on the trigger, rested on his breast, the muzzle pointing toward the body. The young man's hat and gloves, and some photographs were in the front seat. The pictures of two young ladies were torn in two. His clothing was in order and there was no evidences of there having been a struggle or any other party having been about the car at the time of the tragedy. The testimony of Constable Sayles, E. Thurman, J. W. Reed, Jay Stark, and others who viewed the body before it had been touched, was practically the same as Mr. Finney's.

The testimony of relatives showed the young man had spent Sunday afternoon auto riding with a young lady and another couple in his car, accompanied by another car containing four young people. They left Chillicothe about dark and drove to the Wampler home about three miles of Bedford where all the party remained except Asa Deloughery and Miss Greenawalt. They left there in his car

about 10:30 That being as far as he could be traced by witnesses at hand court adjourned until Tuesday morning.

In the meantime subpoenas were issued for Miss Greenawalt of Bedford and Miss Ruth Hughes of Chillicothe and they were in court the next morning. Miss Hughes testified that he had been keeping company with her for several months, they had no differences and could give no reason for him to commit suicide.

Miss Greenawalt testified that after leaving the Wampler home they drove about until after midnight, he leaving her at the place she was staying in Bedford about 12:30, telling her he was going to Chillicothe for the balance of the night. So far as could be learned that was the last time he was seen alive.

Evidently he had driven direct to Laclede and to the spot where he took his own life.

Within all the mass of evidence taken there was nothing to show why he chose self-destruction.

The jury rendered the following verdict:

We, the undersigned jury, duly empaneled, sworn and charged to inquire and declare of the death of Asa Deloughery, do hereby find that the said Asa Deloughery came to his death in Linn county, Missouri, about 2 o'clock in the morning of the 10th day of March, 1919, that he died of his own act by intentionally shooting himself in the forehead with a pistol, that Ed. J. Finney was the finder of his body, and that he died at the place where his body was found. We are unable to determine the cause of self-destruction.

WILLIAM KRAFT.
J. W. MOBERLY.
F. W. GROES.
A. J. CAYWOOD.
HENRY EHRICH.
P. F. WEAVER.

The remains were shipped to Wheeling and buried at that place Tuesday afternoon.

His father is a farmer near Norville, 12 miles southeast of Chillicothe, and his mother lives at Indian Grove, Chariton county, her name now being Bennett. Both were present at the inquest.

For School Directors

The Blade is authorized by their friends to say that E. Thurman, Lee Hamilton and E. E. Gould will be presented to the voters for members of the school board at the coming election.

Laclede Soldier Dies in France

Mrs. F. W. Keune, residing on route two, received a dispatch from the adjutant general's office at Washington last Sunday, conveying the sad intelligence that her son, Carl, had died in France February 23, from bronchial pneumonia. No further word has yet been received.

Carl was conducting a garage here but closed up the business to answer the call to military service.

He was sent to Camp Funston where he was in training for a short time and then sent east and in June embarked for France where he served in the 32nd engineers corps to the end of the war.

He was 29 years of age. Of the immediate family he is survived by mother, three brothers, and two sisters. He was a splendid young man and the relatives have the sympathy of the entire community.

ON LOCAL SUBJECTS

Local Items and Interesting Bits of News of All Sorts

Quite a bunch of subscriptions to this paper expired March 1. A number were renewed promptly but there are some who have not yet attended to that important matter. At one dollar per year no credit can be allowed and those not renewing during the month will be dropped, but with regrets of course.

R. T. Patterson, shipping manager, went to St. Joseph Monday night with a mixed car of stock for the following members of the association: L. T. Ringland, J. E. Test, J. G. Clinefelter, C. V. Jennings, Byron Cooper, C. H. Gable, J. Ed Downey, Mrs. A. E. Wilson, Chas. Goodman, Geo. L. Farrar, Clyde Balcom, V. E. Hogsett, T. L. Humphres, Harry Landree, H. H. Hawes, Jas. T. Davis, D. E. Stark, R. L. Balcom, Lon McCoy, and W. L. Stanley.

J. F. Hortenstine, superintendent of the public schools at Bucklin and candidate for county superintendent, spent last Saturday afternoon among the voters of Laclede. In company with S. W. White, Mr. Hortenstine called on The Blade. White and Hortenstine are old friends, having lived neighbors at Chula, over in Livingston county, several years ago. From what The Blade can learn from those who know him, Mr. Hortenstine is the logical man to succeed Mr. Joyce as county superintendent.

Elgin Burke, who has been head clerk at the Elliott hotel in Brookfield for several years, closed a deal Monday whereby he will become proprietor about May 1. He purchased the furniture and fixtures and will take over the lease on the building and continue the business he has been so closely identified with so long. The Elliott is the leading hotel of Brookfield and Elgin's many Laclede friends congratulate him on acquiring control of this well established and popular hostelry and wish him all kinds of success.

Carl F. Sayles was at Linneus last week during the March session of county court and made his final settlement as collector of this township. He made a fine record, turning in 99.5 per cent of all taxes due from the township. This is the end of Mr. Sayles' first term and as it is not only customary but proper to give a good official a second term he will be a candidate at the republican primary to be held March 22 for the nomination to succeed himself at the election to be held the following Tuesday. So far he has no opposition for the nomination and probably will have none as he has given entire satisfaction and deserves to be continued in office.

Money! Money!!

See T. H. Barbee for good farm loans.

Farmers, Attention

We carry a full line of field seeds of every kind and description.

See us for prices before you buy.
O. A. TALBOTT & Co.

Alexander A. Welsh

Again does it become our duty in the course of newspaper making to chronicle the death of one of our oldest and most respected citizens, Alexander A. Welsh, who passed away at his home three miles south of Laclede last Sunday evening, March 9, 1919.

While he had not been well for some time, being confined to his home since the holidays, the end came sudden—while he was sitting in a chair.

Deceased was born in Belmont county, Ohio, February 23, 1840, and grew to manhood in his native county, and where on January 1, 1867, he was united in marriage with Miss Louise M. McVeigh. In the year of his marriage he came to Laclede where he spent the remainder of his life.

To this union was born four children, two daughters and two sons. The wife and mother and two small daughters preceded him to the grave, the two sons, Allie D. and Cecil, surviving.

Mr. Welsh was respected by all who knew him and beloved by family relatives and all those who were admitted to his intimacy.

He united with the Methodist Episcopal church in 1867, and lived a consistent christian life.

The remains were taken from the old home to the home of his son, Allie, just across the highway, who is an invalid and otherwise could not have been present at the funeral, where the services were conducted by Rev. W. H. Layton, Tuesday afternoon. A large number of relatives and friends were in attendance.

Interment was made in the Laclede cemetery, Director Thurman in charge.

To the Trade

We have always sold coal in Laclede cheaper than our competitors, so in order to live up to our reputation, we have made another price reduction of 25 cents per ton on Illinois coal and 50 cents per ton on Iowa coal. This will make Iowa coal worth \$4.75 at the car and \$5.00 after it is unloaded in the bin. Illinois coal \$5.75 at the car and \$6.00 after it is unloaded into the bin.

The government has taken off all restrictions on coal and from now on prices will be governed by the supply and demand basis.

O. A. TALBOTT & Co.

Sanitary galvanized chicken coops, \$2.35 each at The Home Store.

LOMAX & STANDLY BANK

No. 1857.
Official statement of the financial condition of the Lomax & Standly Bank, at Laclede, State of Missouri, at the close of business on the 14th day of March, 1919, published in the LACLEDE BLADE, a newspaper printed and published at Laclede, State of Missouri, on the 14th day of March, 1919.

RECEIPTS	
Loans and discounts, undoubtedly good on personal or collateral	\$137,085.17
Loans, real estate	18,855.00
Overdrafts	282.31
Bonds and stocks	4,650.00
Real estate (banking house), subject to check	1,500.00
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check	53,625.44
Cash items	32.88
Currency	3,369.00
Specie	1,117.78
U. S. Gov. Cert. of Indebtedness	18,000.00
U. S. War Savings Certificates	41.50
Total	\$232,528.88

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$15,000.00
Surplus fund	5,000.00
Undivided profits, net	74.95
Individual deposits subject to check	202,053.93
Total	\$232,528.88

State of Missouri, County of Linn, ss: We, H. C. Lomax as president, and H. W. Lomax as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

H. C. LOMAX, President.
H. W. LOMAX, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11th day of March, A. D. nineteen hundred and nineteen.
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring Oct. 28th, 1919.)
[SEAL] O. F. LIBBY, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: E. M. LOMAX, WALTER BROWNLEE, E. W. LOMAX, Directors

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Brief Mention of Those Who Come and Go During the Week

C. B. Henley called Wednesday, deposited a dollar and joined our route two list.

F. F. Pratt is home from spend-five months at Frederick, Okla., in railroad service as cashier.

Z. R. Wall moved here from Sumner Wednesday and is occupying the Plowman residence.

Mrs. R. M. Tannell of Brown-ing was the guest of Mrs. L. B. Jones and family Wednesday.

Mrs. Nora Kuhn returned Friday from a visit of two weeks with her sisters at Utica and Osgood.

Mrs. L. L. Jones and two children of Tina came Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Jones.

Miss Mina Kranz came down from the Kirksville normal last Friday for a short visit with home folk.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weaver have gone to Chillicothe to reside, Frank having employment in a barber shop.

Mrs. C. C. Bigger, Mrs. H. D. Hall and Mrs. Max Jones attended an Eastern Star school of instructing at Bucklin Saturday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Layton are spending a part of this week with relatives in Kansas City. Mrs. Layton went to the city Friday and Mr. Layton joined her Wednesday.

John L. Welsh has moved from Chillicothe to Dallas, Texas, where he has opened state headquarters for the American Sales Calculating Company, of which he is state manager.

Edgar Barton notified relatives here Tuesday that he had arrived at Newport News from France and would proceed at once to some demobilization camp and expected to reach home within a few weeks.

Ross Louden, one of the successful farmers from the south end of the county, was here attending the co-operative sale Saturday and handed us a dollar, adding his name to our route one list out of Sumner.

O. E. Peacher returned home Sunday from spending a week in Laclede county. While there he bought a small farm five miles from Lebanon but made the deal too late to get possession this season.

BENSON BANKING COMPANY

No. 1590.
Official statement of the financial condition of the Benson Banking Company at Laclede, State of Missouri, at the close of business on the 14th day of March, 1919, published in the LACLEDE BLADE, a newspaper printed and published at Laclede, State of Missouri, on the 14th day of March, 1919.

RECEIPTS	
Loans and discounts undoubtedly good on personal or collateral	\$5,250.16
Loans, real estate	24,250.00
Bonds and stocks	3,500.00
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check	7,942.71
Cash items	5,026.65
Currency	1,560.00
Specie	948.97
U. S. Treas. Certs. of Indebtedness	15,000.00
Total	\$117,486.39

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$10,000.00
Surplus fund	7,000.00
Undivided profits, net	418.27
Individual deposits subject to check	94,852.94
Demand certificates of deposits	5,215.18
Total	\$117,486.39

State of Missouri, County of Linn, ss: We, L. L. Benson as vice president, and M. P. Benson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

M. P. BENSON, Cashier.
L. L. BENSON, Vice President.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11th day of March, A. D. nineteen hundred and nineteen.
Witness my hand and notarial seal on the date last aforesaid. (Commissioned and qualified for a term expiring Oct. 28, 1919.)
[SEAL] O. F. LIBBY, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: I. L. BENSON, M. P. BENSON, E. C. BENSON, Directors