

FOREST PARK SUICIDE.

Guy A. Morgan, Whose Mother Lives Here, Takes His Own Life in Forest Park, St. Louis.

SEEMING MYSTERY CLEARED.

The Young Man Left Here Six Weeks Ago--His Last Letter Home.

A man found dead in Forest Park is at once announced the victim of some dark conspiracy. The great broad park, darkened by many evergreens and low branching trees has been the scene of so many awful mysteries, never to be fathomed by the police, that a dead man found there at once becomes a victim of some harrowing murder story.

The St. Louis Wednesday evening and Thursday morning papers devoted a column each to what they called a mystery, yet to be determined either a suicide or murder. The following account is the story as printed by the Globe Democrat, cut down and summarized in places.

Forest Park has furnished another mystery for the Coroner and police to wrestle with. It looks like murder, but there is a possibility of its proving a suicide. An unknown man was found dead under the low-hanging limbs of a cluster of evergreen trees near the small bridge of the South Grand drive, and directly north of the Mounted police station, at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Officer Cooney, riding along the driveway on horseback, made the discovery.

The body was lying face downward near the trunk of an evergreen. In the right hand was clasped a revolver. The muzzle of the weapon was pressed against the face directly in front of the right ear. It had made a deep incisure in the flesh, which was badly discolored. Officer Cooney saw this wound, but his report indicates that he saw no others. He sent in a call for the city undertaker, then made his report to Capt. McNamee, at the Mounted station.

When the city undertaker arrived to convey the body to the morgue it was found that the man had been shot in the center of the forehead and back of the right ear. Either wound, it is believed, was sufficient to have caused his death. The two bullet wounds caused Deputy Coroner Dreschler to incline to the theory of murder. The presence of the weapon in the dead man's hand, with two shells exploded, caused Officer Cooney to embrace the theory of self-destruction.

The clothing of the dead man consisted of a black frock suit sold to him, it has been learned by Mr. Hagedorn of the New York Store of this city, and which bearing the mark of that store gave the only clue to the identity of the dead man, as no papers of any description were found upon his person. The shoes worn by him contained the dealer's name, an El Paso man, E. C. Pew. The only article of any value found upon him were his gold eye-glasses.

The above is the St. Louis version of the sad story, but the letter received by his sister, Miss Clara Morgan of this city on Thursday morning dispelled all doubts as to the probability of suicide or murder. A short story of the life of the dead man might

be of interest.

Guy Morgan, who was taken to be a young man of 25 years had not in reality reached his majority, his 21st birthday being in the coming May. Many years, he attended the public school here and is doubtless well remembered by many of his classmates. His father and the rest of the family moved from here to El Paso, Texas, and it was from that place, that his father started to the Klondike, almost two years ago; and as referred to in the letter, is now in Dawson City.

Several months ago, Mr. Thos. Bell who lives east of Marshall and is a brother of Mrs. Morgan, in company with his father, went to Texas bringing back with them these relatives. Young Morgan had at this time contracted several bad habits, indulging his taste for drink and desire for opium until, it seemed to have at last removed his mind. It was in this depleted condition, that he left Marshall six weeks ago for St. Louis where he had resided until at last driven to take his own life. Mr. Thos. Bell left for St. Louis Thursday night on the 11:20, to bring back the body of Morgan. Below, is given the last letter home, which tells the whole story of the crazed condition of his own mind and eliminates with his own hand the theories of murder that were first advanced.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 10, 1899.

My Dear Clara:—I hardly know how to begin my letter. I will tell you however that I have pierced much farther into the hidden mysteries of nature than I had when I last saw you. My child, so dear to me is the truth, that there is no death I could stand by your dead body and smile.

Know, little one, that you cannot die, that there is no death. Surely you have spirituality enough to see this. I write you darling to bid you farewell. When this letter reaches you, I shall be in devachan. Clara, if you are only sorry that you are my enemy; I need rest so badly that I have to go. However, my child, there rises before me the scene of many a long hour when you have been my pupil, when you have sat upon my knee and listened to my long, long lectures. But never again must this be.

I send you judge's chapter on devachan. It explains why I must go. Now, one more thing; I desire to convert papa to Theosophy. It is only given to a few that signs and signals should call them. I believe that papa is one. His long years of practice, the many thousand he has given in charity thereby, entitle him. Now remember, I forewarn you, I will appear to him in Dawson City and warn him to turn to Theosophy. And you, by this letter written before my death, can prove to him that it was not his imagination. Surely this will be sufficient. Now as regards your own future in Theosophy, as soon as you can, see Mrs. Tingley, New York City, and obey her advice. She is an initiate. Obey her. Give to charity all you can, love your fellowman and good-bye, good-bye. G. A. M.

Do not weep. When you get this I shall be in devachan. Remember child, other people are but a part of yourself. Never hate them or hold malice against any being. It is madness.

CHURCH BURGLARS CONFESS.

Richard Dierking Sentenced for Theft of This Nature. Worked in Three Counties.

The people who attend and support churches of South Saline, Northern Pettis and the Eastern part of Johnson County have for several months been greatly provoked and chagrined over petty burglaries of the school houses and churches, without being able to find any clue as to who the evildoers were.

This desecration of the churches and pillaging of seats of learning was not to be endured forever, without some attempt by the people of this section toward ending what had hitherto been the successful work of the crooks. This determination led to a meeting in Blackwater township, Pettis county, in which plans were discussed to apprehend the guilty parties.

The suspicions of the people led them to believe Richard Dierking, who lives near the Johnson-Pettis county line was connected with all these burglaries. A search warrant was issued and Constable Carpenter went forthwith to the suspect's home, where all the stolen articles were found. He was taken to Sedalia, where he entered a plea of guilty to the charges with which he was confronted and was sentenced to jail for 100 days. The convicted man is about 50 years of age and has a highly respected family of wife and six children, who doubtless feel the disgrace keenly.

Stock Notes.

The following notes are clipped from the Chicago Drivers Journal of Tuesday, which certainly shows up Saline County as one of the stock raising and shipping sections of the West.

R. R. Black, Mt. Leonard, Mo., sold 60 head of 1174-lb fed Texas cattle yesterday at \$4.50.

E. J. Blosser, Blosser, Mo., sold 42 head of 1191-lb fed Texas cattle yesterday at \$4.80.

M. Gauldin, of Shackelford, Mo., sold 22 head of 1336-lb cattle yesterday, of his own feeding, at \$5.50.

A. J. McRoberts & Son, of Malta Bend, Mo., sold five carloads of 1125-lb fed Texas cattle yesterday at \$4.60.

J. G. McKeever, Shackelford, Mo., obtained \$5.45 yesterday for 13 head of 1081-lb yearlings of his own feeding.

Insanity Inquisition.

Friday has been set for the appearance of G. D. Arnold of Fairville before the Probate Court, to answer to the charge that he is of unsound mind and incapable of managing his affairs and to show sufficient reason why a guardian should not be appointed to manage his estate. The complaint was instituted by his wife whose attorneys are Harvey & Gower. Mr. Arnold has employed Duggins & Rector to represent his side of the case.

Hindooed and Hoodooed.

Tuesday night of the past week, some few people on the streets of Marshall were rather surprised to see the Salvation Army people out in ghostly costumes. It was supposed to be a Hindoo demonstration, with the members attired in the garb of this race, but the damp

and dark, drizzly night made the whole parade look more like one of uncanny phantoms than human beings.

After a march around the square, which was slippery as an eel, the army held a meeting at their headquarters. A small admission fee was charged to defray expenses. Adjutant Casler of Sedalia, who has been here for several days lectured upon the great results and method of the Salvation Army's work in India, which was enjoyable as well as instructive.

HOYTS FOUND OUT.

A Former Marshall Family Exposed as Thieves.

Lehigh, I. T., Jan. 10.—Last week United States officers arrested George Hoyt and his entire family, and it develops that there has been a systematic series of burglaries in progress. The family came to this city several years ago from Marshall, Mo., and includes a son and stepson. They became active in religious work and soon came to be looked upon as a model family. They made money in the mines here and rented one of the best houses in the city.

Will Burt and his wife went to board with the family some time ago, and it was through them that the real character of the Hoyts was divulged. It was discovered that the family had much stolen property in its possession, and it has since been identified as the spoils of many mysterious robberies. There are many hundred dollars' worth of stuff in the possession of the authorities and thousands of dollars are said to have been realized by disposition of booty.

The Hoyts have been taken to Atoka and locked up.

It will be remembered here that Mr. Hoyt cultivated for many years the Lantz fruit farm east of the college.

Death of Mrs. A. M. Rawlings.

Mrs. Clara Harvey Rawlings, wife of Albin M. Rawlings, died at her home in Fayette, Jan. 10th, 1899, aged 30 years.

Deceased is well known in Marshall. She is a cousin of Mrs. James Cooney and a graduate of Marshall High School, having lived in Marshall both before and after her marriage. She was a lovely, refined Christian woman and her sudden death is a great blow to her many friends in Marshall and Saline county, who deeply sympathize with the bereaved husband and two little children, who have lost a fond and indulgent mother. The burial took place at Slater Thursday, Jan. 11th.

Mrs. Nat Baker.

The news of the death of Mrs. Eliza Dunnica Baker, wife of Nat Baker, who died at the residence of her mother, Mrs. W. F. Dunnica at Glasgow, Mo., on Tuesday Jan. 10th, 1899, was received in Marshall with deep sorrow and regret. Deceased was a great favorite with all who knew her and she leaves many warm friends in Marshall and Saline Co., who mourn her loss. She was married in 1886 to Mr. Baker, was a sister of Mr. J. H. Cordell of this city. The REPUBLICAN offers condolence to the bereaved.

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SHOT WHEN STEALING.

Some Thieves are Slipped Upon by Parties Robbed.

Jno. Case has some corn shocked near Arrow Rock that has lately attracted the envious, and perhaps needy, eyes of some wandering horse traders, but the noise which they made when endeavoring to make a haul from the same attracted its owner, Mr. Case. They were very deliberate in their plots, and on last Sunday night visited one of these fields, shucking the corn as they gathered it in. This noise was heard by Case, who, suspecting the cause, carried his gun with him to the place from whence the sound came.

The men, on perceiving that some one was approaching, tried to escape; nor did they stop when ordered to halt. As a result, one of them is seriously shot, another is badly hurt and third alone is the same man he used to be.

They have given their names in as Livingston, Dennis and Whitley, but doubtless they have a new non de plume wherever they light. A brother of one of the crooks has been telephoned for, who lives in Lamar.

MARRIED.

Jno. W. Ballard, of Laynesville, to Mrs. Maggie Anderson, of the same place, by Justice Hawley, on Wednesday at 2 p. m.

A reporter for the REPUBLICAN dropped in at this opportune time and signed the papers as a witness to the betrothal. May their happiness continue as evident as upon this occasion, when their smiles added a peculiar bond to this holy writ.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued during the past week: Frank Bush to Katie Crane, both of Slater.

Wick Davis to Addie Martin, both of Hardeman.

Andrew J. Sandidge to Belle I. Shannon, both of Marshall.

Alfred R. Farris, Slater, to Alice Page, Marshall.

Jno. W. Ballard to Maggie Anderson, both of Laynesville.

Try Grain-O? Try Grain-O.

Ask your grocer today to show you a package of GRAIN-O the new food drink that takes the place of coffee. The children may drink it without injury as well as the adult. All who try it, like it. GRAIN-O has the rich seal browns of Mocha or Java, but it is made from pure grains, and the most delicate stomach receives it without distress. The prices of coffee, 15c, 26cts, per package. Sold by all grocers.

Don't fail to see "Old Maids Made Over" at the opera house upon the night of Jan. 19th and 20th. It is said to be excellent by those who have seen it and it is for the benefit of the Episcopal church. Go and help in a good cause.

Mrs. C. L. Lackey, while in St. Louis recently placed her valuable jewels in her hand sachel and had them checked at Barr's and when she had occasion to look into the sachel after calling for it found she was minus 4 handsome rings and two pins. Two rings, we understand, were diamonds and very valuable.