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A SUNBURY CO. MYSTERY.

Body of Thomas Wooden to be Exhumed and Examined for Traces of Poison.

Thomas Wooden, a fairly prosperous and widely known farmer of Patterson Settlement, Sunbury Co., died on January 7th last, apparently from the effect of two bullet wounds in his head. He was 63 years old.

A jury, empaneled by two justices of the peace of Blissville parish, made investigation and gave it as their opinion that the deceased was a suicide.

The proceedings were hastily and, it is alleged, somewhat irregularly carried out, and the body was buried. But instead of the circumstances dying out and being forgotten, the gossip of the little community gathered around certain peculiar incidents connected with the tragedy and suspicion arose and grew and spread until to satisfy the demands of the people of that and adjoining parishes, it has become necessary to take action that shall decisively clear up the mystery.

A son of the deceased who has never believed that his father's death wounds were self-inflicted, is the prime mover in the affair and has declared his intention of immediately having the body exhumed and expert medical examination made of the remains. When this is done it is the belief of many conversant with the story that facts will be brought to light which will show that Thomas Wooden's death was not due to suicide, but to murder, treacherous and cruel, at the hands of one whose every care should have been to preserve his life and minister to his comfort.

For the suspicion of his eldest son, of many of the neighbors and of others who have looked into the matter, rests—with what justice it is yet impossible to state—upon his widow, a buxom, stalwart woman, about twenty years younger than her husband and his second wife. Mrs. Wooden is perfectly aware of the suspicion directed at her, and is apparently anxious that thorough investigation shall be made. Indeed it was at her request that the crown authorities a short time ago were asked to look into the matter, which in view of the verdict at the inquest they considered beyond their province to do without some more valid reason than rumor.

The death, around which has gathered so much of grim mystery, occurred on the morning of the seventh of January last, when Thomas Wooden was living on his farm with his wife and a son, Frank, about eighteen years of age. Another son, Harry Wooden, about twenty-five years old, who was a child of the first wife, and who is now moving for the exhumation of his father's body, was away in the lumber woods. For some time Mr. Wooden had been unwell. The fall before he had had one of his eyes badly injured in the woods and at this time was just recovering from the effects of the wound.

On the morning of the tragedy, according to Mrs. Wooden's story she arose and went out to the barn to milk the cows, she being a woman fully capable of looking after all the farm work, which she did the most of the time. Her son Frank was sent on an errand to the house of a relative a few hundred yards away. When Mrs. Wooden returned to the house, she says she smelt powder smoke, and going to her husband's room, saw him lying dead, with one bullet wound just below the right side of his jaw bone, and another through his right temple.

The neighbors were informed of the alleged sad suicide and those who viewed the body say that it lay on its back, turned slightly over toward one side. The hands were lying across the body and the revolver which had fired the fatal shots lay on the breast, just above the hands. It struck some of them at the time that it was a peculiarly deliberate suicide who so carefully arranged things after inflicting two such terrible wounds upon himself. They also state that a feather tick which belonged on the bed had been removed and that the body lay upon a straw mattress.

But nothing was said and the next day the inquest was held. H. B. Pride, of Glastone, is the coroner for that parish and also for Blissville. Instead of sending for him, the jury was empaneled by John Murphy and George Seely, two justices of the peace for Blissville.

No autopsy was made and no medical evidence produced as to the cause of death. The principal witnesses and the only ones whose testimony was of direct value were the widow and her son. Mrs. Wooden's evidence was substantially as told above and as far as can be learned she was inflicted with no searching examination. It is stated that Frank Wooden in his testimony told of hearing sounds from his father's room the night previous to his death as if he was sick and in agony. He had made no enquiry as to the trouble and had not been near the house when the shots were fired.

So the jury after the due deliberation usual with juries brought in a verdict to the effect that Thomas Wooden had come to his death by two shots from a revolver in his own hand.

But there were many who were not satisfied and these were not wanting who maintained that motives of economy had something to do with the verdict. Suspicion turned towards the widow as knowing more about her husband's death than she told at the inquest. Reasons were whispered why she should wish him out of the way and the names of other men were mentioned in connection with the affair. Then Harry Wooden returned from the lumber woods early in the summer and he also refused to be satisfied with the verdict. After learning the details of the case it is stated that he did not hesitate to cause his step-mother openly to express his indignation. He wished to investigate the matter further, and did not know how to go to work at it. He refused to live home and has since been working with other farmers in the neighborhood.

One of the accusations made by rumors was that a person had been used on Thomas Wooden previous to the infliction of the bullet wounds.

About the middle of July Mrs. Wooden produced a pair of trousers which she had just found in the room of her husband.

It read as follows: "Dear Wife, I have used up my money and I intend to go to the States to take some other way. You have been a good and faithful wife to me but as I have no use in this world I guess I had better get out of it. I have put you where you will not find it for a long time." The letter was written with lead pencil and enclosed was a lock of hair.

This did not tend to allay her stepson's suspicions and a few days later he drove her into Fredericton Junction to confer with Dr. Murray. The doctor read the letter and remarked that suicides did not usually leave locks of their hair around in that way, especially as he was leaving a whole head of hair for her to clip from. He asked the son if that was his father's writing, but Harry was unable to say. In answer to further queries Mrs. Wooden said there were no other samples of his writing around the house with which to compare the letter. She appeared very anxious to clear herself of the suspicion that she had written it and she wrote to Attorney General Pugsley, asking for a further investigation into the circumstances of her husband's death. She assented and the doctor wrote the letter for her.

Mr. Pugsley yesterday said he had received such a letter a short time ago, but under the circumstances felt that the crown had no sufficient cause to take such action. Since that time nothing definite has been done in the matter. Harry Wooden has endeavored to get samples of his father's handwriting to compare with his alleged farewell letter, but as far as is known has not been successful.

He was in Fredericton Junction Wednesday afternoon and in conversation with Albert Duplisea, blacksmith, of that place, said he intended to have the body exhumed and examination made of the stomach to see if there might be any poison there.

Mr. Duplisea told a Sun reporter of the conversation last night. "I asked him why he waited so long," he said, "and when he intended to dig the body up. He said he was making arrangements then and intended to do it next week."

The results will be awaited with eager interest by a large part of the population of Sunbury county. Hon. Wm. Pugsley, Attorney General, talking with the Globe Friday, said he did not at present intend taking any steps to hold a further inquiry into the death of Mr. Thomas Wooden, of Patterson Settlement, Sunbury county. The Attorney General added that a coroner's jury had decided that his death was due to suicide, and nothing showing any evidence of a crime had since been presented to him to warrant him in going back of that finding. Mrs. Woodena herself had written him telling of the stories that she had murdered her husband, and asking for an investigation, but it would not be right for him to order an inquiry to prove persons innocent. There must be some suspicion of guilt, and nothing of that nature had been directed to his attention. Mrs. Wooden was the only member of the deceased's family he had ever heard from on the subject, and she wanted her name cleared of the stories in circulation, which she declared untrue. Until there is presented to him some reasonable evidence on which to open up the matter, the Attorney General does not see any ground for doing so.

The person who never meddles with another's business deserves a medal.

Wants \$10,000 Damages.

FREDERICTON, Aug. 28.—James Walker, a farmer of Petersville, Queens county, has entered suit in the Supreme Court against John A. Jackson, another farmer of the same place, for seduction and alienation of his wife's affections. He claims ten thousand dollars damages. From an affidavit of the plaintiff, which was used to obtain an order to hold defendant to bail, it appears that Mr. and Mrs. Walker have been married about eight years, and that the undue intimacy between Mrs. Walker and defendant, which is complained of, has existed for more than two years past. The declaration was filed this week. The venue is laid in St. John. Messrs. Currey & Vincent are plaintiff's attorney and Attorney General Pugsley has filed an appearance for defendant.

Five Drowned.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Aug. 28.—Five employees of the Battle Creek sanatorium, nurses, probationers and stenographers, were drowned at Lake Guguac last evening as the result of a collision between the steamer Welcome and a row boat containing a party of young people. Five girls had been out for a row about the lake with a young man and were returning to the sanatorium villa. The Welcome was starting out for her last trip. The young man, Bennett, who was at the oars, became bewildered and the steamer struck the boat broadside on.

Those drowned were Mr. Bennett, Dallas, Texas; Fannie Brady, Battle Creek, Mich.; Mabel Richard, Traverse City, Mich.; Ella Dorsey, Alleghany, Penn.; Fannie Willis, North Toronto, Ont.

Carrie Fyock, of Johnstown, Pa., clung to the boat and was the only one saved. Miss Brady and Miss Richard were evidently struck by the steamer and killed, for they were found floating. The other bodies are in twenty feet of water and are being dragged for.

The Northwest Harvest Boom.

WINNIPEG, Aug. 29.—Harvesting is now over at many points and threshing has begun. One result of the magnificent harvest is the advance in the price of lands. The Hudson Bay Company has put up the price of city property and the demand for real estate, farm and city, is unparalleled. Immigration is looked for, especially from the United States.

Battle Imminent.

WILLIAMSTAD, Island of Curacao, Aug. 28.—A battle between the army commanded by President Castro, of Venezuela, and the revolutionists of that republic is imminent.

The president returned from San Casimiro to Cua, 25 miles south of Caracas, and is marching on Ocumare, 60 miles west of Caracas, where the advance guard of the government army is stationed.

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LONDON, Aug. 27.—Announcement is made that the imperial government will defray all the expenses borne by the representative guests of India to the coronation of King Edward.

This decision sets at rest a much aired grievance, the first intention of the government having been to make the Indian government bear the expenses of its representatives at the crowning of the king.

Gored by a Bull.

BATHURST, N. B., Aug. 27.—Wm. J. Melanson was attacked by a bull in his yard near here this morning. One of the horns entered Mr. Melanson's left breast, penetrating the lung. There were other injuries of a serious nature also, and his recovery is doubtful.

Mont Pelee Again.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Aug. 27.—A despatch received here from the Island of Dominica, dated yesterday, Aug. 26, at 6 p. m., says: "Since 2 p. m. to-day (Tuesday) prolonged rumbling noises in quick succession have been heard from the southward. There is every indication that Mont Pelee (Island of Martinique) is violently erupting."

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Canadian Ministers in Paris.

TORONTO, Aug. 25.—The Telegram's cable from Paris says: "Sir Wilfrid Laurier had the first of a series of interviews to-day with M. Delcasse, director of the commercial department of the French foreign office, with a view of effecting reduction of duties on certain articles, but there is no question as yet of direct negotiations, although something may eventuate. There is a distinct change visible in the attitude of a portion of the Paris press towards Sir Wilfrid Laurier since his last visit. Then he was extolled as the greatest British colonial statesman and his French origin proudly referred to. Now, when the same statesman openly glories in the fact that he is a British subject and asserts his loyalty to the crown, he is regarded as 'accommodating himself to Anglo-Saxon conquests.'"

"The Francais says in its issue last evening 'Imagine 50 years hence the premier of Alsace Lorraine, if these provinces are still German, thinking fit to praise the German Emperor and insult the old fatherland. Sir Wilfrid Laurier is such a man, therefore let him leave our midst like the evil-minded stranger he has become in our eyes.'"

"Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Sir William Mulock and Hon. W. S. Fielding will lunch with President Loubet to-morrow. In the evening they will dine with M. Delcasse. The Canadian colony in Paris will banquet the dominion premier September 1."

Found Town Deserted.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Aug. 25.—The Kosmos liner Camlyses which arrived here from Hamburg via the west coast of South and Central America, reports that while running through the tropics she was in many electric storms which lighted up the heavens in a wonderful manner. When she approached Chamerico, on the west coast of Guatemala, the lights of active volcanoes were seen for many miles at sea. On reaching port it was found the inhabitants of the town had fled on account of an earthquake. The steamer had to discharge and take on freight with her own crew because no longshoremen could be found.

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