

SUICIDE OF W. L. DAGGETT.

A Man Well Known in Woodstock Takes His Life While in a Fit of Despondency.

The Vancouver Daily Province of Friday, May 17th, has the following sad account of the death of William Daggett, a young man well known in Woodstock where a year or two ago he conducted a fish market.

Out of work, without money, and apparently in debt, William Daggett, a young man in the prime of life, took the last sad step last night and in his desperation ended it all. After writing letters informing his friends of his intention to take his life, and leaving directions as to what should be done when his body was found, William Daggett deliberately walked out of the house where he had been living, and going down to the shallow waters of False Creek threw himself in.

This morning after the notes had been read, a search party found the body of their late friend lying lifeless in the oozing mud, left there by the receding tide.

The story of the suicide is a short one, but it is full of sadness. It is the brief tale of the young man leaving his home in the east to come to the land of promise in the west, of disappointment, of failure to succeed and of a will too weak perhaps to bear with it all, or an imagination picturing everything worse than it really was.

Young Daggett lived with a number of bachelors in what is known as the Sentell house on Grove Crescent, just to the west of Westminster avenue and facing on False Creek. He came to Vancouver about two years ago, from Grand Manan islands near St. Andrews, New Brunswick. For some time he acted as shipping clerk for F. R. Stewart & Co., wholesale merchants on Water Street, but lost his position some months ago. The suicide was 28 years old, a twin brother to Ralph Daggett of Clarke and Stewart's, and to make the thing particularly sad, the latter is now in one of the Sound cities on his honeymoon. He has been communicated with and will be over on the Maillander in the morning. The story of the suicide, as gathered from his friends and from letters left behind, is briefly this.

Daggett had been despondent for several days over his inability to obtain work, and about a week ago received a letter from home that seemed to affect him very much. From then until the other day his sad feelings were very noticeable, though set down at the time as a fit of the blues. On Wednesday he was apparently better. He had obtained a contract to move some wood at Horseshoe Bay in Howe Sound, and hiring a team of horses from W. A. McDonald of the Western Transfer Co., went up on the steamer Defiance yesterday to begin operations. Mr. McDonald knew Daggett and let him have the team, though he remarked that he was careless in taking the contract without first seeing the place and what he had to do. The conditions at Horseshoe Bay were evidently unfavorable, for Daggett returned again on the Defiance last night.

One of the notes, dated yesterday and addressed to W. A. McDonald, reads as follows: "You will have to take scow at bay to get horses back again. I got fooled in regard to the place."

He also left a note to a friend, Mr. Johnson, asking him to take his wheel and tell Billy (Mr. McDonald) to go for the horses to Horseshoe bay.

After coming back to town, Daggett spent some time about the street car barn on Westminster avenue, and acted very peculiarly. He would walk up and down in the rain and pay little attention to questions put to him. Suddenly starting, he walked, almost ran, across the street in the direction of his home. It was very likely that it was here that he had made up his mind to take his life. The rest of the evening was spent in the house. He seemed to be cheerful enough at the dinner table and was perfectly self-possessed during the rest of the evening. He spent most of the time writing letters. One, that to his brother Ralph, is in ink and in an envelope. The others are in pencil. The letter to his brother and the others were all found in the same envelope on the plate of Mr. E. L. DeWolf, at the breakfast table this morning.

The letter had the endorsement in ink, "Entrusted to E. L. DeWolf city," and in pencil the ominous words, "Open at once. Duke is dead." "Duke" was his nickname among his intimate friends.

The friends at the house became immediately alarmed and a search was made at once. The Defiance was visited, as he had said that he came back to Vancouver to buy skid grease, and was going back to Howe Sound in the morning, but with no result. Going down to where the septic tank is built in False creek in front of Grove crescent, the body was found lying face downwards on the beach.

This suicide must have taken place about half-past two o'clock this morning. In his letter to his brother he asks for forgiveness, asks him to break the news to the folks and to ask his sister-in-law to forget. He says that he has decided to end it all and warns his brother against getting into debt. He closes by saying that the 9 o'clock gun has just gone. "It will be the last I shall ever hear."

The other notes were written later, and Mr. Johnson saw and spoke to him about midnight. The notes must have been left on the breakfast table after this, and as the water where the body was found is only about six feet deep at the highest tide, he must have waited until that time.

High tide this morning was at 3:18 at the narrows, and as there is a difference of forty-five minutes in favor of False creek, the hour of the suicide would be at 2:30. Mr. W. H. Johnson was Daggett's most intimate friend, and several of the notes were addressed to him. "You are to take charge of things until Ralph comes." Do not wire home. Ralph will do that. "Duke."

Another note asked the P. V. V., a society the men in the house had formed, to think kindly of "the doctor."

The whole sad affair may be summed up in the words discouragement and weakness. No inquest will be held, and the funeral will take place at 3 o'clock tomorrow from Center & Hanna's undertaking rooms.

Death of Charles S. Jameson.

Charles S. Jameson, a most highly respected resident of Richmond died suddenly of heart disease at his home about a mile from Richmond Corner on Monday afternoon aged 81 years and 4 months. He was just starting to drive to the Corner when he fell dead on his door step. He leaves five sons John Jameson of East Florenceville, Henry of Richmond, W. F. of Council Bluffs Iowa, Charles O. of Minneapolis and Dr. Jameson of Philadelphia.

BACK TO HEALTH.

THROUGH THE KINDNESS AND PERSISTENCE OF A FRIEND.

An Every-Day Story That Will Bring Health and Happiness to Young Girls Who Act Upon the Advice Given.

From the Sun, Orangeville, Ont.

In every part of Canada are to be found graceful people who cheerfully acknowledge that the good health they enjoy is due to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. In the town of Orangeville there are many such people, among them being Miss Lizzie Collins, an estimable young lady who resides with her mother in the east ward. Miss Collins' cure through the use of this medicine was recently brought to the attention of the Sun, and a reporter was sent to get the facts from the young lady. Miss Collins cheerfully accorded the interview, and her statement is given practically in her own words: "Two years ago," said she, "I became so weak that I was forced to take to bed. The illness came on gradually; I found myself run down, suffered from headaches, and was as pale as it was possible for a living person to be. I used several medicines, but they did not help me. Then I consulted a doctor, and he said that I had scarcely any blood, and that my condition was one of danger. Medicine did not seem to do me any good and I found myself growing weaker. I reached the stage where my heart kept palpitating violently all the time. The headaches became continuous, and my condition one which words can scarcely describe. I really despaired of getting better, and loathed the sight of medicine. I had been confined to bed for about two months when one day a friend called and urged me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I told her I had lost faith in all medicines, but she was apparently determined I should try the pills, for she brought me about half a box she had been using herself. I could not then do less than try the pills, and when they were used, while I cannot say that I felt much better, I had more confidence in the pills and got half a dozen boxes. Before these were gone there was no doubt that they were rapidly restoring me to my old-time health, as I was soon able to sit up and then be around and out. I used in all eight or nine boxes, and before these were gone I felt as though I had never had an ache or pain in my life. That is what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills did for me and I think I would be very ungrateful if I did not add my testimony for the benefit it may be to some other young girl."

Miss Collins, story should bring hope to many thousands of other young girls who suffer as she did. Those who are pale, lack appetite, suffer from headaches, and palpitation of the heart, dizziness, or a feeling of constant weariness, will find renewed health and strength in the use of a few boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Sold by all dealers or sent by mail, post paid, at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams, Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Dr. Parkhurst on the Liquor Question.

Dr. Parkhurst, the New York apostle of temperance, in an interview published in the New York Post, said:—

I do not urge an abandonment of principle, but I feel that it is a great pity that a great number of voters should be turned away from voting for decent men simply because they feel that under a reform administration their own personal liberty would be interfered with. I have spoken about this matter before, and I do not like to have strife with my temperance friends. But I know, simply as a matter of fact, that a great many people who would otherwise vote for the reform ticket will not vote for such a ticket if they believe that an energetic effort will be made to keep the saloons closed tight all day Sunday. I most earnestly wish that some means could be found of conciliating the element that wishes to have the saloons kept open on Sunday. The saloons will be open anyway—they will be open, no matter what the reformers do—and I don't see why the additional harm should be done of alienating so large a body of voters who would otherwise vote for the decent government. I suppose I shall be attacked for saying this. But I have been attacked before, and I guess I can stand it.

20 Years of Vile Catarrh.—Chas. O. Brown, journalist, of Duluth, Minn., writes: "I have been a sufferer from Throat and Nasal Catarrh for over 20 years, during which time my head has been stopped up and my condition truly miserable. Within 15 minutes after using Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder I obtained relief. Three bottles have almost, if not entirely, cured me." 50c.—73 Sold by Garden Bros.

South Africa.

LONDON, May 26.—The war office has received the following despatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, May 26:

"A superior force of Boers made a determined attack on a convoy between Ventersdorp and Potchefstroom May 23, but was driven off. Our losses were four killed and thirty wounded. The convoy arrived in safety."

IN THE FAR EAST.

United States Legation Guard Has Had Its First Trouble.

PEKIN, May 26.—The U. S. legation guard has had its first trouble. Legation street is being repaired near the legation, and an American sentry was placed at the point with an order to direct people around by a side street. Everybody obeyed with the exception of the Germans, both officers and soldiers who had caused the American sentries much trouble.

One of the German officers drew his sword and charged an American soldier, who brought his bayonet to "charge," whereupon the officer desisted. Subsequently a German soldier charged past the sentry, who fired, hitting another German soldier near the German legation, a quarter of a mile off. This was only a light flesh wound. The sentry has been placed under arrest and Major Robertson has instituted an investigation.

The attitude of Dr. Mumm von Schwartzstein, German minister, representing the civilians, and Count Von Waldersee, representing the military, as well as that of other high officials, has been particularly friendly toward the Americans, which makes all the more pronounced the unfriendly feeling evinced by a majority of the German officers and men. The unfriendliness is attributed to the American attitude in retaining control with the legation guard of one entrance to the Forbidden city, which the Germans consider a reflection upon the national honesty.

The day's meeting of the ministers of the powers was devoted to closing up details of business, independent of the indemnity question, although the military authorities of the various powers seem to consider a settlement in sight, as general preparations are being made for the evacuation of Peking in the early future.

Two German marine battalions have left for Tsing Tau.

British transports have been ordered. Count Von Waldersee expects to leave about the middle of June.

Emperor Kwang Su has instructed agents to prepare the palace for occupation by the court as soon as the troops depart.

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QUINT.—At Forest Glen Tobique River May 25th William Quint age 60 years. He leaves a widow four sons and two daughters.

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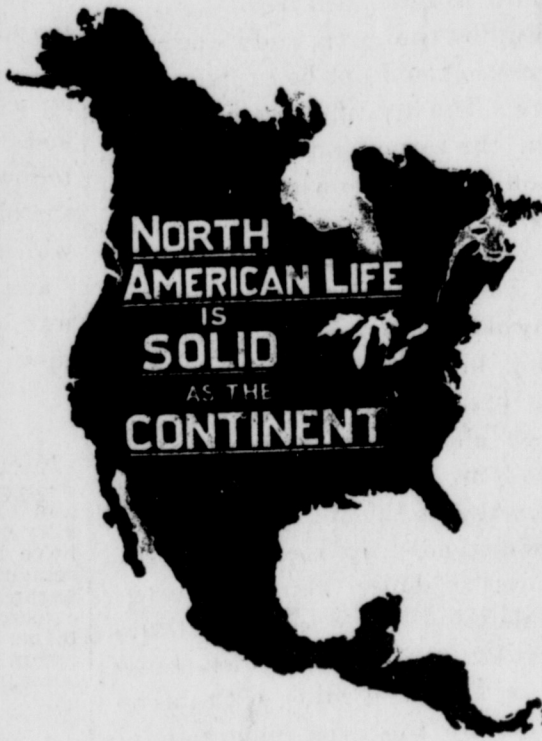
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A Short Sermon to the Preacher.

"It is not a difficult matter," says the New York Observer (Pres.), "to induce men and women to stand up and profess Christ before others. It is a much more arduous task to weave them one by one into vital unity, to bind their hearts in devotion, their hands in service, their wills into action; to fashion a church alive in Christ, alert, sweet in spirit, strenuous in service; this costs. This is no light achievement. Every minister is susceptible to the inspiration of the large audience. It is far easier to preach to a thousand than to fifty. There is keen pleasure in it, and excitement, but this quiet, unnoticed guiding one dull, dreary disciple into better knowledge, this leading one spirit into finer living, this helping one ignorant, unappreciative brother to carry his load, all this may seem monotonous and unattractive. Yet thus the Master labored, and so must we. There is dangerous heresy in pulpit and pew in this worship of numbers. Crowds are not proof of the Spirit's presence. You may have the pews filled and the treasury overflowing and a dead church. A passion for the individual, a genius for seeking men one by one and finding them, freedom from the temptation to worship a crowd. Exaltation of the Church, the body of Christ which is worthy of the supreme love, and the best service, and is equal to the needs of every age. These two points need emphasis to-day."

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A Complaint From Drysdale Flat.

To the Editor of the Dispatch:—

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It is very important that a fire alarm box be placed on this street, more so since the Woodworking Factory of Mr. J. N. W. Winslow has started up. The smoke stack having no spark catcher and fire is liable to catch in the lumber piles.

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