

Today's Ogden News

SHOCKING SUICIDE OF YOUNG MAN.

Ross Richardson, Despondent
Over Loss of Work, Takes
His Own Life.

DEED DELIBERATELY PLANNED

Notified Friends of His Determination,
Who Could Not Dissuade
Him of His Intentions.

Ogden, Dec. 8.—Despondent because he had been laid off work, Ross Richardson, a well known young man of Ogden, aged 23 years, ended his life by putting a 38 caliber bullet through his head yesterday afternoon.

His tragic ending was deliberate and carefully planned. He left his young wife at her home, 2140 Reeve avenue, at noon yesterday apparently happy. He went to his employment as head carrier at the new building being erected at the Becker's Brewing plant, but was laid off by his employer about 2:30 p. m., on account of there being little work for him to do, but would have been put to work again in a few days. He seemed to become despondent immediately and went to his cousin, James Dinsdale, also an employee at the brewery and told him good bye, but did not say what he was going to do, only told him he would know it all in a short time. He then rode to his home and told his 18-year-old wife that he was disheartened and believed he would quit work and the world. She laughed at him and told him not to talk so unwisely. He left the house after getting his wife to promise she would go up to his father's home and visit his mother, who is in ill health. He then went up town on his bicycle and bought the pistol, a 38 caliber Smith & Wesson, and stopped at Joe Bott's saloon and took two drinks of whiskey, remarking that it would be his last drink, and showed the butt of the gun in his pocket to Mr. Bott. When he left the saloon Mr. Bott notified Officer Morrissey of Richardson's strange remarks and the officer started out after him, but as Richardson was riding a wheel the officer could not catch him. He rode to the corner of Lincoln avenue and Twenty-second street, where he met his aunt, Mrs. Dinsdale, and told her he was discouraged and was going to shoot himself, and showed her the pistol. She tried to get him to stop and let her talk to him but he would not listen to her. She took hold of his bicycle and told it and he walked away, saying he didn't need the wheel. He walked to his home on Reeve avenue. In passing by the window he glanced at his wife inside and smiled and then went to the toilet, and placing the pistol to his right temple, fired, killing him almost instantly. A little boy heard the shot and ran to the house and called Mrs. Richardson. The police were notified and the body was taken to Larkin & Son's undertaking parlors.

His parents, young wife and many relatives are shocked at his tragic ending, as usually he was of a very happy disposition and a favorite with a host of friends.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Chauncey Richardson, well known residents of this city. For several years he lived at Baker City, Or., where he married his wife, coming to Ogden last May.

He was a member of the International Hod Carriers and Building Laborers' union of America, No. 23. The time and place of funeral will be announced later.

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JUDGE ROLAPP HONORED.

By Associates in A. O. U. W. Lodge,
Now a Past Grand Master.

Ogden, Dec. 8.—At a meeting of the A. O. U. W. held last evening, a very delightful time was had and Judge H. H. Rolapp was made past grand master workman and chosen as representative of the lodge from the State of Utah to the meeting of the supreme lodge.

For his services in the order and the high esteem in which he is held by the members, he was presented with a handsome diamond ring, the presentation being made by Master Workman Lockhart of Park City and Judge Rolapp responded. After the meeting a sumptuous banquet was served, which was partaken of by 125. Toasts were given by Judge John E. Bagley, Judge H. H. Rolapp, Master

Workman Lockhart of Park City and John Ham of Evanston.

BRIEFS AND PERSONALS.

Tonight the Y. L. and Y. M. M. I. associations of the Weber stake will give a ball at Teller's dancing academy, which promises to be one of the pleasurable events of the season.

The G. A. R. will meet tonight to elect officers for the ensuing year.

William F. Critchlow is seriously ill at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Stoeck, on Lincoln avenue, with a complication of afflictions.

The Improved Order of Redmen will meet tonight to elect officers for the ensuing year.

Frank Smyth who resigned his position on the police force has gone into the restaurant business.

The "Apollo" basketball team of American Fork came to Ogden today to play a game this afternoon with the deaf and dumb school team which commenced at 4:20.

Fred Spade deposited \$20 with the clerk of the municipal court for begging, when he had plenty of money in his pockets. He was intoxicated at the time.

"When Johnny Comes Marching Home" will be given Monday night at the Grand Opera house. It is a comedy opera of merit.

Frank Johnson, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, has been discharged for lack of evidence to secure a conviction.

The Investment Securities company has commenced a suit in the district court against Daniel P. Jones et al for the foreclosure of a mortgage given to secure a note on which \$5,726.52 is due.

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LECTURE BY B. H. ROBERTS.

Internal Evidence of the Book of Mormon Theme.

Special Correspondence.

Provo, Utah, Dec. 8.—It was an inspiring audience that greeted Elder B. H. Roberts' opening lecture yesterday at the Brigham Young university, on the "Internal Evidence of the Book of Mormon." Fifty-one teachers and over 1,000 students were seated in the lecture hall or standing in the aisles, and hallway, and listened, during the hour usually allotted to theology, with rapt attention to the speaker's new and advanced ideas.

One is always interested in that of which he knows something, and desires to know more, according to this principle, anything relating to the sacred record of ancient America is listened to with eagerness by the students and teachers of the Church schools, all of whom have had, or are now having, a one year's course devoted to a critical study of it.

Elder Roberts remarked as a preliminary that the Book of Mormon, considered as a proof of "Mormonism," was at once its greatest strength and its greatest weakness—a paradox which he explained by saying that if the testimony of Joseph Smith and the witnesses respecting the coming forth, could be sustained, it was not only relative but absolute proof of the divinity of the Prophet's mission; but if the evidence failed, and there was a human side to this divine revelation, which lent itself to very plausible arguments by opponents, then it would prove a stumbling block to people investigating the truth of "Mormonism." Judging by this first lecture there will prove to be little danger of the latter alternative prevailing. The course involves the subject-matter laid out in the current senior M. I. A. Manual, and students will be called upon the next day by the regular theology teachers to answer the questions there formulated as reviews. Thus they will miss nothing of the M. I. A. instructions for the year, but will in fact, get a more thorough course than if they were at home, and at the same time have all the other advantages of a year's work in theology.

From the nature of his reception today, it is safe to say that Elder Roberts will be a welcome visitor every two weeks during the rest of the school year.

DIVIDEND IS \$10,000.

The report in the "News" which

county, Aug. 4, 1885. The supposition is that he was a patient in Dr. Young's hospital and taken to Weber county, when the hospital closed, and later brought to Provo.

TERMS OF FOURTH DISTRICT COURT.

Judge Booth has fixed the following dates for opening terms of the Fourth district court for 1934.

Utah County—Monday, Jan. 8; Monday, April 2; Monday, July 9, and Monday, Oct. 1.

Wasatch County—Monday, Feb. 12; Monday, May 7; Monday, Aug. 29, and Monday, Nov. 5.

Utah County—Wednesday, March 21; Wednesday, June 6; Wednesday, Sept. 5, and Wednesday, Dec. 5.

GARDEN CITY NOTES.

Provo Lodge No. 14, I. O. O. F. elected the following officers for the ensuing year at the meeting of the lodge Wednesday evening: T. L. Vincent, noble grand; E. Sutherland, vice grand; E. L. Jones, secretary; J. K. Root, treasurer; B. H. Rower, trustee; S. G. Ray, degree captain.

Judge Booth has rendered decisions in the following cases: Pleasant Grove City vs. David F. West, defendant adjudged guilty and a fine of \$10 imposed. Pleasant Grove City vs. Law-

rence Monson, defendant adjudged guilty and a fine of \$1 and costs imposed. In the case of Provo City vs. Willard Smith, a fine of \$20 was imposed.

Deputy State Auditor E. A. Box is here examining county accounts.

A fire which appears to have been the work of an incendiary is reported from Pleasant Grove. The door of a small frame building on the business premises of Clark Bros. company had been saturated with oil and set on fire. For some unaccountable reason the fire did not make much headway and went out after burning a small hole in the door, and the building was found in this condition in the morning when the clerks arrived to open for business.

CONSERVATIVES RETAIN SEAT.

London, Dec. 7.—The result of the bye-elections yesterday in the new elector division of Hampshire, caused by the succession of Hon. Scott Montagu, Conservative to the peerage, was that H. F. Condon managed to retain the seat for the Conservatives by the narrow majority of 199.

KILLED BY GAS EXPLOSION.

Wichita, Kan., Dec. 7.—Patrick Kennedy, houseman at Mount Carmel academy, a Catholic girls' seminary, was killed by the explosion of the school's gas lighting plant tonight. He entered the building with a lighted lantern when the explosion occurred, hurling his body hundreds of feet into the air. The body went over the stable a hundred yards distant and was torn to shreds.

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