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## Suicide at Shubert

### Geo. Quiggle Tries to Kill Wife then Shoots Himself.

Last Monday morning in the village of Shubert in the northern part of this county, was enacted a tragedy which resulted in the death of George N. Quiggle and the wounding of his wife to the extent that she may be a cripple for life. A reporter for The Tribune hastened to the scene of the tragedy and from those in a position to know, obtained the following facts. Geo. Quiggle having been on a protracted spree for several days, had become so abusive to his wife and children, that they had temporarily left home, as they had done so oft before, and had rented another house in which they expected to make their home until such time when husband and father having settled down from his spree it would be tolerable for them to return to their home. Everybody who knew George Quiggle knew that the demon of strong drink had so firmly fastened his fangs upon him that he was no longer any good to himself, family or the community in which he lived, but no one believed him to be a dangerous man and while he had threatened his wife and everybody else whom he expected to be unfriendly, no person ever for a moment thought that he would put his threats into execution. Hence, while he had been making frantic efforts for several day to procure a revolver, no serious attention was paid to it either by his wife or by the community as it was the same old story which had been oft repeated by him. On Monday morning, however, having previously armed himself, he began to drink heavily in order to nerve himself up to that pitch where only the devil seems to have complete control and not a vestige of the human remains, and in which condition only could this tragedy have been enacted.

Thus prepared George Quiggle started on his mission of murder. It was about ten o'clock in the forenoon when he arrived at the temporary home of his wife. He found her engaged in hanging out clothes and at once attacked her in a death struggle; throwing her violently to the ground he

threw himself on her body and at this close range began to shoot at her head and chest, but strange to say that though he was astride her person and aiming directly at her chest and fired eight shots, not one entered her body. Mrs. Quiggle being a strong woman and making a desperate fight, received all the shots in her hands and arms except one which struck her on the upper part of the forehead making an ugly scalp wound is the only way that her escape from death can be accounted for. Believing that he had killed his wife Quiggle left her for dead, went to his own room reloaded his gun turned it on himself and at 12:30 p. m. about one hour and thirty minutes after the first shot was fired he died.

Corner Reneker reached Shubert about three o'clock empaneled a jury composed of Geo Lewis, J. N. Colglazier, W. M. Shubert Ed Graham, H. E. Williams and a gentleman from Falls City who after viewing the remains and hearing the testimony of witnesses decided that deceased came to his death from a gun shot wound inflicted by his own hand.

The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon from his late home under the management of Undertaker Lord and the body was buried in Prairie Union cemetery.

Mrs. Quiggle is not seriously hurt and will be all right again in a few days.

Barring strong drink George Quiggle was not a bad man at heart, and had he abstained, might have been a useful citizen. His wife is a hard-working woman and has the sympathy and good wishes of all.

#### Special Election.

Governor Mickey has issued his proclamation balling a special election to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Hon. E. J. Burkett. The election will be held Tuesday, July 18. The congressional committee will meet in Lincoln the first of next week to call the convention. Nearly every county has a candidate and one of them has half a dozen. Altogether it will be a merry fight.

#### Something Doing.

In another portion of this paper will be found a quotation from the Hiawatha World regarding Missouri Pacific changes. The cut off and grade eliminating line spoken of, is the suggestion made by E. H. Towle to Russle of the Pacific. The change contemplated, is to run the road up the ravine west of town and build the depot down in the pasture of Anderson Miller. Mr. Russle, in company with Mr. Towle, personally inspected the proposed route and expressed himself personally and by letter in favor of the proposed change. If this is done it will give more yard room and place the depot much nearer town.

#### Overflow Case.

A case was filed in the district court last week which will be of considerable interest to those who own bottom lands. David Brinegar, living south of Salem, has brought an action seeking to enjoin John Copass, a neighbor, from building a dyke across his land to keep the flood waters of the Nemaha from flowing across his farm. The case will settle the disputed question as to whether or not an owner of bottom land has the legal right to protect himself by embankments will flow the water back on his land. The case will probably be heard in May.

#### The Miles Case Again.

The supreme court in acting on the motion of Joseph Miles for a re-hearing in the celebrated Miles will case, has ordered an oral argument at the next sitting to be limited to two lawyers on a side. This will make the fourth time this case has been argued to the court.

#### At the Ranth.

On Friday evening of last week burglars entered the ware house connected with the general merchandise store at Margrave's Ranch and stole about one hundred dollars worth of provisions. The guilty parties have not been located as yet.

#### Old Foundry Gone.

On Wednesday afternoon the old foundry building or cider mill, situated in the south western portion of this city, caught fire and burned to the ground. The wind blowing from the south carried sparks to the Pomroy residence across the street

but by the ready help of a score of men, they made no headway. The telephone poles were also disfigured. The loss to Mr. Taylor owner of the building amounte to about \$2,000, with no insurance whatever.

#### A Change in the Tribune.

After this issue The Tribune will use no more plate matter. The ready print house has held us up as long as we will permit. The matter furnished has been constantly deteriorating in value and interest, consequently we have cancelled the contract and will hereafter run only home matter. The size of the paper will be a little smaller, but what it loses in quantity it will make up in quality and convenience.

#### Died.

On Saturday morning, April 15th, occurred the death of Frank R. Sears. The deceased was the youngest surviving son of Vol. R. Sears and was a young man of twenty years. Without a moments warning from that sudden affliction, heart disease, he was called into that great beyond. No last message to give consolation to the loved ones left behind him, on that dim journey travelled by him in the horizon of manhood. Living in this city during his entire life he never had harsh or unkind feelings toward any. Funeral services conducted by Rev. Griffin were held from the family residence Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock interment being in the Steele cemetery.

Their many friends extend sincerest condolence to the grief stricken father and brother.

#### Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank the many friends for their sympathy and kindness in our sorrow.

VOL. R. SEARS and son.

Thomas Sare and family of Mound City visited with friends in this city a few days during the week. They left Tuesday for Paonia Colorado where they will spend the summer.

J. L. Dalby and wife of Shubert accompanied their daughter Mrs. Agnes Tipton to this city Wednesday on her way to her home in Albany Mo.

Marguerite Wicks was on the sick list the fore part of the week.

Bruno Smith came down from Lincoln on Tuesday.