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DEATH BY HANGING!

Mrs. Mary J. Clair Commits Suicide at Her Home in the Town of Alfred
—She Was Insane.

Mrs. Mary J. Clair, who lived in the town of Alfred, about three miles north of this village on the East Valley road, was found hanging by the neck in her home Monday forenoon at about 11 o'clock.

Mrs. Clair lived alone. She was last seen on Friday of last week on which day she visited the family of Wm. Caple, a neighbor, returning to her home shortly before night. No one knows when the deed was done, but the condition of the body when found indicated that she had been dead some time, and there is good reason to believe that the act was committed Friday evening or at the latest Saturday morning.

On Monday forenoon two daughters of Mrs. Clair, Mrs. Alice Davis and Mrs. Bertha Ormsby, both of whom live near Alfred Station, went to see their mother. They found the house locked, and apparently there was no one upon the premises. The ladies believed their mother had gone to a neighbor's, and several calls were made in the vicinity without learning of her whereabouts. They returned to Mrs. Clair's house for the purpose of making a more thorough search about the premises. Going to the back of the house, they looked through a window into a room which was once a kitchen, but which had lately been but little used, and saw their mother hanging by a rope attached to the ceiling. The terrible truth was quickly realized, and neighbors were at once summoned. Coroner George E. Burdick of Alfred Station was sent for, and he arrived at about 4:30 o'clock p. m.

The Coroner made a careful examination of the premises. The woman had gone into this room, fastened all the doors and windows leading thereto, except one door which was not easily closed, which opened into another part of the house. She had stood upon a chair, tied a rope to a staple in the ceiling, and after adjusting the other end of the rope around her neck had evidently kicked the chair away, as it was found tipped over on the floor near the body.

All indications pointed so clearly to suicide that the Coroner decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Mrs. Clair was 58 years old last October. She was born in Angelica and her maiden name was Davis. She had been twice married, her first husband's name being Proctor. Her second husband, Lee Clair, died some time ago. Years ago she became insane, and had twice been to the asylum. Her last release from that institution occurred about five years ago, since which time she had lived in the house where she died. The greater portion of the time the place has also been occupied by one or more of the children, but she had lived alone since about the first of March, although having been urged to go and live with one of her daughters. Formerly her insanity was of the more violent nature, with a tendency to excitability. Lately, however, we understand she had been low spirited, her ailment rather taking the form of melancholia.

The deceased leaves a number of sons and daughters, some of them having been children by her first husband.

The remains of Mrs. Clair were buried yesterday at Alfred Station. Funeral services were held this morning at 11 o'clock, at the church in the same place.

Republican Caucus.
The Republican electors of the town of Andover, N. Y., are requested to meet in caucus at Prest's opera house in the village of Andover, on Saturday evening, May 9, 1896, at 8 o'clock, for the purpose of choosing two delegates to represent said town in the District Convention to be held at Olean, N. Y., on Friday, May 15, 1896.
Dated Andover, N. Y. April 28, 1896.
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KILLED HIMSELF IN BUFFALO.

Suicide of George H. Osborn Formerly of Wellsville.
George H. Osborn of Watertown, N. Y., formerly of Wellsville, shot himself in his room at the Hotel Broezel in Buffalo Sunday morning between 8 and 9 o'clock. Another guest of the house heard the pistol shot and informed the clerk, who went to Osborn's room and found him dead with a bullet wound in his right temple.

Letters and papers in the room revealed the identity of the man. A coroner took charge of the body and E. A. Osborn of Wellsville, a brother of the deceased, was notified. He at once departed for Buffalo to take charge of his brother's remains.

George Osborn was known in Andover where he has a number of relatives. He was a most estimable young man. He was married last summer to Miss Minnie Davie of Bolivar, and every indication points to the fact that he lived happily. A sickness several years ago left him subject to fits of melancholy in one of which he doubtless took his life. He was employed in Buffalo for years as a telegraph operator for the Atlas Refining Company. He left there and came back to his old home in Wellsville because of operator's paralysis of the hand. For two years he had represented the Equitable Life Insurance Company and for 12 months had had an office at Watertown, which he still retained at the time of his death. In the last few weeks he had been interested in the production of oil near Fostoria, O. A dry hole struck last week may have brought on melancholia.

Not Sufficient Evidence.

Some time ago W. H. LaCoste of Denver, Colo., was indicted in Elmira. Mr. LaCoste is well known in Andover, he having for a number of years been in the employ of A. C. Frisbey of this place. The indictment was obtained on a charge made against LaCoste of having disposed of about \$800 worth of mining stock in Elmira by fraudulent representations. Extradition papers were secured, and it was proposed to bring Mr. LaCoste to Elmira for trial, when his attorney in Denver asked for a writ of habeas corpus and a discharge of the accused. The Judge before whom the case was argued in Denver granted the motion for discharge on the ground that the evidence was not sufficient to show that the defendant was guilty of the crime with which he was charged. Mr. LaCoste's friends in this place are naturally gratified at the outcome, as they have all along had great faith in his integrity.

Joyce—Dunigan.

A pleasant wedding took place at St. Mary's church at Rexville, N. Y., on Wednesday morning, April 29th, at nine o'clock. The contracting parties were Mr. James L. Joyce, a popular young man of Andover, and Miss Margaret C. Dunigan, daughter of Joseph H. Dunigan of Greenwood. The bride was attended by Miss Anna Kenney of Hornellsville, and the groom by Mr. J. E. Dunigan, brother of the bride. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H. J. McConnell, D. D., a nuptial high mass being celebrated. After the ceremony the happy party returned to the home of the bride's parents where a pleasant reception was given by the immediate relatives and friends of the family. After a brief wedding trip, including Rochester, Buffalo and the falls, Mr. and Mrs. Joyce will take up their residence in Andover, where their pleasant home is already prepared. The best wishes of their hosts of friends will be extended the worthy couple for their future happiness and prosperity.

L. E. Wiles, Dentist.

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WILLIAM B. CLARKE.

The Death of Andover's Oldest Resident Occurs May 1st.
William Bliss Clarke died at his home in this village on Friday, May 1, 1896. Mr. Clarke had no disease, but his death was due entirely to old age. For a number of years, as was to be expected, he had been feeble, but his vitality, considering his age, was remarkable. Until recently he has been able to walk about the house, and at times he has seemed unusually active even for him. It was not until the first of April that he began to fail perceptibly, since which time his decline was almost continuous until his death.

The deceased was upwards of 88 years of age. He was born in Brookfield, Madison county, N. Y., Nov. 14, 1807. He was the elder child of Hazard P. and Phoebe Whitford Clarke. He had lived in this town since he was about 14 years old, and since 1865 had been a resident of this village. Mr. Clarke was married in 1839 to Relief A. Woodcock, of Willing, who survives him. The only child born to them died in infancy, but they adopted four other children, who thus received all the fostering care and kindly ministrations that any parents could have given.

Mr. Clarke was, in the early '60's, one of the Superintendents of the Poor for Allegany county. In those days each county had three such officers instead of one as at present. He held this office for six years. He also during his lifetime held several town offices, and was one of the prominent men of this vicinity, having a large acquaintance throughout this section of country.

When the Andover Seventh Day Baptist church was organized in 1871, Mr. Clarke was one of the constituent members of the Society, and was soon afterward ordained deacon of the church. He continued a faithful member of the church until his death, and was a regular attendant at the services as long as his physical condition would permit. He was in many ways one of the strongest pillars of this church, and the good that he has done by voice, deed and purse can not be told in words.

The funeral services were held in the sanctuary where he worshipped, on Sunday morning last, and were attended by a large concourse of people. Rev. L. A. Platts, pastor of the church, officiated, assisted by Rev. J. Kenyon and Rev. Mr. Burdick of Independence. A profusion of flowers and plants adorned the desk. The singing by a quartette was especially fine. Elder Platts paid a just tribute to the memory of the deceased in which he stated that a truly good man had gone to his reward. He said that although he was aware that fulsome praise was always distasteful to Mr. Clarke, he felt it was due his memory to state that if he had ever wronged another the fact was unknown to the speaker. Those in the congregation, many of whom had known Mr. Clarke nearly all their lives, no doubt endorsed every word spoken. The remains were taken to Independence for burial.

The deceased leaves, besides a widow, four sisters: Mrs. Amanda Livermore and Mrs. Silencia Livermore of Independence; Mrs. Clara C. Livermore and Mrs. Grace Everett of Andover.

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Columbian Society.

The Columbian society will hold an open session Monday evening, May 18. The following programme will be given: Music by Cecilia Club. Paper—Leaves of the Nineteenth Century, Grace Robinson. Trio—Misses Young, Hardy and Wood. Recitation by Sarah Barney. Music by Cecilia Club. Debate: Resolved, that intemperance cannot be diminished by legal enactment. Recitation by Angie Barney. Music by Cecilia Club.

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