

Eagle Lake Headlight.

Bruce W. McCarty, Editor and Proprietor.

NOTHING EXTERMINATE, NOR SET DOWN AGAIN IN MALICE.

One Dollar and a Half Per Year in Advance.

VOLUME IX.

Eagle Lake, Texas, Saturday, January, 6 1912.

NUMBER 33

ED. T. EVANS ENDS HIS OWN LIFE

Left No Cause For Rash Act—Believed to Have Been Despondent Over Love Affairs and Financial Matters—Body Shipped to Massachusetts For Interment.

Our little city was shocked on last Tuesday morning when it was learned that Mr. Ed. T. Evans, manager of the Eagle Lake Motor Car Company's garage and one of the best automobiles in the city, had killed himself in his room over the garage some time during the night previous.

He was found in bed covered up, still gripping tightly the .45 Colt's revolver in his hands. He held the barrel of the pistol in his left hand and his right hand tightly clinched the handle of the gun, with the thumb of his right hand still on the trigger, showing that death had been instantaneous. The muzzle of the gun pointed at a point about at the mouth, his grip on the gun having relaxed just a little when the fatal shot was made. The bullet struck him between the corner of his right eye and the nose, tearing a large and ugly hole.

Ed. Evans was twenty-nine years of age and came to Eagle Lake about four years ago from New York, since which time he has followed the automobile business. He left no note or letter giving cause for the rash act, though it is believed that he was despondent over love affairs, while others believe that brooding over financial matters had caused him to take his life. It is said that he had several hundred dollars out on his books that he was unable to collect; that he needed the money and made an effort to collect these accounts the evening before his death.

About seven-thirty o'clock on the night of his death a shot was heard in his room and City Marshal Vineyard rushed to the scene. He found Evans sitting on the bed holding his hand over his eye. Mr. Vineyard asked, "What's the matter with you, Ed, are you trying to kill yourself?" and Evans replied that he was attempting to unload his pistol and it went off accidentally and powder burned him. It is believed now that he attempted to take his life at this time, but that his nerve either failed him or he flinched at the time of pulling the trigger and the bullet went wild of his aim.

The deceased seemed to be in good spirits during the early part of the night as he attended a small tent show and when a call was made for some one to come upon the stage from the audience to assist in some act, Ed went up, and at this time he seemed to be as lively and jolly as ever.

That he had planned to take his life is evident by the fact that he had destroyed all letters and other correspondence in his room, leaving only some pictures of his sweetheart, and on a table near his bed left three addresses written in red ink. The addresses were as follows: "Mrs. P. T. Evans, North Attleboro, Mass., Mr. Wm. H. Jaeger, Bunardsville, N. J., and Mrs. Bertha C.

Moore, Brownwood, Texas." He also left an envelope lying on the table addressed to the Brownwood address above, but there was no letter in the envelope.

Mrs. Moore at Brownwood was in company with her brother, Mr. Roy Callison, arrived here the following morning. Mrs. Moore, who is grief-stricken and heart-sore over the affair, informed the HEADLIGHT reporter that she and the dead young man were married on Wednesday, the third of January. While Mrs. Moore was very modest about the newspaper notoriety, and greatly preferred not getting into the papers, after talking the matter over with older people, she was advised that it was best to make her statement public through the HEADLIGHT, and consented to give out for publication all that she thought might have any connection with the sad affair. With a feeling of deep emotion, Mrs. Moore told the reporter her full story, saying that while she regretted to make all public through the paper, she believed it would be best as she did not want some people to be left under a false impression. Her conversation to the HEADLIGHT was, in substance, about as follows: She said that she had been previously married but that she and her husband had been living separate for about two years, though she had never before gotten a divorce, believing that she would never care to again marry until she met Mr. Evans. She said that she and the deceased were engaged to marry and that they were to have been married on Christmas day, though the slow grinding of the courts her divorce was not received in time. She stated that for the past several weeks, Ed's letters to her showed that he had looked on the dark side of things, he intimating a number of times that he believed something would yet happen to keep her from receiving the divorce or otherwise prevent them from marrying.

He advised her to let him know as soon as she got the divorce and he would come to Brownwood for her. She states that she did not succeed in getting the divorce until Monday and immediately wired Mr. Evans as follows: "It is all over. Come to Brownwood. Answer if you can come." This message was received by the deceased on the morning of the tragedy. When the telegram was handed him he read it, then held it in his hand, lit a match to it and burned it, at the same time remarking to a young man standing near, "It's all off." It is believed that Mr. Evans misunderstood the message, believing his sweetheart to have meant the marriage arrangements were all over, when in fact she meant that the court proceedings were all over and that she was now free to marry the man of her choice.

It is believed that he misunderstood the meaning of the telegram and the disappointment led him to fire the fatal shot. That all arrangements for their future had been made is shown by letters written by the deceased to Mrs. Moore. He had already rented a house here and expected to go to housekeeping immediately after his marriage. In a letter written to his sweetheart only a few days before his death he stated that he had already given his heart to God and that he was going to unite with the church as soon as they were married and live the remainder of his life for his Savior.

DEATH OF JOHN TATTERS

Mr. John Tatters, at one time a resident of Eagle Lake, died at his home in San Antonio last Friday after an illness covering several years. Mr. Tatters was at one time prominently connected in the tin business in this city, and later was a member of the Tatters Gas Light Company. He moved to Houston about four years ago, shortly afterward contracting his fatal illness. He moved, with his family, to Marfa, hoping that the change of climate

would improve his health, but having received no benefit from the climate there removed to San Antonio. The remains were brought here Saturday night and interred with Masonic ceremonies in the Lake-side cemetery at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon, the funeral being made by the side of his father who preceded him in death several years ago. John Tatters was a good man, and every one here liked him. Those who accompanied his remains and attended the funeral were Harry Wallace of Somerville, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. King, Mrs. Martha Wallace and Mr. Wilkinson Tatters of San Antonio. To the widow and little children of the deceased, the HEADLIGHT extends its sincerest sympathy.

Ed. Evans was a good young man. Every one who knew him liked him. He held the respect and esteem of every one here. If he ever did any one an injury no one ever heard of it. He was one of the most polite, accommodating and courteous of young men, and his tragic death is deeply regretted. During the four years we have known Ed, we have never heard one word spoken ill of him, and since his death we have heard a lady with whom he boarded for a long time remark that he was one of the best, most agreeable and most accommodating young men that she had ever known. Every one who knew him speaks of him in this same manner. No one knows just what his feelings must have been to cause him to take his life, and probably never will, but every one here deeply regrets the affair. To the heart-broken young woman who was so soon to have become his bride and to his grief-stricken mother in far away Massachusetts, the HEADLIGHT extends its sincerest sympathy.

The body was shipped on Wednesday afternoon to the home of his mother in Taunton, Mass., for burial.

FOR SALE—20 horse power Callihan gas engine, in good shape. J. H. OWEN.

INCREASE BUSINESS IN

>1912<

Increase your annual business by applying modern financial methods. All things being equal, 1912 should be your most prosperous business year. Plan for nothing short of this result and base your plan on

The Check Account System of This Bank

The First National Bank,

The Oldest.

The Largest.

Eagle Lake, Texas.

PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY BY KEEPING IT INSURED.

PUTNEY & WILSON

WE WRITE INSURANCE OF ALL KINDS AND REPRESENT FIRST CLASS COMPANIES ONLY.

EAT AT HANLY'S

OPPOSITE SUNSET DEPOT.

FISH AND OYSTERS FRESH EVERY DAY.

WE CATER TO THE WHITE TRADE ONLY.

BEST ICE CREAM AND COLD DRINKS.

E. W. HANLY, PROPRIETOR.

New Year's Greeting

We are profoundly grateful to the good people of our section for their past patronage, kind words of encouragement and many favors and wish ONE AND ALL, whether customers of this bank or not, a HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR, upon which we enter with confidence and knowledge that we are able and willing to continue handling in a most satisfactory manner all business entrusted to us. On this basis, we earnestly solicit your support.

Faithfully Yours,

Eagle Lake State Bank.

No. 1 in Colorado County in Aggregate Deposits.

No. 1 in Colorado County in Directors' Resources.

No. 1 in Colorado County on Roll of Honor.

Give your job printing to The Headlight. Don't send your orders away from home.