

SUICIDE.

Albert Lombard Kills Himself with a Rifle.

Albert V. B. Lombard, residing in the Morton & Riford addition, north of Territorial street, committed suicide about ten o'clock last Saturday evening by shooting himself in the head with a rifle.

The circumstances of the affair are brief. His wife had left him alone for a few minutes, and while she was absent the report of a gun was heard. When she returned a few minutes afterward she was horrified to find her husband lying on the floor, with his face burned by powder, an ugly bullet hole in the side of his head, and his rifle lying on his prostrate body in such a position as to leave no doubt that the fatal shot was fired by himself intentionally. The gun was short enough so that he could place the muzzle against his forehead and pull the trigger.

Mrs. Lombard called for help, and two neighbors, Verne Willard and Wm. Loftus, were the first to reach the house. Dr. Bowman, who was in the neighborhood, also ran to the house, but found the man dead.

Deceased was about 54 years old, and leaves a wife and one child, a boy ten years of age. It is believed that the cause of the shocking deed was temporary insanity due to domestic difficulties, the nature of which is not made public.

Justice M. G. Lamport, at a late hour that night, impaneled a jury composed of Messrs. C. C. Williams, J. C. Russell, John F. Slater, John A. Scott, John R. Fowler and Charles Guy. The jury examined four witnesses and agreed upon a verdict of suicide, but did not inquire officially into the cause of the self destruction.

The funeral occurred on Monday at three o'clock, the members of Geo. H. Thomas Post volunteering to bury the deceased who was an old soldier although not a member of the Grand Army. The interment took place at Morton cemetery.

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