

[Grant, J. Lewis]

GOES TO FAMILY CEMETERY PLOT TO KILL HIMSELF

J. Lewis Grant Drinks Carbolic Acid

Leading Auburn Citizen

Prominent in Religious and Social Affairs, Church and Club Treasurer and Elk,  
Believed to Have Lost Mind Over Financial Worries

Auburn, Aug. 21.—J. Lewis Grant, 50 years old, a former superintendent of the Auburn Water Board and one of the leading citizens of this city, took his life while sitting in a bench at the family plot in Fort Hill cemetery to-day. He was found by the caretaker of the cemetery and a physician summoned, but he lived only ten minutes. Mr. Grant drank an ounce of carbolic acid, the empty bottle being found a short distance away. It is believed financial troubles caused him to take his life. Coroner A. J. Forman gave a verdict of suicide, while suffering temporary insanity.

Mr. Grant was prominent in religious and social affairs of the city. He had been connected with the Auburn Water Board for many years, retiring in 1908. He had been treasurer of the First Universalist Church for nearly thirty years and was treasurer of the Auburn City Club for fourteen years. He was also a member of the Auburn City Lodge of Elks. Surviving are his widow and one daughter, Elizabeth. The funeral will be held at the home, No. 4 Orchard street, at 3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon, with burial in Fort Hill cemetery.

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