

[Loveland, Herbert W.]

AUBURN.

Shot twice through the head, his lifeless body lying prone on the floor of a darkened woodshed was the scene revealed in a Scipio farmhouse about 7 o'clock last Wednesday night which told the story of the death by his own hand of Herbert N. Loveland, who with his wife, little daughter and brother-in-law, occupied the premises. Loveland lived on a farm about a half mile north of Merrifield with his wife and child and with them as a boarder was Henry C. Elliott, his brother-in-law, whose home is in this city but who has been there since work ceased in the shop some time ago. When Loveland committed the act is not known for there was no one around at the time. Despondency is believed to have led him to take his life as his father, Hiram [Hinman] Loveland, did here last spring by taking laudanum at the Peacock house. People who had talked with him for the last day or two said he did not appear to be as bright as usual and he acted as if he were brooding over something. There has been much sickness and there have been many reverses in his family, and these, it is believed, prompted him to commit the act. Only last year a daughter died in this city and his wife has been seriously ill. While every theory thus far advanced is that of suicide the mystery is how Loveland shot himself twice, each time in what appears to be a fatal spot. There are two bullet holes in the center of his forehead a little above his eyes and they are less than an inch apart. He did the deed with a short 22 calibre rifle which was found laying [lying] across his body. One empty shell was found under his head and the other was still in the weapon. On a table close by was a box in which there were several cartridges. Mrs. Loveland and the daughter went Wednesday morning to visit her sister, Mrs. Frank Wood, who lives some distance from the Loveland home. Elliott was away to work and Loveland was left at home alone. When Elliott returned about 7 o'clock that evening the house had not been lighted. He entered and made his way to the woodshed where he stumbled over Loveland's body. Coroner Smith, of Fleming, was summoned and examined the body. The next morning he held an inquest. Loveland was in his 31st years and the farm on which he resides adjoins that of his late father. The funeral was held at the residence of the deceased's mother near Merrifield Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Burial at Fleming cemetery. Mrs. Loveland is prostrated by the shock of her husband's tragic end.

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Discovered among the effects left by Herbert Loveland, late of Scipio, were checks signed by the deceased and made out to his wife and covering the full amount of his deposits in [the] bank. This would seem to substantiate the theory of premeditated suicide.

[Loveland, Herbert W.]

DIED.

LOVELAND—At his late home in the town of Scipio, N.Y., near Merrifield, Oct. 29, 1902, Herbert N. Loveland, aged 30 years, formerly of Auburn.

Funeral services were held at the residence of his mother near Merrifield on Saturday morning, Nov. 1, at 11 o'clock. Rev. A. [Arnold] G. Yantis of the Universalist church of Auburn officiated. Burial at Fleming.

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