

NEWSPAPER GLEANINGS

WHITMAN COUNTY, WASHINGTON

SEIVER. Albert Mesterman, a farmer who lives two miles southwest of this city, arrived in town about noon Thursday bringing the intelligence that Otto Seiver, a German, 36 years old, who had been in his employ for three years, had that morning hanged himself in his barn. Seiver recently purchased a quarter section of land near town and Thursday morning was making preparations to move to it. About seven o'clock, he loaded his wagon and was getting ready to start when Mr. Mesterman bid him goodbye and went to the field to his work. Mrs. Mesterman noticed the team standing at the barn all morning but thought nothing of it until about 11 o'clock when it took fright and ran away. Wondering why Seiver did not come out to stop his team, Mrs. M went to the barn and found the man hanging to a beam dead. She at once ran to the field and brought her husband, who with Mr. Geo. Engelland, a neighbor, at once went to the barn. The man was stiff and cold. Mr. Engelland reached for his knife to cut the rope, which he took hold of. The action caused the rope to break, and the body fell in a heap on the stable floor. No direct cause can be found for the rash act. About six months ago he sent to Germany for a young woman whom he expected to marry. On arriving she changed her mind and threw him over. She now lives in Spokane. Seiver brooded over this but a short time, and had apparently forgotten it. About ten days ago he grew quiet and morose, saying little and scarcely speaking to anyone. It is thought he was temporarily insane, brought about by brooding over his unfortunate love affair. His relatives who live near Spangle were at once notified and his brother arrived Thursday night and took charge of the body. He was a man of good habits, sober, industrious, and well liked by all. The unfortunate man was buried by his relatives without an inquest being held, it being a plain case of suicide. *The Tekoa Globe*, April 30, 1892

SHULTZ. The ball game which was to have been played tomorrow has been postponed on account of the sad death of Hank Shultz who was a member of the Tekoa Club. *The Tekoa Globe*, April 2, 1892

STOREY. The wife of James Storey, a prominent farmer who lives near town, presented him with a fine baby girl of the usual weight last Wednesday, the 4th. Dr. Mosier was in attendance and reports all doing well. *The Tekoa Globe*, January 7, 1893



This picture shows the Tekoa Empire Theater in the late 1950's with people lining up for the annual 4th of July Slippery Gulch Show. The theater has been restored, including the neon lights, and is used today for concerts, plays and other forms of entertainment. (Photo courtesy of Whitman County Historical Society)

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