

Prominent Man Commits Suicide

John G. Lund, Land Dealer,
Dies by His Own
Hand.

Death of Wife and Business
Reverses Believed to
Be Cause.

News of Fatality Creates a
"Run" on Robbinsdale
State Bank.

Despondent over money losses and grieving over the loss of his wife who died a year ago, John G. Lund, one of the most prominent real estate men in the Northwest, with offices at First avenue south and Third street, committed suicide at 1 o'clock yesterday by shooting himself in the right ear.

For an hour previous to the shooting Mr. Lund had been talking over business affairs with O. M. Peabody, one of his employees, saying that things had been going against him for the last year and that it made him feel badly. Mr. Peabody told him to cheer up and then suggested lunch.

Mr. Lund said he wasn't hungry and added: "We won't go together today. You go alone. I had a late breakfast and do not feel like eating."

With that Mr. Peabody put on his hat and walked out of the office. Just then he met a friend who wanted to talk to him on business and they turned back, entering the front door. Just as the door was opening the shot was heard. Mr. Peabody rushed to the back office and discovered Mr. Lund lying on the floor dead. There was a pistol in his right hand and the blood was oozing from his right ear. Mr. Peabody shook the body, to see if there was any life, but it took him only a few seconds to see that he was too late to do anything.

WIFE'S DEATH CAUSE.

It is believed by Mr. Peabody and Mr. Lund's other associates that the death of Mrs. Lund about a year ago was the primary cause of the suicide. For months Mr. Lund had been growing more and more despondent and bad luck in business only served to increase his unhappiness.

Mr. Lund leaves two brothers and three sisters, as follows: Henry, in Idaho; William, in Canby, Minn.; Mrs. F. R. Eaton, Mrs. O. H. Hoel and Mrs. John G. Koch, all of Canby.

Mr. Lund was one of the Republican representatives in the legislature a few years ago and made something of a record at that time. He came so prominently before the public, in fact, that he announced himself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor of the state. Two weeks after the announcement, however, he withdrew his candidacy.

For the last six months Mr. Lund made his home at the Rogers hotel, and it is said that when not working he spent much of his time in his rooms. This served to increase his loneliness and sorrow and probably hastened the day of his death.

As soon as the suicide of John G. Lund was announced yesterday afternoon the news nearly precipitated a panic among depositors of the Robbinsdale State bank, of which Mr. Lund was the president. A run was started, but as it was near the closing hour at the time, it did not embarrass the bank seriously.

GIRLING MAKES STATEMENT.

Thomas H. Girling, the well known politician, who is vice president of the bank, said last night:

"Although I am not actively connected with the bank I believe it is in good condition financially and I do not believe that the suicide of its president will affect the institution. So far as I know he was not indebted to the bank in any amount.

"The 'run' was not of a serious nature. There is no reason to believe that the bank will not be able to meet its payments.

"I do not know what was the cause of Mr. Lund's rash act. I know that he has been down-hearted ever since his wife died a year ago. Reverses in business have also pressed heavily on his mind, and his brother's troubles have been a source of worry. It is possible that all of these matters, coming as they did in quick succession, may have temporarily unbalanced his mind. Mr. Lund has been a personal friend of mine for many years and I can think of no other reason for his desperate act.

"So far as the Robbinsdale State bank is concerned, I do not think that its status will be affected by the untimely death of its president."

JUDGEMENT IS FILED.

Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock a judg-

ment of \$2,260 was filed in the office of the clerk of the district court against John G. Lund. C. C. Joslyn, attorney for John A. Black, at that time brought the papers into the clerk's office with a request that they be filed. The case grew out of the indorsement by Lund of a promisory note for \$2,000 drawn by John H. Witte and indorsed by Lund to John Black, whose widow afterwards assigned it to John A. Black. No answer was made to the complaint and judgment was taken by default. The incident may have had some bearing on the death of Mr. Lund, or hastened his determination to kill himself.