

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE

Police Blotter

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Mrs. Chris. Jensen Willing to Call it Quits.

Just before midnight last Friday, Mrs. Chris Jensen attempted suicide at her rooms in the Everett block, by shooting through the left breast.

The Hotel Colorado orchestra dance was in progress in the dining room of the Hotel Glenwood. All was joy and gaety; hearts were light and feet seemed lighter as to the strains of enchanting music the merry dancers whirled lightly by each other giving every evidence of a determination to banish all care and to revel in the intoxication of the joys which a ballroom is supposed to afford. Passers by gathered on the outside beneath the veranda and gazing through the windows, commented upon the buoyancy of spirit which reigned within.

But just across the alley, only a few feet from the merry waltzers and their charmed spectators was another picture far less joyous. A woman sat upon the edge of a bed in which her little son lay sleeping. Her heart knew naught of the gladness which inspired and swayed the throng. To her the memory of past days left a bitter, aching sting. To her the glad sounds of revelry were as mockery and the inspiring strains of sprightly music but a doleful dirge. She had brooded over wrongs, imaginary or real, until confidence in mankind had become to her an idle jest. She had reached a point where she could recognize no music in the great symphonies of nature, no beauty in the sunset, no odor in the rose, no constancy in man and in the very midst, as it were, of the joyousness of others, her pentup grief gave vent to a tragedy.

Grasping a .38-caliber revolver, she placed the muzzle about two inches above the left nipple and pulled the trigger. The shot was heard by Policeman Malaby and Dr. Clark who rushed to Mrs. Jensen's room and Dr. Clark, and Dr. Hotopp attended the unfortunate woman. They found that the bullet had evidently struck a rib and been deflected around the lungs. The ball passed entirely through the body, coming out under the left shoulder blade and dropping to the floor.

Mr. and Mrs. Jensen came here from Aspen about a year ago and he has since had charge of the gambling at the Hotel Glenwood bar.

It is said that the marital highway over which the Jensens have trod has by no means been strewn with flowers and that harmony was a rare commodity in the Jensen household.

Mr. Jensen was out of town at the time of the unfortunate occurrence and his whereabouts are as yet unknown. It was reported that he had gone to Aspen but he could not be located there. Another report said he had started west with Butte, Montana as his probable objective point.

Mrs. Jensen is now resting very comfortably and the doctors think she will recover.