

THE MAXWELL TRIBUNE

MAXWELL, STORY COUNTY, IOWA

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 1937

50-year-old Tragedy

You see in this space 20, 30 and 40 years ago, how many of you can remember the great tragedy occurring in Maxwell 50 years ago, the 22nd of this month.

Saturday, about 5 o'clock, October 22, 1887, when Perry Akers went into Jeff Miller's Hardware Store and asked Mr. Miller to loan him a revolver to shoot a dog, Mr. Miller consenting; Akers going from there to Tom Smeltzer's Meat Market, Mr. Smeltzer at that time being the Justice of the Peace. Akers asking Tom if he was ready to take his medicine and at once shooting him, but not fatally; running from the building and going direct to the lumber yard of John O. French, shooting and fatally wounding French, who at that time was Mayor of Maxwell; going from there to the Odd Fellows and Masons building, turning the gun on himself, thus ending the triple tragedy of fifty years ago.

Do you recall it?