

A PATRICIDE.

Herman Wilhelm Kills His Father at the Farm House.

From the Daily Chronicle Saturday.

News reached this city this morning of the murder of Henry Wilhelm by his son Herman. The coroner, sheriff and Dr. Logan at once went out to the scene of the tragedy, which is on the Wilhelm place on 10-Mile.

The report current this morning was that Wilhelm had been drinking and engaged in a family quarrel, there being present besides himself his wife and son. During the quarrel the old man became enraged and, reaching for a shot gun, pursued his son into the hallway, when the latter turned and struck him violently several blows with a club. The father, who is over 60 years old, must have been soon killed. An examination showed that his forehead and other parts of his head had been mashed to a jelly. One cheek bone had been caved in and brains coaxed out of the wound in his forehead. Herman started for the city to give himself up, but meeting the coroner and sheriff, returned with them to the scene of the patricide.

The domestic relations of the Wilhelm family have been inharmonious for several years. Wilhelm had recently bought some property in Thompson's addition and there is now on it a house partly finished. Here it was intended to remove, leaving the ranch in charge of the boys.

The young man will at once be placed under arrest after the inquest, and brought to the city until the matter has been fully investigated.

JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE.

So It Would Seem by the Evidence Before the Coroner.

From the Daily Chronicle, Monday.

Herman Wilhelm was exonerated by the coroner's jury for the killing of his father July 7th, on the Wilhelm place on 10-Mile creek.

Wilhelm was called as a witness and asked to explain to the jury about the quarrel, said:

"After I quit mowing about 6:30 Friday evening I brought down the machine sickle to sharpen up, and while I was working at that my wife called for supper. At this time my father was sitting in the front room near the window, and we started on through the gate, and Miss Emma Dras was coming behind. After she got through the gate and shut it my father commenced to abuse her and cursing, said she would have to look out for her life. The gate was shut, the same as we usually do, and when he commenced cursing her I came up on the front porch, and then my wife stepped on the porch, and when I stepped in the front door he came there raving and cursing and abusing my wife and I, then struck at her, and I said to him, after pushing him back: 'Let's not have no quarrel, whatever.' I said, 'overlook things and be peaceable and quiet,' and also told him that I would go away from the place peaceably and quiet if he would not raise a row, but he insisted on quarreling and threatening to drive us out. He still came at me, struck at me and I struck at him. I don't know exactly where I did hit him, on the cheek or near the temple. I again told him to let things pass off quietly, and he again followed me up and undertook to grab me by the collar and at the same time striking at me with the right hand. I knocked off his heels and struck him again, and then we both clinched and I held him back, and still again told him: 'Please stop quarreling.' This he refused to do, still threatening me all the time with a chair or anything he could get hold of. Then I struck him once or twice. Then we clinched again and struck at each other and dragged each other around through the front room, and went out in the hallway, and from there out on the porch and then back into the hallway again, and at the same time still further asking him to keep quiet, and not quarrel or threaten my life any further, but he still kept coming after me, and then I grabbed him by the throat and kept on asking him that he might as well quit quarreling and let matters pass off peaceably. I still held to his throat for a few moments and then let him loose. He then opened the bedroom door and reached in back of the wardrobe and grabbed the double-barreled shot gun. Before he went into the bedroom, he said that he would fix us; he would get the shot gun and kill every last one of us, and as he was reaching for the gun, I knew that I had to defend my own life and also that of my family. While he was reaching for the gun, the only thing to defend myself with was a small piece of fir wood lying in the hall. This I picked up, when he stepped to the door with the gun in his hand and had both hammers up and trying to take aim at me, when I gave the gun a little push and struck him several blows with the stick which I picked up, doing this in self-defense. After striking him, I sort of held him up with my left hand and grabbed the gun before it dropped to the floor, and my wife set it on one side for fear that he would get up and still try to use it. I then wrapped him up in a comfort, and my mother being up about the barn somewhere, I thought the shock would probably be death to her if I would lay him out in the front room, or even let him lie where he fell, so I moved the

body down in the cellar, and went straight forward and told her all about it, and after getting her reconciled I thought then I would lay the body on the platform, and then have her to come in if she chose to. After telling mother about the affair she first wanted her two sons sent for, which we did immediately, and then called several of the neighbors, and forthwith notified the coroner, and am willing to give myself up to the proper authorities."

Mrs. Lydia Wilhelm told substantially the same story as her husband who had just testified. She is 20 years old. Asked particularly about the violence said to have been offered her by the old man, she said he grabbed her by the right arm and left breast, tearing her dress in both places. She exhibited the dress, showing the torn places. In regard to Miss Dras, her sister, the old man had threatened that if she did not leave the place he would kill her.

Emma Dras, aged 12, testified to the same facts, that the elder Wilhelm grabbed hold of her sister, and her husband pushed him back. E. W. Wilhelm then struck at the husband, the latter striking him back.

Mrs. Josephine Wilhelm testified that she was the wife of E. W. Wilhelm, to whom she had been married 33 years; that her husband liked her son, but hated his wife's sister. Questioned about the trouble, she said: "Well, you know how it was with that man. He got too much property on hand. He got contrary, he got mad with himself. He had spells, and when he got contrary no one could talk to him, and you had to leave him go till he got over it again. These spells occurred about twice a year, during which he was awfully high tempered, but he never hurt anyone. The best thing to do was to stay away from him."

William Wilhelm, aged 25, testified that his father had threatened to kill him with the pitchfork on an occasion three years previous when a controversy arose over the manner of spreading grain over the barn floor for tramping it out; also that in the same place he abused his mother one day, and that he struck her once in the house.

Dr. Logan testified that he found upon examination that deceased had sustained a compound comminuted fracture of the skull and a couple of bruises upon the breast, and a fracture of the bones of the face on the right side. The larger part of the forehead and cheek bone was crushed, which must have produced death in a few minutes. The bruises on the breast were minor affairs.

The following is the verdict of the coroner's jury: We, the jury empaneled to inquire into the cause of the death of E. W. Wilhelm, having listened to the testimony produced before us, and made a careful examination of the body of the deceased and the premises, find as follows:

That the deceased's name is E. W. Wilhelm, and that his age was 56 years; and that he died on July 7th, 1893. That his death was caused by a blow from a blunt instrument in the hands of one H. J. Wilhelm, and we are of the opinion that the killing was done in self defense.

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The Abducted Horses. Yesterday Milton Freeman arrived in Albina from Wasco county and began an attachment suit against J. A. and Lawrence Walton, in the sum of \$100, for pasturing nine head of horses for the defendants, which they drove off without making a settlement. Freeman also caused their arrest on a charge of larceny of those horses, as provided for in the Oregon statutes. However, both matters were amicably adjusted this morning by the payment of Freeman's claim and costs of the court.—Telegram.

This is the case, spoken of in Saturday's CHRONICLE of stolen horses, wherein the names of the Bolton boys were used, instead of Walton. The former were merely employed to drive the horses to The Dalles, and of course did not know they were held for the bill.

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ALL QUIET IN HONOLULU.

The Preliminary Examination of the Conspirators Has Been Finished.

HONOLULU, July 1.—Notwithstanding the talk of treason, assassination and trial of the political conspirators, peace and quiet reign in Honolulu. The preliminary examination of the alleged conspirators, Walker, Crick and Sinclair, has been finished, and Judge Carter has reserved his decision until July 3d, when he will hold the three men for trial before a higher court. The government has withheld its strongest evidence until the regular trial and is confident of securing convictions. Official advices have been received from Minister Thurston at Washington concerning the policy which will be pursued by Cleveland's administration. Secretary Gresham is said, on good authority, to be in an undecided state of mind regarding the Hawaiian question. In conversation with President Dale this afternoon and later with Attorney-General Smith, it was learned that the provisional government intends to follow the waiting policy in imitation of President Cleveland. Even though Minister Thurston's dispatches announced his failure to get a definite answer from Cleveland, yet they contained grounds for hope that his silence would soon be broken.

TROUBLE WITH THE LEPERS.

Sheriff Stolz, who was shot by the lepers of Kalaiau Kauai, was buried here June 29th. The government dispatched a company of regular troops and police, amounting to 80 men, with a Krupp field piece, by the steamer Waialeale June 30th. Martial law has been proclaimed in the districts where the lepers are. Instructions have been issued to the commander of the expedition to remove the lepers terrorizing the Kauai leper settlement at Moloai at all hazards. They will be taken dead or alive. The lepers have secured arms and a battle between them and the troops is not unlikely. The expedition has taken food for three weeks and will land from the sea and camp at the mouth of a rock-bound valley in which the lepers are hiding. There the difficulty will begin, as the lepers must be dislodged from the caves and dense woods. If they refuse to surrender before they can be removed, if the present force should prove insufficient, reinforcements will have to be sent. These lepers have defied the government for the past ten years, and other officers have been shot and wounded in previous attempts to remove them. It is feared here that should the lepers resist this time, and are shot, as seems probable, that action of the government at the present time will turn the natives more against it than anything that has yet occurred.

DIED.

Mr. John Baxter of Antelope died at Antelope last Saturday after a lingering illness of cancer. He was about 55 years of age. The funeral took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon from the residence of Mrs. Hugh Baxter.

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