

SHE DIED BY POISON

STRYCHNINE FOUND IN MRS. ELLSWORTH'S STOMACH.

Walter Ellsworth, Her Husband, Under Arrest for Murder—Details His Guilt.

Walter E. Ellsworth, husband of Mrs. Edith E. Ellsworth, whose death took place at an early hour last Sunday morning, under very suspicious circumstances, is a prisoner at the central police station, where he is held without bail on a charge of poisoning his wife.

Walter Ellsworth and his wife occupied housekeeping apartments at the residence of Dr. Fred Cardwell, 511 Sixth street, where they had been living for some weeks. At about 2 o'clock Sunday morning a messenger aroused Dr. Herbert Cardwell at his residence, requesting him to attend Mrs. Ellsworth, who was seriously ill. Going to the house, Dr. Cardwell found the woman in convulsions and, during brief intervals, she complained of the bitter taste in her mouth. Her husband had given her, Ellsworth explained to the physician that he had only given his wife some cornstarch in order to calm her. At about 5 o'clock the woman was again seized with convulsions, and, shortly after, expired.

Dr. Cardwell regarded the symptoms of the woman and her death with such suspicion that he first refused to sign the required death certificate, and he also reported the circumstances to Coroner Cornelius and Chief of Police Minto. It was decided to hold an autopsy, and the stomach of the dead woman was removed for investigation. The autopsy did not fully determine the cause of death, and yesterday morning, Dr. Everett Mingo, after a careful chemical analysis of the contents of the stomach, discovered the presence of strychnine. He secured not only the bitter taste of the alkaloid, but the chemical reaction of strychnine. These results fully corroborated the suspicions of Dr. Cardwell. Yesterday morning, Coroner Cornelius held an inquest at his office, and a further investigation concerning the death of Mrs. Ellsworth was made.

The jury impaneled consisted of W. L. Hingston, H. Lee, E. J. Gieschen, L. J. Bell, Robert Glen and C. S. Bratton. Doctors A. C. Pantan, Herbert Cardwell and Everett Mingo, and Walter E. Ellsworth, husband of the deceased woman, were the principal witnesses examined. Dr. Pantan flatly denied the statement made by Ellsworth that he had attended the woman during the past two weeks. Previous to that he had treated her for sick headache and nausea. Dr. Cardwell testified to substantially the same facts heretofore published, telling how his suspicions had been aroused and of his informing Coroner Cornelius of the facts. Dr. Mingo also presented the result of the chemical analysis of the stomach made by him. Ellsworth, when placed on the stand as a witness, could not entirely conceal his nervousness, and was evidently ill at ease. He stoutly protested his innocence of the murder or any knowledge of the cause of his wife's death. At the conclusion of the testimony, the jury returned a verdict that the woman came to her death from strychnine poisoning administered in some manner unknown.

Immediately following the verdict of the coroner's jury, Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald and Chief of Police Minto were in consultation, and in a few moments the machinery of the law was put in motion. Detectives Welch and Day were detailed on duty, and at an early hour Ellsworth was in their custody, being arrested on Washington street, between Third and Fourth. He was taken to the central station and placed in a room on the third floor. He was held a few days previous by Rev. James Reed, the bank robber. After his incarceration he sent out for Mr. James H. Stoddard, the attorney whom he has engaged to defend him.

Walter Ellsworth, charged with the serious crime of wife-murder, is 32 years of age, and was born in the town of New Brunswick, N. J. He left that place when but a child, and has lived in many of the Eastern states, engaged generally in newspaper work. Previous to his coming to Portland, Ellsworth lived in Wyoming, where he resided for some time, publishing the Matrons Tribune, of which he claims he had a lease. He says he also worked on a newspaper at Caspar, Wyo., and at some time he was a reporter on the Chicago Times. His wife was a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., her maiden name being Clark. He first met her in New York city, where she was engaged in the same business as he. They had some money. Her father and mother are both dead, and he had never seen any of her family, although he believed she had a sister somewhere. They were married in Jersey City, N. J., and they lived together. They left Wyoming last September, and, with the exception of a few days at the Imperial hotel, occupied apartments in the house of Dr. Prehn, on Sixth street. Shortly after reaching Portland, he was employed as business manager of the Sun, and, losing that position, was engaged for a while as a solicitor on the Oregonian during the holiday season. After this he and Richard Norris were interested in the illusion show known as "Pharaoh's Daughter," exhibited first at the exposition and now on view on Washington street.

Ellsworth, when called upon yesterday at the city jail by an Oregonian representative, did not want to talk. His attorney, Mr. Stoddard, had advised him not to discuss the case. He told him that the time he drifted into a general conversation. "My wife," he said, "suffered from a chronic disease. She had a headache, and the physician said it was a brain disease. Six weeks ago, Dr. Pantan treated her for a sick stomach, on account of pregnancy. Dr. Cardwell attended her when she died, and I told him that Dr. Pantan had been prescribing for her. He did not tell him that Dr. Pantan gave me the medicine I gave her the morning of her death. I did give her a powder, but it was only some cornstarch. Dr. Cardwell asked my wife what medicine she had been taking, and she told him she had not taken any."

"It is not a fact that you yourself gave your wife the powder, mixing it with some cornstarch? The physicians have found strychnine in her stomach. Knowing that you had given her poison, did you not afterward administer an emetic to your wife, before Dr. Cardwell came, hoping it would make her eject the poison?" "No! no! I am as innocent as you are. She said that day, 'What would you think if you should attend home and find me dead?' She told Mrs. Prehn, my neighbor, that sometime she would take her life when suffering from these headaches. We had no idea that she would do it. If strychnine had been found in her stomach I cannot account for it, unless she took it to carry out the threats she had made."

Ellsworth has told several contradictory stories. He now has realized that his position was directed toward him, even before his wife died. As she lay dying on the bed, Dr. Cardwell closely interrogated Ellsworth about the powder with a bitter taste that the woman said he had given her. He said it came from Dr. Pantan, and there was only one.

THEY WANT THEIR WHEAT

The Latest Phase of the Silvertown Warehouse Sensation.

J. W. Cochran, of Portland, owner, and J. S. Cochran, manager, of the Silvertown mill, have not heard the last of the recent commotion raised by the alleged discovery that the supply of wheat on deposit in the mill was 50,000 bushels short. The figures have dwindled down from 50,000 to 17,000 bushels; but there are a great many people about Silvertown who would like to know what has become of their wheat if it is gone, and if it hasn't taken wings they would be pleased to have satisfactory assurance that it is safe. J. W. Cochran is a Portland man, but his name is not in the city directory, and no one knows the leading milling offices in this city seems to know just where he can be found. A statement from him would make interesting reading, and might give the entire satisfactory explanation of the whole trouble.

The latest phase of the matter is a suit brought in the circuit court for Marion county, by Coolidge & McClain, John Porter and H. B. Remington, plaintiffs, vs. J. S. Cochran, J. W. Cochran, Harry S. Starrett, J. A. Jennings, Charles Hicks, Henry Allen, Nicholas Nickel, C. F. DeGoutre, John H. Waldo, P. A. Davis, Jack Kitchin, Chris Kitchin, E. Wolford, F. Maecher, William Anderson and George Anderson, defendants. A receiver, L. J. Adam, has been appointed to take charge of the warehouse. The complaint discloses an interesting condition of alleged facts. The plaintiffs sue not only the Cochrans, but other depositors of the Silvertown mill, on the assumption that the remainder of the wheat on deposit is to be distributed by the Cochrans to a favored few. It sets forth that there are now on deposit in the warehouse only 17,000 bushels of wheat. McClain declares that they have placed on storage there 155 bushels of wheat, and John Porter 11,250 bushels, and H. B. Remington 500 bushels. It is claimed that the various defendants, other than the Cochrans and the other persons named in the complaint, are defendants known to plaintiffs. And the complaint further declares:

"That these plaintiffs and the defendants who stored wheat in the said warehouse and the other persons whose names are unknown to these plaintiffs, are the owners in common of all the wheat now in the said warehouse; that the said J. S. and J. W. Cochran have wrongfully converted the wheat on deposit in the said warehouse more than one-half of the wheat stored therein owned by these plaintiffs and defendants and said unknown depositors, so that at this time there is a shortage of about 1,500 bushels."

"That on the 26th day of January, 1895, these plaintiffs demanded of J. S. and J. W. Cochran a return of their said wheat, which demand was refused, and on the 9th day of February, 1895, these plaintiffs demanded of the said Cochrans and Harry S. Starrett a return of their said wheat and tendered the storage charges thereon, which demand was refused, and they complied with all of the terms of their warehouse receipts, but a return thereof was refused."

"That the said defendant, Harry S. Starrett, is now in actual charge of such warehouse, and of the wheat stored therein, and he wrongfully threatens to deliver to a portion of the owners thereof, other than these plaintiffs, the portion of the wheat stored by such persons in the said warehouse, if not restrained by an order of this court; that the said J. S. Cochran and J. W. Cochran and Harry S. Starrett refuse to deliver said wheat now on storage in said warehouse to the owners thereof pro rata, but will, unless restrained, wrongfully deliver the whole thereof to a favored few of such depositors, and to other depositors."

It is asked that a receiver be appointed; that the wheat be divided pro rata among the depositors, and that judgment for the balance be granted against the Cochrans. It appears that Silvertown has been much excited over the wheat trouble, and efforts were made to settle it before suit was brought. The discovery of the alleged condition of affairs was brought about when the milling company failed to buy wheat offered for sale, though a promise to buy had been made. Confusion with the J. S. Cochran followed. A meeting was held and J. S. Cochran gave out notices to several farmers, which read as follows:

"Dear Sir—Take this method to notify you to draw-out what wheat you have in said warehouse or mill, if you so desire, by paying storage on same, or sell same to whoever you so desire. Truly yours, J. S. COCHRAN."

ODELL KILLED HIMSELF.

Such Is the Verdict of the Coroner's Jury.

The Odell inquest ended rather suddenly last evening, and the jury returned a verdict that the man who was the subject of the inquest died of a heart attack. The opinion in regard to the responsibility of the young ranchman's death was due to the fact that microscopic inspection of the knife found in Odell's pocket when he was picked up. This evidence, together with the testimony of City Physician Wheeler, seems to point conclusively to the fact that Odell took his own life. This opinion is strengthened by the fact that Odell, when found, although conscious, refused to tell how he received his injury, saying merely that he had fallen on a log.

Detective Welch had a very good reason, however, for sticking to his murder theory. A woman, whose name was mentioned in the inquest, had been questioned, told him that she had dreamed that Odell was murdered, and that she had witnessed the deed. She even went so far as to give the names of the murderers and tell how they had accomplished their purpose by "doping" the unsuspecting man, throwing him in a back, and after driving him out to a lonely spot, stabbing him in the neck and leaving him for dead. The detective at first thought that there might be some truth in the woman's dream, and so made a thorough investigation. He is now convinced that she imagined the whole thing, for all the evidence obtainable seems to point to the theory of suicide.

Unless some one appears to claim Odell's remains, they will probably be interred at the county's expense.

Separated From Her Chinaman. Miss Grace French, a Sunday school teacher, and social favorite in Eugene, who married a Chinese laundryman two years ago, against the wishes of her parents, has returned to the latter, and her husband, Mr. Lee, advises that he will not be responsible for her debts, etc.

THEY WANT TO INVEST

MONEYED MEN OF ST. LOUIS NOW IN THIS CITY.

After a Visit to the Sound, They Wanted to See Portland—A Distinguished Party.

A party of 12 St. Louis capitalists arrived in this city last evening from Seattle, in charge of Mr. William Gray, assistant general freight agent of the Burlington system. The party includes the following gentlemen: Colonel Henry Fladd, Julius S. Walsh, Charles Clark, George M. Paschall, Donald Bradford, Henry Semple Ames and Edgar Ames, Major B. H. Deane, and Mr. J. O. Thomas. They were met at the Union depot by Mr. Sheldon, the resident passenger agent, and taken to the Portland hotel, where they were entertained during their stay in the city. The party will remain in this city only until this evening, as the members are anxious to reach home by Monday next. They will return by the Union depot, and will be taken to Navigation to Billings, Mont., and thence to St. Louis over the Burlington.

Every member of the party is or has been prominently connected with the business interests of St. Louis, and all are seeking for the investment of capital. Their visit to Seattle was at the invitation of the most prominent men of the state, and was for the purpose of looking over the plans for the Seattle ship canal, with a view to the necessary capital to carry it through. They arrived in Seattle last Thursday, and, according to their own accounts, were royally entertained by the citizens of that city. Some of the leading members of the party expressed themselves as very much pleased with what they have seen. Many of these gentlemen have never visited the coast before, and they expressed the greatest wonder and surprise at the wonderful climate and magnificent resources of the great Pacific Northwest.

The visit to Portland is merely an incident of the trip. Several of the members visited the city some time ago, and were anxious to see what changes time had wrought in it, while the others were still more anxious to see the city which has so long been heralded as the coming metropolis of the Pacific coast. The object of the party is to be so short that the business men will scarcely have a chance to show their hospitality. However, the visitors will be tendered a luncheon at the Commercial club, and afterward driven over the city. The personnel of the party is interesting.

Colonel Fladd is president of the Mississippi river commission. For 12 years he was president of the board of public improvements and resigned to accept the appointment to his present position under President Harrison. He is a prominent member of the Mechanical Engineers' Society and has a wide reputation. He was chief engineer of the various bridges on the Eads bridge at St. Louis, which is one of the finest structures of its kind anywhere, and has been identified with numerous improvements.

Mr. Walsh is a native of St. Louis and has been identified with a great many institutions in the city, at one time being president of the St. Louis Agricultural & Mechanical Association and president of the St. Louis Chamber of Commerce. The object of the party is to be so short that the business men will scarcely have a chance to show their hospitality. However, the visitors will be tendered a luncheon at the Commercial club, and afterward driven over the city. The personnel of the party is interesting.

Mr. Clark is a director of the Mississippi Valley Trust Company and a large owner in the Granite Mountain mine and the L. J. Adams mine, of Montana. He also has other large interests in the West. Mr. Paschall is a capitalist and is prominent in several moneyed concerns. His father was editor of the St. Louis Republic from 1840 until his death in 1885, and since that time his family has had an interest in the publication.

Judge Boyle is one of the leading lawyers of Missouri and at one time was a member of the circuit bench. He has been practicing law in St. Louis for many years of prominence. He is at the present time a member of the firm of Adams & Boyle.

Mr. Dunn has long been a resident of St. Louis, and is a very successful and an enterprising business man. He has been a successful real estate operator. Major Goddard is a Southerner and was in the Confederate army. At the close of the war he came to St. Louis, where he has since his residence in St. Louis, where he is engaged in the mercantile business. He has now retired from active business pursuits and is one of the most popular men in the city.

Mr. Hoffman went to St. Louis from the Middle West and engaged in banking. He has been the head of a number of banking concerns, and was until the first of the year president of the Laclede bank, a position which he was forced to resign on account of ill health.

Mr. Schraubsbaetter has also retired from active business pursuits. He is a native of St. Louis, and was connected with the St. Louis type foundry as its president, and in 1892 sold out to the American type foundry, a trust created about that time. He now devotes much of his time to traveling, and has been all over this country and Europe.

Henry Semple Ames and Edgar Ames are nephews of ex-governor Semple, of Seattle. The former is manager of the Ames estate, a duty which, when the instance of his brother, occupies all of his time, as the estate is very complex. Both are graduates of Yale college, are young men of splendid appearance and stand high in business circles. The older brother is a lawyer by profession. Edgar Ames is an enthusiastic yachtsman, and is commodore of the Illinois Yacht Club, of St. Louis.

Mr. Bradford is resident of Helena and he and his brother Oscar are cousins of ex-governor Semple. They are both wealthy men, and are largely interested in varied enterprises in and about Helena. Mr. Gray is the assistant general freight agent of the Burlington system, and has charge of the party.

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TO STOP ROBBING MAILS TO GOVERN THE MILITIA

The Postoffice Department Offers Substantial Rewards. Changes in Govan's Bill, Made in Legislative Committee.

The postmaster-general gave notice in June last that the postoffice department would pay rewards to persons causing the arrest and conviction of parties robbing or attempting to rob the mails, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1895.

Applications for such rewards have been made to United States Attorney Murphy, by W. E. Wells, of Douglas county, for the conviction of Miller and Deane, lately sentenced to the penitentiary by Judge Bellinger, and by Policemen Griffin and Holsapple for the conviction of Carlson for robbing the postoffice at Seaverton. The rewards offered are as follows:

First—The sum of \$1000 for the arrest and conviction of any person, in any United States court, on the charge of robbing the mails, if the amount of the mail or of the property carried by the train, if the robber shall wound the person having custody of the mail or put his life in jeopardy by the use of dangerous weapons.

Second—The sum of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of any person, in any United States court, on the charge of attempting to rob the mails, if the amount of the mail or of the property carried by the train, if the robber shall wound the person having custody thereof, shooting at him or his horse, or threatening him with dangerous weapons.

Third—The sum of \$250 for the arrest and conviction of any person, in any United States court, on the charge of attempting to rob the mails, if the amount of the mail or of the property carried by the train, if the robber shall wound the person having custody thereof, shooting at him or his horse, or threatening him with dangerous weapons.

THE ASSESSOR TOO POOR

His \$6000 Salary Altogether to Small to Allow Him to Take Census.

County Assessor H. S. Greenleaf went before the county commissioners a few days ago, and told them very plainly that, under the present law, he did not consider it necessary for him to pay the running expenses of his office out of his very meager salary of \$6000 per year. He said that in the past for county assessor services, Captain Greenleaf had received \$2000 to do this, but the commissioners have always seen fit to allow them a certain sum, whatever in the judgment of the board might be sufficient, for "extra services." Captain Greenleaf said for his clerk hire in getting up the assessment rolls, but now that he is prepared to resign, he says he will take just so much of the census as he can get individually, and no more.

The law relating to the pay of county assessors was amended during the last session of the legislature so as to provide that the assessor shall receive \$5000 per annum for his services as assessor of said county. This is intended to mean that the assessor's individual compensation shall be \$5000 per annum. As there has never been any provision made for the expense of getting out the assessment rolls, the assessor has naturally taken it upon himself to foot the bills. Senate bill No. 31, which has already passed the upper house of the legislature, re-enacts the amendment of 1892, with a very slight change as to the pay of the county commissioner of the union county.

It will require a considerable force of clerks several weeks, and perhaps months, to take the census of Multnomah county, and Captain Greenleaf says he cannot do it. He says that the county commissioners are inclined to look upon census-taking as a rather unnecessary expense during these "hard times." They are willing that the assessor should take the census, but he wants to be paid out of the general fund. The matter is still unsettled, and no preparations have been made for census taking.

PASSENGERS FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The steamer Queen sailed for San Francisco last night with the following passengers: Howell, W. J. Culligan, Miss McLemmon, W. P. Adams and wife, Miss Adams, William Anglin, F. Fitzhugh, Mrs. Nerley, Miss D. Buckmaster, Miss Campbell, Mrs. DeLan, Mrs. A. S. Jergenson, George McClane, Mrs. S. Kohn, B. F. Goldman, E. A. Walker, Mrs. D. Norton, C. H. Douglas, Mrs. N. Bernstein and two children, T. Twombly, T. Quinn, Mrs. E. Ross, J. W. Smith, Mrs. J. O. Housick, sister and child, J. H. Gove, A. W. Gove, J. B. Tanner, Mrs. B. Neesbending, Mrs. L. Huntington, Captain Hyde and wife, Mrs. J. Heller, E. T. Brandley, J. B. Conroy, C. W. Heath and 48 in the steerage.

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