

POLICE CALL IT INSANE KIDNAPING

Theory That Death of Mrs. Van Dran Due to Madman or Jealousy.

CORONER'S JURY'S VERDICT

Detectives Working on Mysterious Murder, but Report No Clues Have Been Found to Fix Guilt for Deed.

VERDICT OF CORONER'S JURY.
We the jury find that the deceased, Minnie Van Dran, came to her death about 10 o'clock Saturday evening, August 12, 1905, at her residence, 823 North Seventh street, Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon; that from the evidence the jury finds that the deceased came to her death from drinking a portion of a glass of gingerale, which contained large quantities of cyanide of potassium. When, how, where and by whom said poison was placed in the bottle is to this jury unknown.

If Mrs. Minnie B. Van Dran was murdered by the administration of poison, the foul deed was perpetrated by a man's insane cunning or the devilish jealousy of a woman, according to the statement of Chief of Police Getzmaier. In this connection, one of the latest and most significant facts brought to the attention of the police is that, for some time, Joe Young has been acting in a suspiciously unbalanced manner. He is the man who recently shot Van Dran, for which he is now under heavy bonds to appear in the Circuit Court, to stand trial.

No light was thrown over the mystery by the inquest held by Coroner Finley yesterday morning. The jury simply found that death was due to poisoning. Expert witnesses and relatives were examined, but the crime was not fixed upon any person.

Chief Getzmaier stated yesterday afternoon that he would have the case thoroughly investigated before the matter was dropped. At present Detectives Day and Vaughn are assigned to it. They claim to have been unable as yet to secure any tangible clue, or to establish any motive sufficiently strong to impel murder.

This morning the body of Mrs. Van Dran will be taken to Albany, Ore., where she formerly lived. Burial will take place there. Funeral services will be held in the Presbyterian Church at 2 P. M.

The coroner's jury comprised the following: J. H. McBride, W. I. Higgins, R. S. Dunston, R. Lemmon, C. S. Silver, A. B. Stuart, Deputy District Attorney Moser conducted the examination of witnesses, assisted by Coroner J. P. Finley. Dr. L. Victoria Hampton, being called to the stand, swore to having made a chemical analysis of the contents of the gingerale bottle, and of the stomach of Mrs. Van Dran. In the bottle she found a solution of cyanide of potassium, and in the stomach hydrocyanic acid, the change from cyanide of potassium occurring through the operation of the acids in the stomach. Dr. Mary E. Parker and Marie D. Equi, who assisted in the analysis, gave testimony, and their statements could be no doubt, both witnesses swore, as to the presence of the deadly poison, in large quantity.

When Frank J. Donnelly, an employe of the Pioneer Soda-water Works, took the stand he was asked to name the ingredients used in making gingerale. He did so, but no such thing as the poison that killed Mrs. Van Dran is ever used in its manufacture, he swore. They use no cherry laurel water, either, he said.

Kasper Van Dran, husband of the dead woman, lost control of his temper several times while relating his story of the case. He told the jury of the pleasant relations existing between himself and wife, and of the last time he left her at home; of being summoned 15 minutes later by telephone, and of reaching the house to find his wife lying on the floor dead. When asked if he knew who put the poison in the gingerale, or if he had any suspicions, he said he did not know, and that he suspected no one.

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Don't miss the unusual values in the Notion Section today—Useful articles of every description are marked at saving prices—Every man and woman is interested

- Rice Powder, the best and purest powder for the face and nursery; regular 25c value today, box..... 16c
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Our Men's Furnishing Goods Store presents a formidable array of special values for today—A bargain feast prepared particularly for visiting Elks and their friends

- 100 dozen Men's wide silk Four-in-Hands in the very best patterns and colorings; great assortment, reg. 50c vals., ea. 29c
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 - Men's New White Pleated Golf Shirts, each..... 79c
 - Men's 50c Lisle Web Suspenders, best patterns, pair..... 29c
 - Men's Lisle Half Hose, black and tans, pair..... 12c
 - Men's Madras and Percale Golf Shirts, each..... 69c
- Men's and Boys' Bathing Suits at reduced prices.

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500 pairs of white Madras weave Lace Curtains—plain centers with small floral borders—point de esprit centers and allover figures—very best styles, 12 patterns to select from—A special purchase from a leading manufacturer enables us to offer this lot of 500 at the low price of pair—(Mail Orders Promptly Filled) **\$1.48**

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"Butterfly" New Fall Skirt

We show for the first time today the "Butterfly" the new novelty skirt for Fall and Winter—Made by the originators of the Shir Top and accordion pleated skirts—The "Butterfly" presents many new ideas and is bound to become very popular with thousands of women—Made in batists and cashmere cloth, sun pleated, with three tucks—Comes in black, royal, green, brown, light gray, champagne, white, red and tan—No trouble to show them to you—Two grades, as follows..... **\$7.50** and **\$10.00**



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Basement Specials Today

- Silver-plated Fern Dishes, medium size, \$3.00 value, for..... \$2.43
- Silver-plated Nut Bowls, regular \$7.50 value, for..... \$6.13
- Silver-plated Butter Dishes, regular \$4.00 value, for..... \$3.24
- Silver-plated Cake Baskets, regular \$2.00 value, for..... \$1.59
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- 18-inch nickel-plated Towel Bars, for this low price, each..... 42c
- Metal Towel Racks, these are great value at, each..... 12c
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- Nickel-plated Tooth Brush Holders, each..... 12c
- The "Sternau" Coffee Machines, 2 1/2-pint size; great special value for this sale..... \$7.50
- Nickel-plated 5 o'Clock Teas, on wrought-iron stand, great special value at..... \$3.00
- Salt and Pepper Shakers, sterling tops, each..... 25c
- 8-qt. Tin Sprinklers, each..... 32c
- Patent Sink Strainers, ea. 12c
- Paraffin Wax, package..... 12c
- 5-qt. Covered Sauce Pans..... 52c
- 7-qt. Covered Sauce Pans..... 60c
- 10-qt. Dish Pans, great value..... 47c
- 14-qt. Dish Pans, great value..... 58c
- 2-qt. Granite Iron Coffee Pots..... 36c
- 1 1/2-qt. Granite Iron Teapots..... 28c
- 7-qt. Granite Iron Teapots..... 67c

Great Blanket Sale

- 10-4 all-wool gray Oregon Blankets, full size and weight, the best \$3.00 value, pair..... \$2.55
- 10-4 all-wool gray Oregon Blankets, extra heavy, \$4.25 value, for this very low price..... \$3.57
- 11-4 all-wool gray Oregon Blankets, \$5 value, pair..... \$4.23
- 6-lb. all-wool Mottled Blankets, extra heavy, \$5.50 value on sale for this low price, pair..... \$4.67
- \$5.00 white wool Blankets, 10-4 size, great value, pair..... \$4.27
- \$6.00 white wool Blankets, 11-4 size, great value, pair..... \$5.21
- \$7.00 white wool Blankets, 11-4, extra heavy, pair..... \$6.03

Beach Toys

- Buckets and Shovels, each..... 10c to 20c
 - Garden Sets, set..... 10c to 60c
 - Sand Car and 9 feet of track..... 25c
 - Baby Swings, \$5 values..... \$3.08
 - Door, Swings, \$1.50 values..... \$1.20
 - 2c Nursery Chairs, each..... 60c
 - 60c white Enamelled Tabourettes at the low price of..... 30c
 - Glascock Baby Wagon..... \$2.95
 - 25c Rag Dolls for..... 10c
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- A complete Toy Store on the third floor. Everything to make young hearts happy.

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100 of our best models of Willamette Sewing Machines, drop head, automatic lift, best hand, ball bearings, a machine that will compare favorably with the leading agency machines selling at \$15 and \$16 each. Easy running, complete set of attachments, handsome woodwork, piano finish and fully guaranteed for ten years. An expert will teach you how to operate the machine and use the attachments. Our regular \$26.50 Willamette on sale at the reduced price of, (Mail orders promptly filled)..... **\$19.45**

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Dainty Corset Covers, made of fine Cambrie, Nainsooks and Lawns, trimmed in fine Valenciennes laces, Torchon laces, clusters of fine tucks and insertions, headings and ribbons; blouse fronts, plain and fancy backs; thousands of the prettiest styles at saving prices. Mail orders promptly filled.

- 35c and 40c Corset Covers at the very low price of, each..... 27c
- 50c, 60c, 80c Corset Covers at the low price of, each..... 43c
- 75c and 85c Corset Covers, wonderful values at, each..... 59c
- \$1.00 Corset Covers reduced to, \$.69**
- \$1.25 Corset Covers reduced to, \$.89**
- \$1.50, \$1.75 Corset Covers now \$1.18**
- \$2.00, \$2.25 Corset Covers now \$1.42**
- \$2.50, \$2.75 Corset Covers now \$1.79**
- \$3.00 Corset Covers reduced to \$1.98**
- \$3.50, \$4.00 Corset Covers now \$2.63**
- \$5.00 Corset Covers reduced to \$3.12**



NIGHTGOWNS

- Women's fine Gowns, made of Cambrie, nainsooks and muslins, trimmed in fine Valenciennes laces, Torchon laces, Swiss and nainsook embroideries, blind and open-work effects; clusters of tucks and insertions, heading and ribbons with low, round and square necks, high and V-shaped necks; yoke, bishop and empire styles; full width and lengths. Here are some great special values:
- 75c-85c Gowns..... \$.50
- 1.00 Nightgowns..... \$.78
- 1.25 Nightgowns..... \$.67
- 1.50-1.75 Gowns..... \$1.19
- 2.00-2.25 Gowns..... \$1.39
- 2.50-2.75 Gowns..... \$1.69
- 3.00-3.25 Gowns..... \$2.19
- 3.75-4.00 Gowns..... \$2.43
- 4.50-4.75 Gowns..... \$3.23
- 5.00-5.50 Gowns..... \$4.19

DRAWERS

- Women's fine cambrie, nainsook and muslin Drawers, Val lace trimmed, Torchon lace trimmed, fine Swiss, nainsook and cambrie embroidery trimmed; blind and open-work effects, heading, ribbons—
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 - 50c-65c Drawers, pair..... \$.43
 - 75c-85c Drawers, pair..... \$.57
 - 1.25 Drawers, pair..... \$.80
 - 1.50 Drawers, pair..... \$1.19
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 - 2.25-2.50 Drawers, pair..... \$1.99
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- Mail orders will be promptly and carefully filled. Write today.

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Women's fine White Skirts, cambrie and lawn body, separate dust ruffle and fitted waistbands; full lengths and widths; made with wide flounces, trimmed in very fine Valenciennes laces, Torchon laces and fine embroideries; clusters of tucks, insertions and hemstitching; an immense variety for your choosing. Some of the big values. Mail orders promptly filled.

- All Our **\$1.25 White Petticoats** on sale for **\$.89**
- \$1.50, \$1.75 White Petticoats** on sale for **\$1.21**
- \$2.00, \$2.25 White Petticoats** on sale for **\$1.42**
- \$2.50, \$2.75 White Petticoats** on sale for **\$1.89**
- \$3.00, \$3.25 White Petticoats** on sale for **\$2.18**
- \$3.50, \$3.75 White Petticoats** on sale for **\$2.33**
- \$4.00, \$4.50 White Petticoats** on sale for **\$2.99**
- \$5.50, \$6.00 White Petticoats** on sale for **\$3.59**
- \$6.50, \$7.50 White Petticoats** on sale for **\$4.69**
- \$8.00, \$8.50 White Petticoats** on sale for **\$5.18**
- \$10 Petticoats \$6.98** **\$12.50 Petticoats \$7.22**
- Values up to **\$35.00** all at wonderfully low prices

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Our Entire Stock is Included

Choose from our entire stock of White Linen Suits at half regular prices—This season's prettiest styles in eton, jacket and long coat styles—Plain tailored and embroidered novelties—Suits ranging in value from \$6.50 to \$44.00—Your choice of entire stock at..... **One-Half Price**

All White Linen Coats, box styles, long coats, eton styles, etc.—Plain tailored and fancy embroidered novelties—\$5.50 to \$14.00 values at..... **One-Half Price**

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Women's White Dresses, in organdy, lawn and mull, Valenciennes lace, embroidery and ruffle trimmed; waists have fancy yokes and berthas; skirts flounced and tucks, all desirable styles; big variety in all sizes; regular values range from \$9 up to \$58 a dress..... **Half Price**

Entire Stock of Colored Wash Suits at Half Price

Entire stock of Women's Colored Shirtwaist Suits, linens, lawns, batistes, pongees, crashes, chambrays and fancy mixtures; all this season's very best styles; values..... **Half Price** from \$5 up to \$14, at.....

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MAY SOLVE THE PROBLEM

Property-Owners on East Stark Propose Roadway Be Rebuilt.

It is now proposed to meet the difficulty in making expensive fills on East Stark street between Tenth and Twelfth by reconstructing the old elevated roadway in this street. The street, or what is left of the elevated roadway, still stands, barricaded, but it is now said this roadway can be reconstructed at small cost, compared to making fills, and made to stand half a dozen years or more. This roadway was built about 12 years ago, but has been closed up for three years.

When it was first proposed to improve East Stark the matter of repairing the old elevated roadway was considered, but was discarded, as it was then thought a fill could be made without conflicting the property. If the city will assist in repairing the roadway the question of improving East Stark street may be settled.

DAYLIGHT DOWN COLUMBIA.

On "T. J. Potter," Queen of River Boats. Don't Miss It.

T. J. Potter sails for Astoria and North Beach as follows: August 18, 8:15 A. M.; August 20, 9 A. M.; August 22, 9 A. M.; August 24, 9 A. M.; August 26, 9 A. M.; August 28, 9 A. M.; August 30, 9 A. M. Don't fail to see the Lower Columbia from decks of this magnificent boat. Particulars and C. W. Stinger, city ticket agent, Third and Washington streets, Portland.

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