

MYSTERY SHROUDS INVENTOR'S DEATH

Relatives of Wilford Small, Who Died Yesterday, Think He Met Foul Play.

COMPANION NOW SOUGHT

Man Writhes in Agony While, Through Misunderstanding, Medical Aid Is Delayed—Morphine Poisoning Cause of Death.

Wilford Small, ex-secretary of the Aylrite Regulator Company, a concern with offices at North Yakima, Wash., died under mysterious circumstances at the Good Samaritan Hospital at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon from morphine poisoning.

His relatives maintain that Small was foully dealt with and was administered the deadly drug by conspirators. Their conclusion has caused Acting Chief of Police Moore to institute a rigid investigation of the case. It was believed last night that an arrest will probably occur during the next 24 hours.

In order to substantiate their suspicions, members of the Small family demand that an analytical examination be made of the dead man's stomach to ascertain the nature of the drug administered, probably in a drink of liquor.

After every available detective at headquarters had been pressed into service, with instructions to either clear and evidence into the case last night, Frank C. Reames, president of the Aylrite Regulator Company, was located in this city and taken to headquarters. During a session of over an hour in the "awatchbox" Reames was given a severe grilling but beyond stating his business affiliations with Small, he threw no light on the mysterious surrounding his former business associate's death.

Johnson Is Sought.

Following Reames' dismissal from custody by Captain Moore a search of the city was begun for Emory Johnson, an inventor and a stockholder in the Aylrite concern, with whom Small occupied a room in the Erie Hotel, 233 1/2 First street, Thursday night. Up to late hour last night Johnson had not been located. The apprehension of Johnson is eagerly sought by police for the reason he and Small are known to have been imbibing liquor shortly after they arose at the rooming-house yesterday morning. Johnson was held evidently on the alarm that Small had evidently been poisoned. He accompanied the dying man to the Good Samaritan Hospital in the ambulance and saw him die.

Johnson left the hospital immediately afterward and has mysteriously dropped from sight. It was first known that he had went to the home of relatives at Newburg, Or., but all effort on the part of the police to locate him at that place failed last night.

Companion in Bad Light.

The natural supposition of those concerned in the manner in which Small drank the deadly draught. His apparent disappearance combined with the several facts brought to light by police investigation concerning the association of himself and Small in a social and a business way have placed Johnson in a bad light.

In their efforts to learn a probable motive for Small's untimely death, it was purposely put out of the way, the police have interrogated several of Small's friends and relatives. Nothing tangible was advanced by any one last night, save the statement made by A. C. Small, a patrolman of the local Police Department, who is a brother of the deceased. He had told him of the dissensions which had arisen among the officers and stockholders of the Aylrite concern and that should the demand be, Dick, as a former officer of the concern and familiar with the business methods of several of the officers and stockholders, make relations which would "put them all behind the bars."

Small Called Eccentric.

According to Reames and friends of Johnson who were questioned concerning him last night, he was an eccentric character and a drug fiend.

The Aylrite Regulator Company is an outgrowth of Reames' genius. He invented the regulator which is applied to electric bulbs. Soon after he made known his invention, several months ago, Reames purchased the patent rights of the invention and incorporated a company which he capitalized for \$100,000. The concern established offices in 112-12 Plaza building at North Yakima several months ago.

At the time of the incorporation of the concern Reames was chosen as president and Wilford Small as secretary. Soon after the manufacture of the bulbs was begun, internal dissensions began to brew among the officers and stockholders. The result was that Small was ousted as secretary and forced to assign his stock over to Reames. It was during the outer proceedings in which Small was ousted that he was informed his brother in this city as to what would result should he choose to make any revelations concerning the characters and business methods of his associates.

Small Here on Visit.

Small came from North Yakima to Portland the latter part of last week for a visit with A. C. Small, his brother, who resides at 1055 Williams avenue. Thursday he is said to have visited with Johnson and the two spent much time together during the past few days. Thursday night, Small, at Johnson's invitation, accompanied him to the room he had rented in the Erie Hotel. Both retired about midnight.

Shortly after 11 o'clock yesterday morning both arose after dressing. Small met O. E. Brown, the proprietor, in a hallway. Upon Small's invitation, Brown stepped to the room in which Johnson sat. The three chatted for a time. Johnson, during their conversation, poured a round of drinks and the three drank. Small was at that time cheerful and apparently in the best of health and spirits.

Proprietor Is Summoned.

Half an hour later and about 20 minutes from the time Brown left the room Small had drunk the poison and fell writhing in agony on the bed. Johnson stepped into the hall and called Brown. Through some misunderstanding the dying man was permitted to lie in agony for nearly two hours before medical assistance arrived. Johnson walked to the office

of Dr. A. G. Bettman, at 223 1/2 Sixth street, at about 11 o'clock yesterday afternoon. By the time the physician arrived the poison had become seated in Small's system beyond human help. An ambulance was summoned and Small was hastened to the hospital, where he died 15 minutes after his arrival.

Examination to Be Made.

The body was removed to the morgue, where a postmortem examination will be held probably today. An inquest will also be held later. Wednesday was the 25th birthday of Small. He came to Portland to greet his mother, who came from her home at San Gabriel, Cal., for a brief visit with her sons here and relatives in Tacoma. She was informed of his death at that place last night.

Wilford Small is survived by his parents, three brothers and two sisters. C. L. Small and Milton Small, his two elder brothers, reside in this city. The former has been connected with the local police department for three years and is a member of the harbor patrol. Milton Small is a shoe salesman em-



Wilford Small, Whose Death by Poisoning Presents Elements of Mystery.

ployed in a local department store. Clifford and two younger sisters are at present with their father on a ranch near San Gabriel, Cal.

POLITICAL BRIEVITIES

Although Charles B. Merrick, Bourne postmaster, announced declinately at the outset that he was not going to have a thing to do with the campaign, he was host to several evenings ago at his home in Rose City Park to members of the Bourne legislative state. Several Bourne housewives were also present. The list including Dan J. Kellaher, Frank Sinnott, Thomas McQuaker and legislative aspirants James D. Abbott, Dr. T. J. Perkins, James J. Flynn, J. C. Couch and Charles A. Bigelow. It is presumed that the evening was passed at bridge, tidbitly winks or some other mild pastimes, since the postmaster is out of politics.

Father M. J. Kelly will run for Congress in this district if he succeeds to petitions now being passed in his interest. The petition reads: "The undersigned voters request the Rev. Honorable Father M. J. Kelly to run for Congress in this district. Now is the time when the country needs religious, devout, godly, upright, benevolent, liberal, charitable, wise, prudent, unselfish and Christlike men in our midst."

The prohibitionists have arranged a series of street meetings at which prominent followers will address crowds from automobiles. Services of speakers are donated in every instance. The prohibitors announce that they are going to make the hardest fight of their lives during this campaign. Their fight is centered largely on the home rule contingent.

County Clerk Field's methods of advertising his candidacy to succeed himself are attracting comment. Every voter who goes to the office to register, as well as every person who goes to the Courthouse, is burdened with Field's literature before he gets away. It is currently reported that Mr. Field is soon to be "called" on his recent folder labeled "Business vs. Politics."

As a result of failure of County Clerk Fields to send out a complete and accurate notice of election to the various judges, the primary election will be rendered invalid if held under the present notices. The notice sent out by Mr. Fields omits the offices of State Engineer and Water Commissioner of District No. 1.

Complaint of this omission is being voiced by the friends of John H. Lewis and F. K. Gettings, candidates for Engineer and Water Commissioner, respectively. It is urged that the omission will materially affect those of offices.

MRS. M. E. HOLMAN DIES

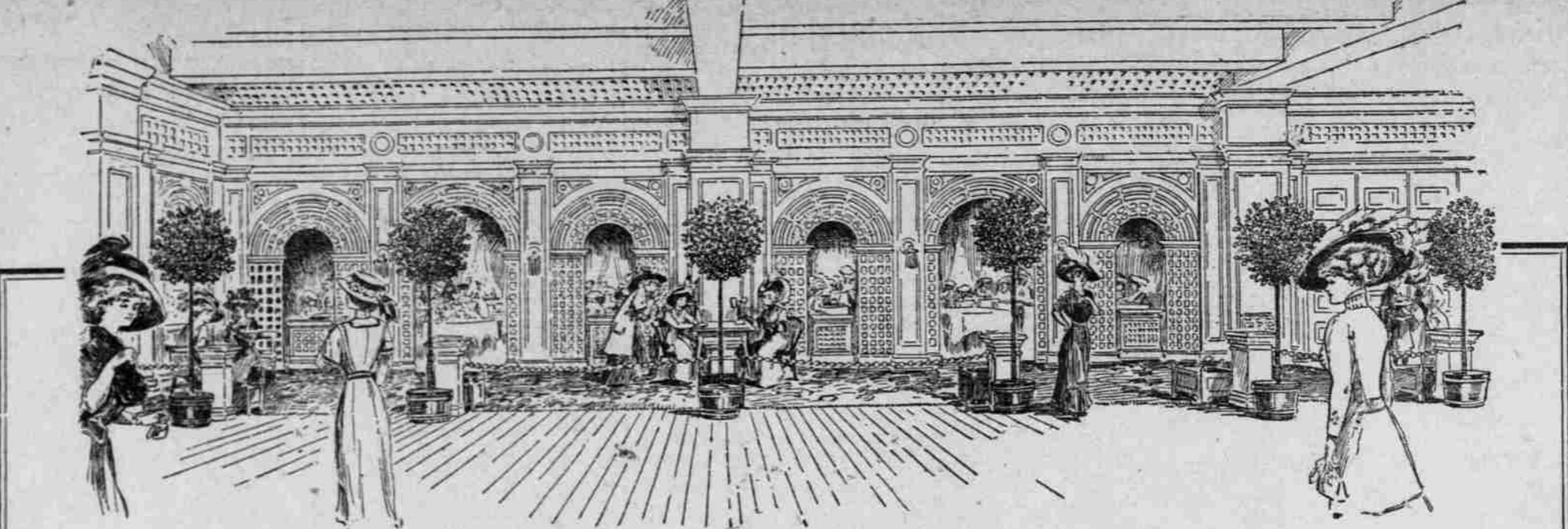
Heart Failure Comes Suddenly, After Return From Health Trip.

Mrs. Mary E. Holman, widow of the late Charles Holman, died suddenly at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home of her son, Herbert Holman, at 78 Overton street, of heart disease. Mrs. Holman had been staying at the beach at Seaside for the benefit of her health and arrived home yesterday at noon with her daughter, Miss Sadie Holman. She appeared to be in good spirits after her visit at the beach, but within an hour after her return to Portland she became suddenly ill and died.

She was a pioneer of Oregon, coming to the Willamette Valley with her parents 22 years ago. She lived in Portland nearly all her life and was widely known for her charitable work. She was a native of Indiana and was 74 years old. Three daughters and five sons survive her. They are Mrs. H. W. Ogilvie, of Berkeley, Cal.; Mrs. J. A. Malarky, Miss Sadie Holman, Herbert, Charles, Will C. B. F. and Rufus C. Holman, all of Portland.

Epworth Editor Visits Portland.

Dr. H. M. DuBoise, of Nashville, Tenn., who has been editor of the Epworth Era, official organ of the Epworth League in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for 12 years, arrived in this city yesterday from Victoria, B. C., where he delivered the fraternal address from the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, to the Canadian Methodist Church, whose general conference is now in session. Dr. DuBoise will occupy the pulpit of the South Methodist Church next Sunday, both morning and evening.



Olds-Wortman-King Store Beautiful New Tea Room-4th Floor Opens Today at 11 A. M.--Music 11:30 to 5:00 Portland's Ideal Cafe--Under Management of Mrs. J. D. Spencer The opening of this beautiful Tea Room is one of the marked features of this great store's attractions. It is without exception the most sumptuous eating place in the city. The general ensemble is of refined simplicity. The rich tints of the vineyard patterned walls, held in relief by latticed arches and columns of old ivory. The soft pastel gray chairs so harmonize with the rich green velvet carpets and white linens as to give a pleasing effect. The table furnishings, china, silver, rich cut glass and napery are very fine. The whole color scheme blends in such harmony and pleasing contrast with the surrounding fitting of mahogany that all who visit the tea room will be delighted with the appearance as well as the excellent service and reasonable prices. When doing shopping visit the tea room. All Are Invited to Opening--Music 11:30 to 5:00 By The Famous Webber Mandolin and Guitar Club Cooking and Baking Culinary or Kitchen Silverw're and China The cooking is all done in departments. Each cook prepares the dishes in which she excels. The foods are prepared in comparatively small quantities, to assure freshness and flavor when served. The good home-made pies and cakes are baked in our own oven. They are delicious. The most sanitary, cleanest kitchen that could possibly be installed. The ranges and ovens are the most modern. Nickel-plated, copper and aluminum cooking utensils are used. The warming tables are the most sanitary. This department is thoroughly cleaned every night. The silverware and china will not be such as is usually found in the hotel or restaurant, but more like you use and see in the better homes. The serving pantry is an innovation so handily and perfectly arranged as to assure hot goods, prompt service and absolute cleanliness.

TWO MADE HAPPY Dissatisfied Wives Granted Divorces by Court. 2 MORE ACCUSE HUSBANDS Drunkenness, Cruelty and Desertion Common Grounds for Complaint. Mrs. H. C. Rohlfis and Mrs. A. Gavin Get Decrees.

Marguerite Nelson Rohlfis, daughter of Danforth Ellery, contracting freight agent of the Wisconsin Central Railway, secured a divorce in the Circuit Court yesterday from Herman C. Rohlfis. Judge Cieland granted the decree. Miss Ellery, who was allowed to resume her maiden name, married Rohlfis in Sacramento, Cal., November 17, 1902.

Alexander Gavin, formerly chief clerk of the passenger account for the O. R. & N. Co., residing at 1361 Williams avenue, was also divorced yesterday. Mary Gavin, his wife, said she is addicted to the use of intoxicating liquor, and that this caused him to lose his position. He would sometimes drink a quart of whisky at home in two days, besides what he drank in town, she said. Mrs. Gavin, with tears in her eyes, said the court of the divorce by life she had led, being unable to converse evenings with her husband because he was too intoxicated to talk intelligently. She said he took an occasional glass of wine in their married life, and that she endeavored to prevent even this, fearing the habit would someday become master of him. She married him September 5, 1888, at Omaha, Neb. They have four children.

Husband Pretended Suicide. Convicted in the Municipal Court last September for having obtained \$50 from C. Dahl by false pretenses, and sentenced to serve a year in the County Jail, Joseph E. McArdle, of St. Johns, is being sued in the Circuit Court by his wife, who demands a divorce. She complains that for the last 18 months he has contributed nothing to her support, saying that although she has been obliged to do housework for others to support herself.

Charles W. Read also used poison to frighten his wife, Ida M. Read. But his attempt was not a bluff, as was McArdle's, according to the allegations of Mrs. Read in her divorce complaint. She says she made a genuine but unsuccessful attempt to use the poison. She says she threatened and cursed her husband about the streets, abusing her, and that he has made her married life miserable by engaging in "an everlasting quarrel," which caused her to lose her love for him, she avers. While she was sick he neglected to provide for her, spending his earnings for liquor and women, continues the complaint.

AGED MINISTER BRINGS SUIT He Alleges He Was Defrauded of Home by Misrepresentations.

With a crash that threw him headlong to the ground, broke his wagon and sent 15 sacks of fine, new potatoes rolling in all directions, one of the United Railway Company's cars operating between Portland and Linton ran into Robert Munson April 19. As a result, he has brought a damage suit for \$500 in the Circuit Court. The complaint was filed yesterday. The accident, he says, took place on the Newbury road, near Linton, and was caused by the neglect of the motorman to blow his whistle or sound his gong upon approaching the crossing.

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Improvements Promised Were Not Made, Is Allegation. Charging the Ruth Trust Company with fraud, Paul Reimers has brought suit in the Circuit Court for \$122 damages. He alleges in his complaint that on March 27, 1898, he entered into a written contract with the company to buy lots 14 and 15 in block 28, Burlington, on the line of the United Railway Company, 12 miles from Portland, for \$74,000. He alleges that the trust company agreed to install water works nearby, to erect a railroad depot on the tract, to build sidewalks, dredge a deep water berth along the water front of the tract, and to induce large lumber interests to build there, besides putting in side tracks from the Northern Pacific and United Railways. These things, he says, the company has not done.

ONE WORD CHANGES FORTUNE Contest Over Dolezal's Will Hinges on Use of Word "And."

Judge Cleeton heard testimony yesterday in the contest over Frank J. Dolezal's will. He did not finish the case, however, setting the arguments for hearing next Wednesday afternoon. On the conjunction "and" hangs the distribution of the property. The will, in giving the property to the son, Edward B. Dolezal, with the provision that he go to a sister, Frances Wassner, if he should die before reaching 21 years of age, says, "real property estate wherever situated."

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COLLISION RESULTS IN SUIT Damages for Injuries and for Effect on Horses Asked.

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MARRIAGE PROMISE BROKEN Lover Wooed and Won, but Would Not Wed, Is Charge.

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Louis Zimmerman's Will Admitted. Louis Zimmerman's will, disposing of an estate estimated to be worth \$5000, was admitted to probate in the County Court yesterday by Judge Cleeton. Louis Zimmerman, the widow, is named in the will as executrix, and was so appointed by the court. The will contains only two short paragraphs, in one of which Mr. Zimmerman makes provision for the payment of all his just debts, and in the other that his wife shall have all the rest of his property and execute his will. He died August 16.

Teething children have more or less diarrhoea, which can be controlled by giving Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. All that is necessary is to give the prescribed dose after each operation of the bowels more than natural and then castor oil to cleanse the system. It is safe and sure. Sold by all dealers.

SCUFFLE IS FATAL Revolver in Hands of Woman Kills J. W. Nathan, Negro. POLICE MAKE TWO ARRESTS

Woman Who Passed as Nathan's Wife and Ada Wilson, in Room at Time of Fatal Accident, Are Taken to Police Station.

In a struggle for the possession of a revolver, James W. Nathan, a negro porter employed at Pantages' theater, was shot and killed yesterday at noon by Florence Holder, his common-law wife, who had lived with him for eight years.

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against his breast. He died in a few minutes. When arrested the woman had on her person nine gold rings and over \$100 in money, which is held by the police. With her were arrested Leola Williams and Ada Wilson as witnesses. The former was found to know nothing about the case. Ada Wilson took the revolver from the holder woman's hand after the shooting, and she was held as a witness. She is well known to the police.

A three and a half year old boy of Kingston, Jamaica, has been discovered who is able to read and count correctly, although he has never been taught in any way.

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