

STILES TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Mummy. The jury examined the body as it lay on the ground and then it was placed in a wagon and taken to Gordon's morgue.

DECLARES HIS INNOCENCE.
When the pockets of the dead chief were searched at the morgue, two notes were found written on a piece of paper. One was to the general public and read as follows:

"I can never stand this disgrace. I am not guilty. So, goodbye to all."
To his wife he left the following: "Sadie: Take good care of the boys. Forget me as soon as possible. With love to all, I bid you good-bye. JOE."

CORONER'S JURY VERDICT.

After the body had been removed to the morgue the coroner's jury began the inquest. The only witnesses examined were W. W. Haines and Grant Knight, who first discovered the body.

The notes written by Stiles left no doubt as to the manner of his death, and the jury returned a verdict that he died from the effects of a shot from a pistol in his own hand.
Mayor F. M. Wilkins, upon learning of the death of the chief of police, authorized E. A. Farrington, one of the night officers, to take the office temporarily for several days, until he has time to think over the matter of a permanent appointment. It is probable that Farrington will continue in the position till the end of the mayor's term.

HISTORY OF HIS LIFE.

Joseph S. Stiles was born in Winterset, Madison county, Iowa, January 19, 1855. On October 9, 1880, he was married to Mrs. Sadie Klingensmith. They moved to Eugene in 1894 and have since resided here. The deceased had one son, Edward, now of Portland, by a former marriage, and four children by the second marriage, as follows: Mabel, of Eugene; William R., of Albany, and Harold and Lloyd, living at home, Charles Klingensmith, of Benton county, is a son of Mrs. Stiles.

Stiles was appointed chief of police April 12, 1897, by W. Kuykendall, who was then mayor. He served till July 1900, when he resigned. He was again appointed in April, 1904, resigning a short time afterward to enter the campaign as candidate for sheriff on the Republican ticket. He was defeated and again took the office of chief of police several months later, serving in that capacity till his death. He was one of the most efficient chiefs the city ever had. He was trustworthy, attended to his business well and had a reputation over the coast as a criminal catcher. He was a man who won many friends and none believe that he was guilty of the terrible offense that was charged against him. He was a member of the First Christian church of this city, of the local Odd Fellows' lodge and the Woodmen of the World camp, carrying insurance in the latter order.

FARLOW BOYS BROUGHT BACK TO EUGENE

Loren and Lawrence Farlow, two well-known young characters about town, were brought to Eugene from Jacksonville this afternoon by Sheriff Rader, of Jackson county, and lodged in jail.

These are the young men indicted the other day for giving liquor to the Miller girls, and are the ones that are said to have induced the girls to swear that Chief of Police Stiles and Constable Rowland were mixed up in the scandal that has led the chief to take his own life.

The Farlow boys got wind of the probable action of the grand jury in the case and left the city several days ago. Sheriff Fisk located them at Jacksonville and had Sheriff Rader arrest them and bring them to Eugene in order to get them here before the recent term of court adjourned.

A Healing Gospel

The Rev. J. C. Warren, pastor of Sharon Baptist church, Belair, Ga., says of Electric Bitters: "It's a god-send to mankind. It cured me of lame back, stiff joints and complete physical collapse. I was so weak it took me half an hour to walk a mile. Two bottles of Electric Bitters have made me so strong I have just walked three miles in 50 minutes and feel like walking three more. It's made a new man of me." Greatest remedy for weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints. Sold under guarantee by W. L. DeLano, druggist. Price 50c.

Rex liquid spray, composed of lime and sulphur, saves trouble of boiling and is recommended by the Pullman Agricultural College.

The Albany Baptists will have a new \$3000 church with a seating capacity of 1000.

ROWLAND'S TRIAL NOW BEING HELD

Oscar Corder who had pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing ore from the Oregon Securities Co., in Bohemia, was today fined \$250.

CIVIL CASES.

Mrs. L. N. Edwards vs. Helen M. Baber, W. H. Baber and B. D. Baber; to set aside deed. 10 days to file reply.

W. C. Boren vs. Jake R. Thompson and Ida E. Thompson; confirmation. Confirmed.

J. S. Benson vs. J. P. Curran; to render an accounting. 15 days to inspect books and file reply.

Lillia J. Wheeler vs. L. S. Pengra and A. F. Wheeler; foreclosure of mortgage. Judgment for \$873.30, interest 9 per cent., attorney fee of \$65.

J. M. Cook vs. The City of Junction City, a municipal corporation; writ of review. Defendant given 10 days to file brief. Under advisement.

S. O. Starr vs. The City of Junction City, a municipal corporation; writ of review. Defendant given 10 days to file brief. Under advisement.

C. Q. Farrar vs. the city of Junction City, a municipal corporation; writ of review; Defendant given 10 days to file brief. Under advisement.

J. H. Eccleston vs. The City of Junction City, a municipal corporation; writ of review. Defendant given 10 days to file brief. Under advisement.

David Johnson vs. The City of Junction City, a municipal corporation; writ of review. Defendant given 10 days to file brief. Under advisement.

L. E. Davis, et al. vs. Carlene Davis, et al.; report of referee. Decree of confirmation.

Evelyn Ramp vs. R. D. Ramp; divorce. Decree of divorce and custody of minor children.

K. C. Hansen vs. L. Lurch; to quiet title. Demurrer to amended complaint.

Edward A. Kernutt vs. Albert C. Miller, Clara O. Miller, Charles Rivet, M. L. Buley and George Ellico as partners as M. L. Buley & Co., and the State Land Board of the State of Oregon; to recover money. Demurrer to answer of defendant Rivet.

N. J. Bryant and F. W. Bryant partners doing business under the firm name and style of Bryant Brothers, vs. G. W. Scatterfield and Julia Scatterfield, his wife; to recover money. Settled and dismissed.

E. M. Sharp vs. the Southern Pacific Company; a corporation; damages. Motion and petition for removal to United States circuit court in and for Oregon. Under advisement.

Elva R. George vs. the Southern Pacific Company, a corporation; damages. Motion and petition for removal to United States circuit court in and for Oregon. Under advisement.

M. F. Copley vs. the Southern Pacific Company, a corporation; damages. Motion and petition for removal to United States circuit court in and for Oregon. Under advisement.

James Thorndike vs. Sarah A. Beebe and Jerry Beebe, her husband, and C. F. Mitchell; foreclosure of mortgage. Decree of foreclosure, judgment for \$2531, attorney fee of \$200, costs and disbursements.

Victor Fitzer and Wm. Cavelor, found guilty of robbing W. W. Scott of a few dollars, were this forenoon sentenced by Judge Harris to one year each in the penitentiary.

Virgil R. Rowland, the Eugene constable, who was indicted by the grand jury last evening on two counts, one for giving liquor to minors and the other for adultery, was arraigned this forenoon and pleaded not guilty to each charge. His trial will be held tomorrow. He is under bonds of \$2000, which were furnished.

CIVIL CASES.

Emily Hovey vs. L. G. Suitor and G. W. Knapp; to recover money. Judgment against Knapp for \$384.76, interest 10 per cent., attorney fee of \$25. Continued as to Suitor.

Guinterman vs. Moris Goldblatt. Judgment for \$22.12.

Edwin Van Vechten vs. Clara Mathes, et al.; to recover money. Continued for purpose of taking depositions.

The Brunette Company, a corporation, vs. C. C. Matlock; to recover money. Continued.

G. H. & H. G. Co. vs. Oregon Pacific Mining and Milling Co., a corporation, et al; foreclosure of lien. Continued.

Clarence L. Akery, administrator of the estate of Sarah A. Buttolph, deceased, vs. Lafayette Akery; to recover money. Dismissed.

Octave Bloch and Paul Bloch, doing business under the name of Universal Metal Company, vs. Great Northern Development Company, a corporation; to recover money. Sixty days to reply.

K. C. Hansen vs. L. Lurch and

Benjamin Lurch; to quiet title. Demurrer overruled; ten days to answer.

Anias Land vs. N. P. Chrisman and Melissa Chrisman, his wife; to quiet title. Dismissed without costs.

G. W. Billmire vs. Emma Gene Billmire; divorce. Decree of divorce.

Lottie Frazer vs. George Frazer; divorce. Decree of divorce.

At the opening of the session of the circuit court at 9 o'clock this morning Loren and Lawrence Farlow, charged with giving liquor to the Miller girls, were arraigned. They were given until Monday at 9 a. m. to plead.

Immediately afterward the work of taking the jury in the case of the State vs. Virgil Rowland, charged with adultery with one of the Miller girls, began. It was nearly noon before the jury was secured, the attorneys for the defense as well as for the state plying many sharp questions to each man empaneled. L. Bilyeu and Charles A. Hardy appeared for the defense and Geo. M. Brown and J. M. Williams for the state. After the statement of the case the taking of testimony began.

The jury is as follows: T. A. Shafer, Jno. F. Weeks, R. Y. Porter, B. H. Lyons, Samuel Calkins, E. E. Averboss, J. M. Holland, Chas. Fowler, Ross Huston, C. H. Hales, Wm. Mathers, H. Bjerke.

THE TESTIMONY.

Ruby Miller, the alleged accomplice of Rowland, was the first witness called by the state. She is a strikingly pretty blond and on the witness stand was cool and collected. She gave her testimony and answered all questions in an intelligent, clear and concise manner and was what the lawyers call a good witness. She testified that she was eighteen years old, that she first became acquainted with Rowland in October, 1904; that she occupied a room in the Holden building in Eugene with Rowland on a certain night in that month, and that intimate relations existed between them; also that the two occupied a room together in the McClung block in December, 1904, in April, 1905, and July, 1905. In the cross-examination she testified that she had intimate relations with other men previous to her acquaintance with Rowland, and that she had been in the habit of drinking beer and other liquors for three years past. She further swore that there never had been any intimate relations between herself and Chief of Police J. S. Stiles.

It took an hour to examine the first witness. The second witness called was Erma Miller, aged 16 years, a sister of Ruby. She testified as to sleeping in a room in the McClung block with her sister and Rowland, and testified as to her drinking with them and others.

P. L. Miller, father of the girls, was called next. He testified as to the ages of his daughters. He produced the records in the family Bible as testimony. Upon cross-examination he told how his girls had become drunk at Seavey's hopyard and how he has endeavored to secure evidence against those who gave them the liquor and how he had tried to make the girls do better.

Mrs. Miller, mother of the girls, then testified as to their age.

J. T. Rowland, father of the defendant, was then called. He testified to his son's age and as to his marriage.

E. A. Farrington, at present acting chief of police and formerly night officer, was the next witness. He had known defendant 29 years. Testified that Rowland had told him he had had intimate relations with the oldest Miller girl.

George Croner, night officer, had known Rowland many years. Testified substantially as Farrington did.

Deputy Sheriff Bowen's testimony was substantially the same as the previous two.

Grand Jurymen Harlow and Chase testified as to evidence introduced in the grand jury room.

At 3:30 o'clock this afternoon the jury was excused till 9 o'clock Monday morning and the case postponed until then.

At 1:30 o'clock this afternoon Judge Harris dismissed the remaining jurors from further duty at this term of court.

LIGHTS WILL BE PUT IN THE BIG BRIDGE

The old covered bridge across the Willamette river at the foot of Ferry street, which has been a menace to the public safety for 20 or 25 years on account of the inky darkness at night, is to be lighted by three 15-candlepower incandescent lamps. The county court and the city will bear the expense of maintaining the lights share and share alike.

For many years past people who are compelled to cross the bridge at night have time and again petitioned the county court and the city to put lights in the bridge but until now they have been unsuccessful. The electric light company has made a very reasonable rate for the lights and they will be put in within a few days. Holes for the poles on which to string the wires are now being dug.

COTTAGE GROVE LIGHT PLANT PURCHASED

E. W. Hall, representing the Willamette Valley Traction Company, accompanied by C. A. Hardy, of Eugene, attorney for the corporation, arrived in this city today, Thursday, says the Cottage Grove Western Oregonian.

They were here on business, and did business on the spot. In five hours they had arranged to take over the Cottage Grove electric light plant, paying for the same the sum of \$14,000. The deal has been consummated and a cash payment made on the same, but the plant will not change management for about thirty days. At this time Mr. Hall is not in position to discuss future plans, but the very nature of things establishes the fact that the Willamette Valley Traction Company has friendly and solicitous consideration for Cottage Grove and surrounding country.

ADVANCE IN WAGES OF B.-K. EMPLOYEES

There is considerable rumor among the B. K. employes in regard to raising wages at the Springfield mill. It is said that the company will raise the wages to \$2 per day within a short time, but this statement has not yet been confirmed. It is probably true that \$2 per day would be quite acceptable and no doubt many of the \$1.75 men earn more, but it is also true that many do not really earn half that. We would be glad to see the company pay \$2.50 per day to every man on the job if they could afford to do so. However, the raise will no doubt be appreciated at any time.

A deal was consummated this week wherein Jim Stewart became half owner of the People's Meat Market, he having purchased the interest of H. Cogill. The shop will be known in the future as Perkins & Stewart.

The mason work was completed on the new N. A. Rowe block yesterday, and now as soon as the carpenter can finish the casings and wainscoting the building will be ready for occupancy.

WANT MONEY FOR STATE FAIR EXHIBIT

A petition was presented the county court this afternoon asking that body to appropriate \$250 for a proper exhibit of Lane county products at the state fair at Salem this fall. The matter was taken under advisement.

The petition was circulated by R. S. Bryson, secretary of the Commercial Club, and contains the names of the leading business men.

Note and Comment

There is one man who does not believe Joe Stiles guilty of the charge made by the girls, and that man is a most competent witness in defense of the honor of the dead—Dr. T. W. Harris. He had been treating Stiles for two years for impotency, and asserts that the physical evidences were such that to his mind any statement of wrongdoing on the part of the dead marshal in that way was the basest calumny. Only a few days before the doctor left for California, just about two months ago, Stiles came to him greatly discouraged and said he had lost all hope. Mrs. Stiles also gave Dr. Harris assurance in the same line. After our conversation with Dr. Harris we can form but one conclusion—Joe Stiles was hounded to his death.

It is not a matter of such importance the announcing of a candidacy, that a newspaper should refuse to take the announcement, else publish it in a slurring way all because the same did not come to it first. The candidates want all the publicity possible, and where the publication is paid for it is a matter of business instead of politics, and there is no reason why the usual courtesy of copying from one paper to another on request should not be observed, and that good naturedly.

We have been criticized for not giving publicity to the ugly charges against the late Marshal Stiles and Constable Rowland. Till the grand jury took evidence it was but a matter of rumor, no more authentic even if more convincing than other cases that are matters of hearsay. There was no need of scandalizing the town, besides there is a very strict libel law—it is easy to make such charges but from the very nature of things hard to prove them.

CONSTRUCTION ON NATRON EXTENSION

So many inquiries have been made of the transportation committee of the Chamber of Commerce with reference to the work being done on the Oregon Western Railroad, from Drain to Marshfield, and the Oregon Eastern, from Natron to Klamath, both Southern Pacific properties, that a statement has been given out. The line of the Oregon Western has been definitely located to a point 50 miles from Drain. Contracts will be let this month and work is expected to be started as soon as the weather permits. On the Oregon Eastern the line for the right-of-way has been located 30 miles east from Natron. Progress from the 30-mile point is to be expedited, but as the route lies through the mountains, slow headway is anticipated. Construction is to be started from the main line of the Southern Pacific at the same time as that from Drain.—Portland Telegram.

OREGON DEMOCRATS NAME CANDIDATES

The Oregon Democrats at their mass convention Wednesday afternoon "invited" the following to become candidates for nomination at the April primaries:

- Governor, George E. Chamberlain, incumbent.
- Supreme justice, Thomas G. Hailey, incumbent.
- United States senator, John M. Gearin, incumbent.
- Secretary of State, Paul Sroat, of Marion.
- State treasurer, J. D. Matlock, of Lane.
- Attorney-general, Robert A. Miller, of Multnomah.
- State printer, J. Scott Taylor, of Klamath.
- Superintendent public instruction, E. E. Bragg, of Union; W. A. Wann, of Lane.
- Labor commissioner, Sam Veatch, of Lane.
- Representatives in congress—First district, C. V. Galloway, of Yamhill; P. A. Cochran, of Marion; Second district, Harvey Graham, of Baker; W. T. Vaughn, of Multnomah.

R. S. BRYSON FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

R. S. Bryson, the well-known young attorney and secretary of the Commercial Club, has decided to try for the nomination as justice of the peace for the Eugene district and his petition is now being circulated. So far he has no opposition in the race.

Died

Word was received here by telegraph this morning that Mrs. Agnes Ross, wife of Charles Ross, formerly of Eugene, died last night at Hoquiam, Wash., from tonsillitis. Mr. and Mrs. Ross were well-known in Eugene, having resided here a number of years. The deceased leaves a son aged three years.

Mrs. Anna D. Hunter, wife of Lawrence S. Hunter, died at Creswell this morning from typhoid fever. She was a former Eugene resident and had many friends here.

Some Stock Cures

Editor Daily Guard:—Some days ago one of your correspondents told of a neighbor who had lost a number of calves with scours. If this farmer had taken two raw eggs and a large tablespoonful of salt and crammed the same, shells and all into each calf's mouth and held the mouth until the dose was swallowed, he would probably have not lost any.

A REMEDY FOR POISON.

Early every spring more or less cattle die from eating—well I don't know what—some say wild parsnip, others claim it is larkspur, but no matter what it is, a deadly thing. Take two quarts of flour and mix with it sufficient water so that the animal can be drenched with it, and if this is done while life yet remains, Hall Brothers, experienced stockmen, who came to Oregon 53 years ago, to be a sure cure. The writer of this learned of these two remedies from these men and can testify that they are good.

"UNCLE SAM".

25 Men Wanted

To board at the Oregon Hotel. Meals 25 cents. Board \$3 and \$4 per week. M. Hanson, Prop., 471 Willamette street, Eugene.