

CHESTER GILLETTE EXECUTED

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Brown, the sweetheart whom he betrayed and deserted, paid penalty of his act in the death of the state prison here this morning.

With his last breath the condemned man confessed to the Rev. Henry McIlravey, his spiritual advisor, and to the Chaplain Herrick that he was guilty of the crime.

McIlravey, refused to give the details of the confession as an oral one, but he admitted that it bore out practically the contentions of the prosecution at the trial.

The youth sat strapped in the chair called the Rev. McIlravey on the side, and the executioners stood back.

"My mother I am prepared to forgive," he said in a calm voice. "And that not a single act of violence between me and Him, for I have no hard feelings against anyone, but am only filled with sorrow for the pain, anguish and sorrow I have brought upon her and others. Good bye."

At the death house at 11 a. m. His face was shaven and showed no sign of emotion. He leaned unassisted to the chair, and lay down in a comfortable posture with just the faintest trace of a smile.

He was attended by the two clergymen after the preliminaries had been arranged, Chaplain Herrick recited the thirty-third psalm. Gillette bowed his head and at the execution made his statement to the Rev. McIlravey. The cap was adjusted. The switch was turned and a half ampere current of electricity was applied for 30 seconds. No contact was made, and at the Prison Physician Gerin pronounced the boy dead.

At the execution, the father, two sisters and a brother of the youth were waiting at the Salva-torium headquarters. When it was all over Mrs. Gillette has spent months in a vain effort to save her son, uttered a cry and fell forward in her arms in a state of complete collapse. Her condition is critical and she is today in the care of a physician.

After an official postmortem, the body of the executed youth will be turned over to his parents for burial.

He passed a calm night in confinement with his spiritual advisors and the preparation of a statement was given out by the prison today. It reads:

"Entering the shadow of the death, and it is my desire to remove everything to remove the doubt of my finding Christ. I regret in this sad moment I could not give Him pre-eminence while I had the opportunity. I could only say something of the few moments left me that drew young men to Him, I deem it the greatest privilege granted me. There is not one thing I have left undone which I regret me from facing God, and that my sins will have been forgiven. My task is done, my vic-

Today an official signed statement was given out by the Rev. McIlravey and Prison Chaplain Herrick which was as follows:

"Because of our privileged relations with Chester Gillette we deem it unwise to make any detailed statement of what we learned from our talks with him, but we simply wish to say for the benefit of the public mind, that no legal mistake was made in the carrying out of the ends of justice."

A Pathetic Story.

And so ends the pitiful tragedy of a pallid, cowering youth and a simple country girl who loved unwisely but with pathetic constancy—a story in real life that might have come from the imaginative pen of a Hawthorne.

The story of the murder of Grace Brown, "Billy" Brown her friends called her, by Chester Gillette on lonely Big Moose lake under the frowning peaks of the Adirondacks is a realistic classic.

The daughter of a poor farmer, "Billy" Brown tired of the quiet life of country routine, and went to Cortland, N. Y., where she obtained a position in a shirt factory. There she met Gillette, the nephew of the owner of the mill and a bookkeeper in the establishment. Gillette was the dashing young beau of the town and his attentions to the simple country girl flattered her and made her the envy of all the girls of the mill.

And then one day Grace Brown disappeared. She had returned to her home bearing in breast an awful secret. At the murder trial the correspondence between this girl and her lover was made public. It portrayed in simple language the story of broken hearted girl who still loved and would not believe that the soft promises of her lover were the words of a perfidious scoundrel. He had promised to marry her. A hundred times in these letters she begged him, for the love that had been hers, for the name of the unborn child and because it was right, to come and claim her as his bride. She did not threaten. She did not complain. She only asked for justice.

And Gillette came to her after many weeks of trouble and mental anguish upon her part and they went away together, she believing that he had come to make good his promise and that he would right his wrong. He took her to a fashionable summer hotel on Big Moose lake, delaying the marriage ceremony on various pretexts. On the third day Chester Gillette took "Billy" Brown canoeing on the lake. When they reached a lonely spot—a cove sheltered by a clump of pine trees—the faithless, villainous lover in sudden impulse, seized a tennis racket and struck down the girl who had sacrificed everything for her love of him.

The young fiend threw the senseless form into the water and thus allowed his promised bride and unborn child to perish. The theory that he wished to create in the minds of the police authorities was that the boat was upset by accident, and this, in fact, was his defense during the trial. He was arrested a few days later at a hotel where he had already begun a flirtation with a young girl, a guest of the host. He denied his guilt and for many weeks put up a stubborn resistance to the efforts of the prosecutor.

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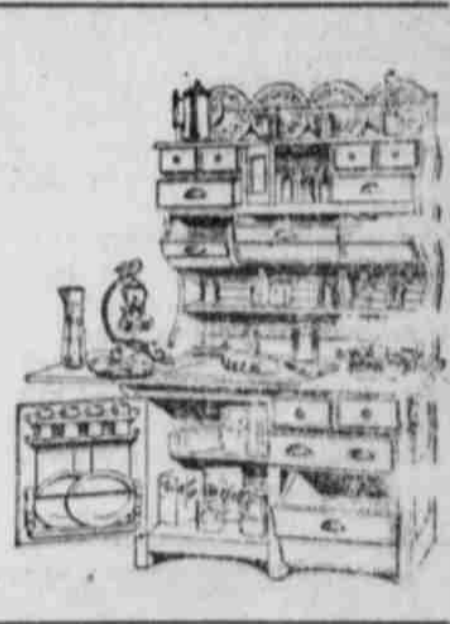


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ELECTRIC RAILROAD EXTENSIONS

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to Albany, 27 miles. The engineers are trying out three different routes. Construction of the road will be commenced next fall, immediately following completion of the company's branch to Hillsboro and Forest Grove. When these lines are completed the Oregon Electric Railway company will have more than 100 miles of main track.

The Albany and Forest Grove lines will be built by W. S. Barstow & Co., under the direction of W. F. Turner, newly appointed chief engineer and manager of that company in Oregon. Mr. Turner and Guy Talbot, general manager of the Oregon Electric, went into the field 10 days ago and looked over the ground between Salem and Albany. They immediately put surveyors at work, and the best route, securing rights of way and making preparations for beginning grading in the fall.

Commerce in Thirty Days.

The work of building the Forest Grove line will be commenced within the next 30 days. Every pound of steel rails and other materials are

already purchased and on the ground and final preparations are being made for the grading. The distance will be 21 miles. The line will leave the main track of the Portland-Salem division at a point near the southwestern city limits of Portland, and follow the survey completed by the company last fall, when its intention of building to Forest Grove and Hillsboro was first announced.

Preparations have been carried on quietly, and purchases of all necessary materials made some time ago. The company has ordered additional equipment for operating the Hillsboro line, which will be running early next fall.

It is better to cure the little cough than to take chances of consumption. The best cough cure is Kemp's Balsam. Druggists sell it at 25c and 50c a bottle.

THE CRAZY QUILT KIND OF PROHIBITION

(Jefferson Review.)

The local option fight is again on in Marion. The Review believes the prohib's are making a mistake in forcing a vote on this question at the present time. If it were a vote of the entire state, well and good. If the state can be carried dry, that will amount to something, and will place all sections on an equal basis, but carrying precincts or sections dry in some cases does more harm than good for the reason that young

boys will club together and send to some other place for dope. Outside dealer's do not know or care whether the person ordering is of age or not, and the result is, to say the least, bad. Whenever it comes to a vote of the whole state on prohibition, then the Review will do all it can to see, but we think a licensed business, under the control of municipal officers is preferable to existing conditions.

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