

DALLAS FARMER KILLED HIMSELF

(Polk Observer.)

Crazed with sickness and weeks of brooding over the fancied unfriendliness of his neighbors, George Selby, a well-to-do rancher living about three miles west of Dallas, met death by his own hand Thursday afternoon, having first fired his house, barn and outbuildings. Such was the purport of the verdict rendered by the coroner's jury Friday afternoon.

The whole truth of the strange tragedy will probably never be known, but enough testimony has been brought to light to prove substantially the theory of suicide and discredit the vague rumors of murder that were for a short time afloat.

Selby was a man about 50 years of age and came to Oregon from his native state, Virginia, about 25 years ago, settling on a small tract of land which he purchased from Judge Boise, where he lived until the time of his death. His sole means of livelihood was from the sale of cattle and of wood which he cut on his farm. An investigation of his bank account shows that after selling his livestock during the fall of each year, he deposited all of his money in the bank, drawing upon it only occasionally for the purchase of the necessities of life. There is no evidence of his having kept money in any large amount in his house.

The story of his death, as gleaned from the fragmentary testimony given at the inquest is as follows: On Wednesday evening Selby called at the home of George Medley, his nearest neighbor, and seemed to be very despondent, complaining that he had not slept for more than a week. He declared that he had no friends in Dallas and that all his neighbors were working against him, and bitterly upbraided Medley because he had stopped visiting him, accusing him (Medley) of being "just like the rest."

Medley endeavored to soothe him, telling him that he was sick and suggested that he come to Dallas for medical attention, but Selby refused to do so. Finally, however, he gave Medley a dollar and told him to get some medicine for him when he came to town the next day. His actions were all very strange, according to Medley's testimony, and all of his conversation was flighty and incoherent. Medley came to Dallas on the following morning and was still here when the catastrophe occurred.

At about 12:45 W. W. Miller passed by the Selby farm, driving to Dallas, and he says that everything about the place was apparently all right. He did not see Selby and drove on without stopping. About an hour later Mr. Walter and Mr. Reed, Selby's nearest neighbors, excepting George Medley, saw an immense volume of smoke rising from the direction of his farm and, surmising that the house was on fire hurried to the scene as rapidly as possible. When they arrived, the house, barns, cowshed and several outbuildings were reduced to piles of embers. The woodshed which stood nearest the house was only partially consumed. Selby was nowhere to be seen, and it was some time before they discovered his remains amid the smoking ruins of the house.

J. A. Covert's son hastened to Dallas and notified Coroner R. L. Chapman who drove to the scene of the fire immediately. When he reached the farm, the fire had died down sufficiently for him to walk across the ashes and embers to the ruins of the bedroom, where the remains of the dead man's body were located.

His head and limbs had been almost entirely consumed, and only a few fragments of the spinal column, the pelvic cavity, shoulder blades and a few charred portions of the viscera remained. Nearby lay a Winchester rifle with one exploded shell in the chamber. This shell had evidently been fired before the heat had become sufficient to discharge it, since the cap was dented.

The melted portions of his pocketbook, and melted slugs of money, amounting to about \$20, were found near his body. All of these circumstances seem effectually to remove evidences of a motive for murder and to point strongly and conclusively to suicide. It is believed that the deceased was a fit of insane despondency, and that he shot himself expecting the flames to destroy all traces of his body.

Selby had no relatives in Oregon and the authorities were for a time at a loss to know with whom they should communicate in regard to the disposal of his property. Mr. Stuart, one of his neighbors, however, said

that he believed that the deceased had relatives living in or near Clinton, Henry county, Missouri. Letters were mailed at once to sheriff of Henry county and to one Dr. Salmon, residing in Clinton, informing them of the occurrence and asking information concerning the whereabouts of his relatives, if any there were, residing in that county.

Further clue regarding the relatives of the dead man was received from an unexpected source Sunday Judge L. D. Brown, local correspondent to the Portland Journal, sent a report of the tragedy to that paper Friday. On Sunday morning he received a telegram from the Journal informing him that the address of Selby's relatives could be secured by communicating with S. C. Jackson, Enoch, Middlesex county, Virginia. Mr. Brown placed the telegram in the hands of the coroner, who mailed a communication to Mr. Jackson at once.

The Selby estate consists of his 50-acre farm near Dallas, a herd of about 60 head of cattle and other livestock, and an account with the Dallas City Bank, amounting to nearly \$400.

ANIMALS TRIED LIKE PEOPLE

Among the many curious customs of the past is recorded a singular feature, of the jurisprudence of the middle ages, when animals were indicted for injuries inflicted upon human beings. The custom was not abolished in France until the middle of the 18th century, and the French court records show that at least 92 trials took place between 1120 and 1741.

There is some Biblical precedent for these proceedings, for in the 21st chapter of Exodus one finds, "If an ox gore a man or a woman that they die, then the ox shall be stoned and his flesh shall not be eaten."

An early instance of the custom was in 1314 when a bull escaped from a farmyard in a village in France in the duchy of Valois and gored a man to death. The Count of Valois, being informed of the case, directed that the bull be captured and formally prosecuted for homicide. This was done, and evidence was given by persons who had seen the man attacked and killed. The bull was thereupon sentenced to suffer death, which was inflicted by strangulation, after which the carcass was suspended from a tree by the hind legs.

In 1386 a sow was executed in the square of Palaise for having caused the death of a child, and three years later a horse was condemned to death at Dijon for having killed and partially eaten a child. The sow was convicted and condemned to death, but the little ones were acquitted on the ground of their extreme youth and inexperience, the bad example of their mother and the absence of direct evidence of their having partaken of the atrocious feast.

One of the most grotesque of these trials took place in Basel when a farmyard cock was tried on the absurd charge of having laid an egg it was contended in support of the prosecution that eggs laid by cocks were of inestimable worth for use in certain magical preparations, that a sorcerer would rather possess a cock's egg than the elixir of life and that Satan employed witches to hatch such eggs from which proceeded winged serpents dangerous to mankind.

The prisoner's advocate admitted the facts of the case, but contended that no evil intention had been proved and that no evil result had taken place. Besides, the laying of an egg was an involuntary act and as such was not punishable by law; also there was no record of the devil having made a compact with an animal. The public prosecutor stated in reply that the evil one sometimes entered into animals, as in the case of the swine which were drowned in the sea of Galilee.

So the poor creature was convicted not as a cock, but as a sorcerer or perhaps the devil in the form of a cock, whereupon the bird and the egg that was attributed to it were solemnly burned at the stake.

Even stranger than this were the proceedings instituted in 1445 and 1487 against certain beetles which had made havoc in the vineyards of St. Julian. Advocates were named on behalf of the vine growers and the beetles respectively, but by a singular coincidence the insects disappeared when cited to answer for the mischief they had done, and the

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proceedings were in consequence abandoned.

That was in 1445. In 1487, however, they reappeared, and a complaint was again laid against them.

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It's a great thing, O my brethren,
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It makes a man feel queerish,
It makes the teardrops start,
And you sort of feel a flutter
In the region of the heart;
You can't look up and meet his eyes;
You don't know what to say,
When his hand is on your shoulder
In a friendly sort of way!

O, the world's a curious compound,
With its honey and its gall,
With its care and bitter crosses,
But a good world after all;
And a good God must have made it,
Leastways, that is what I say,
When a hand's laid on my shoulder,
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