

PROBABLY SUICIDED

Josie Perkins Smoked 26 Pipes of Opium.

EVIDENCE STILL INCOMPLETE

Died From Opium Poisoning But Smoking Opium an Insufficient Cause—The Testimony of the Physicians and the Companions of the Deceased.

As the adjourned inquest on the body of Ada Johnson, or Heaford, alias Josie Perkins, J. L. G. Abbott represented the crown, and W. de V. le Maistre, Lai Yuen & Co. on behalf of the Chinese interested in the case.

There was a large crowd present in the court room, much interest being taken in the proceedings, as in connection with this case a police raid had been made on the evening following the death of the unfortunate woman, on certain opium dens in the city, and a number of Chinamen arrested for selling and smoking opium.

The following jury was impanelled: R. W. Grigor, H. Daniel, T. Gregg, N. F. Townsend, R. McEwen and J. McSwiney, of whom the foreman selected was the first named. The jury viewed the body, and Coroner Reddick opened the proceedings by calling Dr. Duncan Campbell for the first witness, who, sworn, stated he left the house in which the deceased had died at 11:45 p.m.; Drs. Senior and Kenning were then with the patient. The cause of death was opium poisoning or morphine, practically the same thing.

Dr. Harold Senior, sworn, stated he attended the patient in company with Drs. Kenning and Campbell, on the night of the 19th and morning of the 20th. Opium poisoning was the cause of death. Had seen the patient after death. Witness was of the belief that opium smoking would not have caused so profound poisoning. All the doctors attendant believed that opium had been taken internally. Opium smokers are said to die of other causes than opium poisoning. Why it was thought that the deceased had taken opium internally was for the reason that on a stomach pump clearing the contents of the stomach the patient improved very much.

By W. de V. le Maistre: Patient never regained consciousness. By the Foreman: The contents of the stomach pump were not analyzed. Potassium permanganate had been previously administered, which would decompose the opium there. There was no record that witness knew of death from smoking opium. Twenty-six pipes would not be sufficient to cause death, even if deceased had been a novice. Habitual smokers were recognizable. Witness had seen deceased prior to the time of her death, and she did not bear the marks of a confirmed opium smoker.

Dr. Angus Kenning, sworn, corroborated the previous medical testimony. He was of the opinion that opium had been eaten.

By the Foreman: Witness knew of no adulterant of opium. Anything might be mixed with it.

C. Lockhart recognized the body as that of Josie Perkins.

Capitola Burns, sworn, stated she was with Josie Perkins on Tuesday. She had first seen her about 9 o'clock in the morning. She came to the house of witness to see a friend off at the railway station. They were too late, and went to the Clifton and to the Strand, and then went into the undertakers' at the back. Josie noticed the baby caskets and said they were like those in which her baby had been buried. Leaning on one she asked the price. She was told \$65. She ordered it to be sent down to the house the next morning. Witness looked at her and Josie declared she meant it. The party was joined by two men called "Shorty" Jones and Tom Anderson. They asked what Josie had been doing in the undertakers' and she replied she had been ordering her coffin. Afterwards all the party went to the "Noodle Joint" after waiting a while in witness's house. They had some food there, noodle soup, "Chop Suey" (pork, chicken and onions), Chinese cakes and tea. After this they went to the opium house. Witness looked in and saw Josie smoking. Josie refused to smoke two more pipes. Witness wanted to stay and took Josie away with her to her house. Shorty staid with Josie. Witness saw Tim off at her house and then went to bed. It was then 3 o'clock. Witness saw the man Ching Hop burning the opium for the deceased. Witness had no sale of the opium. Witness had asked Josie not to smoke after the hearing, but she replied it would do her no harm. In the morning she had begged Jim Anderson not to go, and declared that after he had gone she would have "a long draw." About 7 or 8 in the evening two men came to the door and told witness that Josie was ill. Witness told them where Josie lived. Witness had seen but little of Josie at any time. Deceased had talked previously of her lover, Harry, and her dead baby, and was jealous of him. Harry lived in the city. He is a white man, not a colored man. Witness did not know him.

Marguerite Texas, sworn, stated deceased had been living in her house since Feb. 11. Witness did not know that the deceased smoked opium. Witness had sent deceased money to come up from Victoria. Deceased had left her house at 4 o'clock in the morning of the 19th. Witness heard nothing of her during the day. About 7 o'clock in the evening Shorty told witness that Josie was drunk. Witness went home and found deceased there in company with a man in a red sweater. Harry Becher came to the door shortly afterwards and said that he had heard Josie was sick. Witness telephoned for a doctor.

By J. L. G. Abbott: Josie left the house in company with Ray. Josie was sober at the time. There was no man with whom Josie never talked to witness about suicide. She had a husband in Vancouver who had been up North. She had written to him since her arrival, but had not got a satisfactory answer. The husband's name was Mr. Johnson. Ray Harding, sworn, stated she left the house with Josie at 4 o'clock on the morning of the 19th. Witness walked up

with Josie and left her at the corner of the Alhambra. It was nearly daylight. Witness next saw Josie when she was brought back to the house. Witness had not heard of suicide.

Ed. Jones, sworn, stated that Josie had come into the Clifton several times during the forenoon of the 19th. Tim and Jim Anderson, colored people, were with her. She went alone to Cap's about 10 o'clock. Witness next saw her at Cap's at about 11 o'clock. Jim Anderson went with witness. At about 11:30 o'clock witness went with Jim to the train to see him off. Coming back witness met Tim and Josie. Tim, Cap and witness, with Josie, went to the Clifton. About 1:30 o'clock Josie went to Bettie's. Thence with witness and Tim went to the hop joint. The party went through the hop joint to the noodle place. Josie was not noticeably drunk. She knew what she was doing. She smoked opium up till 4 o'clock. The Chinaman declared she had smoked 26 pills. Witness went up to the Clarendon and came back at 4:30 o'clock. Josie was stupid. Witness wanted to stay till Josie came to bed, but being tired, fell asleep. At 6:30 o'clock she woke up and found Josie had been taken away. Witness met afterwards the four men who carried away the deceased.

By W. de V. le Maistre: Josie might have taken ten drinks during the day. Witness followed Josie into the opium den. The Chinaman gave the pills to her. He burnt the opium. By J. L. G. Abbott: Witness saw no opium eaten by the deceased. The Chinaman, colored, sworn, stated that Jim Anderson had gone off by the train. Jim was not his brother. He had been with Josie when she was smoking opium. He did not see any money passed. The Chinaman said he would not cook any more. Josie was talking right along. Witness went away. Josie asked witness to come back and wake her up in about 20 minutes. She was then getting stupid. When witness got back, in about 25 minutes, neither he nor Shorty could wake her up. Shorty did not want to leave her alone with the Chinaman. Josie was breathing in gasps. At 6:30 witness came back and woke up Shorty, who was asleep, so that he could go to work. Josie was asleep still. She was frothing at the mouth. He went up town to get assistance and told Texas, who was in the Strand. Four men, Cunningham, Murray, Casey and another, went down to the hop joint and got Josie away.

By W. de V. le Maistre: The noodle soup was not paid for to the knowledge of witness. By J. L. G. Abbott: Witness saw no money passed for opium or for drinks. The inquest was then adjourned until 3 o'clock this afternoon.

The funeral of Josie Parker takes place this forenoon at 11 o'clock, from the undertaking parlors of Lockhart & Jordan.

DEATH OF A. CROSS.

He Was With the Jenckes Machine Co. for 25 Years.

A despatch was received yesterday from Nelson by Mr. Frank Mendenhall announcing the death there of Mr. Alexander Cross, the representative of the Jenckes Machine company in the Slokan. Death resulted from diabetes.

For 25 years Mr. Cross was superintendent and erection engineer of the shops of the Jenckes Machine company at Sherbrook, Que. A year and a half since he became afflicted with bronchitis and the company sent him to Rossland. He remained here for eight months and last year he superintended the erection of the large air compressor plants for the Black Bear and Centre Star. Last fall he was sent to Nelson as the company's agent in the Slokan and he remained there ever since. A short time since he contracted diabetes and this caused his death. He was a native of Scotland and 55 years of age. He leaves a widow, two daughters and a son to mourn his loss. The latter is George Cross, who is a dentist in Detroit. Mr. Cross was a thorough master of the machine business and took a genuine delight in his work. As he was an amiable and kind-hearted man, he had many friends and the closest of these were the employees of the Jenckes Machine company.

CHARTERS WANTED.

The following are the railway charters being applied for at the present session of the legislature: An act to incorporate the Chilcat and Klakini Railway and Navigation company. An act to incorporate the Lake Bennett railway. An act to incorporate the Midway and Vernon Railway company. An act to amend the Columbia and Western Railway company act, 1896. An act to incorporate the Imperial Pacific Railway company. An act to incorporate the Queen Charlotte Island railway. An act to incorporate the Victoria Terminal Railway and Ferry company. An act to incorporate the Coast-Kootenay Company, limited. An act to incorporate the Comox and Cape-Scott Railway company. An act to amend the Arrowhead and Kootenay Railway company act, 1898. An act to incorporate the Crow's Nest Southern Railway company.

Reorganized for the Season.

The Rossland Star Baseball club (junior) has been reorganized for the season of 1901 by the election of the following officers: Honorary president, Mr. Bernard Macdonald; honorary vice-presidents, Messrs. Thomas Finn and W. J. Vennery; president, Mr. E. S. Wain; vice-president, Mr. J. Honey; secretary-treasurer, A. S. Martin; Manager, J. H. Harvey. W. M. Costello, H. A. McCreary and J. Honey were chosen a committee to select the team which is to play the first game. After the transaction of some other routine business the meeting adjourned until April 3.

Church Bazaar.

The ladies of the Methodist church are busy preparing for a bazaar to be held about the 16th and 17th of May. The object of the bazaar is to raise a fund of money to make repairs to the parsonage and additions to the furnishings. Further notice will be given of the event in the course of a week.

GRANBY SMELTER ENLARGEMENT

CONTRACTS AWARDED FOR FURNACES AND CONVERTERS.

Supt. Hodges Announces the Successful Tenderers—His Inspection of Other Plants—Power House to Be Enlarged.

Mr. A. B. W. Hodges, superintendent of the Granby smelter at Grand Forks, is at the Allan house, after a business trip extending from San Francisco to New York. Mr. Hodges announces that the contracts for the additional plant to be installed this summer have been awarded to the Gates Iron Works of Chicago, which supplied the original plant, and the electrical machinery will be furnished by the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company, of Pittsburgh. The delivery must be made within ninety days, and before Sept. 1 the smelter will be treating a minimum of 1,200 tons and 100 tons of matte daily.

"My trip," said Mr. Hodges to the Miner last evening, "involved a good deal of travel. After leaving Grand Forks last month I proceeded direct to Great Falls, Mont., for the purpose of inspecting the smelter of the Boston & Montana company. Supt. Goodale showed me over the works, which had an added interest for me, as they are operated by water power developed by damming the Missouri river. The capacity is 1,000 tons daily. The plant impressed me very favorably. The ores treated, of course, are more complex than those of the Boundary, requiring to be roasted. The converter plant is up to date in every respect. Then I visited Butte and looked over the Heinze smelter, where great activity prevailed, as additional blast furnaces and converters are being installed. Mr. Bellinger, formerly of the Northport smelter, is in charge. From there I went to San Francisco to inspect the big electrical power plant of the street railway, where was supplied by the Westinghouse people. On the train between Frisco and Los Angeles I met Senator Clark, of Montana, who invited me to accompany him to the smelter of his United Verde mine at Jerome, Arizona. Mr. Clark treated me with great courtesy, and for the run on the branch line to the smelter a private car was provided. The plant is a modern one in every respect. It treats 1,200 tons daily and during my stay more converters were being installed. The ore treated there is fabulously rich, ranging from 10 to 14 per cent. in copper values.

"Then I went direct to New York, joining Mr. Jay P. Graves, our president, and Mr. A. L. White, our Eastern representative, at the Waldorf-Astoria. My stay in New York was pleasant and agreeable. We spent a day at the works of the Nicholls Chemical company in Brooklyn, where most of our matte is treated. The officials entertained us very hospitably after the inspection had been concluded. Starting for Chicago (three days later) I stopped over for a day in Pittsburg in connection with the machinery contracts. In Chicago the plans for the furnaces and converters were submitted to the various firms, and I also made a side trip to Milwaukee to see the E. P. Allis people. After Mr. Graves joined me we went over the various tenders and awarded the contract for the two new furnaces and two converters to the Gates Iron Works. This arm built out first plant. The contract stipulates that the furnaces shall jointly treat a minimum of 600 tons daily, and the converters 100 tons of matte daily. A portion of the plant must be delivered within thirty days and the remainder within ninety days from the signing of the contract. The converter building will be of steel, and the contract will be awarded in a few days. The structural steel will fill five cars.

"The Westinghouse company will supply the electrical machinery and incidental equipment. It will include another generator and a new water wheel. The power house will be enlarged so as to develop an additional 300-horse power without at all taxing our reserve water power. Grand Forks will be a busy center this summer, and the enlargement of the plant will be completed about Sept. 1. We will be prepared to do custom work in our converter."

Mr. Hodges leaves for Grand Forks this morning.

JIM HILL'S NEW ROAD.

Surveyors Are Now at Work Between Marcus, Wash., and Cascade, B.C. Marcus, Wash., March 22.—(Special).—Two Great Northern survey parties, of 14 men each, today commenced the survey of the proposed railway from here up the Kettle river valley to Cascade, B.C., where connection will be made with the proposed V. V. & E. railway, projected jointly by Jim Hill and Mann & Mackenzie. After completing their labors the same party will make a survey of another link in the same road from Carson, B.C. (on the boundary line), to Republic, and via the Kettle river to Midway, B.C., there to again connect with the V. V. & E. railway.

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CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice. Latest Out mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek Mining Division of Kootenay district. Where located: Adjoining the Nest Egg mineral claim.

Take notice, that I, J. A. Kirk, acting as agent for John Powers, Free Miner's Certificate No. B. 30695, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice, that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 10th day of January, A. D. 1901. 1-24-10t. J. A. KIRK

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice. City Fraction mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district. Where located: In the city of Rossland.

Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet, (agent for Louis Lineman, F.M.C. No. B. 31038, and Charles Schmidt, F.M.C. No. B. 31039), Free Miner's Certificate No. B. 31110, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this 28th day of March, A. D. 1901. 3-28-10t. KENNETH L. BURNET.

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS.

Notice. Burlington mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: Between Sophie mountain and O. K. mountain on Ivanhoe ridge.

Take notice that I, F. A. Wilkin, acting as agent for Robert Lamont, free miner's certificate No. B. 30,388, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the mining recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

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Notice. Esquimalt Fraction mineral claim, situate in the Trail Creek mining division of West Kootenay district.

Where located: Adjoining the Palo Alto mineral claim in the south belt.

Take notice that I, Kenneth L. Burnet (agent for Ernest William Liljegan, F. M. C. No. B. 13,610, Louis Blue, F. M. C. No. B. 30,601, Swan Nelson, F. M. C. No. 31,032 and J. F. Travers, F. M. C. No. B. 41,205) free miner's certificate No. B. 31,110, intend, sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a certificate of improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a crown grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such certificate of improvements.

Dated this seventh day of March, A. D. 1901. KENNETH L. BURNET

Mr. A. Armstrong of Nelson is a guest at the Kootenay.

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