

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

A Jury Investigates the Death of Kitty Straub.

The Decision Corroborates the "Nugget's" Story of the Suicide—Drug Clerk Reid is Censured.

Wednesday at 4 o'clock p. m. Inspector Harper of the N. W. M. P. convened the coroner's jury for the purpose of inquiring into the death of Kitty Straub alias Stella Hill, who committed suicide in her room over the Monte Carlo theatre Tuesday morning.

The story of Stella's death has already been told in the Wednesday edition of this paper and the evidence given before the coroner's jury has corroborated the Nugget's story in every particular.

The jury impaneled was Foreman Henry McCauley, W. A. S. Hookey, P. Rooney, F. W. Goodman, Robt. Waddell, William Creig.

Anna Hunter, an employe of the Monte Carlo dance hall, was the first witness called and testified to seeing deceased in the hall with Mr. Tracy as witness came upstairs. Deceased was asking Tracy to light her lamp.

He did so and went into the room of deceased with her. Heard the deceased order him out of her room. Tracy came out and said to witness that he thought the deceased was going to poison herself. About five minutes after Charley Hill came up and burst in the door. As the door was burst in he saw deceased just in the act of drinking from a glass. It was not more than half an hour after Hill broke in the door that the deceased died. Monday the deceased showed witness a new waist that had been given her and said "When I die I should like to be buried in something like that." Deceased was somewhat under the influence of liquor the morning of her death.

Dr. W. A. Richardson was the next witness called. He testified to being called shortly after 8 o'clock by Charley Hill, who said, "Stella has taken poison," and showed him a glass and asked him what it contained. Witness hurried to the Monte Carlo and found deceased in convulsions. She died in about five or ten minutes after his arrival.

Jack McCabe handed the witness a bottle similar to the one produced in court. The cork was found on a corkscrew. He gave them to the police. The deceased showed symptoms of strychnine poisoning. "As I went to the bedside of the deceased she said 'Hurry, Doctor, I am dying.' She went into convulsions as I entered the room and never rallied. Have no doubt that it a post mortem was made that traces of strychnine would be found in the stomach.

Charley Hill, a bartender in the Pioneer saloon, was next called and testified as follows: "Stella came into the Pioneer saloon about 7:50 a. m. with Frank Marshal and two women. I was asleep behind the bar. They woke me up and I noticed Stella had been drinking and did not wish to talk with her so told her to go home and she replied 'I am going to stay here.' I started from behind the bar and she went out. Stella had previously come into the saloon about 2 o'clock and asked me to go to breakfast with her, but I told her I was playing cards and could not. She stood with her arms around my neck for about 10 minutes and then went out. She did not seem annoyed. Last winter she attempted to poison herself with laudanum and arsenic. She was drunk at the time. I also believe that she at another time attempted to take poison while in the house of Hattie Nicholson. About five minutes after Stella last left the saloon I went to breakfast alone. When I returned 'Billy' the bartender told me that Stella had some strychnine and he thought she was going to take it. I hastened to the Monte Carlo to Stella's room, and asked her to let me in. She refused and I burst in the door. She was standing in the middle of the room with her back to the door. As I entered she threw a glass from her with her left hand. I picked up the glass and went for Dr. Merryman, and not finding him I went for Dr. Richardson. I woke him up and told him I thought Stella had taken poison. I returned with the Doctor and as I entered the room some one handed me a letter and a bottle similar to the ones shown.

Kitty Lawrence was then called and testified to being with Stella Tuesday morning and hearing her say: "I have lived with Charley four years and am not going to have him throw me down now."

Frank Marshal, the next witness, also testified to hearing Stella say to Geo. Mead: "Charley will never see me alive again. He also thought he heard her say something about poison.

Maud West, an employe of the Monte Carlo theatre, on being sworn said that Stella came to her room with Mr. Tracy, and first asked them to advise not to interfere with her, showed the neck of a small bottle partly wrapped in a handkerchief. She also testified to hearing Stella's remark about the waist, mentioned in Anna Hunter's testimony.

Fred N. Tracy, the next witness, simply mentioned parts of the preceding evidence.

O. A. Borrette, pianist, at the Monte Carlo, was in Maud West's room when Stella and

Tracy entered. He corroborated the testimony of Maud West.

Frank Reid testified that he was certain that Stella came to her death by her own hand. He knew Stella and her parents in Oregon when she was a little girl.

Geo. Mead was called and his testimony sustained that of the preceding witnesses.

Albert Reid, the drug clerk employed by Kelly & Co. was then called. Mr. Reid testified that at the time he sold her the poison she was perfectly calm and collected. He is a regular licensed drug clerk, belonging to the Pharmaceutical Society of the N. W. T. The register of sale should contain the date, the name and quantity of the poison, the signature of the salesman and the signature of the buyer. The register of Kelly & Co. showed only the date, the name of the poison and Stella's signature.

J. W. Rodgers, proprietor of the Monte Carlo, Jas. McCabe, cashier of the Monte Carlo, and R. DePreux, of Kelly & Co., and Ernest Shoff, dispensing chemist, were called, but did not give any additional evidence of interest. Except that Dr. Du Preux said that he would not have sold the poison himself and thought he would have instructed the clerk not to do so.

F. Takey, constable, and Corporal Wilson, of the N. W. M. P., were called to corroborate some points of the preceding testimony and to identify the deceased, as the body shown the jury.

The verdict was in substance, as follows: That on Tuesday morning, Dec. 20th, Kitty Straub alias Stella Hill, came to her death in her room at the Monte Carlo theatre, from a dose of strychnine administered by her own hand, while in a fit of temporary insanity. The jury also found that Albert Reid showed great lack of precaution in selling strychnine to Stella Hill.

Red Men.
There will be a called meeting of the Red Men's Club on Sunday, Dec. 25th, at 2 p. m., for the purpose of electing officers and permanently organizing. All Red Men are requested to attend.
Meeting at Fraternity Hall.
C. S. WERNER, President.
W. H. GOODWIN, Secretary.

Probably Frozen to Death.
Another case of distress and death comes to hand: Tom MacFetrick is an old man of 60 or 65 who came in this summer. Lately he has been occupying a very small cabin on the hill back of town. Being somewhat taciturn little is known of him by his neighbors. He had a fire at or partner somewhere up the gulch, but did not see him often.

On Monday last the neighbors remember seeing him moving around outside the cabin, but are not sure whether they saw him Tuesday. On Thursday F. Krappo remarked on the deserted appearance of the cabin to Charles Keanback. The pair decided to investigate and the door of the cabin was forced. On the floor of the cabin laid the old man with his head under the table. The body was, of course, frozen rigid as iron and a post-mortem was impossible without first thawing out the body.

Dr. Thompson made such examination as was possible, and decided that there were no indications of violence at all. Examination of the premises showed no signs of a struggle of any kind. In the old man's pocketbook were letters, showing him to be from Hokatikee, New Zealand. There was also \$18 in cash. In the cabin was an ample supply of provisions.

From inquiry among the neighbors it is further learned that the aged unfortunate had been more or less ailing for some time. Dysentery had weakened him until it was dangerous for him to have lived alone. From the evidence yet in hand it is impossible to decide whether the poor fellow sank to the ground with weakness and slowly froze to death, unable to make himself heard by the neighbors, or whether he died suddenly and froze afterward.

Undoubtedly there is no country on earth where it is more dangerous to live alone than in this sunless land of snow and ice. The inter-dependence of men for even life was never so well exemplified as here. Hardly an issue of this paper but records the death or loss of limbs of someone which might all have been avoided by companionship with one's fellows.

Notice to Lot Owners.
Owners of lots in Harper and Ladue's townsite of Dawson wishing to obtain patents direct from the government must present themselves within two weeks at the office of the Yukon commissioner with all their deeds of transfer, including the first, as well as the last.

Flange Among Dogs.
EDITOR NUGGET:
The loathsome and contagious disease known as mange has been making ravages for months past among dogs in Dawson and in the course of a few months will impair their usefulness. Unless this disease is checked in time it will be a hard matter to arrest its progress after it reaches a certain stage. Dogs being one of our principal motive powers and generally used by the rich and the poor, we hope this matter will receive attention from the honorable Yukon council, by appointing a special stock inspector to look after this matter. It requires a practical man who understands the disease and can cure it, and if the owner of the dogs fail to do so then that it be the duty of the inspector to cure the animal and return it to the owner after the expense is paid. This action would prevent the disease from spreading among the now healthy dogs, and permanently cure those afflicted, thus protecting the owners of dogs from unnecessary loss and expense.
Yours Respectfully,
FRED GUION.

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Eagle City Land & Improvement Co.,
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- 1. The right and privilege of erecting and maintaining buildings and machinery in or near the town of Dawson, in the Yukon Territory, for the purpose of purifying water by the above process, said water to be taken from the Yukon river or the Klondike river, and for the further purpose of supplying the public demand for such purified water at rates not to exceed ten cents (10c) per gallon delivered.
- 2. The proposed corporate name of the company shall be "The Yukon Hygeia Water Supply Company," and its chief place of business shall be at the town of Dawson.
- 3. The proposed amount of capital stock shall be the sum of \$3,000, divided into three shares of the value of \$1,000, per share.
- 4. The names in full and the addresses and calling of the applicants, who are to be the first or provisional directors of the company, are as follows:

BELENDA A. MURPHY, Dawson, Hotelkeeper.
J. B. O'LEARY, Dawson.
J. J. MURPHY, Ottawa.
Dated at Dawson this 20th day of December, A. D., 1898.
TABOR & HULME,
Advocates for Applicants.

Eagle City Land & Improvement Co.
This company has gone to a great expense of purchasing land within the Eagle City townsite for business and residence purposes. In account of the large expenditure of money necessary for carrying out developments within their ground and for further improvements such as securing a sub-lease of the water rights for supplying water from the spring at and near the head of American creek, grading the streets, cutting sanitary ditches, the company is going to offer for sale a few of its choice lots in the central portion of the townsite at public auction, commencing Monday, December 26, and continuing for the rest of the week at 10 p. m. to 5 p. m. Terms one-half cash, balance in 30 days. A fine map showing townsite, location and buildings and railroad as staked by the government survey, will be on exhibition.
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Money to Loan
Apply at the Nugget Express office, Front st.

Hershberg, the Seattle clothier, will sell you clothing at exceedingly low prices.
Closed for Christmas.
All the government offices in Dawson will be closed on Monday, the 26th for the proper observance and celebration of Christmas.

Have your repair work done at J. H. Holme & Co., opp. Fairview, second street.
Want a stove or heater? See J. H. Holme & Co., opp. the Fairview, about it.

Secure reserved and box seats at Kelly's drug store for the Wendroscope. Next Sunday at the Monte Carlo.
A minstrel show in aid of St. Mary's is to be given on Christmas night at the Tivoli.

Change of program at the Wendroscope exhibition next Sunday. Don't fail to see it at the Monte Carlo.
Look at Hershberg's sign and see what he has to say about clothing, furnishing goods and footwear.
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A Good Flap for 50 Cents.
The Mine Exchange Map of the Klondike Gold Fields should be in the hands of every miner. For sale at the Nugget office. Price 50 cents.
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