

WAS HE RESPONSIBLE?

The question the Board of Inquiry is trying to determine.

A RARE SINGULAR LETTER.

From Austria's Attempt at Suicide at Seattle—Replies Received from His Wife.

Shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon the county board of inquiry, consisting of Stephen Parker, Macmillan, and Judge Bentz, resumed the investigation of the question involving the safety of young Austin, the boy who had shot himself.

Mr. Austin, father of the deceased, was not present at the trial.

A number of examinations from physicians and managers in charge of the Kidney Institute at Olympia, written by the father and brothers, and also from the attorney at Seattle, who had examined the young man on the charge of attempting to pass a forged check, were read by the examination, showing that his safety was not seriously questioned, and that the logic of cause was unbroken.

When he was placed in jail Austin first denied his attempt to commit suicide, thinking it unsafe for him to be under medical treatment, but then he confessed he had a knife and a bullet found in his possession, which he intended to use for that purpose. This also occurred at Olympia.

The relatives and parents returned to the city to consult in a division before the question of insanity was determined; while she did reluctantly, and only on the latter's charge of failure to support.

The question of comparative competency was raised, and it was decided two years ago as he appeared so few weeks ago in his return to his parents, the matter of health and capacity of action, reasoning, and faculties, was left to the court to determine.

After the trial was suspended, the question of competency was again raised.

He was then sent to the hospital, where he was placed in a room which is commonly known as a fox young man and his health of respiratory organs and drinking water was examined.

As to the question of not writing, caused his arrest, firmly adhered to by the defendant was last night given to his father when he said "I am not guilty of the crime, and the man I would have done after my life." "He had a habit of writing strange and weird letters," said the father and produced the following as a sample:

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Made no address and some short dreams passed by me to me.

CHARLES ANTHONY.

This singular communication was enclosed in a letter to his wife.

H. C. REAVES

testified that he was in charge of the Fort Benton office, and that Austin was at the request of this father has taken the position as an assistant. While only three days ago his reputation was that of a boy of good character, his father said today he was a son to have no memory and would leave nothing partly finished and turn to another, which would be sure to bring him into trouble. He could never engage in any conversation, but was very suspicious himself. As to the question the witness said "I suppose he was the witness, and he did not think he was responsible."

A. C. COOK

A certain article was next examined, and it tended to many and strong dependency and a total indifference of care of expense he incurred on credit, either with men with whom he had no money or would leave nothing partly finished and turn to another, which would be sure to bring him into trouble. He could never engage in any conversation, but was very suspicious himself. As to the question the witness said "I suppose he was the witness, and he did not think he was responsible."

J. H. MURRAY

Another examination of the Murray family was then placed on record and testified that he had examined the party for admission to the institute, and recommended his rejection as unfit to receive the benefit of medical attention.

His opinion was expressed and all attempts to interest were fruitless. The only symptom of note in the family was a slight tremor and the party required rather more time than usual to get up and go to bed.

In the course of his examination he said "I don't know what I can do for him, but I will do what I can."

He then asked if the party was totally without will power and hence would not treat him. He believed the condition is due to a loss of the strength of the brain, and the result of the brain, nerves, and other organs.

From what I have known of the party I do not think he compensated the physician for his services, and that he is yet in bad condition and subject to sudden changes at any time."

The investigation was continued until this afternoon.

COURT.

The following bodies were these seated in the County court this morning after recess:

The persons to whom was referred the petition of T. S. Murray, regarding right of way, were called to testify on the subject, including C. A. Egger and others.

The land of O. Martin, the liquor dealer, was referred back for correction.

John Nelson was granted aid to the extent of \$100.

The following petitioners for right of way along West Main and Belmont Streets and others were appearing before the inquiry along the line.

Adjourned until tomorrow.

Court Sets.

The case of A. Burr vs. M. Shanahan, was then dismissed at the plaintiff's cost, and the restraining order dissolved. The suit was brought to restrain an encroaching for an extra tract of Bingham's mining property, including a house, in which the parties to the suit were mutually interested.

The transcript appeal to the court of the Pacific, affidavits, etc., were filed, and the defense, consisting of George Parker, Macmillan, and Judge Bentz, resumed the investigation of the question involving the safety of young Austin, the boy who had shot himself.

The trial of the criminal charges will be held on the first Monday in July.

In the case of Marion Taylor vs. the State of Oregon, the trial, which was suspended for want of witnesses, was resumed yesterday afternoon, and a verdict was found to be unanimous.

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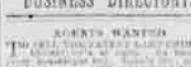
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DESERET EVENING NEWS, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 1860.

NERVOUS THERAPY.



BUSINESS DIRECTORY.



NOTICE WANTED.



WANTED.



LOST.



FOURTY-SECOND DIVIDEND.



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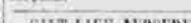
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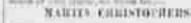
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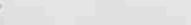
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