

DRUGGIST SHOT THROUGH HEAD.

Mysterious Shooting Occurred in
West Second South Store at
10:30 Last Night.

SUICIDE OR MURDER, WHICH?

Two Shots Fired and Revolver Found
Under Dead Man's Body While
Hand Grasped Pen.

Suicide or murder?
This question is being asked today with reference to the death of Wilford A. S. Vermillion, a young druggist whose place of business was at 511 West Second South street. His death occurred about 10:30 o'clock last night. He was found lying behind a prescription case with a bullet in his brain. He was alive when found, but died within a few seconds.

At the police department, from the chief of police down, the opinion prevails that Vermillion committed suicide.

The coroner is inclined to the theory of foul play.
From all the facts in the case, learned so far, the suicide theory is the most reasonable.

The young man was found lying behind the prescription case. In his left hand was a fountain pen. Under his body was a revolver, of a cheap make, from which two shots had evidently been recently fired. One of the shots had entered the young man's face at the side of the nose, and lodged in the brain. His face was powder burned, proving conclusively that the shot was fired at extremely close range.

There was absolutely no evidence of a struggle.

If the case was one of murder, robbery was not the motive.

The cash box had not been disturbed in the least. The dead man's financial affairs were in good condition. The rear door to the building was securely locked, and, according to the police, it would have been utterly impossible for anyone to leave the building without being seen after the shots were fired. A young man who roomed upstairs heard both shots, and almost before the echo of the first died away, he was down stairs, and he declared that he looked carefully up and down the street and saw no one.

The cash receipts, amounting to something like \$2 for the day, had been made up and placed in the cash box, with the exception of \$2.20, which was left in the till for change. Not a cent was taken.

At first it was said that he was involved in financial trouble; that his father, Judge J. S. Vermillion of Dillon, Mont., had given him son money, and that young Vermillion was ashamed to meet his father because of his inability to explain matters. This was the story first circulated. But his friends declare that Vermillion was not in any financial difficulty.

Dr. P. J. P. Atlas, who knew Vermillion well, says that the dead man had more money on hand than he really required; that his business was in good shape, and that his receipts averaged from \$15 to \$25 per day. Yesterday Vermillion paid \$300 to the Neldin drug company.

C. W. Dallon, who was a college chum of the dead man, says that Mr. Vermillion was sober, a hard worker, not given to any bad habits and was moral in every respect. The dead man's friends believe it a case of suicide, but like the detectives, they are at a loss to find a motive for the rash act.

Just before his death, the unfortunate druggist had been writing a letter to a friend named Maynard, who is now at college in San Francisco. The letter was in the showcase, but had not been addressed. It was an invitation for Maynard to visit Salt Lake. It was written with a fountain pen, which was in the dead man's left hand when his body was found.

Vermillion had been sleeping in a back room of the store. There was a door leading out doors from this room, but it was found securely locked with key and bolt, so that it would have been impossible for any one to have left by that way.

The dead man's sister says she has been in the habit of making up his bed every day, and that several times she noticed the revolver either under the pillow or on a shelf near the bed. She identified the revolver found under the body.

The first person on the scene after the shots were fired was Charles Peters, who came upstairs. He says he heard two shots in rapid succession. His first thought was of a hold up. He ran quickly down a short flight of stairs and into the street. He says he looked carefully up and down the street, but saw no one. He then went into the drug store and called for Vermillion, but receiving no answer, he went back and found the prescription case and there found the druggist. The latter was still alive, and his lips moved as though he wanted to speak. But not a sound escaped his lips. In a few seconds he was dead.

Dr. Hazel was sent for, but before he arrived, the man was dead. Peters is positive that he would have seen any one leaving the place after the shots were fired.

Several persons residing in the neighborhood heard the shots and looked in the street, but so far no one has been found who saw any one leaving the place.

Today the police have made a care-

Headache

Is often a warning that the liver is torpid or inactive. More serious troubles may follow. For a prompt, efficient cure of Headache and all liver troubles, take

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MOTION TO QUASH THE KENNEY CASE.

Man Charged With Murderous
Assault on Mrs. Nichols is
Fighting Every Step.

HE SEEKS TECHNICAL FLAWS.

Attorney Argues Motion for Client but
Is Denied by the Court—New
Move Tomorrow.

A motion to quash the information in the case of the state of Utah against Clarence Kenney, who is charged with assault upon the person of Mrs. Mary E. Nichols with intent to commit murder, was argued in the criminal division of the district court before Judge Lewis this morning and was denied by the court.

The motion, which was filed by Attorneys A. R. Barnes, M. E. Wilson and Josiah Thomas, who are defending Kenney, is based upon several technical grounds among which is that the court has no jurisdiction to try the case as to his knowledge of the alleged crime before the warrant of arrest was issued; that there was no preliminary hearing granted defendant as required by law; and that the entire process was contrary to the statutes.

After hearing the arguments of Attorney M. E. Wilson, District Attorney Benson R. Smith, and the entire process was contrary to the statutes. A plea to the jurisdiction of the court was then filed by the attorneys for defendant and will be argued tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

COURT NOTES.

Suit has been filed in the district court by the Bank of Commerce against Dr. H. A. Anderson to recover the sum of \$1,144.33 alleged to be due on a promissory note executed on Feb. 1, 1902. Plaintiff also asks judgment for \$100 as attorney's fees.

The National Bank of the Republic has filed suit in the district court against J. M. Swen, foreman of a chattel mortgage given to secure the payment of plaintiff's note on which there is a balance due of \$585.91. Judgment is also asked for the sum of \$300 as attorney's fees, and that receiver be appointed to take charge of the property mentioned in the mortgage and sell the same.

ROGERS WINS CASE.

Ogden Man Successful in His Suit
Against Building Society.

(Special to the "News.")
Ogden, Aug. 22.—The case of L. R. Rogers against the Ogden Building & Savings company was this morning decided by Judge Charles H. Hart in favor of plaintiff. The court awarded judgment as prayed. The case which is a somewhat complicated one, has aroused considerable interest here and elsewhere. The stock in the concern taken by plaintiff having matured, he sued for payment of cash in place of a part payment of premium stock. Judgment was awarded him, as prayed, in the sum of \$2,718.19, together with interest from June last.

Papers in connection with the deposition of Fred Bruin having arrived, Sheriff Bailey this afternoon starts for New York with the demented young man, and will place him on board a steamer bound for Holland. Bruin came here about three months ago, and when he arrived he resided with his aunt on Pacific avenue, who eventually became so alarmed at his actions that she reported the matter to the authorities. The result was that the young man was ordered deported by the authorities.

CUT IN FLOUR.

Price Down by Twenty Cents a Hun-
dred Today on Local Market.

There is a flurry in the local flour trade which if not brought to an end, is likely to cause considerable loss, particularly to the millers. One of the mill men, not a member of the Salt Lake Produce exchange, has undertaken to cut prices on flour to the extent of 20 cents per 100, or 40 cents per barrel. Bran is also down 10 and 20 cents per 100; and all this in the face of the fact that eastern flour has advanced since Aug. 1, \$1.50 per barrel, due to the fluctuations in the Chicago market. Today, local dealers are paying \$300 more per car for eastern flour than they were on the first of the month, and every indication points to Utah wheat rising in the near future to \$1 per bushel, and perhaps 10 cents higher. Word from Kansas centers state that September options on wheat are predicted as likely to go to \$1.25, and there are such fluctuations in the eastern markets that prices rule only by the hour, and are given and accepted at distant points—not by mail, that is too slow, but by wire, and immediately.

BANKRUPTCY COURT.

Thomas F. Coleman, a Salt Lake en-
gineer, has filed a petition in bank-
ruptcy with the United States court, his liabilities being \$500, and his assets, \$110. The following persons were discharged this day, from bankruptcy, M. V. Korupkat, Salt Lake; Robert L. Henry, Nevada; Gordon Goodman, Scofield; Philip Dorn, Salt Lake; Mrs. Emilie Minor Van Blarcom, Salt Lake; Augustine Goodman, Salt Lake; John S. Snow, Salt Lake; Stephen Markham, Robinson.

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GREAT WASHOUTS

ON THE SANTA FE.

Ashfork, Ariz., Aug. 23.—The flood of
yesterday has caused the greatest
washouts ever suffered by the Santa
Fe railroad in Arizona. Six hundred
feet of road bed has been destroyed be-
tween Yucca and Haviland; bridges,
large and small, have been carried away
and the entire country between King-
man, Ariz., and The Needles, Cal., has
been flooded. Water is still rushing
over the tracks and great damage has
occurred at many sections.

A terrific storm last night caused
many fresh washouts on the main line
of the Santa Fe. At Haviland, six
miles east of Yucca, where a large
bridge was destroyed yesterday after-
noon, the road bed is flooded to
death of seven feet. Telegraph
poles for a considerable distance have
been carried away on both sides, large
hand cars and gasoline tankers which
hauled workmen to that neighborhood
yesterday, have been lost and repairing
tools were swept away.

Westbound overland train No. 7, the
California limited, No. 3, and the Gut-
terberg special from Ontario with 200 Ca-
nadian business men on a tour of the
country, who were visiting for two
days at Grand Canyon, have been tied
up at this point with no possible pros-
pect of moving. The eastbound lim-
ited, No. 4, and No. 8 on the Santa Fe
are being held west of Yucca. Two
more westbound overland trains will be
here at noon and remain on sidetracks
until further orders. It is impossible
to send trains via Phoenix, as the
Southern Pacific has also suffered much
damage from the heavy rains which
have been falling a great part of the
last week.

All communication west of Haviland
has been cut off. Orders have been sent
east to rush gangs of men to the
scene. The Santa Fe is employing all
available help. There is much water
on the ground around Ashfork and
there are indications of further rainfall
today.

Another bridge at Powell is reported
to have gone out today, and several
hundred feet of road in that vicinity is
under water. It will be some time be-
fore the blockade can be cleared and
possibly the trains at Ashfork will be
sent east and moved to California by
way of Denver.

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