

## JURY SAYS IT WAS A CASE OF MURDER

Verdict in the Mysterious Shoot-ing of Second South Druggist Virgilion.

### POLICE STILL SAY SUICIDE.

Officers Continue to Hold to Theory That the Man Died by His Own Hand.

The coroner's jury holding an inquest over the remains of Wilford A. S. Vermillion, whose mysterious death occurred several nights ago at his drug store, 511 west Second street, concluded the examination this morning and returned a verdict. No testimony whatever was taken today. The jury simply met and returned a verdict. The examination was held on the 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th and 29th of August, and the 2nd of September. The verdict returned is to the effect that "the said Wilford A. S. Vermillion came to his death on the 22nd day of August by means of a gun shot wound in his head, which was inflicted feloniously by the hands of an assassin to this jury unknown."

The jury was composed of John T. Lynch, R. D. McDonald and William Carroll.

There are no new developments in the case. The police still hold to the theory of suicide. In the absence of any proof of murder, they are still working on the case, and are exhausting every effort to solve the mystery.

Many conflicting stories have been published in a morning paper, which has discovered no less than three different murderers. The police say that every known fact points to suicide, but that there are a dozen theories in favor of murder.

### HEALTH REPORT.

Splendid Work Done by the Board During Month of August.

Clerk Brothers of the board of health has completed his report for the month of August, which shows that there was only about half as much contagious disease in the city during the past month as there was during the month of August last year. The total number of contagious diseases reported during the month just passed was 59 as against 96 for the same month last year. That there has been no danger of an epidemic of typhoid fever the past month is quite evident from the fact that only 39 cases of that disease were reported during the month, as compared to 75 for August last year. Of the 39 cases reported four were from outside of the city and were brought here for treatment, hence the actual number of cases in the city is reduced to 55. There was no smallpox reported during the month, while in August of last year there were four cases.

The figures on other contagious diseases show that there were 10 cases of diphtheria reported during the month and one of scarlet fever, while during last year there were 9 cases of diphtheria, 5 of scarlet fever, 2 of measles and 1 of croup.

There were 71 deaths reported during the month, of which 45 were males and 26 females. During August, 1903, there were 72 deaths reported. Of those reported during the past month, 50 died of old age. The birth rate shows an increase of 35, as compared with August of last year. The total number reported during the past month was 189, of which 94 were males and 75 females.

There were 3,582 inspections made by the sanitary inspectors during the month, and 392 notices were served.

There were 497 notices to clean cesspools and vaults, 659 notices to remove refuse and 113 notices to abate other nuisances.

The sewer inspector inspected 18 meat markets, 21 drug stores, 76 restaurants, 53 fish markets, 13 grocery stores, 122 haberdashery houses, 24 bakersies, 5 breweries, 2 creameries and 2 slaughter houses during the month. There were 2,490 pounds of food condemned and 210 dozen of eggs.

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gate the matter. The man gave his name as Mike Richter, and although he does look very much like Zigich, the authorities do not believe that he is Zigich. The foreman at the smelter at Murray where Zigich worked will be in the city this afternoon and will visit the man at the hospital to see if he is really the man wanted. The patient is rather seriously injured and will be at the hospital for a number of days, so that if he proves to be Zigich he will not be very likely to escape.

### TOMORROW'S ORGAN RECITAL.

The following is the program for tomorrow's free organ recital at the Tabernacle. The program begins promptly at 5:30, and the doors are closed and no one is admitted thereafter.

Overture to "Pretty Galatea," Suite Communion in G (requested), Ballade Canzonetta Godard Old Melody

Dreams from "Tristan and Isolde" Wagner Pilgrim's Chorus from "Tannhäuser" Wagner

### PERSONALS.

Attorney General Breeden is down in Carbon county on business.

Capt. William P. Burnham of the Twentieth Infantry is guest at the store, 511 west Second street.

Dr. James E. Talmage, a member of the Deseret Sunday School Union board, will attend a convention at Provo on Sunday next.

Harry Burton of the Knutford hotel has returned from a pleasant two-week vacation in Provo canyon, with his wife and children. He reports many summer visitors up there yet, although the season is supposed to be over.

Rev. E. L. Gosden, pastor of the First Congregational church, returns from his eastern trip this evening, and will preach next Sunday morning as usual.

P. D. Lamoreux, who for some time past has been connected with the Salt Lake Publishing company at Provo, left for his old home in Kinross today, to engage in the newspaper business at Hutchinson, that state.

### AFTERNOON CALL.

The only sale made of the door of the Mining Exchange this afternoon was 200 shares of Montana-Tonopah, which brought \$2.08.

### HARRISON SEABROOK,

From Quincy, Franklin county, Pa., wishes to meet Thomas or James Cullen Smith, former associates at Cullen hotel.

### HE NEEDED IT.

"Amazing are the questions," said Gen. H. C. King of New York, "that are showered on the unhappy attendants of public museums.

In London, one afternoon, I was standing near a museum guardian who wore a military uniform, with a helmet from which a chin strap hung.

"A youth approached the man and said:

"Would you mind telling me what the strap under your chin is for?"

"The attendant answered shortly "To rest my jaw when I get tired answering questions."

### THE PRETENDER.

Richard Harding Davis was attending in New York a performance of his farce, "The Dictator," when a young man, near her entered into conversation with him.

The young man proved to be very enterprising. He was tall and strong, and he had been, he said, in every part of the world. Princes, dukes, rajahs, sultans, and even kings were numbered among his friends.

At the end of the performance he shook Mr. Davis heartily by the hand. "I hope," he said, "that we may meet again. I am Richard Harding Davis."

"Are you?" said Mr. Davis, laughing. "So am I."

### AN INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE.

Miss Pauline Astor, daughter of the transplanted American millionaire, William Waldorf Astor, a young woman whose future has been a subject of much speculation, has chosen for her fiance Captain Henry Spender-Clay of the Life Guards. Miss Astor has at

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## DRINK CAUSES CHILD'S DEATH.

Three-Months-Old Baby Smothered by Its Mother This Morning.

### AFFAIR SHROUDED IN MYSTERY.

Mrs. Emma Herbert and Mrs. Pratt Were Sleeping Together When It Occurred.

A three months old baby was smothered to death at an early hour this morning by his mother, Mrs. Emma Herbert and a Mrs. Pratt, at 24 south Fourth West street. Just how the terrible affair happened, no one seems to know, but the police are making an investigation, and the case has been referred to the coroner, Justice Clark.

According to the statement of the police, Mrs. Herbert was visiting with Mrs. Pratt last night, and concluded to remain there. It is claimed that the two women had been drinking somewhat freely and were led together, placing Mrs. Herbert's three month old baby boy between them.

About 5 o'clock this morning the woman awoke and discovered that the child was dead, that the little one had been smothered to death. Dr. Waite was hastily summoned, but the child had evidently been dead for some time, and he could do nothing. Acting Coroner Clark was notified, and it is making an investigation of the case.

The police department was also informed of the shocking affair. Up to the morning Mrs. Pratt had been located, and the cause of the occurrence could not be obtained. It seems that in some way the two women so crowded the infant that he was smothered to death.

Dr. Waite, who was called in immediately upon the discovery of the infant's death, said that death had undoubtedly occurred some time before.

### POLITICAL POINTERS.

W. B. Wilson of Ogden is a candidate for state treasurer on the Democratic ticket. For the past six years Mr. Wilson has been superintendent of the Weber county public schools.

A. J. Searey of Dixie's, formerly in the county clerk's office under D. C. Dunbar, is a candidate for county clerk on the Democratic ticket. He is in receipt of many assurances of support from his friends.

### LATE LOCALS.

Today's local bank clearings amounted to \$363,398.20 against \$327,612.87 for the same day last year.

City Treasurer Harris is today paying off the departmental savings of the city for the last half of August, amounting in all to \$12,040.42.

Mr. W. D. Foster will give a box party at the Salt Lake Theater tomorrow evening, on the occasion of the last performance of "Raimes."

Company First infantry, will have a field day next week, Friday, at La Jolla, where the members of the company are anxious to cross bats with H. H. Dowd.

Judge Stewart heard the probate call in his court this morning. Judge Hall being absent from the state. A large amount of minor probate matter was disposed of.

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Editor James A. Treat of the Lester-shire, N. Y., Record, is one of the Malta commandery, which numbers over 600 members. He says he is very much taken with the town, and that his people have enjoyed themselves immensely in the city.

This evening, Chief Bystander of the Salt Lake fire department, leaves for Chattanooga, Tenn., to attend the fire chief's convention. The meeting is to be held on Monday morning.

The meeting of the principals of the city schools, which was announced for Monday, will be held on Tuesday morning instead of Monday morning.

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