

DELIBERATE SUICIDE

OWEN C. BURRISS SWALLOWED TWO OUNCES OF LAUDANUM

He Said He Was Tired Living—He Bought the Drug Under Pretence of Wanting It to Rub His Side—He Leaves a Wife and One Child—To Be Buried Today on Myrtle Grove Sound—The Coroner Did Not Hold an Inquest.

Owen C. Burris, a well known young carpenter who resided at Fifth and Wright streets, died Monday night about midnight from the effects of two ounces of laudanum administered by his own hand. He told some one he had been drinking and did not want to live any longer.

About 5 o'clock Monday afternoon Mr. Burris went into Mr. J. M. Hall's drugstore at Fifth and Castle streets and called for a bottle of laudanum. Mr. Percy Hall waited on him and sold him an ounce bottle. He left without saying what he wanted with it and after staying away a while returned and called for another bottle, saying he had broken the other one. Mr. Hall sold him a second bottle and while he was waiting on the young man, Mr. Burris told him he wanted it to rub his side. When he got to the door, he looked back and asked Mr. Hall if there was enough in the bottle to send him to Heaven. Mr. Hall thought he was joking and told him that half of it would be a plenty to send him there. He replied, "well that's where I'm going."

Mr. J. M. Hall, proprietor of the drug store came in just as Mr. Burris was leaving and the other Mr. Hall told his brother what Mr. Burris had said.

Sergeant G. H. Ward and Policemen John A. Martin and W. H. Temple standing on the opposite corner, and Mr. Percy Hall went over and told them that Mr. Burris had bought laudanum and had said he was going to take it. Sergeant Ward told Policeman Martin he had better follow Mr. Burris and watch him. By that time Mr. Burris had gotten nearly a square away going towards Sixth and Castle streets. When he got to Sixth and Castle streets, he went into Mr. J. W. Capps' grocery store and saloon. About the time he got there a drunken man was put out of the door into the street. Officer Martin went on to the store and after staying there a while he saw no sign of the rash man's taking the drug. Thinking no more of the matter he went on about his duty.

Mr. Elijah Todd who clerks for Mr. Capps says Mr. Burris came into the store about 5 p. m. and sat down on the end of a flour barrel. He remarked several times that he was tired of living and wanted to die but everybody thought he was joking. He also said he had been drinking heavily but Mr. Todd says he did not have that appearance. After a while he called for some whiskey. He poured a little in a glass and then poured something out of a bottle into it. Mr. Todd picked up the glass and would not let the man drink it. Mr. Burris told him that it was nothing but some cough medicine. Mr. Todd took the glass and poured the stuff back into the bottle and it overran the bottle, having had a little whiskey added to it. Mr. Burris then stood around a few minutes, pulled an ounce vial from his pocket and emptied its contents into his mouth and swallowed it. Mr. Todd got after him to know what it was and he laughed and said it was only cough medicine. He says Mr. Burris then left and went towards Fifth and Castle streets. In a few minutes he returned. When he went out that was his second trip to drug store. Mr. Todd says when he came back to Mr. Capps' store the second time he stood around a few minutes and then picked out the glass and threw the bottle into the yard. He went into the yard picked up the two bottles and saw from the label that it was laudanum. Mr. Burris had drunk. He then sent word to Mr. Burris' parents a few blocks away that he believed that their son had taken laudanum and that they had better look after him.

Mr. Burris immediately left the store after swallowing the second bottle of laudanum and went to his father's residence on Fifth and Wright streets. When he got home he was stupefied with the drug and before a physician could be called he was unconscious. Dr. G. Kirby Collier reached him about 8 p. m. and after he had swallowed the drug, and put in three hours of hard work to save his life. The members of the family and some friends also worked vigorously. Dr. Collier left him about 9 o'clock and called a physician and 11 p. m. and administered other antidotes. All the efforts of the physician and others were in vain. The young man died about midnight, having never regained consciousness.

Mr. Burris was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Burris, most respectable people, and was a handsome young man about 28 years of age. He leaves a young wife and one child.

Dr. C. D. Bell, the coroner was notified of the suicide, and after viewing the remains and inquiring into the facts, he decided that no inquest was necessary, as it was a plain case of suicide.

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Henry L. Schmeitz, of Hampton, who was elected to the presidency of the Jamestown Exposition Company has tendered his resignation because not physically capable of undertaking the work. Who his successor will be is not known.

MANTLE OF CAPE FEAR CHIVALRY

A Correspondent Seems to Think It Is Lost and Wants to Know Who Will Regain and Wear It—The Effort in Behalf of Public Parity in Wilmington.

A lady who is deeply interested in the praiseworthy effort to rid the city of some of the objectionable houses in the city, on yesterday received the following communication from a well known gentleman of the Second ward, and she highly appreciates what he so aptly says:

"Alas! The long cherished and much lauded mantle of Cape Fear chivalry seems to be lost.

"Who will recover it and be worthy to wear it in these latter days? It is a crying shame on this entire community that respectable people and large tax payers should be forced to fight daily to shield their children from indecent sights and language and to beg in vain for protection from the powers that be. The mayor says he is powerless to give any aid. In this instance, he delivers the despoils of the czar of all the Russias, and there would not be a true man in this town who would not uphold him in his actions.

"The feeling of indignation is daily increasing throughout the town against the people who make a law unto themselves, as they did at the time of the November troubles. This time it will not be a war between the races, but one between immorality and decency, and decency and the taxpayers.

"A SYMPATHIZER.

From the Second Ward.

The following note was handed to The Messenger for publication in this connection:

"The infamous Josie Drew who was expelled from town in May last by indignant citizens has returned, and continues to be guilty of most shameful conduct. When ordered to cease her indecent behavior, her reply to the gentleman who lives near the house in which she resides was as follows:

"I have a gun and am ready for you or any one else who interferes with me."

His Life Was Saved.

Mr. J. E. Lilly, a prominent citizen of Harnham, Mo., lately had a wonderful deliverance from a frightful death.

In telling of it he says: "I was taken with typhoid fever, that ran into pneumonia. My lungs became hardened. I was so weak I couldn't even sit up in bed. Nothing helped me. I expected to die at any moment, when I heard of Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle gave great relief. I continued to use it, and now am well and strong. I can't say too much in its praise." This marvelous medicine is the surest and quickest cure in the world for all throat and lung trouble. Regular sizes 50 cents and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at R. R. Bellamy's drug store; every bottle guaranteed.

CONFEDERATE SURGEON DEAD.

Dr. W. W. Gaither Dies After a Few Days' Illness at Charlotte, Brunswick County—He Was a Surgeon in Vance's Old Regiment.

We regret to learn of the death of Dr. W. W. Gaither which occurred about midnight Monday night at Charlotte where he has resided with his wife for several months.

Dr. Gaither formerly resided in this city at Rocky Ford. He was a native of Brunswick County. He was a doctor of medicine and was widely known in different parts of the state. He is survived by his wife, now residing at Charlotte, and by a daughter and one son, Miss Mary Gaither, who is in Charlotte, and Mr. E. W. Gaither, who has been a student for two years at the North Carolina college of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, at Raleigh. Mr. Gaither came down last evening and will go to Charlotte this morning.

Dr. Gaither was about 70 years of age, and had been sick only a couple of days. He was a native of Caldwell county N. C. His friends sincerely sympathize with his family in his death. The interment will be made at Charlotte.

GIRL WOMEN.

The general standard of measurement for womanhood is "grown-up-ness." When a girl is emancipated from school and arrives at the dignity of trailing skirts and elaborate hair dressing she is looked upon as a young woman.

But nature knows nothing of such standards. When the womanly function is established, womanhood is attained according to her standards, and there is need of womanly care and caution. It is girlish ignorance or neglect at this critical time which often results in long years of after misery.

Mothers who perceive the evidences of functional derangement in young girls should promptly have the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It establishes regularity, tranquilizes the nerves and tones up the whole system.

"My troubles started during my girlhood," writes Miss Flora I. Greer, of 107 Howe Street, Akron, O., "but did not prove serious until 1889. From that time I did not see a well day. I suffered at every monthly period with terrible headache, irritation of the spine and pains in my back. I had soreness through my hips and ovaries all the time and constant backache. One doctor would tell me one thing and another would say something altogether different, but they only relieved me. I then wrote you and followed your advice. I took five bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, four of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and five vials of 'Pell's.' Have not had a single symptom of my trouble so far. Can sleep good, work hard, and eat solid and substantial food without distress."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cleanse the bowels and stimulate the sluggish liver.

COLUMBUS TELEPHONE CO.

THEIR LINE TO REACH WILMINGTON IN TWO WEEKS

Southport Connection to be Completed by October 1st—Will Also Build a Line to Keith's and Port Caswell—Metallic Service Being Put Up—Wilmington to Talk to the Towns in all the Surrounding Counties.

Mr. E. A. Perry, of Chadbourn, secretary and treasurer and general manager of the Columbus Telephone Company, was here yesterday, having come up from Southport where he had been in connection with the construction of the line which his company will build between Wilmington and Southport.

Mr. Perry told a Messenger representative yesterday that the contract for the line had been completed and that the people of Southport subscribed for stock in a most liberal manner. The Cape Fear Towing and Transportation Company subscribed \$500 to the stock of the company. The line will be built from Southport to Navassa, where it will connect with the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company's line running into the city. Poles for six miles of the line have been already delivered at Navassa and work on the line will be commenced at once.

Four gangs of hands and electricians numbering thirty or more, are now out building the various lines of the company. One gang is now five miles beyond Southport, building the line from Councils station, connecting Wilmington with Whiteville, Chadbourn, Conway, Wamash Lake, Waccamaw, Clark, Abbottsburg and other places. The line connecting Chadbourn, Wamash Lake and Waccamaw has already been built to Clark and will be extended to Abbottsburg and thence to Elizabethtown. The line to Elizabethtown will be built as soon as the line is completed to Wilmington. The line will be completed this week to Abbottsburg, where one of the company's exchanges will be located. There will be exchanges at Chadbourn, Abbottsburg, Whiteville and probably Southport.

While here Mr. Perry also closed a contract with Mr. B. F. Keith to connect the line from Conway to Keith's and Point Caswell, Bladen county and other points. Mr. Keith has subscribed \$500 to the company's stock, and the Keith connection will be made by September 1st.

Twelve miles of the line from Whiteville to Charlotte have already been built, and work will soon be commenced on the connection to Cerro Gordo and Fair Bluff.

The service out of Wilmington will be on a toll basis in connection with the Bell Company's exchange here. The toll for a talk of three minutes will be 15 cents, and other tolls will be in proportion for longer time. There will be over 500 phones in the company's circuits, and it will connect practically in a radius of over one hundred miles of this city.

FIRE IN THE COURT HOUSE.

Stubborn Blaze But Finally Extinguished—Confederate Veterans Arriving—Contribution from a Negro.

(Correspondence of The Messenger.)

At 3:30 o'clock this morning the court house was discovered on fire, and so dense was the smoke in the court room it was with great difficulty that the location of the smoldering blaze was accomplished. By the time the fire company arrived it had been located in the judge's private room at the north end of the building in the partition between it and the passage. It burned stubbornly, but was extinguished with a loss of not more than \$250.00, the partition being demolished and the floor cut up.

Professor W. J. Horney went to Chapel Hill today to assume his duties as principal of the Chapel Hill High School.

The Eckle's Grove presents the appearance of a sure enough camp this morning, but the streets and buildings on Elm street look as if a King Edward coronation ball had been given, with flags and bright colored bunting can be seen everywhere. A good many old soldiers came in yesterday and last night, and every train today brings a small quota. Reinforcements sure enough will be arriving by noon tomorrow, the town will be in the possession of visitors. General Carr and his staff are expected this afternoon. The old Vets. are around the tents this morning and look lonesome without a camp fire. The young men of the city will have a good time, and maids of honor of the Confederate reunion a complimentary dance next Wednesday night at Lindley Park. So far sixty couples have been booked, and the young people will have almost as big a young as the old Vets.

The following letter, enclosing a liberal check was received last night by Chairman J. W. Scott, of the Veteran reunion local organization. It breathes a splendid spirit and deserves publication as a true index of the real sentiments of our better class of colored citizenry towards their white friends:

"Greensboro, N. C., Aug. 18.

"Dear Sir: Observing in Saturday's papers that you and your committee are apprehensive as to the sufficiency of the preparations made for the reception and entertainment of the Confederate veterans in a manner creditable to our city, permit me, a negro who has been so generously treated all my life, by so many Confederate veterans, some of whom are or will be in your midst, to tender the enclosed small contribution to assist in making their stay in our city alike, pleasant to them and satisfactory to us.

"While rejoicing that the union is preserved and that slavery no longer hinders the progress of the south, or of my people, I admire the devotion of the Confederate veterans to the cause they had been taught to revere, and I respect every effort made to render their declining years happy in the second home they so faithfully served.

"For other reasons, and because further of my desire that everything that Greensboro undertakes to do shall be well done, I ask you to accept for the purpose indicated the enclosed contribution of

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

Monday, August 18.

Receipts of cotton today—3 bales.

Receipts same day last year—4 bales.

This season's receipts to date—278,885 bales.

Receipts same day last year—260,012 bales.

The quotations posted at 4 o'clock today at the exchange:

COTTON—Firm.

Ordinary 6 1/2

Good Ordinary 7 1/2

Low Middling 8 1/2

Middling 9 1/2

Good Middling 9 1-16

Same day last year—8 1/2.

SPRITS TURPENTINE—Steady 4 1/2.

ROBIN—Steady at \$1.10 to \$1.15.

TAR—Firm at \$1.50.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Firm; hard yellow dip \$2.50; virgin \$2.50.

Prices same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm 3 1/2 and 3 1/2; rosin 95c and \$1.00; tar \$1.35; crude turpentine \$1.10 and \$2.10.

Receipts today—73 casks spirits turpentine, 152 barrels rosin, 205 barrels tar, 101 barrels crude turpentine.

Receipts same day last year—73 casks spirits turpentine, 108 barrels rosin, 181 barrels tar, 120 barrels crude turpentine.

SALT—Prices car load lots—200's Liverpool 77c; F F Table 95c to \$1.15; 180's Liverpool 75c; 100 F C fine 37c; 200's American 75c; 100 C extra 40c; 180 American 65c; 200 Rock Castle \$1.40.

DRY SALTED SIDES—11 1/2c.

BUTTER—35c.

COFFEE—8 to 11c.

FLOUR—Straight \$4.25 to \$4.50; 2nd patents \$4.50 to \$4.75; full \$4.75 to \$5.00.

MOLASSES—S. House 15c; New Orleans Brights, 23 to 25c; Porto Rico 20 to 25c; Cuba, 23 to 25c.

SUGAR—Granulated \$4.75; W. C. N. No. 5 \$4.25; No. 7 \$4.10; No. 9 \$3.95; No. 11 \$3.80.

LARD—(Tierce Basis) Pure 11 1/2c; Compound 9 1/2c.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina 77 to 82c; Virginia 65 to 75c; Spanish 70 to 75c.

CORN—83 to 85c.

CORN MEAL—7 1/2c.

EGGS—Steady at 13c.

CHICKENS—Hens 27 to 35c; roosters 25 to 30c; spring 12 1/2 to 20c.

N. C. BACON—Hams 12c; shoulders 9c; sides 10 to 11c.

SHINGLES—Per 1,000, 5-inch saps \$2.00; 6-inch hearts \$2.50; 6-inch saps \$3.00; 6-inch hearts \$4.00.

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