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MURDER COMMITTED LAST SUNDAY

William McCarthy, Known as "Annehauser Kid," is Found Guilty of Shooting Night Watchman Joe Mulholland, With Deadly Intent, by the Coroners' Jury.—The Murderer Was Calm and Collected During and After Shooting and Awaited the Arrival of Sheriff Murphy for Arrest and Delivery of Deadly Weapon.

A Notable and Pathetic Death Bed Scene in Which the Supposed Case-Hardened of the Under World Reveals a Sacred Emotion That Touches All, and Shows That All the World is Akin—Some Wild Talk of Lynching, but the Law in the Even Tenor of Its Way Majestically Pursues Its Course, and Will Mete Out Such Punishment as the Crime Merits.

Testimony as to the Committing of the Deed, and How McCarthy Asked His Victim, as He Approached the Bar, "Joe, Have You Your Gun With You Now?" And Then Drew His Own Weapon and With Unerring Aim Fatally Shot Mulholland.

Early Sunday morning, about 6 a. m., murder of the atrocious sort was committed in Las Vegas. The crime is one that has its terrible features. It is full of the inchoate that ever engenders the hasty, the revengeful, premeditated act that counts death as its votary.

The actors in this drama of desert life were John Mulholland, the night watchman of the town, and William McCarthy, a devotee of the round table and known to western fame as "Annehauser Kid," and at one time a forceful political agent of one of the giant millionaire political factors of Montana. Less than a decade, the Montana press reverberated with its

applause, ridicule and denunciation of "Annehauser Kid." In those days he played a part in which he was the confident executor of franchise work for some of the keenest and most far-seeing political chieftains in all the west. But that is a closed chapter and the part to deal with is that of today. The pity is the McCarthy family will be the principal sufferer and distressed.

Joe Mulholland, the deceased, was a young man of splendid physique. He hailed from New York state. For a time he was employed on the automobile line as superintendent of construction. Two weeks ago he was appointed as special night watchman by Sheriff Murphy, with police powers,

upon the recommendation of some of the best citizens of Las Vegas. From reports ascertained through his superiors he was recognized as a vigilant and watchful guardian of the peace of the community.

WHAT WAS THE MOTIVE?
The real cause of trouble has not at this writing been ascertained. Why McCarthy took such a revengeful, deadly hatred of the night watchman is a matter for fuller explanation.

The bald undeniable fact is that Joe Mulholland is dead and that William McCarthy is in limbo awaiting the findings of his peers as to what punishment the law is to inflict for his crime. In the eyes of the general public the act is looked upon as a cold-blooded, premeditated murder. In the clear, undefiled revelations that stamps this act as such there is no gainsaying, but that it is murder either premeditated or the act of an insane man.

The current reports are that there was trouble between the two some hours previous; that Mulholland arrested McCarthy and marched him to jail, but upon bringing him there he turned him loose with the admonition that he wanted him to move on, or go to bed. (This is but hearsay.) Another is that in addition to this arrest that Mulholland, at the point of a gun, made McCarthy go down upon his knees with his hands joined in prayerful attitude, humiliating him in the presence of the onlookers or exercising a function that is not consistent with official duty.

Such are the stories and relevant matters that are being predicated as leading to the commission of the unjustifiable murder of a peace officer.

Another gossip has it that the real motive for the occurrences of the night and morning was attributable to a woman in the case. That the pursuit of McCarthy during the night by the watchman was that of jealousy and that the particularly vindictiveness of McCarthy against the dead man was of a similar motive. Fateful woman if this is true.

THE DEED COMMITTED.

The place where the shooting took place was in Arthur Frye's saloon, on First street, in Saloon row. The time was six a. m. Roy Lockett is night bartender, and was preparing to get off duty. George Collins, the early morning relief, was going on duty. McCarthy had aroused Collins from his slumbers in order to relieve Lockett, and followed Collins into the saloon, buying a drink for himself, Lockett and Collins. The two bartenders were behind the counter balancing up the cash receipts and change money.

While in this act the night watchman, Joe Mulholland, came into the saloon from the rear door, walked to the end of the bar, and as he got within reach of same McCarthy greeted him with, "Joe, do you have your gun with you now?" and with that drew his own fateful instrument and with a blif, bang, boom, in rapid succession, so quickly that those present could not describe the rapidity of the three shots as they loudly rang forth, brought Mulholland to the floor.

The three shots fired took effect in the body of the deceased. Either one was of deadly effect. The aim of McCarthy was sure, and of the sort that carried with it "I am after you with out any intention of miss." One of

the bullets struck the victim in front and the other two were from the side and back, evidencing that as the first ball struck the deceased made a quick turn, and in consequence the front and side and rear perforation of the victim. The marks were in the vital regions of the intestinal and heart portions of the body.

Those present at the shooting besides McCarthy and Mulholland were Lockett and Collins, but with the loud reports of the gun and the words, "McCarthy shot the night watchman," a crowd soon assembled from all directions to look at the shooter and the shot.

WAS COOL AND COLLECTED.

McCarthy was cool and collected during all of it. The first thing he said during the excitement was "Go for a doctor," saying "that is what he wants," calmly returning his gun to his pocket awaiting the arrival of Sheriff Murphy 30 minutes later, handing his gun to Murphy and coolly delivering himself to the officer of the law. He never attempted to escape, being the coolest man in the crowd, with the exception of A. L. Murphy.

Upon the suggestion of McCarthy himself some of the bystanders made a rush for the doctors. In this way Drs. Keyes, Martin and Renshaw were summoned. They took the victim in charge and made an examination but the first test revealed to them the fatal effect of the work done by McCarthy.

From the first the scientists of surgery and medicine knew that Mulholland was foredoomed, but even this knowledge did not preclude them from doing everything that knowledge and science could do to stem the onward tide that was to transport the soul of Joe Mulholland into that "bourne from whence no traveler e'er returned."

Kindly and gently the doctors worked over the heaving and unconscious body of the fast dying man. They never relaxed their efforts of attempted comfort and relief until that fateful death gasp that ever carries with it the notice that what has been is no more and that which concerns the great inscrutable mystery belong to the future and will never be unravelled to living man. The death rattle occurred a few moments before 8 a. m., and within a minute or two of that hour the victim of the deadly aim of McCarthy passed into the beyond.

THE DEATH SCENE.

The writer was present at the moment of this pathetic scene. Strong men, robust and hearty, were present. But in the presence of death they recognized the uncertainties of life. Tears trickled down the hardened cheeks of these frontiersmen. Some one has spoken of the heartlessness of the average individual of mountain life, but in the presence of such a scene as this all such would have recognized that no matter how case-hardened the individual may be, that in the presence of the silent messenger who leads the pathway across the River Styx that there is a soul left in the bosom and a tear still trickling over the furrowed cheek of those who are pronounced as of the underworld.

It was a pathetic scene; an impressive object lesson to the scoffer and the individual who never gave a thought to the why and wherefore of the average life. Cause and effect were apparent as it reveals sociological features. Behold upon this occasion one whom the average world would consider an outcast and beneath the reach of feeling and care and thought as to a future and a better life, lifting his hands to high heaven and with a feeling revealing sacred emotion exclaim, "May his soul rest in heaven, though I am looked upon as a hardened sinner, is my wish."

What a depth! What a wonderful lesson in all this. Never yet was there a man born unless a pervert who lacked the quality or trait of being a good human being if he only could. The average individual who is looked upon with contempt is simply a victim of circumstance. When the barbaric features of society have been transformed into a more scientific and understanding condition many of those incomprehensible incongruities that shock the thoughtful of today will have their end. Mark this: Every human being unless a pervert has a good trait, and will be a decent member of society when intelligent enlightenment will rule the social and economic life of all of us. "It is human to err; it is divine to forgive."

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THE CORONER'S JURY.

After the death Sheriff Murphy went after Judge Ralph, who acted as officiating coroner. Murphy, under the direction of Ralph, impanelled a jury composed of the following well-known citizens, viz.: W. E. McCrary, Lee M. Boyce, J. M. Ladd, W. Crowley, N. A. Kuhn, J. O. McIntosh.

These resolved themselves into a court of inquiry as to cause of death. Their findings are: "That William McCarthy is guilty of the death of Joe Mulholland, and that he did shoot the said Mulholland with deadly intent." Such in effect is the verdict of the coroner's jury.

The first witness called was Dr. Renshaw, who testified as to the wounds and rendered a conclusive opinion that Mulholland came to his death by the gunshot wounds that his body revealed.

The next witness was Geo. Collins, one of the men in the room at the time of the shooting. He testified that McCarthy called him to relieve Lockett; that McCarthy came into the saloon, bought drinks for him and Lockett and that while he and Lockett were making up the cash account incident to changing shifts, Mulholland came in the back door, approached the bar and as he did he heard McCarthy say, "Joe, have you got your gun with you now?" and with that heard three shots in quick succession and as he turned, noticed Mulholland lying on the floor; walked around the counter and as he did, said: "Great God, Mc, what have you done?" He also related from hearsay that Mulholland had forced, at the point of a gun, McCarthy to kneel and join his hands as if in supplication to high heaven. He repeated that all that was said between the two before the shooting was by McCarthy: "Joe, do you have your gun with you now?" and with that, the shooting. Other details of his evidence were how McCarthy awaited the arrival of the sheriff; how he delivered his gun and accompanied the officer of the law.

Roy Lockett was the next witness. His testimony in the main was corroborative of Collins' testimony. He, too, exclaimed, "Mc, what have you done?" Sheriff Murphy testified to arresting McCarthy and receiving the gun, also on the way to prison the prisoner stated in answer to a question "that the gun was the best evidence as to the number of shots fired and when asked whether he had shot him, said, "yes," and when asked "why?" he replied that that was a personal grievance.

After Murphy came H. H. Farrell, McCarthy borrowed the gun with which he committed the deed from him about 3 a. m. Farrell testified that he came to him for a gun about that time; that at first he refused to aid him, but that McCarthy insisted, and stated that he wanted to go to the ranch—that is, Beale's resort—and wanted it for self-protection in going to his contemplated destination. With this representation he secured the gun, the loaner little dreaming what his object was. There were one or two more witnesses, but their evi-

dence was in the main corroborative of what had been testified to by the preceding witnesses.

COMMENT VERY STRONG.

The murder and the incidents connected with it are the talk of the town since the unfortunate occurrence.

Feeling ran high for a time and some of the rabid friends of the deceased were talking lynch, but better counsel predominated, and the result is that the law will pursue the even tenor of its way and with a leaden heel pursue the criminally guilty. The fact is that the punishment that McCarthy merits for his hasty and uncalculated act, will be meted to him after a just, fair and impartial trial. It is ever well to remember that hasty acts most always are regrettable and that when the law operates, though slow at times, generally reaches a conclusion in action that is always applicable to just principles.

It is regrettable that such an occurrence must be chronicled in the early life of Las Vegas.

The Preliminary Hearing.

Monday, before Judge Ralph, William McCarthy had his preliminary hearing for the killing of Joe Mulholland Sunday morning. Dr. Martin testified that in his opinion the gunshot wound caused death. This was corroborated by Dr. Renshaw. Collins and Lockett bore evidence of a similar nature as before, the coroner's inquest with the further development that the deceased during the night was the aggressor and pursued McCarthy, drawing a gun on him, threatening to shoot him and offering to lay aside his star and fight him in any manner of choice.

The prisoner refused to make any statement at the preliminary hearing from the fact that he had no counsel. He put a few questions to the witness that developed some of the features that are not known generally and show the exasperating and unjustifiable methods of the deceased. At the conclusion of the hearing, Judge Ralph weighed the evidence and concluded that it was a case of guilt of murder and in consequence bound the prisoner over to the custody of the sheriff without bail.

WILL HAVE A WATCHMAN.

A meeting of business men embodying the four blocks with verging corners at Fremont and First street, was held Tuesday evening and appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions for the purpose of employing a night watchman in the territory mentioned. A committee composed of Fred L. Fallas, W. E. Hawkins and W. Griffith were appointed to attend to the detail work to attain purpose of meeting.

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