

Police Blotter

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WHERE IS MACILROY?

Many Theories as to Mysterious Disappearance.

There was considerable excitement in Glenwood Sunday evening when it was reported that Elmer G. MacIlroy had committed suicide by drowning in the Roaring Fork river. Sunday morning MacIlroy started out on his milk route and soon began drinking, saying that would be his last day and he proposed to make the most of it. Several customers along the line observed that his conduct that morning was unusually queer but gave the matter little thought, the general impression being that his peculiar actions were the result of his drinking.

MacIlroy had suffered from an attack of heart disease on Saturday night, and Sunday after returning home, the trouble was renewed. In the afternoon he was lying in the hammock and his wife approaching found him wringing his hands as if in great pain or unusual mental anguish. His face was flushed and his conduct peculiar. Mrs. MacIlroy removed her husband's shoes and then fanned him until he went to sleep. Then in order that she might not disturb him, stepped to the river's edge some 30 or 40 feet from the hammock. She says she remained there, not to exceed 20 minutes and when she returned to the hammock found that her husband had disappeared.

She went at once to the house thinking to find her husband there but not seeing him returned again to the hammock where she found a note from Mr. MacIlroy telling her that he had gone to the bridge and jumped in the river. Mrs. MacIlroy ran screaming toward the bridge and on the way found her husband's coat, hat and a quantity of milk tickets. Several parties in that vicinity were attracted by the cries of the woman and a thorough search of the Roaring Fork and Grand rivers was made as far down as the Devereux ranch but no sign or trace of the missing man was discovered.

There are many theories in regard to the matter, the majority refusing to believe that MacIlroy jumped in the river. It is known, however, that Mr. MacIlroy had been greatly worried for several weeks over financial matters and many believe that at the time of his disappearance he was suffering from an attack of dementia under the influence of which it is reasonable to believe he might have taken his life.

C. C. Parks has been made trustee of the business for the joint protection of Mrs. MacIlroy and the creditors, pending any positive information as to whether Mr. MacIlroy is dead or alive. The ranch and dairy business will be carried on under Mr. Parks' direction and the receipts applied to the payment of creditors as fast as possible.