ALL ARE SHOCKED OVER DEATH OF GOLDEN SLAUGH

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MOONSHINE WHISKEY SECURED FRIDAY AT DANCE
IN DAVIS WARD KILLS YOUNG MAN IN FEW HOURS

(From our Davis Correspondent)

One of the worst shocks that has ever come to the Davis Ward was the sad death of Golden Slaugh on Saturday morning, November 3. The cause of death was of such a nature that it aroused the emotion of the community almost to a pitch of mob violence.

The district has been a rendezvous for "bootleggers" for years and much trouble has come to our law abiding citizens from the effects of the poisonious drugs sold under the name of intoxicating liquor.

The climax of indignation was reached Friday night when Golden Slaugh, one of our exampliary young men, was induced to purchase a bottle of the deadly drug. Golden had never before been known to take a drink of liquor and was openly opposed to its use, but in some way was influenced to drink.

It had not been twenty minutes from the time he drank the poison until he felt its deadly influence. He said to his chums, "I am going to the ranch on Green River. I would not have my father see me in this condition for fifty dollars," Whereupon he mounted his horse, which was extremely high spirited, and started out at a rapid rate. His friends fearing that it was unsafe to allow him to go so far alone, followed him in a car.

They picked him up not forty rods from where he started. He did not seem to be injured by the fall as he got to his feet and said to his brother, "Stanley, where is my hat, get it. I want to go back home."

He walked back home with some assistance and was put to bed at 3:15 about three hours after he drank the drug. His father George A. Slaugh, was informed of his condition, as he sang into unconsciousness and could not be aroused. His father went at once to his bedside and tried in every way to arouse him but to no avail. The young man was breathing hard, frothing at the mouth and showed marked signs of poisoning.

A thorough examination was made to see if any signs of injury through the fall was discernable, but none could be found. The doctor was called and advise was received from him and followed. His condition grew more alarming and the doctor was summoned and but a few minutes later Golden passed away without a struggle, never having regained consciousness.

The doctor, in connection with the county sheriff, attorney and coroner made a thorough examination of the body and conducted an investigation to determine the cause of death. The decision was, that is was impossible to decide without an autopsy to which Mr. Slaugh objected.

The seriousness of the case was such that it was easy to get witnesses against the party who had furnished the liquor.

Golden Slaugh was the son of George A. and Rachel M. Goodrich Slaugh, and was born and raised in Ashley Valley. He was twenty years of age last May and was, as stated at the funeral, as obedient as a six year old child. His mother preceded him to the grave a few days over two years ago, leaving a family of ten living children, three of whom are married.

Funeral services were held Sunday at two o'clock at the Naples Ward Meeting House with Bishop Alfred Simper of Davis Ward, presiding. The house was more than filled with the many friends and relatives whom the young man leaves to mourn his loss.

The singing furnished by a double quartet from the Naples and Davis Ward choirs, was beautifully rendered. The songs were, "I Need Thee Every Hour," "Some Time We'll Understand," and "Shall We Meet Beyond the River." Miss May Neilson sang, "Abide With Me."

The speakers were John Slaugh, an uncle of the deceased, who told of his sterling worth and ever willingness to help with the work of his father, and of the confidence which his father placed in him. President Ernest Eaton, President Wallace Calder and Bishop C.M. Iverson all told of the noble character of the boy and of the unity and love that was always present among members of the family.

The invocation was offered by A.A. Haws and the benediction by Abner Richens. An exceedingly large number followed the body to its resting place which was at the Vernal Cemetery. President A.G. Goodrich dedicated the grave.

The heartfelt sympathy of the entire community is extended to Mr. Slaugh and family in their bereavement.

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