

# GREEN'S MYSTERIOUS DEATH

## Rose Browning Charged with Murder.

### DONE IN THIEDE'S OLD SALOON

**Victim Had Been on a Protracted Spree with Austin Andrews, a Neighbor Farmer, and Took the Woman to Murray—Slept on a Billiard Table and After Waking Was Taken in and Died in the Saloon.**

Evidence of another murder have come to light at Murray. The victim in the case is Alvin Green, who was found dead on Saturday last at Maxfield's saloon, situated on the road to the "old smelter."

The circumstances surrounding the case are still shrouded in mystery. The stomach of the deceased is in the hands of Prof. Hirsching of this city, who will make an analysis of its contents, after which it can be determined whether or not the unfortunate man was poisoned.

In the county jail lies Rose Browning, known also by the name of "Black Rose." She is charged with the murder of Green at Murray on Saturday. The story of the affair gathered at Murray yesterday is as follows:

#### ON A PROTRACTED SPREE.

Alvin Green and Austin Andrews, both of South Cottonwood and farmers by occupation, were on a protracted spree the latter part of last week. On Friday night they came to this city, and meeting the Browning woman, induced her to go to Murray with them. Both men were well supplied with cash, having over \$50 between them.

Arriving at Murray, they wended their way to the saloon near the smelters which was formerly the place of Thiede, the condemned murderer.

Mike Hall, otherwise known as "Slaughter House Mike," was behind the bar, and dispensed cheap liquor to the visitors in such quantities that the night was made hideous by their drunken carousal.

From the testimony it is learned that the woman and Green went to sleep on the billiard table, and Andrews took a rest on a small cot in the back room.

Then comes a break in the details, for none of the principals seem to remember anything else.

#### GREEN WAS FOUND DEAD.

The woman disappeared, and the next seen of Green was the following morning (Saturday), when he appeared at Maxfield's saloon on the road north of Murray, complained of being ill and begged to be allowed to lie down. The man in charge sent him in to the rear room, and nothing more was heard of him until he was found dead, late in the afternoon.

Dr. W. E. Ferree of Murray was called to the saloon at 6 o'clock Saturday night and found the man dead. The physician says he must have been dead three or four hours, but could not tell from what cause death had resulted. There had been rumors of a drug having been administered the men in the Thiede saloon, but the physician knew nothing of this. He said it was probable death had been caused by alcoholism.

#### SANDERS INVESTIGATED.

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Andrews had gone to his home in Cottonwood. He does not remember how he got there, but when he looked for his money, 25 cents was all he could find. Green's pockets were also empty, and these with other suspicious circumstances led a brother of the deceased to swear to a complaint yesterday before Justice Sanders, charging the Browning woman with the murder of Green.

#### WOMAN IS IN JAIL.

Dr. Ferree and Dr. Nesbitt of Salt Lake made a post-mortem examination and removed the stomach, which was sent to Prof. Hirsching for the analysis of its contents. The woman was arrested and placed in the county jail.

The funeral of Green will be held today at South Cottonwood.

The arrest of the woman was made on Monday evening by Constable Whalen of Murray precinct who detained her on suspicion. He brought the prisoner to this city and handed her over to Sheriff Hardy for safe keeping. The regular complaint was sworn to yesterday as stated.

An effort was made last evening to see the prisoner, but she was ill and refused to be interviewed.

## **TESTIMONY AS TO THE DRINKS THE TRIO TOOK.**

**Andrews, the Chief Witness, to be  
Heard Today—Tried to Secure a  
Dismissal.**

The trial of Rose Browning, charged with administering poison to Alvin Green, was commenced before Justice Sanders at Murray yesterday. The case has been detailed at length in the columns of The Tribune.

Last Saturday afternoon Alvin Green died in a saloon at Murray after a spree the night before. His companions were a man named Andrews and Rose Browning.

In the trial yesterday W. R. Hutchinson appeared for the defendant and J. M. Tanner represented the County Attorney in the prosecution. Deputy Sheriff Ralph Guthrie was present with the prisoner.

### **PRINCIPAL WITNESSES.**

The chief witnesses were Charles Hall, the bartender at the saloon where the trio passed the night, W. A. Maxfield of the saloon where the man died, and, most important of all, Andrews, the dead man's companion, who was absent from the hearing.

These, with minor witnesses, told of the night's doings. The story is substantially as told in The Tribune. Charles Hall testified as to the drinks taken at his resort during the night, and stated that Green complained of being sick several times. No evidence was gathered by the prosecution to show that there was anything beyond an ordinary drunk.

### **CASE IS CONTINUED.**

Mr. Hutchinson moved that the defendant be discharged. The evidence had shown most conclusively that all had drunk from the same bottle, and in Green's case it was more than probable that his death was the result of acute alcoholism. He said he was willing to wait for any witnesses, but no testimony could overpower the argument already in. The county, he understood, had refused to authorize the chemist to analyze the stomach of deceased, and as no evidence was forth-

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## ACCUSED OF POISONING.

### ROSE BROWNING TO HAVE A HEARING BEFORE JUSTICE SANDERS.

#### The Death of Farmer Alvin Green Said to Be the Result of Her Work at Murray on Saturday Evening.

Mrs. Rose Browning, sometimes called Black Rose, although she is not a colored person, is in the county jail on a charge of poisoning Alvin Green, a farmer, who died at Murray on Saturday evening. It appears that the deceased and a man named Austin Andrews, a South Cottonwood farmer, were on a protracted spree and came up to Salt Lake on Friday returning to Murray on Saturday night accompanied by the accused with whom they went to the saloon once run by Thiede, the condemned wife murderer, now kept by a man who is called "Slaughter House Mike." They are said to have had a hilarious time in the saloon and late in the evening Green was found dead, the result, it is thought of poisoning.

Justice Sanders of Murray, instituted inquiry, which elicited the fact that the dead man's companion, Andrews, got home, but he was so drunk he didn't know how, but he did know that his money, of which he had considerable on his person, was gone. The Browning woman is supposed to have taken the money and it is also alleged she is responsible for the death of Green. A complaint charging her with murder was sworn to and she was arrested and held pending a preliminary examination.

In the meantime, Professor Hirsching is making an analysis of the contents of the dead man's stomach with a view of ascertaining whether or not death was caused by poison. Dr. Ferrebee, who made a casual examination, says death might have resulted from excessive alcoholism.

Mrs. Browning professes never to have seen Green until the day he died, and says she is utterly ignorant of the cause of his demise. She says she has been in Salt Lake for five years and was married to a printer who died over a year ago. She claims to have a brother in Montana who is quite wealthy, owning a ranch and other property worth \$50,000 or \$60,000.

She is a morphine fiend and so addicted to the drug that Dr. Wright, the county physician, found it absolutely necessary to give her several doses of morphine since she has been in jail to keep her from utterly collapsing, which would have been the result if she were entirely deprived of it.

The facts in the case appeared to be that Green and another man had been on the spree for some time. They came to Salt Lake on Friday and returned to Murray on Saturday evening in company with the Browning woman. They repaired to a saloon there kept by a man known as "Slaughter House Mike," and all drank a good deal. Green fell asleep and later in the evening was found dead in the saloon. Suspicion fastened on the woman and she was arrested and accused of administering poison to the deceased. Green's stomach was sent to Professor Hirschling for the purpose of having an analysis of the contents made, but the county court, which has lots of money for junketing trips, has none for the prosecution of criminals and refused to allow the expenditure of the amount necessary to have the analysis made. So the preliminary hearing was begun without any hope of having the most conclusive evidence as to whether the man had died from poisoning or natural causes. The county persecutors said that before entering on the prosecution considerable sleuthing ought to be done, but again the county court had no money for such a purpose and the prosecutors have got to make the best they can with the materials accorded them.

Two or three witnesses were examined, but nothing was elicited to show that Mrs. Browning had any hand in the man's death. An important witness was then found to be absent, and further hearing was postponed until Monday and the woman returned to the county jail.

#### MRS. BROWNING'S HEARING.

**County Court Has No Money to Prosecute Criminals.**

The preliminary hearing of Rose Browning on a charge of murdering by poison a South Cottonwood farmer named Alvin Green under circumstances already reported in The Herald, was commenced yesterday afternoon before Justice Sanders at Murray.

Assistant County Attorney Tanner prosecuted and Attorney W. R. Hutchinson defended the accused.

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