

10-6 DAN PATTON SUICIDES. 1905

On last Saturday evening Coroner E. F. Talbott was called to the farm southwest of this city owned by Mr. Sloanaker of Newton and rented by Dan Patton a well known farmer of this vicinity, by the news that Mr. Patton had committed suicide. When he arrived there about half past six in the evening he found Mr. Patton, who had taken two ounces of chloroform about half an hour before, dead. It was not deemed necessary to hold an inquest as it was a clear case of suicide.

The facts of the case seem to be that there has been some little trouble between Patton and one of his neighbors and through brooding over this he was led to his rash act. In the afternoon he sent word to some neighbors asking them to come to the house in the evening and then it is thought that he sat on the porch watching for them to come. When he saw them coming down the road he took the poison and commenced writing a note on a tablet which he had with him. In it he said, "-----'s lies did it all. I will be dead in ten minutes. Goodbye, Dan."

The callers noticed something was the matter with him and asked him what ailed him. After a few words they went to the road and asked a party of college students who had been on a botanizing tour with Prof. Bruce Fink to phone to town for a doctor and when they returned Patton had fallen from the porch and died in a short time.

Mrs. Patton was in town at the time of the suicide.

Mr. Patton was well known in this vicinity, having for many years lived on the farm belonging to D. W. Norris southwest of town.

Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at his residence and the remains were interred in Hazelwood cemetery. The services were conducted by the Rev. J. M. McClelland and were largely attended by friends and neighbors of the deceased.