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“H.W. KEMP A SUICIDE: CHLOROFORM ROUTE TAKEN BY POPULAR YOUNG MAN OF BULLFROG – OTHER DEATHS”

Harry W. Kemp, manager of the Bullfrog Lumber Co., committed suicide Saturday by taking the contents of a bottle containing chloroform.

About seven o'clock Saturday morning, a representative of the Herald saw Mr. Kemp in the Java Restaurant, where he sat for a long time with his head between his hands, appearing to be either sick or sleepy. A few minutes later the Herald man again met him in the McCormick Drug Store, where he had just purchased a bottle of chloroform, explaining that his dog had broken his leg and that he was going to chloroform it. He inquired just how to administer it and was told the usual method of using a paper funnel. His actions caused a momentary suspicion in the mind of the reporter, but it was quickly banished as impossible.

The young man went to his lumber office at Bullfrog, where he was seen for about an hour or more. About ten o'clock a customer found him asleep on his cot and being unable to awaken him, called Mr. Ford from across the street. Dr. Grigsby was summoned from Rhyolite, who worked over him for three hours, and at one time it seemed certain his life would be saved, but he finally died at about one o'clock. Harry W. Kemp was born in San Francisco twenty-three years ago, where his mother and brother still reside. He was the third of four sons. His father has been in Bullfrog for several months and was the only relative present at his death. The young man was very popular in Bullfrog where he has a host of friends, who were greatly shocked at his rash act. Various reasons are advanced for the deed, and most prominent is the fact that he had lost more or less money. He probably brooded over his losses until temporary insanity caused him to take his own life.

Judge Norris conducted a short funeral service at Bullfrog Sunday afternoon, after which the remains were interred in the local cemetery. It is quite probable that the body will later be taken to San Francisco for final interment. About fifty of the young man's friends followed him to the grave to pay their last respects to the departed