

W. P. Slocomb Suicides.

On Tuesday morning Dr. Smith was called from his bed to attend W. P. Slocomb of Fruita, who, it was found, had taken a dose of morphine with suicidal intent. Dr. Bull was also called and seemingly successful efforts were made to revive the patient and he was left about daylight in an improved condition. Later they were again called to find Mr. Slocomb again sinking and all their efforts failed to arouse him. He died about noon. Whether or not he had taken a second dose of the drug is not known.

Family and financial troubles are supposed to be the cause of his despondency.

He left a note saying that his troubles were more than he could bear, that he wanted Mr. Jerry Noland to dig his grave and Rev. H. M. Skeels to preach his funeral; he wanted to be buried in a plain coffin and at very little expense.

Mr. Slocomb came to the valley with considerable money several years ago, but the improvement of his farm and several unfortunate investments put him in debt, and worried him not a little. He was generally considered a well balanced man and was certainly a good citizen.

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