

Ah Pow

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A magisterial inquiry was held before G. Phillips, Esq., J. P., at Collier's Hotel, Whroo, on the 14th inst, on the body of a Chinaman named Ah Pow.

From the evidence adduced, it appeared that the deceased was a shareholder in a garden at Scotchman's Gully, Whroo, but had been unable to work for some time previous to his death; that he lived in a hut alone, but had been visited by various Chinamen, who from time to time ministered to his wants.

Jim Slack deposed: That about a week previous to his death, the deceased complained of great pain in his stomach, for which he was treated by a Chinese doctor, named Ah Lin, who applied some Chinese remedies, which somewhat eased his pains. Among others was the application of actual cautery in a mild fashion along the middle portion of the spine.

Deceased's friends suggested the attendance of an English doctor, but to this proposition he would not assent. The deceased had been visited by two Chinamen, who prepared for him some tea the evening before his death. Next morning these men came at daylight to see him, when they found he had died during the night. They reported the matter to the police.

Mounted Constable Gill, stationed at Whroo, deposed: That he found deceased lying on his bed in a half upright posture, and partially dressed, with his leg on the ground as though he had endeavored at the moment of his death to leave his bed. Deceased had no food in his hut, and there was every indication of great poverty from all he could observe about the hut.

The medical evidence showed that the body of deceased was greatly emaciated, and that the deceased had died from acute inflammation of the bowels.

A verdict was returned in accordance with the medical evidence.

Whroo cemetery records refer to Ah Pow, buried in August 1874.