

BOY TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Brooding Over the Suicide of an Uncle Supposed to Be the Cause.

RESENTS THE HUSBAND'S INTERFERENCE

Preparations Being Made to Tender D. E. Thompson a Reception Before His Departure to Take His Post in Brazil.

(From a Staff Correspondent.) LINCOLN, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Adelbert Lemon, the 10-year-old son of Rev. H. A. Lemon of Bethany, committed suicide yesterday afternoon by shooting himself with a 22-caliber rifle. No cause for the act of the child is known, unless it can be explained as the result of morbid broodings over the fate of his uncle who killed himself in the same manner last August.

He shot himself while he was standing by the porch of his father's house and died at 7 p. m. Physicians who were summoned made a hasty examination of the boy, who had shot himself in the abdomen, and determined upon an operation. The viscera had been penetrated in seven places. An effort was made to suture the wounds, but the efforts were of no avail, as the hemorrhage and the shock attending the wound were too severe for his small frame to withstand. Before he died the boy told his parents that the idea of suicide had come into his mind several weeks ago and that he had been thinking of it ever since. The boy was admitted to membership in the Christian church of Bethany several weeks ago, but had not manifested any sign of unusual fervor in his belief.

A newspaper clipping giving an account of the death of the uncle by suicide last August had been in the boy's hands before the deed and undoubtedly preyed on his mind to the extent that he determined to take his own life. The coroner has decided that it will not be necessary to hold an inquest.

Has Another Man.

Dora Martin, with a rather attractive figure, was the moving cause in a shooting episode which took place this morning at 7 o'clock on East O street. Her husband, John R. Martin, engaged in an altercation with Reigh C. Poole over their rights to the affections of the woman, with the result that he was severely wounded by Poole and severely wounded in the hand. Poole was arrested and locked up at the police station pending the filing of a complaint charging him with assault with intent to kill.

Martin and his wife came to the city several days ago from Holton, Kan., and were to live at 1605 O street. His wife secured employment as a chambermaid and he went to work at day labor. Something more than a week ago the wife met Poole, who wears better clothing than her husband, and forgot her vow to cling to the one whom she had wedded. A quarrel caused the couple to live apart. This morning as the wife left her room to go to work she met her husband, Poole, who was standing near, stepped up and asked Martin, "What you doin' with that woman?"

Martin, in mild surprise at the question as to his right to speak to his wife, replied rather tartly, and the woman began to move away. Poole drew a revolver from his pocket and began shooting. The first shot broke several bones in Martin's right hand. The second shot went wild. Martin fell to the ground and Poole ran down the street in an attempt to escape. He was arrested by an officer who was hurrying up to the scene of the shooting in response to a hurrying call.

Martin was taken to a surgeon. His hand is badly mangled and it was necessary to remove several of the bones. The man who did the shooting is employed as a janitor in a downtown office building. Nothing is known as to his antecedents.

Arrested on Release from Prison.

James Lassie, who was sent up from Washington county for horse stealing, was released this morning after having served a term of fifteen months. When he came to the city to take a place that had been promised him he ran afoul of the police and was promptly arrested and held until the Omaha train was ready to leave at 1:40 p. m. He was taken to the station in charge of an officer and hustled off to Omaha.

Mandamus County Judge.

A mandamus suit will be filed shortly to compel County Judge Waters to pay into the county treasury fees which he has collected during his term of office for performing marriage ceremonies. Two of the county commissioners have passed a resolution demanding that the county attorney take some action to bring the suit so that the fees fall into the county treasury. This contention is denied by Judge Waters, who insists that he is just as much entitled to the fees for performing the marriage ceremony as are the ministers of the gospel who perform them. He is asking the suit should be brought to determine his rights.

Quiet at the Capital.

A holiday air prevailed throughout the city today. All the business houses were closed all day. All were closed after 11

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Blow the Money and Take Every Cent of the Safe in the Institution.

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HOT SPRINGS VICTIMS DIE

Men Hurt in Pool Room Explosion Succumb to Injuries.

FIVE MORE DEATHS ARE EXPECTED

Arrested Driver Finds Gasoline Flowing Free in Cellar and Closes Window, but Gases Reach Bottom.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 25.—William Helwig and Joe Kenney, both of Hot Springs, victims of yesterday's pool room explosion, died during the night. Thus far these are the only fatalities recorded, although four more of the victims are likely to die.

These are: C. R. Donnelly, Chicago; William Metzger, 12 years old; Hot Springs; Thomas O. Zier, engineer, Arlington hotel, Hot Springs; and W. S. McInerney, Louisville, Ky.

Driver Explains Accident.

Benjamin Murray, the driver of a gasoline tank wagon, who was arrested charged with criminal negligence, made a statement this morning. He says he made a connection from his wagon to the gasoline tank in the cellar under the pool room. Upon entering the cellar he found twenty or thirty gallons of gasoline overflowed on a large pool on the floor. Fearing an explosion, he rushed to an open window and closed it. He says the door was then opened by a negro porter and the gases coming into contact with the lighted cigars in the pool room ignited and the explosion followed. Murray was blown against the side of the cellar, but escaped with slight injury.

All the injured are receiving the best of treatment. Most of the physicians in the city have volunteered their services and are looking after the wants of the unfortunate victims.

Thistles and Dandruff.

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Wages Are Increased.

PITTSBURG, Dec. 25.—Employees of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh railroad have been granted a 7 per cent increase in wages, effective December 1. The company employs about 12,000 men, almost all of whom will benefit by the raise.

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PENSIONS FOR WESTERNERS

Survivors of the Wars Generously Remembered by the General Government.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—The following pensions have been granted:

Issue of December 5: Nebraska: Original—Smith A. Hartwell, Lawrence City, 4; Crin Reed (war with Spain), Ogallala, 31; Increase Reissue, etc.—Moses Furlong, Auburn, 40; Homer A. Farnside, Mifflon, 31; Iowa: Original—Albert De Wolf, Des Moines, 35; Chester B. Hillson, Waterloo, 30; Herbert Northey, Dubuque, 36; Hiram Avery, Montour, 35; William T. Zimmer, Centerville, 30; Gustav W. Reischmann (war with Spain), Tama, 47.50; Increase, Reissue, etc.—Charles Schotte, Lucas, 34; John W. Hemphill, Mediapolis, 35; Cyril P. Weidling, Sioux City, 32; Mallery Moore (deceased), Des Moines, 32; Widow, Minors and Dependent Relatives—Ann Ward, Dubuque, 32; Esther L. Williams, Manchester, 35; South Dakota: Increase, Reissue, etc.—Harlow M. Beebe, Huron, 31.

Buckler's Arsenic Salve.

Buckler's Arsenic Salve. Boils, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum. Cures piles or no pay. 25c. For sale by Kuhn & Co.

FORECAST OF THE WEATHER

Fair in Iowa and Nebraska and Not So Cold in the Latter State.

For Nebraska—Fair and not so cold Friday; Saturday, fair, with rising temperature in east portion. For Iowa—Fair and continued cold Friday, except not so cold in northwestern portion; Saturday, fair, with rising temperature. For Illinois—Fair and continued cold Friday; Saturday, fair and not so cold in north portion; fresh to brisk north winds. For Missouri—Fair and continued cold Friday; Saturday, fair, with rising temperature in north and west portion. For Kansas—Fair and not so cold Friday and Saturday. For Montana—Fair Friday, except snow in extreme northwest portion; warmer in east and north central portions; Saturday, probably snow. For Wyoming—Generally fair Friday and Saturday. For Colorado—Fair Friday, warmer in west portion; Saturday, fair. For North Dakota—Fair and not so cold Friday; Saturday, increasing cloudiness, probably snow; warmer in central and east portions. For South Dakota—Fair and not so cold Friday; Saturday, increasing cloudiness and warmer.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 25.—Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

Table with columns for Year (1902, 1901, 1900, 1899) and rows for Maximum temperature, Minimum temperature, Mean temperature, Precipitation, etc.

CONDITION OF THE WEATHER.

Table with columns for Location (Omaha, Valentine, North Platte, etc.) and rows for Temperature (Maximum, Minimum, etc.)

T indicates trace of precipitation. L. A. WELLS, Local Forecast Official.

BUSY YEAR FOR INVENTORS

Patent Office Records Show Large Increase in Number of Inventions.

BIG TRUSTS ARE THEIR BEST PATRONS

Present Rage is for Automobiles and Largest Number of Inventions Relate to Them, and Motive Power to Drive Them.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The report of patents shows that the number of applications for patents and trademarks for the year ending June 30, 1902, was 61,258, an increase of 1,182 from the previous year, and, although the force was recently increased, the office is choked with business and there was so much to do that 11,042 applications could not be disposed of.

The following table will show the number of applications for patents, trademarks, etc., for the years named:

Table with columns for Year (1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902) and rows for Patents, Trademarks, etc.

The falling off in 1898 and 1899 is attributed to the Spanish war. The commissioner of patents explains that when the war broke out the inventors of the country directed their attention to guns, projectiles, torpedoes and other military supplies, but before they had accomplished anything the war was over and the incentive for such developments was removed. Thus the time and labor employed by these inventors was practically lost. There was no demand for their inventions and, therefore, they hesitated to pay the fees necessary to secure patents, and either withdrew their applications or did not present them at all.

Inventors Follow Fads.

"Inventors are extremely sensitive to public fads and fashions," said the commissioner of patents. "The rage just now, for example, is automobiles, gas engines and all forms of horseless carriages. A few years ago every inventor in the country was designing bicycles; then they turned their attention to dynamo, and when the war broke out they dropped electricity and ammunition. They invariably follow the fashions and whatever happens to be the rage, and the falling off in the applications in 1898 and 1899 was because the demand for military supplies had ceased.

Trusts Take Good Men.

"We have another and very embarrassing evidence of the activity of the trusts in different lines of inventions, for during the last seven months they have coaxed away thirty-five of our best examiners to look after their patent business. We cannot keep the best men in this office because the government pays very poor salaries compared with those that the trusts can afford to offer. Nor have we been able to fill all the places of those who have resigned, although the Civil Service commission has held six examinations, and we have actually advertised for men. The increase in business has been so great that last year congress gave us a lot of additional examiners, but the list remains unfilled because we cannot get the men. It is not true that the trusts are discharging their inventors and patent lawyers. On the contrary, they not only come here and take away our best experts, but they go to the technological institutions throughout the country and offer inducements to the most proficient members of the graduating classes every year."

On Nature's Plan.

Colds are quickly cured by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It acts on nature's plan, loosens the cough, relieves the lungs and opens the secretions, effecting a permanent cure. It counteracts any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia. It is pleasant to take, both adults and children like it. Price 25c; large size, 50c.

Below Zero in Dakota.

BONESTEEL STANDS AT 12, Dec. 25.—The thermometer stands at 12 below zero, and the snow is two feet on the level here. Much stock on the range is dying.

Some Quaint Features of Life.

A curious attraction at a public house near Bromley, England, is a second-hand coffin. It was made by the village carpenter, who frequently made cases for Darwin's collection. One day work being scarce the carpenter asked for something to do and was told by Darwin that he could make him a coffin, which he did. The body of Darwin is said to have lain in it for two days before his burial in Westminster abbey was decided upon. A new coffin was then provided and the first passed into the possession of the carpenter and at his death was bought by the publican.

into a cask, and the mixture was labeled "Blank's Private Stock." A few old customers were left into the secret that the something very fine at only 25 cents a drink. Having sampled, they whispered to their friends, and presently men were walking blocks to "put oil on the troubled waters."

by his side. As Mather shoved his pistol back in the holster, he glanced at the corpse and remarked, "Now, don't make any more mistakes." Somebody told him one day to look out, that the man would kill him. "Sometimes he stutters a little," said, "No, I may kill him. He will shove his gun in my stomach and orate. I'll turn round, put my hand in the middle of my back and say, 'You shoot me right there; you can do it.' He will drop his hand by his side, and then he'll c-climb the golden stairs."

An Indian traveler in Tibet who saw the Grand Lama in 1882 thus described him: "The Grand Lama is a child of 8, with a bright and fair complexion and rosy cheeks. His eyes are large and penetrating, the shape of his face remarkably Arran, though somewhat marred by the obliquity of his eyes. The thinness of his face was probably due to the fatigue of the court ceremonies and to the religious duties and ascetic observance of his estate. A yellow miter covered his head, and its pendant lappets hid his ears; a yellow mantle draped his person, and he sat cross-legged, with joined palms. The throne on which he sat was supported by carved lions and covered with silk scarfs. The state officers moved about with becoming dignity."

"Babies never get seasick. I have carried thousands of them in my time," said an American sea steward, according to the Philadelphia Record, "and in rough weather I have seen their fathers, mothers, brothers and sisters keel over like soldiers before a cannon ball; but not so with the babies. Whether it be rough or smooth at sea, a baby is always an excellent sailor—rosy, jolly and with the appetite of a horse. Do you know the explanation of this singular fact? It is as simple as the fact is strange. Babies don't get seasick because they are accustomed to the rocking of the cradle. The movement is much like the rocking of a ship. A baby aboard a ship, therefore, is merely a baby in an unusually big cradle, and there is nothing odd to him about the rocking, for it is what he has been accustomed to all his life."

An auction sale in Shanghai of some spoils from the imperial palace at Peking shows that there is no mania for curios in the Celestial Empire. The account is from the North China Herald, and a tael is equivalent to 60 cents or so, according to the price of silver. The imperial sedan chair used by the emperor on his way to the Temple of Heaven was one of many curios offered. Appeals to the patriotism of the Chinese purchasers brought a price of 11 taels only for the chair. A set of beautiful drawings, said to have been made by the members of the imperial family with their finger nails, found a purchaser at 50 taels, while 50 taels was forthcoming for an elaborate square of imperial embroidery in gold. The same amount was asked for a small bloodstone vase, and also for a larger one in cloisonne, dating from the Ching Tsao dynasty. Beautifully embroidered imperial robes and skirts averaged from 20 to 50 taels apiece. Among the numerous jewels offered, the largest, a massive brass incense burner, was sold for 50 taels; 45 taels secured a magnificent tiger skin, while a couple of sardonyx, so far from rivaling their cousin in value, were bought for 10 taels each. Historic interest as well as its intrinsic beauty brought 7 taels each for four porcelain plates belonging to the Ching-tsao dynasty. Other imperial relics included a white jade seal and a brass cup of the Gant dynasty, each of which realized 10 taels.

"Honey" Van Keuren tells in the New York Press of the disappointed patrons of one of New York's popular restaurants when their favorite brand of whiskey gave out. The proprietor, finding more room in his cellar, gathered together something like 100 demijohns, some full, some partly full, of as many different brands of whiskey, which he felt obliged to keep in stock, even though called for only once in a year. It was a matter of pride with him to have little of every known distillation. All these brands, regardless of age, color, proof, quality, name or cost, were employed

David Mather, a Connecticut Yankee, was one of the Dodge City "bad men," writes Everybody's Magazine. He once remarked, "These killers are all murderers. All of 'em look for the best of it. If I made up my mind I had to kill a man, I'd rather find him asleep than any other way." When he was deputy marshal at Leg Vegas a man stepped up to him, put a pistol in his face and said, "You're the fellow who goes around here killing people. I'll just cut you out right now." Mather threw his hands before his face and backed off. "No, no!" said he, "you're mistaken. I'm your friend. I'm no killer. I'm necessary. I'm your friend. I'm your friend. I'm your friend."

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