

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 Leigh C. Poole over their rights to the affections of the woman, with the result that he was 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 1505 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 o'clock. The hotel lobbies were deserted. Even the politicians have sought their family rooftops for the enjoyment of the Christmas cheer. Governor-elect Mickey went to Oconto to spend Christmas, but will return tomorrow. Governor Savage spent the day working on his message.

The merry Yule tide was ushered in with elaborate ceremonies at many of the churches last night. Today at St. Theresa pro-cathedral mass was celebrated at 8 a. m. At 11 o'clock a. m. a special musical program was given. Tonight several of the churches had Christmas trees and exercises for the children of their Sunday schools.

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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.