

GAS JETS TELL THE STORY

W. Hugh Edmiston of Lincoln Dies by His Own Hand.

HE LEAVES JUST A BRIEF NOTE

Much Feeling Is Stirred Up Over the Boyd County Land Cases—Globe Savings Case Is Also Armed.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)
LINCOLN, Sept. 17.—(Special Telegram.)—W. Hugh Edmiston, a member of a prominent Lincoln family, committed suicide in his office in the Richards block last night. The body was found at 7:30 this morning lying on its face on the floor. The gas jets were turned on full. In the dead man's pocket was found this note:

"Goodbye. I am a disgrace forever.—Hugh."
That is the only light thus far thrown on the case and friends of the man are vainly searching for a reason for the deed. Edmiston was with his friends last night until after 10 o'clock and appeared in the best of spirits.

He was a member of the insurance firm of J. M. Edmiston & Son and a brother of Arthur R. Edmiston, who conducts a branch office in Omaha. He was 25 years old and moved in the most exclusive circles, being a member of the Country club.

He was a contestant in the recent tennis tournament in Omaha. He lived here with his parents. The body was found by an elevator conductor who noticed the gas escaping from the room.

Members of the family believe there was a love affair in which he was disappointed. After an all day search for light on the note left by the young man, friends, relatives and officers are of the opinion that Edmiston took his life while temporarily insane and that his troubles were only imaginary. At the morgue another note was found in the clothing of the dead man, which read: "Good bye. This is for the best. It is a great terrible, but I cannot live any more." This was dated September 17, the "seven" being written over a "six."

That Edmiston contemplated the deed, however, there is little doubt, as yesterday afternoon he went into the office of Dr. Holysoke and asked him how people killed themselves. The doctor thinking that Edmiston was merely asking the question out of curiosity.

Ray Edmiston, who arrived here this afternoon, said:

"We know of absolutely nothing of an unpleasant character in Hugh's life which could have prompted him to destroy himself. I don't know what he could have meant by the expression in his note that he was a disgrace unless he meant that he was doing an act in killing himself that made him so. He was admitted to membership in the firm the first of May, and in July I know that he cleaned up between \$100 and \$200. No, I don't know of any preference he may have entertained for any young woman. I believe he did have a girl four or five years, but I understand that that was all over. In fact, I don't

know that he ever had one. I just heard no somewhere."
Much Feeling Over Case.
In the matter of the Boyd county land cases Attorney General Pratt intends to use the authority given him by the law and look after the interests of the state. As Mr. Folmer expects to have a hand in looking after the interests of the state, it is the general belief that the state will surely have plenty looking after it. Governor Mickey has taken a stand in the fight in that he authorized Pratt to represent the state. In the meantime the feeling between some of the board members continues to grow. The meetings lately have been stormy and though all the members profess to believe that they have no ill feelings against brother members, each in his own way is trying to help out the state, some stormy meetings have been held lately.

On one occasion recently Governor Mickey called down Deputy Land Commissioner Eaton, who acts as the secretary of the board, for putting in a word and reminded him that the board would attend to the matter. On another occasion Attorney General Pratt took a shot at Mr. Eaton for the same reason. Deputy Eaton as secretary of the board is more familiar probably with these cases and others in which the board is interested than is any member of the board and he is frequently called upon for information.

"I shall appear for the state in these cases," said Mr. Pratt, "because it is my constitutional duty and I would be violating that duty if I remain out of the case. I shall put forth my best efforts in the case and the question at issue will be presented as fully as possible that the court may have all the assistance possible in reaching a decision."

Take Shot at Theaters.
The Methodists in conference at St. Paul's church today adopted this resolution, introduced by Rev. Latham:

Resolved, That the Nebraska conference reaffirm its allegiance to section 248 on discipline and that the delegates elected at this session to the general conference give their voice and their vote for this section.

This was signed by E. D. Gideon, J. W. Stewart, L. C. Lemon, J. T. Roberts and E. W. Marsh. This section refers to what church members must not do. It prohibits dancing, playing games of chance, drinking intoxicating beverages, playing cards, attending theaters or circuses. After private reproof is given and the party commits a third offense the minister may excommunicate him from the church.

The ministerial delegates elected to attend the general conference at Los Angeles next spring were: Chancellor Huntington, John Gallagher and G. I. Wright. The other delegates will be elected in the morning. Tomorrow afternoon will occur the election of the four lay delegates, over which question a warm time is expected, as there are many candidates. The conference is being well attended.

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10-4 EXTRA HEAVY ALL WOOL BLANKETS—worth \$1.00—Friday..... \$2.95
100 FULL SIZED CROCHET BED SPREADS—Extra heavy quality—
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EXTRA HEAVY TURKISH BATH TOWELS—look at the size, 15x3—
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36-INCH FINE COMFORT SILKOLINE—
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For Men and Boys

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