

SUICIDE RATHER THAN THE GALLOWS

A Placer County Prisoner Takes His Own Life.

William B. Coup Found Dead in His Cell at Auburn Yesterday—He Was a Veteran.

The town of Auburn, Placer County, had a sensation yesterday, the story of which is told by a RECORD-UNION representative now in that town.

A man named William B. Coup, who was to have been tried yesterday for the murder of Zedekiah Root in Long Canyon, Placer County, in 1892, committed suicide in his cell last night by hanging himself to a nail in the wall.

In 1892 he was working with Root at Long Canyon, Placer County, in the latter's mine. On June 17th of the same year Coup was arrested at Garden Valley, El Dorado County, a short distance from Long Canyon, and was brought to Georgetown and placed in the custody of Constable Fredericks, charged with having committed a burglary at Garden Valley.

There being no complaint sworn to against him he was released, and then went to Long Canyon.

In the meantime a complaint was sworn to against him for burglary, and the officers in Placer County were instructed to look out for him.

On July 5th following he was captured at Placerville while celebrating July 4th, which fell on Sunday, and was observed on the day following. At that time he was searched, and on him were found a small bag of gold dust, two purses, two knives and a pair of spectacles.

He was taken to Constable Fredericks, who took him to Georgetown, and while the officers were preparing to examine him for the burglary charge he escaped.

On July 25th a special election was held in Placer County for some purpose, and there being but few voters in Long Canyon Precinct a messenger was sent to Root's cabin to notify him to serve on the election board.

When the messenger reached the cabin he found a notice on the door, reading: "Come to Michigan Bluff." The community was alarmed, and everybody who read the notice said that it was not in Root's handwriting.

They investigated and after a little while found the body of a man slightly covered with dirt. The remains were exhumed, and on examination they were positively identified as those of Root, the miner.

Coup, having been with Root and staying around the cabin, was immediately suspected of having murdered the latter.

At the inquest on Root's remains the gold dust, knives and other property found on Coup when he was caught on July 5, 1892, were identified as belonging to the murdered man.

Coup wrote the notice on Root's cabin door for the purpose of deluding anybody who might inquire for the murdered man. At that time Root was buried near the cabin with his skull crushed in.

Efforts were made to find Coup, and it was not until about two weeks afterward that he was apprehended at Oroville. He was brought to Auburn, and on his preliminary examination he was held to answer for killing Root, and would have been tried to-day.

When Coup's body was taken from the cell in which he hung himself his pockets were searched, and in one of them were found two pieces of a newspaper.

On the margin of one piece was written the words, "Hugh McIntyre."

On the margin of the other piece of paper was found the following: "I enlisted in Company B, Thirty-ninth Iowa Infantry, for three years, or during the war, in which I served till the end of the war and received an honorable discharge. Now, if there are any members of the Grand Army of the Republic at this place, I would like if they would take charge of my remains and see that the proper inscription be placed at the head of my grave, stating who I am and when I served, so that my grave may receive the proper respect due the soldiers on Decoration Day."

INDUSTRIAL IMPROVEMENT.

Statement of the Association's Receipts and Expenditures.

Secretary Katzenstein has made public a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Industrial Improvement Association, organized for the purpose of inducing manufacturers to locate in this city.

The receipts, including \$199.19 turned over by the Citizens' Improvement Company, amounted to \$2,250.00, being 1 per cent. collections from some of the heavier note-signers.

Prior to the engagement of C. C. Howell as agent for the promotion of the work, the expenditures amounted to \$72.04, and were chiefly for printing. Since Howell's appointment the expenditures have amounted to \$688.02, making a total outlay of \$1,315.06, or \$833.02 less than the collections.

Harpur's War History.

"Harpur's Illustrated History of the War" will be sent to all our subscribers in the country direct from Chicago.

All who desire the work must notify the local agent or this office direct, and within two weeks they will receive the numbers paid for. Nos. 1 and 2 are now ready. All who desire to subscribe for the full 28 numbers can do so by remitting \$2.08 to this office.

None but bona fide subscribers to the RECORD-UNION or WEEKLY UNION can get the History at 8 cents per number.

The Perkins Case.

The testimony in the case of Charles Perkins, on trial for the robbery of W. F. Jackson, was concluded at noon yesterday in Judge Catlin's court.

The afternoon was consumed by the arguments of attorneys, and the case will be given to the jury this morning.

Permitted to Intervene. A. Talbot has been permitted by Judge Catlin to intervene in the case of Joseph Sims vs. W. G. Bryant, Ephraim Whitby and J. A. Parker, and has filed a complaint in the case, through his attorneys, White, Hughes & Seymour.

With Bad Drinking Water.

USE HORNFIELD'S ACID PHOSPHATE. Dr. M. L. Reed, Ashton, South Dakota, says: "Our drinking water in this country is more or less alkaline, and which is counteracted by adding a little of the Acid Phosphate. I believe its use is of great value in many slow, debilitating diseases."

County Settlements. Settlements have been made with the State Treasurer by four counties for their second installment of taxes. Monterey County pays \$33,530.27; Mariposa, \$5,440.47; Tehama, \$21,433.28; Santa Cruz, \$19,129.76.

Commissioner of Deeds. Governor Markham has appointed and commissioned Joseph W. Braman Commissioner of Deeds for California, residing at 129 Broadway, New York.

PREVENTION is better than cure, and you may prevent that tired feeling by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, which will keep your blood pure and free from acid taint and germs of disease.

Hood's Pills do not purge, pain or gripe, but act promptly, easily and efficiently.

ROYAL BAKING POWDER. Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report. Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

MINOR CASES.

Grass Allowed Two Hours in Which to Leave the City.

B. Valenzuela was fined \$5 yesterday in the Police Court for disturbing the peace, the court saying that he did not think the prosecuting witnesses cared so much for the amount of penalty as they did to have people understand that they must not interfere with officers.

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Charles Vogel's Estate. Christopher Lagos, Teresa Vogel and Peter Fuchs, executors of the estate of Charles Vogel, deceased, have filed their inventory of the property, showing that the total value of that coming into their hands was \$26,000.33.

Carl Upmann's Pacific Coast Wholesale Distributing Deposits. For his famous cigars, which for the finest quality, workmanship and general appearance received the highest diploma over all competitors at the World's Columbian Exposition.

Brown's Bronchial Troches are simple and convenient for bronchial affections and coughs.

Awarded Highest Honors World's Fair.

DR. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder. The only Pure Cream of Tartar Powder.—No Ammonia; No Alum. Used in Millions of Homes—40 Years the Standard.

MISCELLANEOUS. The Pacific SPECIALTIES ALL OUR OWN: The Delicatessen, Bartlett Water Agency, Carson Creamery Butter Depot, Fresh Meat Stall.

Electrical Installation Company. Dynamos, Motors, Arc Lamps for incandescent circuits, Electrical Supplies and Construction Work, Burglar Alarms, Bells, etc.

"WELL BRED, SOON WED." SAPOLIO ARE QUICKLY MARRIED. Try it in Your Next House Cleaning.

PICNIC SEASON. FROM THE THOUGHTS OF THE INDUSTRIAL ARMY WE TURN TO THAT OF THE PICNICS to be celebrated in the near future, and when the picnic season arrives the warm weather of Summer is its companion.

MECHANICAL CLOTHING STORE. 414 and 416 K Street. H. MARKS, Proprietor.

TO THE PUBLIC. O. L. HEISER to him we cling; his business has the genuine ring. His stock of Groceries, it is clear, is sought by patrons far and near.

GASOLINE STOVES. Together with a most complete assortment of CROCKERY, COOKING RANGES, GARDEN IMPLEMENTS and GLASS and HARDWARE, at H. K. WALLACE & CO.'S, 813 to 817 J Street.

SACRAMENTO LUMBER COMPANY. Dealers in Lumber, Doors, Windows and Blinds.

REAL ESTATE, ETC. A CHANCE TO SECURE A FINE HORSE VERY CHEAP. THE UNDERSIGNED HAS DECIDED TO offer his stock at auction on Thursday, May 17, 1894.

At his stables on Seventeenth street, between M and N streets, at 11 o'clock A. M., he has not the time to give them the attention he requires.

Among the list below you will find some very desirable colts: First—BAY FILLY. One-year-old, sired by El Benton, he by El Benton.

Second—BLUCHER. A sorrel colt sired by Kaffir, he by Alcazar. Alcazar sold for \$25,000 and had a record of 16.

Third—ELVA G. A black filly, 3-year-old, by Don Marvin. On dam side is as well bred as any horse in this city.

Fourth—ANNIE G. Sired by McCallie Duke, full brother to Dan Voorhies; dam Emma Barnes, a thoroughbred.

Fifth—A GOOD WORK HORSE. Pedigree unknown. I will also sell at the same time a FINE TROTTER BUGGY.

W. P. COLEMAN, REAL ESTATE SALESMAN, 325 J Street. For Sale. A list of vacant lots: \$1,200—Lot 40x160, 1st street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second; lot 40x160.

MONEY TO LOAN. P. BOHL, E. A. CROUCH. A RARE OPPORTUNITY. Good Agricultural Land for \$10 to \$20 per Acre.

COOLEY WRITES INSURANCE, SELLS REAL ESTATE, LOANS MONEY, RENTS HOUSES. 1018 Fourth Street.

CARDWELL COLONY. 10-ACRE TRACTS. Adjoining Orangevale Orchard. ONLY \$50. TERMS, \$50 DOWN AND BALANCE ONLY \$10 PER MONTH FOR 10 YEARS.

J. FRANK CLARK, UNDERTAKING PARLORS, 1017-1019 Fourth St., Sacramento.

W. J. KAVANAUGH, Undertaker. NO. 513 J STREET. UNDERTAKING A SPECIALTY. OFFICE open day and night. Telephone No. 306.

Lawn Mowers, 10 to 16-Inch Cut. CHEAP, MEDIUM AND GOOD. PRICES TO SUIT ALL.

BAKER & HAMILTON, SACRAMENTO.

THE NONPAREIL.

CUT PRICES ON EVERY JACKET AND CAPE!

Our Entire Stock of Spring Jackets and Capes to be Closed Out Within the Next Three Days,

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY.

Other Attractions that will Prove Interesting to You Throughout the House:

Black Wraps at \$7 50 Each.

For middle-aged and elderly ladies. Among these are some very fine garments, made from the very best qualities of English Hosiery and Imported Cheviots.

Ladies' Blazer Jackets at \$2 25 Each.

In tans, grays and navy blue. Just the garment for summer wear, being made from light-weight, all-wool serge cloth; collars and lapels neatly embroidered with silk.

Ladies' Reefer Jackets at \$2 75 Each.

This lot consists of fifty jackets, made of black clay worsteds, tan chevots and fancy mixed all-wool cloths, suitable for spring wear.

Ladies' Short, Full Skirts at \$3 50 Each.

Here are some jaunty styles with large, drooping sleeves, full skirts and ruffled flaps. They come in pretty shades of tan and in navy blue.

Ladies' Reefer Jackets at \$5 Each.

We won't say what money we lose on this lot, but whatever it is it will be your gain. This is a broken line in both plain and fancy mixed imported cloths.

Ladies' Double Skirt Jackets at \$5 Each.

These are new this season and have become quite popular. They are tight-fitting and have a double row of large horn buttons in V-shape down the front.

Ladies' Fine Grade Jackets at Various Prices.

In all our Fine Jackets material reductions have been made. In many instances prices have been cut to two.

Children's Reefer Jackets at \$1 25 Each.

Ages from 2 to 3 years. A better grade, neatly trimmed with soutache braid and having large sailor collars, \$1 85 each.

Ladies' Cloth Capes at \$1 98 Each.

Tan and Navy Blue Capes, made of all-wool ladies' cloth, neatly trimmed with lace insertion.

Better Grade Capes at Greatly Reduced Prices.

Lack of space prevents our describing them. All our \$6 Capes reduced to \$4 each; \$7 80 Capes reduced to \$5 each; \$10 Capes reduced to \$7 80; \$13 Capes reduced to \$10 50.

Fine Black Moire Silk and Lace Capes at Half Price.

There are some beautiful garments in this lot. Some of them are those Fine Imported Silk Capes with long tabs that are so largely worn in the Eastern cities this season.

Ladies' House Wrappers at 98c Each.

It would cost you that amount for the material alone. They are nicely made, have ruffles over the shoulder, and come in both light and dark colors; sizes, 32 to 44.

Ladies' Waists at 50c Each.

Ladies' Lawn Waists with plaited back and front, in hair-line stripes and other small neat figures, also in light blue and pink shadings.

Ladies' Waists at 75c Each.

Another beautiful line of White Lawn Waists with colored embroidered collars and cuffs; also Jabot fronts and plaited backs.

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR SALE.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday we will place on sale several lines of Underwear recently received from one of the largest manufacturers in the East.

LADIES' MUSLIN GOWNS in V and square yokes, with large rolling collars and cascades of embroidery down the front.

LADIES' MUSLIN DRAWERS, trimmed in embroidery and with clusters of tucks.

LADIES' WHITE SKIRTS, embroidery and lace trimmed, extra wide.

LADIES' CORSET COVERS in V and square necks. Sale prices, 22c, 23c and 43c each.

WHITE SUMMER VENTILATING CORSETS in all sizes, 80c a pair.

ONE LOT W. C. C. CORSETS, No. 415, in all sizes from 18 to 30, \$1 45 each.

CALIFORNIA WOOL BLANKETS.

Would you buy an All-wool California Blanket in May if you could save money by doing so? We thought it over ourselves before buying, but when we found that we could save a third of what they ordinarily cost us, we concluded it would be a good investment.

The full 10-4 size in Pure White All-wool California make, \$4 50 a pair. A few months later they will cost you \$6 50.