

TOOK HIS OWN LIFE

Domestic Trouble and Drink Cause a Tragedy.

MATTHEW POLDERMAN'S ACT

A Lonely Man Becomes Tired of Life and Downs Ten Grains of Morphine—Usual Result.

Matthew Polderman, a laborer residing at No. 113 Central avenue, committed suicide yesterday by taking a ten-grain dose of morphine.

Shortly before noon he bought ten grains of morphine at Stokette's drug store, saying when questioned that it was for his sister, Mrs. Jacob Van Otteren, and having inquired for her account.

At first Mrs. Van Otteren thought the note was simply the result of the working of a drunken man's brain, but when she found in the kitchen a paper bearing the word "poison" her fears were aroused.

Polderman's system was so impregnated with liquor that the effects of the morphine were greatly increased.

CHRISTMAS EVERY DAY

Was he Sentiment Advised in the Universalist Church.

The sermon of the Rev. Charles Fluhrer yesterday morning was appropriate for the day. He thought that while it was fitting to celebrate the birthday of Christ we should have Christ born in our hearts every day of the year.

The Sunday school held a pleasant Christmas time at noon. Dr. Fluhrer spoke of the celebration of Christmas in England.

The Michigan Central local freight office will be closed after 9:30 this morning.

COURT REPORTERS PAY.

Mr. Bender Gets \$2,000 in the Superior Court.

Charles H. Bender, stenographer of the superior court, takes exception to certain statements of Senator-elect Hayward, reported in The Herald yesterday, in reference to his salary and duties.

DR. PRICE'S DELICIOUS Flavoring Extracts NATURAL FRUIT FLAVORS.

Vanilla Of perfect purity. Orange Of great strength. Almond Economy in their use. Rose etc. Flavor as delicately and deliciously as the fresh fruit.

FOR ONE FARE RATE

Chicago Ticket Agent Argues in Its Favor.

TRAVELERS WILL DEMAND IT

And the Railroads Will Realize More by Yielding the Point—A. M. Warrell's Ideas on Rates.

"Well now, I expect to see the railroads make a one fare rate for the world's fair," said A. M. Warrell of Chicago yesterday.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE.

Good Temples Will Tender Them a Reception Tonight.

This evening and tomorrow the Grand Lodge executive committee of the I. O. G. T. will be in session in this city for the purpose of adopting plans for their building to be erected at Hackley Park in the spring.

A public reception will be tendered by Grand Rapids lodge, No. 814, I. O. G. T., in Good Templar hall this evening to the Grand Lodge officers who will be present.

City News in Brief.

The services in St. Andrew's cathedral yesterday morning were the usual Christmas services.

A number of New York and Cincinnati furniture manufacturers, which have never exhibited here before, will bring samples to the semi-annual sale next month.

Week of Prayer Services.

The five churches in the center of the city have determined to observe the first week of the new year in union services.

Little Guy's Stroke of Polley.

Little Guy had a very pronounced sweet tooth, and as a consequence dearly loved puddings of every description.

Progress of "The Gondoliers."

Prof. Pearson is now holding rehearsals of the opera "The Gondoliers," with orchestra accompaniment.

Some Staid at Home.

The cold north wind evidently dissuaded many from attending the churches yesterday morning.

Postmaster Briggs has received a supply of the new "Columbian" issue of postage stamps.

Plenty of Sleighting.

Notwithstanding the blow and snow and bluster yesterday the jingle of the merry sleigh bells were heard on every hand.

Emerson Home Ceremonies.

Christmas was made a merry day in the Emerson home. The house was decorated prettily and gifts were made to the inmates and to the visitors.

Electoral Civil Officers.

The board of directors of the Grand Rapids Board have elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

SYRUP OF FIGS ONE ENJOYS Both the method and results when Syrup of Figs is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, headaches and fevers and cures habitual constipation.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. SAN FRANCISCO, CAL. NEW YORK, N.Y. LITTLE WILLY'S TOP. Grandpa—Ah, there's nothing like one of these easy canvas seat chairs to throw one's self in when one is tired!

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Holiday Excursion Rates.

The Michigan Central, "The Niagara Falls Route," will sell round trip excursion tickets from Grand Rapids to all points on the Michigan Central in the United States and Canada, and to points in the state of Michigan upon connecting lines, except that to points on the D., S. S. & A. railroad, 50 cents will be added, at the rate of one and one-third, lowest first-class fare for the round trip.

Grand Rapids Savings Bank.

Semi-annual dividend No. 29. The directors of this bank have declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent, payable on and after Tuesday, January 3, 1923.

Lily White Flour is the best grade family flour on the market.

Try the new painless method of filling teeth by Robinson Dental Co., No. 65 Monroe street.

Small Bile Beans

Are guaranteed to cure Bilious Attacks, Sick-Headache, La Grippe, Colds, Liver Complaint and Constipation. 40 in each bottle. Price 25 cents. Sold by druggists. Picture "7, 17, 70" and sample dose free.

None Such Mince Meat

Makes an every-day convenience of an old-time luxury. Pure and wholesome. Prepared with scrupulous care. Highest award at all Pure Food Expositions. Each package makes two large pies. Avoid imitations—and insist on having the perfect picture of it, viz.—New York Weekly.

Sufferers of Both Sexes. There is a way provided by which you can obtain relief and a permanent cure. Make one more trial. Give ear to this warning. Do not delay, but immediately try the wonderful skill and remedies of THE FAMOUS SPECIALIST. RUPTURES Destroy Comfort. RUPTURES ARE DANGEROUS Ruptures Cured!! \$5.

DO YOU WEAR PANTS? If so, remember we make a specialty of Pants made to measure. 250 styles of Woolens to select from. \$3.50, \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00 to \$10. Perfect Fit or No Sale. BODENSTEIN'S 47 to 53 Canal Street. FISH'S is the name of the new Restaurant, Confectionary and Bakery opened up at No. 15 Canal street, lately called the Board of Trade Restaurant.