TOOK HIS OWN LIFE.

William Cryer of Boise Commits Suicide.

He Shoots Himself in the Mouth, the Bullet Being Lodged in His Brain—Drinking and Gambling the Cause.

About 11 o'clock yesterday forenoon William Cryer, aged 31 years, committed suicide by shooting himself in the mouth with a revolver, causing instantaneous death. The deed was done with a 45-calibre revolver of the English bulldog pattern and in a house on Washington street, between Eighth and Ninth streets, where Mr. Cryer has roomed for some time past.

The remains were not discovered until about 6 o'clock yesterday evening, when Mrs. Hildebrand, a German woman who takes care of the house, entered the room to straighten it up, and found Mr. Cryer lying in bed, his face covered with blood. She evidently did not know he had committed suicide, for she came down town to the Calumet saloon and informed those who were in the place that Billy was lying in bed with his face covered with blood. "I shook him, but he did not wake up," she said.

A number of men went post haste to the room and found Mr. Cryer lying cold in death. The revolver was still tightly clinched in his right hand, which rested on his blood-covered breast.

The deceased was lying on his back in a pool of blood. The covers were but little disturbed, showing that death must have been instantaneous.

Coroner Clark and Doctors Collister and Hailey were called and made an examination of the body. There were no marks of powder-burn on the dead man's face, and the doctors gave it as their opinion that he placed the muzzle of the gun in his mouth, shut his teeth firmly on the barrel and then pulled the trigger. The bullet did not fracture the skull, having lodged itself in the brain.

No cause is assigned for the rash act, except, as that of late the deceased has been drinking and gambling considerably, losing very nearly all of his money. Harry Cooper, who for several days past has been sleeping with Mr. Cryer, said last night that the latter was up all of Friday night. He came to the room about 9 o'clock Saturday morning. Cooper was in bed and he asked him to go into another room and go to bed, as he did not wish to be disturbed. Cooper did so. About 10 o'clock he got up and left the house without looking into Cryer's room.

Zach Orr, the night bartender at the Calumet, said Cryer came into the saloon early Saturday morning. He walked behind the bar and picked up something and put it in his pocket. Mr. Orr afterwards missed a revolver which had lain undisturbed behind the counter for a year, and supposed Cryer had taken it. It was with this revolver that the young man took his life.

Mr. Lee, a painter who was working yesterday across the street from where the suicide occurred, said he heard a shot fired about 11 o'clock. The sound seemed to come from a distance and he paid no attention to it. It was evidently the shot that cut short Mr. Cryer's existence.

Mr. Cryer has never been of a melancholy disposition and his suicide was a great surprise to his nearest friends, to whom he had intimated nothing of his terrible intentions.

No facts appeared in addition to those stated above, and the jury brought in a verdict to the effect that the deceased had come to his death by means of a pistol shot fired by his own hands with suicidal intent.

John William Cryer was born in Grass Valley, Cal., in 1861. At an early age he came to Idaho. He spent his boyhood days in this city, where he was well known.

The only relations he has in this city are a brother, Lou Cryer, proprietor of the Calumet saloon, and a sister, who lives with Mr. and Mrs. Cryer.—*Boise Statesman.*

Damaged in Transit.

A young shop assistant dropped his pen on some collars that he was making up in parcel for a country customer. Prospective complaints on the part of said customer, and a wigging from his employer—what was to be done? A luminous idea germinated in the fertile brain of the counter man. He wrote as follows at the bottom of the delivery note:

"You will find some of the collars slightly soiled. This is no fault of ours—it was done on the journey."—*Petit Parisien.*

To Canovas, the great Republican leader, who called during the recent illness of Spain's boy king and inquired, "How is Alfonsito?" The latter, after a moment's hesitation, replied sedately: "To mamma I am Alfonsito (little Alfonso), to thee I am the king." He is now in the seventh year of his age.

It Wasn't the Same.

The business man was hurrying along the street late in the day, when the piteous whine of a beggar stopped him.

"Will you please and be so kind, sir," said the fellow, "to give me some money! I'm out of work, and I've got a wife and six children suffering, sir, for the necessaries of life."

"Get out!" exclaimed the hurrying man. "I've heard that story before."

"No, haven't sir," protested the mendicant.

"Didn't you tell me that same thing not a week ago, and I gave you half a dollar!"

"No, sir, I didn't," whined the beggar. "I told you I had a wife and four children. We've had twins at our house since that."—*Detroit Free Press.*

Excessive Caution.

"I hope, Jennie, that you have given the matter serious consideration," said a lady to a servant girl who had "given notice" because she was to be married "that day two weeks." "Oh, I have, ma'am," was the earnest reply. "I've been to two fortune-tellers and a clairvoyant, and looked in a sign book, and dreamed on a lock of his hair, and been to one of those astrologers, and to a medjum, and they all say to go ahead. I ain't one to marry reckless like, ma'am."—*Harper's Bazar.*

The New Style of Furniture.

Little Miss De Style—Mamma, may I bring Mrs. De Fashion's children into the parlor to see our new gilt chair?

Mrs. De Style (entertaining Mrs. De Fashion)—Certainly, my dear. What a question!

Little Miss De Style—Will it break if two of them look at it at once?—*Rare Bits.*

Sister Didn't Answer.

Mabel—Say, sister, can you tell me something? Esther—That depends. What is it? Mabel—Why do grown women wear their dresses eight inches too long and then hold them up twelve inches too high?—*Newark Current News.*

He Probably Saw Her.

"Did you tell Mr. Getthere I was not in?" said Miss Dukkets.

"I did, mum," said Bridget.

"What did he say?"

"He said, 'Well, tell her to come down as soon as she is in.' He's in the parlor."—*Rare Bits.*

He Knew His Arithmetic.

Young Featherly—Are these your children?

Mrs. Brand—Oh, yes! the boy is 5 years old, and this girl 7.

Young Featherly—Well, how time flies! It doesn't seem possible that you have been married twelve years.—*The Million.*

Fortune Favors the Brave.

Mrs. Malaprop—Oh, dear! what do you think? I've just had a tooth pulled and there was a great big ulster at the end of it.

Sympathizing Friend—Why don't you try another! Perhaps you'll strike a seal-skin.—*Judge.*

Didn't Go by Express.

"They say Green has been wandering in his mind lately."

"Well, he's safe enough; he can't get far."—*Rare Bits.*

The Tucson Citizen estimates that over 5 cent. of the cattle of the San Pedr river will perish within four months from starvation. Ranges that were formerly rich with alfalfilla, bunch grass, mesa grass, mesquite grass and gramma are now as devoid of feed as the streets of Tucson.

Too Much.

"James, have I ever failed in my duty as a father," said the gray haired man, with an anxious look on his face.

"No, father," answered the young man.

"I have supplied all your real wants, helped you in your studies, got you out of scrapes and taken an interest even in your amusements, have I not!"

"Why, yes. Certainly."

"I don't claim that I've done any more than my duty, but I have not done any less than my duty, have I, my son?"

"N-no."

"No, I don't think I have. And if I should ask you to make a slight sacrifice for the good of the family, you would acquit me of having any selfish motive, or of wishing to do anything contrary to your best interests, would you not?"

"Why—er—of cours ," said the youth, somewhat mystified, "but what does all this"——

"I am not given to anticipating trouble," the elderly man went on, with the anxious look deepening on his face. "I am no calamity howler, and I try to look at the bright side of things, but I see no way out of the difficulties that beset me now—unless—unless"—

"Unless what?"

"Unless you help me out, my boy! In the financial operations in which I am now engaged I am straining every nerve, employing every cent of my capital and even pushing my credit to its utmost limit. I could not weather the storm if called upon to invest a large sum in extensive building operations. It may be a sacrifice for you, James"——

"But what can I do?" exclaimed the bewildered young man. "How can I help you out of the—"

"How can you help me out! Listen, my boy! This house has sheltered us from your earliest recollection. It has been a good home for us all. It has been amply large for all the purposes of home—until lately. But the time has come when one of two things must be done! Either I must build a larger house, or—or—"

"Or what? Speak, father!"

"Or you must give up your amateur bicycle racing! The house won't hold any more of your prizes."—*Chicago Tribune.*

A Heap of Diff'rence Betwixt the Two.

At Sumter, N. C., there was a large crowd of colored people at the depot as the train pulled in. An old baldheaded Uncle Jerry had his head out of the coach set apart for colored passengers, and a man on the platform recognized him and called out:

"Hello, Misser Stivers! Is dat yo'!"

The old man looked straight at him, but made no response.

"Say, Misser Stivers, has yo' lost yo' hearing?" persisted the man as he drew nearer.

"Boy, was yo' talkin' to me?" sternly demanded the old man.

"Sartin. What's de matter?"

"Boy, does yo' want anything of me?"

"Why, how yo' talk! Reckon yo' has got de hoodoo."

"Does yo' evidently reckon yo' knows me?"

"Of co'se I knows yo'. Yo' is ole man Stivers."

"When did yo' know me?"

"Last fall. Why, I dun worked wid yo' fur three months."

"An when yo' dun worked wid me what was I a-doin?"

"Drivin dem mewls fur Kurnel Johnson."

"Exactly, sah. But I want yo' to understan dat dere is a heap o' difference atwixt drivin dem mewls fur Kurnel Johnson an ridin on de kivered kyars along wid white folks. I might 'a' knowed yo' last fall, sah, but if yo' now desian to permeate any elongated conversashun wid me yo' mus' git some 'sponsible gem'len to introduce yo'."—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

Lord Crewe's Hat.

Lord Crewe, who is in his eighty-first year, was up to last season a frequent and picturesque figure in London drawing rooms. He was notable, among other reasons, for the pertinacity with which he had stuck to his hat. The crush hat had not been invented when he first began to go out, and when it appeared on the scene he felt himself too old to fall in with the new custom. Accordingly he sticks to the unyielding cylindrical head covering, sometimes known as a "topper." When the crush was great every one knew exactly whereabouts Lord Crewe was by observing an uncompromising top hat held above the heads of the throng.—Manchester, England *Times.*

The Crown Claimed the Money.

A lawyer named Hemmings was engaged with others in pulling down a barn upon Steele's farm, Ashamsworth, Hampshire, early this month, when he found a bag of gold coins dated between 1817 and 1855. He got them changed at a bank at Andover into notes and current coin to the amount of £74 10s. Then Hemmings presented each clerk with a 7s. gold piece, dated between 1797 and 1809. This led to an inquiry, and, as is the custom in such cases in England, the coroner held an inquest, which resulted in a verdict for the crown.—*London Public Opinion.*

A Queer Suit.

A Newton county, (Mo.) woman has sued the Splitlog railroad, based on the following claim: "She was a passenger on the road, and was accidentally carried beyond her destination some distance, when the train stopped and she alighted. While returning she was chased by a bull, and in outrunning him impaired her health."—*Philadelphia Ledger.*

A Small Dividend.

Brown—Yes; they thought I was poisoned and the doctor came with his stomach pump.

Jones—Did he get anything out of you?

Brown—Yes; $5.—*Puck.*

"Dobbs seems to be particularly happy in his domestic life."

"Well, you see his wife belongs to a dozen organizations of one kind or other, and he doesn't see her very often."—*Judge.*

Mrs Watts—How is your husband's rheumatism?

Mrs. Potts—Better, I think. Or, at least, I am getting more used to it.—*Indianapolis Journal.*

A Great Advantage.

The old fool has this advantage over the young fool: He will never be a young fool, whereas the young fool may some day be an old fool.—*Boston Transcript.*

Dull of Comprehension.

Customer—I want of suit of clothes.

Salesman—Well, sir, we have them.

Customer—I want boy's clothes.

Salesman—Oh, That's another story.

Customer—Don't you have them!

Salesman—Certainly; up another story. Take the first elevator.—*Smith & Gray's Monthly.*

He Knew His Business.

Old Gotrox—As far as I'm concerned I approve of you, but I am afraid my daughter is so young that she does not know her own mind. She must wait till she reaches years of discretion.

Young Impecune—Yes, but then she will marry some other fellow.—*Smith & Gray's Monthly.*

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"Of course, of course. Any one can do that."—*Chicago Journal.*

A Finishing Touch.

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Husband—Yes. I wish you would throw it out of the window.—*Brooklyn Life.*

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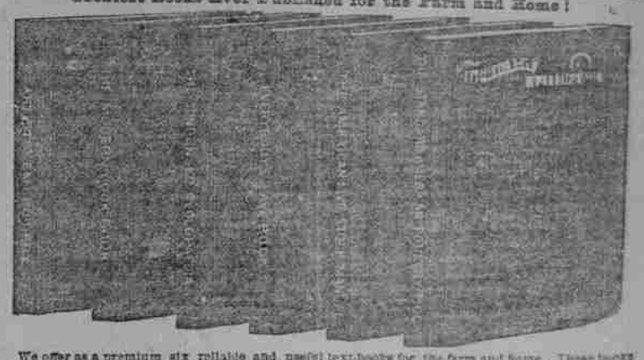

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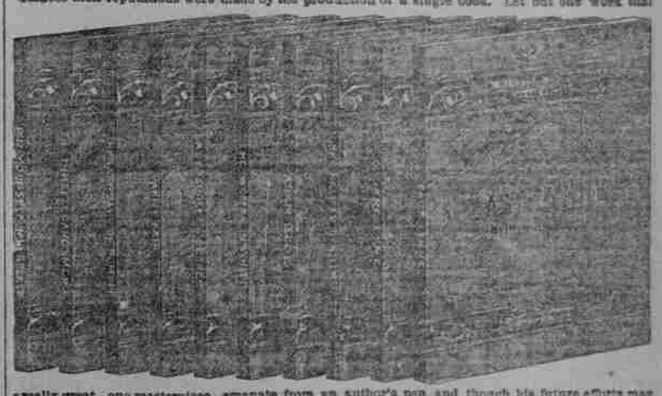

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