

A SERMON ON SUICIDE.

Dr. C. O. Brown Discusses This Method of Death Intelligently.

THIS CITY'S BAD SHOWING.

"Duty Requires That We Wait the Summons, Nor Dare to Go Till Heaven Calls."

Dr. C. O. Brown delivered an interesting sermon on suicide at the First Congregational Church last night. He introduced his theme with a text from First Samuel 31: 13, "Samuel took a sword and slung it upon it."

In 1870 Massachusetts had 93 suicides to the million people. In fourteen years the number more than doubled—134 to the million.

The average number of suicides in our city is only equal to that of the country at large; but the same cannot be said of suicides.

"The taking of one's life under the impulse of insanity is not suicide, although it is sometimes improperly so called."

"But it is time for some one to say that the delirious man who takes of his own life is a murderer. Let the public call the crime by its right name, and a poor soul who is dallying with the temptation will be saved."

"Lovers kill themselves because they can't marry, and others because to their regret they cannot. Some kill themselves because people talk about them, and others because they are not of enough consequence to be talked about."

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AGAINST THE LOTTERIES.

The Ordinance of the Civic Federation Has Been Formulated.

FULL TEXT OF THE DOCUMENT.

Loopholes Through Which the Gamblers Now Escape Will Be Closed.

That famous lottery ordinance by means of which the Civic Federation hopes to finish the work begun by THE CALL and put an end to the lottery evil has been formulated and will shortly be placed before the Board of Supervisors for its approval or rejection.

Should it pass in the form it has been drawn up by Attorney C. W. Reed, the legal adviser of the organization, the probabilities are that several loopholes left by present existing ordinances will be closed and that convictions will be rare, where now the gamblers escape through the inefficiency of the law.

One of the main objections to the present ordinance is that in order to gain a conviction the prosecution is compelled to prove that the tickets found on the accused—usually the main evidence—are for a drawing to take place at a future period.

The new measure will make all lottery paraphernalia—tickets, instruments, records, etc.—evidence of an infraction of the law.

The federation has always held that the publication of lottery advertisements, lists of alleged winning numbers and other matter pertaining to lotteries is one of the main reasons why the lottery evil has flourished, and the proposed ordinance has provided for the punishment of those who abet lotteries in this manner.

Order No. 1587 of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, is hereby amended by adding Section 78 thereto, so as to read as follows:

An ordinance to prohibit the publishing of information concerning lotteries, and to regulate the drawing of any lottery after the drawing has taken place.

Section 78. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, after the drawing of any lottery has taken place, to publish, advertise or otherwise make known the name of any person, company or corporation that conducted or drew such lottery as having conducted or drawn the lottery, or the name of any person winning a prize in such lottery, or to give information to any person concerning the organization, management, business or winnings of any such lottery.

Section 79. (1) Any person who publishes or disseminates information in violation of the provisions of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$500, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The provisions of this section shall not apply to any publication made for the purpose of exposing the criminality of lotteries or of the winning numbers of lotteries.

Section 79 of order number 1587 of the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, is hereby amended to read as follows (prohibiting persons from having in their possession lottery tickets before or after the drawing of the lottery, or of any instrument used or intended to be used or that has been used in making lottery tickets):

Section 79. (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to have in his possession, unless it be shown that such possession is innocent, or for a lawful purpose, any lottery ticket, either before or after the event of the lottery on which it depends, or has depended, has taken place, ticket certificate, or instrument representing or purporting to represent any change share of or depending upon the event of any lottery, tool, instrument, stamp, paper or device used in the preparation, printing, stamping or getting ready for sale or distribution any lottery ticket, or tickets; any book, paper, instrument or device used in the sale of lottery tickets or giving information of the numbers of tickets in a lottery, or of the names of the winners, whether the event upon which the lottery depends has or has not taken place.

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THE ALLEN QUARANTINED.

Health Officers Order Her to Be Thoroughly Fumigated.

THE MERIONETH'S BALLAST TO GO.

Overboard—Dead Chinese Cause Trouble.

The Board of Health, of that part of it which could be got together last evening, set upon the question—was to be done with the bark S. C. Allen?

The Allen arrived yesterday from Honolulu with twenty-nine souls on board. She had a clean bill of health, and each of the fifteen passengers which she bore to this port had an individual guarantee of good health; but nevertheless she was ordered to the quarantine station to be fumigated.

When her cargo, her mails, her people and her passengers smell strongly enough of disinfectants to suit the health officers.

The Allen left Honolulu on August 24, and there had then been six cases of cholera in the island city. Of these, five had died. The necessary two weeks has elapsed since last she was in any port.

The Merioneth, from Rio Janeiro, also came under discussion. When she left Rio on some question—was there cholera, cholera, smallpox and yellow fever in the town. She came in ballast, and the 750 tons of gravel in her hold are supposed to be infected. Every ton must go overboard, at a price and in a manner to suit the United States officers at the quarantine station. The Merioneth may then go, after being fumigated.

Another knotty problem came before the health officers, and being Bin Bin, three Chinese men, having died in the canneries in Alaska, were packed in brine and sent down here for burial. As there was no tap upon them telling the cause of their death, and as they were not provided with death certificates, they could not be buried here without the coroner's consent.

Application to the coroner developed only the fact that he was not willing to extend his jurisdiction outside the city limits and therefore could not do anything in the matter. He said the Quarantine Officer was the man to attend to it. Dr. Chalmers did not see it that way, however, and said the Chinese were not his. In the meantime the crew of the Nichols, which carried the bodies, are waiting and wondering if it is not time to declare the corpses hoo-doo. The question is still open.

There were present at the meeting Dr. Morse, Williamson and Hart. Dr. Morse presided.

SUICIDE OF A HUNCHBACK.

Mrs. Amelia Johnson of Telegraph Hill Ends Her Life.

A woman who was a familiar figure on Telegraph Hill committed suicide yesterday morning by hanging herself. She was Mrs. Amelia Johnson, a little hunchback, the wife of Theodore Johnson, a laborer, living at 1424 Montgomery street.

The woman, who was the mother of two little children and 37 years of age, had been drinking rather heavily lately. She arose from bed about 4 A. M., her husband not thinking anything of it, supposing she would return as usual, and went to bed. When she awoke, however, he went downstairs into the cellar for some firewood, between 7 and 8 o'clock, he saw the limp body of his wife strangled by a piece of clothesline which she had attached to the chimney.

The body was still warm. He cut the rope and let her down, and did whatever he could, according to his knowledge, to resuscitate her, and notified the coroner's office. When the Morgue wagon arrived she was lifeless.

The only reason Johnson could give for his wife's self-destruction was her habits of drinking.

FATHER FERGUSON'S REPLY.

He Preaches in Defense of Catholicism at St. Patrick's Church.

Declares That Public Funds Were Not Diverted to Convert the Indians.

Rev. J. Ferguson preached yesterday at St. Patrick's Church, and referred particularly to an alleged statement of the American Protective Association to the effect that Catholics had drawn money out of the treasury for the religious instruction of Indians.

SHAKESPEARE FOR CHARITY AT SUTRO HEIGHTS NEXT SATURDAY.

The Wedding of Mark Requa and Miss Herrick Will Take Place October 2.

HERNY WHITNEY BETROTHAL.

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THE SOISSORS WIELDER.

Lizzie Johnson, the Assailant of Miss Mackey, Arrested.

MISS HALL ON BLOOMERS.

The Fair Pauline Says Short Skirts Are the Only Proper Thing.

SHE ALSO TALKS INTERESTINGLY OF A VISIT TO THE GERMAN PRINCE BISMARCK.

A tall, trim, well-groomed—yes, well-groomed—the most fitting expression—magnificently proportioned figure, a complexion like a girl of sixteen, eyes of the darkest hazel, beautifully strong, even, white teeth, hair black as night, well developed, and a face that betrays a remarkable degree and the personification of good health and contentment, such is Pauline Hall, the famous comic opera singer.

"I am so glad to be back in San Francisco," she said to a CALL representative yesterday, "for it is years since I was here. I was then in Miss Alice Oates' company, and it was here that I made my debut. I shall never forget it. Oh, how nervous I was. I had been taken from the chorus on an emergency. One of the principals fell ill and I was put in the part. Oh, how good they were, and the papers the next day were more than kind. It was my first life, and I can truly say that I owe everything to Miss Alice Oates and her generosity. So I have come back to inaugurate my regular season. I think you will like 'Dorcas.' It is a new departure in the way of operatic entertainments. It is a comedy with plenty of fun, and no empty scenes. All the members of the company are principals. The result is very gratifying."

"Yes, I more than enjoyed my European trip. It was my first trip and I am convinced that I shall thoroughly enjoy it. I appreciate you must make the tour on a bicycle. You have no conception how great the advantage is over any other way. You are absolutely in touch with every part of the world. Oh, the trip through France and up the Rhine, through the Black Forest, through Austria and Switzerland and the flat countries of Belgium and Holland and the garden spots of England, Scotland and Wales. It beggars description, it is so beautiful, and their roads are like polished marble."

"About my visit to Prince Bismarck. It will linger in my memory as long as I live; he was kind so generous to receive me. Just think, I met a great old man, who has achieved so much, devoting two hours to me! They were all so cordial, so unconventional; and I am proud of my experience with them than any other I have had. I sang in German. Then they gave us all their autographed pictures—Prince Bismarck, Count Herbert and his wife and a family group, with all the children and the Prince's mother. He has a very good sense of humor. Americans very much, and said to me, 'You have a great country, and it has a greater future.'"

"I am utterly opposed to bloomers. I do not think them necessary, and after seeing the fashion women in their trusty bicycle costume, I never saw a woman in a bicycle costume. The short skirt properly led is, in my conviction, the most becoming and the most womanly. I firmly believe that the bicycle is the healthiest of exercises. I was the first woman in America to ride one. I had to import it then; it was in 1880. I carry the machine with me that I rode through Europe."

Paul Veronese thought there was no book equal to the Zneid.

THE JULIAN PIANO AND VOCAL RECITAL GIVEN AT MISSION PARISH HALL, FRIDAY EVENING, UNDER THE DIRECTION OF M. JULIAN AND E. JULIAN, ASSISTED BY THEIR PUPILS, WAS A SUCCESS.

The Julian piano and vocal recital given at Mission Parish Hall, Friday evening, under the direction of M. Julian and E. Julian, assisted by their pupils, was a success. The programme was well rendered. The participants were the Misses M. and E. F. Julian, Mrs. Kerpinsky, M. Graham, E. Nelson, E. Bardel, A. Becker, M. McKenna, L. Herting, J. Nelson, M. Nelson, Dr. T. H. Hill, Messrs. Dewey and Coffman, Kerpinsky and Dewey; director, E. C. Har.

At the last meeting of the "Eschscholtzias" the following officers were elected: G. R. Penkert, president; Charles Lang, vice-president; J. P. Griffin, treasurer and secretary. The club will give a cotillon party at Union-square Hall Tuesday evening, 24th inst.

RUNAWAY ACCIDENT.

G. A. Werner, a Printer and Engraver, Seriously Injured.

G. A. Werner, engraver and printer, 1007 Howard street, and M. Astor, butcher, at Fifth and Minna streets, were the victims of a runaway accident yesterday afternoon.

They were driving down the grade on Stanyan street near Rivoli avenue, in a horse and cart belonging to Astor, when the belly-band broke and the cart bumped against the horse. The frightened animal dashed down the grade and the wheels of the cart struck against the front steps of the house 1284 Stanyan. Werner and Astor were thrown out of the cart and fell heavily to the ground. Werner was seriously injured. He had three wounds in his scalp, one of his ribs was fractured and he was badly injured internally. Astor escaped with a contused scalp.

RETURN OF THE WATER FOWL FROM ALASKA TO GOLDEN GATE PARK.

Golden Gate Park was gay with its Sunday crowd. Not for many a day has the attendance been as generous as it was yesterday, and the streetcar lines did a wholesale business with retail accommodations for the customers.

There was very little wind blowing, only enough to make it pleasantly cool under the warm sun. The air was unusually clear, and one could see far out over the ocean, that was dotted with white sails all day long.

Sutro Heights and the baths were patronized by thousands, and the impromptu Cliff House was thronged with visitors. The long white beach was almost black with loungers.

At Stow Lake the coots are beginning to settle for the winter. Perhaps a thousand or more of them have returned already, and every day adds to their number. They have been summering in northern waters until now, but for every coot which went north in April at least six will return to Stow Lake before the end of this month.

Superintendent McLaren says there were about 6000 of them in the lake last winter. They went away in April. They go north to breed. They multiply very rapidly, and the chances are that for every coot which went north in April at least six will return to Stow Lake before the end of this month.

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