

## HE SUICIDES AT LAST.

William E. Parrish, Charged With the Murder of Young M. Langdon.

### ENDS HIS LIFE IN THE COUNTY JAIL.

Breaking a Glass Preserve Dish He Cuts an Artery in His Left Arm and Throat and Bleeds to Death.

DALLAS, Tex., Nov. 21.—Yesterday at about 1:50 p. m. William G. Parrish, charged by indictment with the murder of Young M. Langdon, committed suicide in his cell in jail. It will be remembered that soon after his arrest he attempted suicide by butting his head against the flanges on the iron door to his cell, since which time he has been under a watch. Yesterday he was sitting in a chair eating his dinner, and Mr. Neymeyer, his watch, was in another portion of the cell. Not suspecting such an act, and being deaf, he did not see and did not hear Parrish when he broke a glass dish. Parrish took a piece of this dish, cut the artery in his left arm between the wrist and elbow, and also cut his throat severing the wind pipe. No one knew what he had done until he fell from the chair to the floor covered with blood. The noise of the fall attracted attention, the alarm was given, doctors summoned, all done that could be done, but he expired at about 1:40. He left no writing, and did not speak after cutting himself. Before being dressed preparatory to removal to an undertaking establishment, the sight was awful to behold, his clothes being saturated with blood. His brother was not permitted to see him until after his clothing was changed. The examination in the city was intense, for he had many true friends. This is indeed a singular case. Notwithstanding the fact that he had assured his friends that his first attempt to take his life was committed in a moment of despondency, yet he had requested the sheriff to let him have a razor with which to shave himself, which request, however, was refused. At the hour yesterday, when he committed the rash act, his attorneys were in consultation preparing the papers necessary to go before the court on a writ of habeas corpus. Every effort is being made by the officers to keep the fact of his suicide from John Paris, the negro. His brother was wild with grief, and his friends still declare their belief in his innocence. Sheriff Cabell made the following statement: "Parrish sent for me last Saturday. On going to his cell he asked me to take of the guards. He gave as his reason for the request that he did not intend to commit suicide, and he said that he would like to have that fact made public through the press. He said that on the night of the day of his arrest he was delicious and did not know what he was doing when he attempted to take his life by butting his head against the bars of his cell, but that now his friends had come to his rescue and he was receiving a great many encouraging telegrams and letters. 'I told him I would take off the guard, but would leave a nurse to wait on him. I took off the day guard, leaving Parrish by day in charge of Bill Neymeyer, who was nursing him, but I continued to keep a guard over him at night. In fact I have had double guards on duty to prevent Parrish and the negro, Paris, from suiciding. On three or four occasions I have been furnished from two to four men by Capt. Arnold, the chief of police, to assist me in keeping guard over the two prisoners.' Being questioned as to whether the insurance companies had been instrumental in ferreting out the case, Mr. Cabell said: "Not to our knowledge. Chief of Police Arnold and myself were the only persons who knew of the facts in the case, and we know that there was nothing done by insurance companies. We never conferred with or had anything to do with any insurance company; nor have we received a dollar from any individual for the work done by us. All the expense was borne by ourselves. What is more, the detectives had nothing to do with getting up the evidence." At 6 o'clock yesterday evening the body was conveyed to the Houston and Texas Central depot to be shipped to Huntsville, his boyhood home, where he will be interred this evening.

### Horribly Burned.

WACO, Tex., Nov. 25.—Euna, aged 3 years, daughter of Seth P. Mills, representative of McLennan county in the legislature, was dangerously burned at her father's residence yesterday. The child was alone in a room, which it had bolted on the inside. Her cries attracted Miss Emma, her older sister, who broke the door in and was burned in rescuing little Euna. The child's clothes caught from the fire on the hearth. It is thought the burns may prove fatal.

### A Banker's Suicide.

FOUR WORTH, Tex., Nov. 24.—The body of William H. Parvin, aged 37,

president of the Eastland National bank of Eastland, was found in his room at the Plockwick last night with a pistol wound in the right temple, showing cause of death. No explanation was left in the room, not a word of writing being found, and nothing but his personal effects, some jewelry he had bought for his grand children and the pistol with which the fatal wound was inflicted, Wednesday night about 9 o'clock the shot was heard and though it attracted attention it could not be located and its source was not found till the body was discovered last night. Mr. Parvin had been here for several days and was in excellent spirits. Wednesday night he wrote a long letter that he mailed himself. This may furnish some explanation. He was talking to J. H. Milliken about some Mexican investments, and these two and Captain Deveraux were in Dallas on business Tuesday. They came back here and Mr. Parvin intended to go home Wednesday morning. He missed his train, and twelve hours after he intended to start for home was in his final rest. During the day he talked clearly, calmly and rationally about business matters, went out and bought the articles found in his room, and among them the pistol with which the fatal wound was inflicted. Several efforts were made to gain admission to the room during the day, and at last the persistent silence excited suspicion. An entrance was effected and the discovery made. He leaves several children. The body is held awaiting orders.

### Fatal Quarrel Over Rent.

HICO, Tex., Nov. 27.—A bloody tragedy occurred three miles from town yesterday morning, in this Hamilton county, in which one man was killed and two others perhaps fatally wounded. For some time past bad blood has existed between William Olds and a renter on his place named Massey. Yesterday morning Olds went over to Massey's house. He was met at the door by A. Massey and his son, about 17 years old. A quarrel soon ensued, Massey drawing a gun and shooting Olds twice through the side and breast. Olds finally succeeded in getting his pistol out and shot young Massey three or four times, each shot taking effect. The elder Massey, seeing his son falling and knowing his shot at Olds had both taken effect, made an attempt to get out of the front gate when Olds, who was then lying on the ground with two bullet holes through him, raised his revolver and fired twice, both shots taking effect in the elder Massey's side, from which he died a few hours later.

### J. J. Hatcher Killed.

HILLSBORO, Tex., Nov. 27.—Information reached here from Itasca yesterday evening of the death of J. J. Hatcher at that place yesterday morning by shooting. The news created a sensation, for the unfortunate young man was raised in this county and for ten years past has been a familiar figure in Itasca and Hillsboro business circles. At the time of his death and for several years past he has been in charge of the hardware business of J. R. Thompson at Itasca. He was an exemplary young man in every respect. If he had a care it was unknown to his friends and relatives here, all of whom, in the absence of particulars from Itasca, are at a loss to account for the act. It is known that he was much attached to Prof. N. J. Foster, who died at Italy recently, and it is said that he had been a changed man since that event. The deceased was unmarried and about 30 years of age.

### Teamster's Accident.

AUSTIN, Tex., Nov. 27.—A teamster named Bill Braden was injured at the dam Saturday by the falling of two derricks. His life was saved by the sudden starting of his steam, which threw him between some rocks, which protected him from fatal injury. He was badly bruised about the legs.

### Postoffice Robbed at Itasca.

WACO, Tex., Nov. 25.—F. M. Hamilton, postoffice inspector of the New Orleans district, which includes Waco, has informed the federal grand jury that the burglar who robbed Taylor's store at Riesel got a small sum of postoffice money and investigation is being made.

### A Mother's Discovery.

TERRELL, Tex., Nov. 25.—After preparing breakfast Thursday morning Mrs. Frank McWilliams went into the room after her baby, which she left only a few moments before sleeping soundly, as she thought. To her horror she found the little one cold in death.

### Her Head Was Mashed.

BASTROP, Tex., Nov. 24.—Caroline Bush, colored, while horseback riding yesterday afternoon at the Olive farm, was thrown against a tree and the back of her head mashed in so badly that she will die.

### Fell Dead While at Work.

GREENVILLE, Tex., Nov. 25.—A. Giles, a negro fireman at the oil mills, dropped dead at 9 o'clock last night while on duty. A physician was summoned and pronounced death the result of paralysis of the heart.

## A GENERAL BRIEVARY.

Interesting Items from All Over the World Selected from Various Sources.

### A FULL AND COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW,

Embracing Serious and Sensational Happenings, and Current News Covering Many Topics of Interest to All Readers.

The officers of the Illinois Central railway and the American Express company have given each of the crew that was on train No. 3 on the night of September 20, when an attempt was made to rob the express car and the robbers were driven off by the crew, \$500 of stock in the road and a solid gold medal of Maltese cross pattern on a solid gold bar. Above the medal proper is inscribed: "For valor." On the face side is inscribed: "From the Illinois Central Railroad and American Express Companies." The reverse side is: "For defending train No. 3 on the night of September 20, 1895, at Centralia, Ill., against train robbers."

Near Centralia, Ill., twelve years ago a father and son, two farmers, disappeared and have never been heard from. A few days since a farmer who now owns the farm they lived on, concluded to drain off a pond on the premises. At the bottom of this pond by two stumps appeared to be a grave at each stump. Examination proved it to be two skeletons weighted down with stones, the feet tied to stobs and the heads to the stumps respectively. It is a mystery, and while an investigation is going on, there is no clue.

Charlie Willis 12 years old, was accidentally shot and killed at Springfield, Ill., recently while being initiated into a secret society composed of youngsters whose ages run from 12 to 15 years. The society is called the "Seven Secret Silent Shades." The boys' minds had evidently become inflamed by blood and thunder literature. They had a cave in the outskirts of the city, the walls of which were hung with pistols, old muskets, a few swords and other warlike arrangements.

As the Rio Grande and Western train pulled into Ogden, Utah, recently, Express Messenger Sayers failed to open his car. The door was forced and the messenger was found on the floor dead with a bullet through his heart and a pistol under him. It is supposed that he was locking the safe when the pistol was accidentally discharged. His books and money are intact and there is no suspicion of foul play.

During a recent storm in the English channel a schooner stranded at Withernsea. It is supposed that the crew all perished. The Glazgo river steamer Garry was wrecked at Dunbar. Five officers and sixteen seamen perished. At Yarmouth the damage done the fishing boats already amounts to over \$100,000. Many fishermen have been drowned.

A tidy little sum has been paid out by the government in premiums to the builders of naval vessels during the present year. By exceeding the speed required the Bancroft netted her contractors \$45,000, the Detroit \$150,000, the New York \$200,000 and the Machias \$45,000, a total of \$440,000. This amount is likely to be increased.

Attorney-General Maloney, of Illinois, has rendered an opinion that mine owners or operators must provide a manager for each mine. Heretofore it was and still is the custom for companies owning several shafts to have a single manager.

J. A. Jenkins was found unconscious on his wife's grave in a cemetery near Nashville, Tenn., recently, and died shortly afterwards. An empty vial of morphine that lay by him told the cause of his death. His wife died about a month ago.

Dr. A. R. Booth has returned to his home at Shreveport, La., from Brunswick, Ga., where he rendered free service to more than 200 yellow fever patients, besides being active in providing and soliciting help for the poor.

Two negro murderers and robbers, Mansfield Washington and Dave Johnson, have been arrested and are in jail at Baton Rouge, La. Washington has confessed to their having murdered and robbed two white men.

The railway and express office at Marthville, La., on the New Orleans Pacific road was robbed of over \$1500 and the night agent, W. J. Dickson, relieved of \$200 a few days since. The burglars escaped with their booty.

At night recently Deputy Sheriff George Davidson was shot and killed while raiding a house of ill fame at Trout Creek, Mich. Alex Renos, who runs the place, the supposed murderer, has been arrested and jailed.

At Springfield, Mo., recently Walter and Jasper Cross, two boys, were playing with a gun heavily charged with powder, but no shot. The gun went off and the explosion of powder blew the top of Walter's head off.

A few days ago at Ottumwa, Ia., in day light, a mob seized a man named Johnson, the perpetrator of an assault upon a 9-year-old child, quickly put a rope about his neck and lynched him in short order.

General Jose Marti, representative of the independent party of Cuba in the United States, has received a dispatch to the effect that the Cuban rebellion is at an end, and that the insurgents have surrendered.

In Holland women and persons of either sex under the age of 16 are now forbidden to begin work earlier than 6 a. m., or to continue at work after 7 p. m., nor can their work exceed eleven hours a day in all.

A few days since Robert Cole and William Austin were killed twenty miles east of McAlester, I. T., by Robert G. Wilson, who surrendered to the authorities. He will be taken to Fort Smith for trial.

The tug Charles R. Stone sank at pier 1, North river, New York, recently, and two men were drowned, Henry R. Rogers and the fireman, known only as "William." The bodies were recovered.

The steamer Addie E. Faison sunk a short time since in the Mississippi four miles below the mouth of the Sunflower river in eight feet of water. It is feared the boat will be a total loss.

Starkville, Miss., has had a \$100,000 fire. It destroyed the Masonic and Odd Fellows' building and Watt's opera house together with the Lee storehouse with their contents.

At Cleveland, O., recently Dr. Chas. L. Fogg, a young physician, was arrested charged with performing a criminal operation in a house where a baby was murdered.

Thomas O'Keefe, Frank Springer and "Buck" Kearns have been arrested for stealing horses from the City Railway company of Chicago.

Thomas Burk, Fred Hall and Arthur Murry have been arrested, suspected of being the murderers of Thomas Prunty at Chicago.

Dr. Leo Smith of Madison, Ind., was thrown from his buggy recently and killed near Lexington, some fifteen miles from Madison.

Lillian Russell's marriage to Edward Solomon has been annulled in New York and she was given the custody of their 7-year-old child.

Two electric cars collided at Little Rock, Ark., a few days since. Several passengers were shook up, but no one hurt seriously.

Henry Stoppelkamp of St. Louis kept \$800 in gold in a nice little rose wood box at his home; but a sneak thief now has it.

Two young men near Elizabethtown, Ill., are digging for hidden treasure. No one else knows anything about it.

The boiler to an engine that was running a thrasher near Jerseyville, Ill., exploded recently, killing Ed. Shellinberger.

Robert Wiggins a boilermaker at Atchison, Kan., shot himself through the head a few days since. No reason assigned.

Bernard Rich, who was sandbagged and robbed of \$400 recently at Wilkesbarre, Pa., died from the effects of the stroke.

Cholera has broken out in Constantinople, Turkey. There are thirty deaths daily and new cases are daily increasing.

The main buildings of the World's Fair will be allowed to stand next year. No admission will be charged to the park.

The Rev. Sam P. Jones and wife celebrated their silver wedding recently at their home in Cartersville, Ga.

A cigar box containing \$60,000 was stolen from a clerk of the national bank in the City of Mexico recently.

Abraham Shinner, the Iowa millionaire, has donated his residence to the poor of Bremer county, Ia.

The merchants of Durango, Mex., and state officials are having a squabble over taxation.

Governor Boise of Iowa, having been defeated for governor, wants to run for congress.

Six loaded bombs were found recently in a private garden at Barcelona, Spain.

Seven thousand people attended the recent chrysanthemum show at Denver, Colo.

Forty-nine fishermen were drowned during a recent storm at Copenhagen, Denmark.

Over 875,000 acres have been sown to wheat in Osborne county, Kan.

On the list of the destitute in St. Louis is sixty-three children.

Six persons perished in a recent hotel fire at Beaver, Pa.

Jeremiah M. Rusk, ex-secretary of agriculture, is dead.

## TEXAS CONDENSATIONS

Culled and Carefully Arranged from the Latest Issues of the State.

### A MIRROR OF RECENT OCCURRENCES.

Happenings, Crises, &c., Improvements, and Items of General Interest Rendered Readable and Entertaining.

The Nichols-Bass shooting scrape at Auburn, Ellis county, turns out to be a slight matter. Sheriff Meredith and the county attorney went to the scene of the trouble a few days since and found Bass carrying two flesh wounds that will not prove serious. They made a careful examination of the facts and County Attorney Fears' conclusion is that the shooting was done in self-defense, hence he directed the sheriff to turn Nichols loose.

At Lampasas a woman left her 6-months-old girl baby on a seat on a westbound Santa Fe train asking a gentleman to look after it a minute as she wanted to leave the train to speak to her husband. She did not return. The train pulled out. At Brownwood someone wanted the baby, but the gentleman replied: "I would not take \$1000 for her." It is very pretty and has an abundance of nice clothes.

A few days since at Corpus Christi a Mr. and Mrs. E. O. R. Fischer (the name they gave) left a month old girl baby with an old lady, for six weeks, paying her \$30 to take care of it for that time, stating that Mrs. F. was in such delicate health that she must go to Dallas for treatment and could not worry with the baby. They took a northbound train and have not been heard from since.

Recently a little child of a farmer named Sanders, who lives near San Angelo, threw a stick of dynamite in a stove; an explosion followed and all the occupants of the room were more or less injured. One child had two fingers and a thumb blown off and another had his leg badly lacerated. The damage to the house and furniture was considerable.

Wyndham Robertson has had an examining trial before the United States commissioner at Dallas on the charge of taking out of the postoffice a registered letter without the consent of the person for whom it was intended. He was bound over in \$800 for his appearance at the next term of the federal court. He gave bond and was released.

The record was broken on the disposition of a divorce suit at Paris recently. Thirty minutes before final adjournment of court Emily Jones filed suit for divorce from Silas Jones. Fifteen minutes later the divorce was granted, and in less than fifteen minutes more she was married to Blaise Hooks and went her way rejoicing.

Recently at Newlin, Hall county, a hog visited W. P. Dial's horse lot and attacked his stallion. A terrible battle followed, lasting half an hour. The hog was finally knocked down, but not until he had cut the horse in a number of places. One cut on the breast severed a blood vessel and the horse came near bleeding to death.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Plaisance, who live near Martinsville, Nacogdoches county, are the parents of a little 3-year-old child which was born without eyes. It is otherwise perfect and sound in health. The child can neither walk nor crawl, but lies down and rolls to any point to which it is called.

Mr. J. B. Martin, a drummer, says he found the following over the delivery window of a Texas postoffice: "When you kum for your male have posthuma. Know shooting around the Post Office duren busines Ours by order of the post master his sine and seal Chickens bot on kommission."

John R. Johnston surrendered himself to the chief of police at Galveston, recently, saying that he desired to go back to Dawson, Ga., and stand trial for the murder of Jim Wall, on new year's night, 1889. The officers in Georgia have been notified.

A poor demented man, whose name is unknown, was taken charge of by the authorities at Dallas recently. He was attired only in pants and shoes. He said he was sent by God to inspire the wicked people of Dallas with the spirit of righteousness.

Two brothers, Charles and Paul Alterman, were out hunting near Dallas a few days since and near the waterworks, about two miles above the city, they found the remains of an infant in a box. Nothing remained but dust and bones.

At Argyie, Denton county, a few days since, a 17-year-old boy named Clay Lacy narrowly escaped death by being struck by a freight train when trying to cross the railroad. He was picked up insensible. The wagon was demolished.

A negro woman at Georgetown tried to buy strychnine at two drug stores, and on being asked what she wanted with it said she wanted to kill herself. On being refused she burst into tears. She declares she will suicide.

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