

SUICIDE AT SEVENTY.

W. B. Denton Co. Cuts His Throat With a Butcher Knife.

A WINE AND FRIENDS ROTTEN-EGGED.

Miss Annie Robe Struck by Lightning and Instantly Killed.

BRITAIN, Tex., Aug. 8.—About 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon W. B. Denton, who lived on the Lampasas river, about seven miles west of town, committed suicide by cutting his throat with a butcher knife.

Two-thirds of the church members of this country are women. The infidel sneeringly remarks: Is there anything about that to be ashamed of? Here is another fact: Out of 45,000 convicts in our state prisons more than 43,000 are men.

REMEMBER THAT it matters but little what green thing we undertake. Our glory is in what we accomplish. Nobody in the world cares for what we mean to do, but everybody will see our eyes by and by and see what men and women and little children have done.

THE most marked social change wrought in our time is the extraordinary increase in the number of educated women who voluntarily curtail their living by work. As history still looks back and weigh our time it will surely regard this change as the happiest of all that we have made.

If American citizens would content themselves with moderate wealth and divide their time and energy between their personal affairs and public affairs, it would be vastly better for themselves and for the nation as a whole, but this they are not doing; and this, therefore, a great national peril.

A HEALTHY woman is under no more actual restraint in the pursuit of her actual purposes of travel or other wholesome enjoyment than a man is if she only makes up her mind to consider herself primarily as a free-born human being and secondarily as a woman, instead of reversing the order as women usually do. A woman has only to make up her mind that it is perfectly "proper" for her to do any innocent thing that she has a mind to do in order to bring all harmless "good times" as completely within her horizon as they are within her brother's.

ONE seeming result of the decline of the old-time observance of the national holiday is that the rising generation of Americans are supposed to be losing one of the incentives to love of country through their loss of the imposing exhibitions of patriotism which were so generally made on each recurring Fourth of July by the authorities and by private citizens. We do not fully agree with this pessimistic view. Those who cherish it forget the millions of daily newspapers which in these days reproduce on paper

Good ventilation, clean clothes and pure air, should be provided for. Great care should be taken to see arrangements for the light of the school room that the pupils' eyes shall not be ruined either by insufficient or by improperly arranged light. School children of this country, because of inattention to this matter of proper light, become the victims of myopia oftener than any other class. They are forced, often, to strain their eyes, the light being dim and insufficient, falling upon their books from the wrong direction; and myopia short-sightedness—becomes almost universal among a large per cent of school children. This is too serious a matter to be treated indifferently by the custodians of our public schools.

It is true that there is much to be said in favor of great institutions of learning—that is, institutions that are attended by great numbers of students provided they are adequately endowed. They can have larger and better libraries and cabinets and scientific apparatus, and they can generally command the best talent in their faculties. But while this is true, it is also true that there are some drawbacks about numerous attended institutions, while the smaller ones offer some important advantages. The student in the former comes in personal contact with the really superior minds of the faculties only to a limited extent. The most of the recitations for the first two years at least, are made to tutors, and the student sees but little of the professors. The tutors are almost invariably scholarly and bright young men. It is true, but it can hardly be said that they are always the equals of the professors in the smaller institutions who come in daily contact with the students during the greater part of their course.

The mother who compels her children to wait for a second table or to eat with the servant or servants whenever she has company, simply because those children do not know how to behave before company, is not only doing them a grave injustice, but is casting a serious reflection on her own knowledge of the amenities and proprieties of life. She denies them the opportunity to learn by observation and convinces her guests if they think about the situation at all that her children are ill behaved. Every-day manners are all behaved always to be company manners. Let the child be fully instructed as the proper way to eat and made to eat that way when the family is alone and there need be no fear of embarrassment when guests are assembled about the board. A less observant one remarked: "I can tell almost exactly what the home life of a family is if I can have the children with me for an afternoon and during a meal. They may try to keep up company manners, but evidences of the real life will slip out the best they can do." Let the parents set a good example every day at the table and the children will naturally follow that example.

TEXAS STATE NEWS.

Choice Clusters of Grapes Condensed from Daily Reports.

RACY ROUND-UPS RENDERED READABLE.

A Rare Driveway of Items of Interest Gathered from Every Part of the Empire State.

Yokohama is after a system of water-sprinklers. The corn crop of Hall county is immense. Crops are looking well in Potter county. Breunham has received her first bale of new cotton. The cotton crop of Eastland county is looking well. Lathrop received her first bale of cotton a few days ago. A good rain has broken the several drought in Boxer county. The skeleton of a mastodon has been unearthed near Tallula. The Clarksville Artesian well has reached a depth of 320 feet. John Gilbert died from sunstroke at San Antonio a few days ago. The Abilene artesian well has reached a depth of 1500 feet. Denison authorities have succeeded in closing all gaming houses. Collin county crop prospects are better than for six years past. Fannin county cotton is doing well, but the corn crop is cut short. An effort is being made to organize a strike for the miners in the county. A heavy rain fell in Lee county and the drought is broken. A large part of the business portion of Midland was recently destroyed by fire. There is a project on foot at Wichita Falls to build a \$50,000 hotel near the depot. The brick work on the new Masonic temple at Sweetwater has been completed. Work on the foundation of the court house and jail at Memphis has commenced. The corn crop of Wise county will be an average and cotton is in fine condition. The assessed value of the taxable property of Clay county for this year is \$1,000,000. Baylor county has been visited by good rains and the cotton crop is in fine condition. While working in a planing mill at Longview Calvin Morgan, colored, had his foot planed off. Palo Pinto county has been visited by heavy rains and crop prospects were never better. The wife-awake citizens of Seymour have secured the location of a normal and business college. Work on Seymour's elegant new opera house is progressing rapidly and without intermission. An official survey is at last to be made of the long contested line between Clay and Lack counties. Corn in the neighborhood of Sweetwater, Nolan county, is cut short and cotton is suffering from drought. The late Mrs. Mary McManis, of Tarrant county, has held her grain for better prices. Tom Bova has been jailed at Fort Worth for attempting a criminal assault on Mrs. Mary McManis. A big yield of cotton is looked for in the vicinity of Grapevine, Tarrant county. The plant is looking fine. A few lights ago a 4-days-old baby was left at the door of E. M. Daggert, a prominent citizen of Fort Worth. The old court house at Sweetwater has been torn away and work on the new building will be commenced at once. D. H. Courtney, a farmer of Foard county, was recently overcome by heat while at work and died shortly after. The secretary of state's fees for the past month, which are set apart for the confederate home, amount to \$553.33. During a recent electric storm at Marshall several parties were shocked and knocked down, but none fatally injured. In the recent county seat contest between Stephenville and Dublin the former city was victorious by a large majority. Carl Wingo, son of Rev. J. C. Wingo, pastor of the Baptist church at Abilene, was fatally burned a few days ago. There is a move on foot to build a female college at Clarksville. The people are very much enthused over the matter. John Hamnell, a citizen of Winkler, near Corsicana, was recently found dead in his pasture. He had been kicked by his horse. During a recent row at Houston George Jackson was badly slashed with a razor in the hands of Charlie Griffin. Both colored. An infant about 3 days old was found in a basket placed at the door of Mr. Nelson, a citizen of Ireddell, Bosque county, a few nights ago. The San Angelo Ice company has closed down on account of scarcity of water. The North Concho river is said to be lower than for years. While out riding near Paris recently the son of Hedge Bland was thrown from his horse and so badly stunned that he was unconscious for several hours. John Sperry, a prominent and wealthy citizen of Hallettsville, was fatally injured a few days ago by falling from a tree while gathering grapes. Robert Rambles, farmer of the J. A. Bentley mill at Planck, was caught in the belt a few days ago and badly crushed, besides having his arm broken. The directors of the Cooke county fair, to be held at Gainesville are doing everything in their power to push the enterprise and make it a success. A watermelon was recently exhibited at Belton which weighed eighty-four pounds. It was two feet and one inch long and forty-three inches in circumference. Allen Wilder, a negro, recently stabbed a white woman in the back by the side of the road and she will probably die from the wound. The negro made his escape. A shooting scrape occurred at Ryle, near Orphan's Home, recently between two brothers named Holman and G. Gierresse, in which one of the

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As most girls and boys doubtless know, the earth on which we live is one of the eight planets which are continually revolving around the sun, at different distances from it. These eight planets and their satellites, and the minor planets known as asteroids, form together with the sun, what is known as the solar system. Astronomers have calculated with remarkable accuracy the distances of these planets from each other and from the sun. Now, at one time, Mercury, Venus, Earth, Jupiter and Saturn were the only planets known to astronomers, neither the asteroids, nor Uranus, nor Neptune yet having been discovered. According to Prof. Lockyer, this discovery that it was made, a row of four and placed under them the figures 0, 3, 6, 12, 24, 48, 96, thus:

Table with 4 rows of numbers: 0 3 6 12 24 48 96, 4 4 4 4 4 4 4, 2 2 0 12 24 48 96, 4 7 10 16 25 32 40

By adding, we get an odd series of numbers. They represent very nearly the relative distances from the sun of the planets above mentioned, as follows: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn.

As fifty-two in the above series represents the relative distance of Jupiter from the sun, the distance of the other planets may be approximately represented by the fifth part of the series.

The surprising accuracy, however, with which the series represented the distances of the other planets, has many astronomical facts firmly believed that the number twenty-eight stood for an undiscovered planet.

When, some years later, upon the discovery of the planet Uranus, it was found that the position of this planet was very nearly represented by the term of Bode's series, 196, an organized search for the suspected planet was determined upon.

A society of astronomers was formed for this purpose, and a certain section of the heavens assigned to each member of the society.

The results of these efforts was the discovery of the asteroids, the first and largest of which, Ceres, was discovered on the first day of the present century.

Since that time about 300 of these small planets have been discovered. No satisfactory physical reason has yet been given to account for the workings of this law, which remains classed among the oddities of numbers.—Santa Clara.

Who Are the Canadians?

There is much nonsense written about the Canadian distinctive national type (I am now alluding to the French Canadian) as different from the American. A writer in the New England Magazine, only a person gifted with microscopic powers of observation can discover any essential difference between Canadianism, in the English-speaking progressive provinces and Americanism. This is dissimilarities which are not equally marked between the inhabitants of different sections of any country. There is not, for instance, the striking contrast that exists between the people of Massachusetts and those of Louisiana. It is worthy of remark also that there is more in common between an average Canadian from the East or West, and an average American hailing from the same section of the continent, than between a Londoner and a genuine Yorkshire man or Cornishman, as the former do speak the same tongue, and the latter do not. A genuine Yorkshire farmer in London is to all intents and purposes a foreigner.

Does Wood Absorb Disease Germs?

A celebrated physician has remarked that every house ought to be pulled down at the end of the sixtieth year, as it has by that time absorbed all of the disease germs of those who have lived in it. This idea is based on the theory that wood and plaster absorb gases, foul air and feverish exhalations as readily as milk or water does. But, as it is not practicable to tear down houses every half-century or so, some eminent authorities claim that all wood used in the interior construction of houses and all of the surface of plaster, should be thoroughly oiled or varnished, so that the power of absorption would be almost entirely destroyed. In the latter event the destruction of houses on sanitary grounds would no longer be desirable.—St. Louis Republic.

Carless New Yorkers.

In a city where there is such a scramble for money it is somewhat remarkable that New Yorkers run such risks with great sums. A little man with \$100,000 in the pocket of his overcoat hurried through a crowd in New York street one day holding an umbrella the fingers of the other. An ordinarily expert pickpocket could have gotten away with the money without detection. The money was sent to Brown Bank, banking house to deposit a certified check for \$65,000. He went along swinging it in his hand. In front of the bank he tried to balance the check on end. He played with the valuable paper as New York Advertiser.

A Woman's Heart.

Myers—"Do you think Angie loves me?" Tomson—"Well, I'll tell you how you can find out. You go across the room and begin to flirt with Miss Parpley. If Angie gets mad and scolds, she probably loves you. If she will hang up your little—it's all on the surface; but if she appears as calm as a June morning and smiles like an angel, her heart is yours. Try it and I'll watch."—Litt.

History of Tea.

The romance of science probably embraces no more striking story than the old-fashioned history of tea. From this troublesome waste of a few years ago, now made 20 of them being fast days of general utility, and 30 more fast enough for all practical requirements. The value of the coal tar colors annually produced in Great Britain and on the continent has reached some \$25,000,000.

How Easy It Seemed Afterward.

"Sozzie is engaged to Maude Fort. How? I am glad of it, too, because I think she is the kind of girl to help a man along."

"She is indeed. They say he never would have proposed if she hadn't helped him over the hardest part of it."—Harper's Bazar.

Kingdom Comes High in Atlanta, Ga.

A stevedore there who "stole a sky suit" from a wealthy merchant and was sent to court for his audacity, and was fined \$500.