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DEATH OF B. J. HIBBERT.

Benjamin J. Hibbert Found Dead in His Room Yesterday.

Benjamin F. Hibbert, a switchman, 35 years old, committed suicide between 11 o'clock Saturday night and 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon in a room at the Windsor hotel on sixth street. When his body was discovered at 3 o'clock clenching in his right hand was an empty bottle labeled morphine. Hibbert had been rooming at the hotel for several months, and for the past two months he had been complaining of feeling ill. He suffered considerable pain during the past month and used morphine to alleviate his sufferings. About 9 o'clock Saturday night he retired apparently in good spirits.

About 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the chambermaid went to the room occupied by Hibbert for the purpose of cleaning it. She knocked on the door but receiving no response, left and started on her other duties. At 3 o'clock she again went to the room and received no responses to her raps so she reported the matter to the clerk. He went to the room but repeated knocking failed to bring an answer. Then a ladder was procured and James Moore, a bell boy, climbed to the transom. He saw Hibbert lying on the bed, apparently asleep and called to him but received no response. Then he climbed through the transom and going to the bed found that Hibbert was dead. The body was removed to the morgue. Hibbert left nothing which would give a clue to the cause of his act.—Monday's Globe-Democrat.

The remains of B. J. Hibbert were brought to this city and taken to the home of his father, Joseph Hibbert, Monday evening. Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock the funeral services were conducted at the house by Rev. Graves, after which the remains were laid to rest in the city cemetery.

By those who knew Mr. Hibbert it is hardly thought probable that he took the drug with suicide intent, but believe that he simply took an overdose to alleviate pain.

The Closing of the Century.

This is the last week of the century, a century reveling in the benign kindness and mercy of God—full of the products of the energy of brains of man. When we think of the wonderful progress of the 19th century it is impossible for us to anticipate the climax of the 20th Century.

The closing year of the century is the grandest of them all. Its influence will be for reaching in guiding the destiny of the greatest nation on the globe.

May the God of our Fathers guide the workmen on the Ship of State so that they will build wisely and well and thereby insure to our posterity the immeasurable blessings we have so long enjoyed.

As the stroke of twelve draws near we desire to thank most cordially those who have been with us and encouraged us in the progress of our labors here. From the paper was enlarged words of encouragement commenced to come in even more and stronger now than at first.

Our subscription list grows larger day by day. The future takes on a rosy hue for The Tribune is here to stay.

We are making the paper better every day. Our readers are invited to visit our office and see how busy we are.

With gratified hearts for many favors received we pray that the future may have even more in store for you than the past.

J. G. Crane of Williamsburg, was on our streets Friday.

Mrs. A. B. Lail came up Sunday and will remain here visiting her parents, John Ham and wife.

Mr. Middlekamp of Belleflower, was on our streets Saturday.

John W. Davis and wife, of Belleflower, came in Saturday to spend Xmas with the latter's parents, A. C. Logan and wife.

I. J. SIMS DEAD.

A Sad Story of a Prominent Audrain Farmer.

The following is taken from the Mexico Intelligencer relative to the death of Mr. I. J. Sims, one of Audrain's most successful farmers, who is well known in Montgomery county's most successful farmers and stock raisers, and for many years a prominent light in the Populist party in this part of Missouri, is dead.

"Mr. Sims came to Mexico yesterday, paid his taxes, chatted cheerfully with his friends, bought a bottle of morphine, returned to his beautiful country home near Thompson Station, retired about 8 o'clock to the upper south room, took a dose of the poisonous drug and died about 6:30 this morning.

"Whether he took the drug purposely to end his life is not known. Those who knew him best, were acquainted with his strong characteristics, are inclined to the opinion that he took the drug simply that he might rest easily. It is an undisputed fact that he had been ill more or less for the last three months and was recently unable to sleep well at night. He had talked to his wife last Monday night about taking morphine that he might get better rest, and it is her theory that, not knowing how to administer the drug, he simply took too much."

Death of Thomas Kerwin.

Thomas Kerwin, a son of Ned Kerwin and wife, died at Albuquerque, New Mexico, Wednesday Dec. 18th, of consumption.

Young Kerwin had been in New Mexico about three months, prior to which time he had been under treatment in St. Louis. His sister died of consumption about one month ago, and it was reported here then that Tom could not live much longer. His remains reached this place last Sunday afternoon and were taken to Rev. Father Grosse's where they were viewed by his father, mother and other relatives. The burial ceremonies were conducted by Father Grosse at the church, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Catholic cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Kerwin desire to thank their friends who kindly assisted at the funeral services of their son.

Knox District.

Christmas has come but with little prospect for snow and jingling of sleigh bells.

Mr. Robert Brower and family, Mr. Duke Pate and family attended the Oyster Supper at Danville, Thursday night.

Olia Knox, who is attending school at Sedalia, came home to spend Christmas with his mother.

Little Miss Evangeline Asbaugh, who has been visiting in St. Louis, the past three weeks, returned home Saturday.

Mr. Taylor Pate was in Montgomery, Thursday.

Our school dismissed Friday until Monday December 31st.

Miss Cora Moorehead, of Montgomery City, came down Thursday and visited Mrs. Cunningham until Saturday.

Mr. Miles Johnson is digging a well on his place.

Mr. Richards and niece, Miss Sarah Gregory, passed here Wednesday on their way to New Florence.

Miss Blanche D. Baskett went up home Friday, to visit her parents and spend Xmas.

The Montgomery High School Foot Ball Team went up and played the Centralia Team Xmas day which resulted in 22 to nothing in favor of the Centralia boys.

Hensley Bros., last week bought 9 head of good mules from White & Sturgeon. Price not learned.

Walter Hogsett of Gamma bought a choice span of mules from the Hensley Bros., of this city last Monday.

They had been friends at college. One of them was working his way, teaching during vacations and doing wage bringing work in addition to his studies during school terms. The other had apparently unlimited resource was the son of a multimillionaire and spent enough on trifles each year to have paid the first man's expenses. But both were Americans and became the warmest of friends. That was a quarter of a century ago. While they have met since, their lives have been a long different lines. The son of the Croesus has met with reverses and is to-day employed at a salary in a large mercantile house, earning less annually than he formerly spent monthly extravagantly. The young man who worked his way through college has profited by the lessons of thrift and economy learned in those early days and is now one of the wealthy men of the city. They met yesterday on equal terms, at the door of a poor family whom both had known in better days. There was the same hearty handclasp, the same affectionate greeting, that marked their relations in the college days. It was an illustration of the fact that wealth fosters no caste in America particularly Christmas time; the spirit of the holiday crowns rich and poor alike, all are equal when following the precepts and doing the work of him who brought to men the message of good will.

CLEVELAND, O., December 25.—Senator Hanna was informed to-day of a statement that there was a powerful lobby in favor of the subsidizing of America shipping at the Philadelphia convention. He said there was no lobby at the Philadelphia convention. He added: "The subsidy bill is a good measure. There is no desire to force it through Congress. We want it to go through on its merits. It has been amended twenty times. The President, in all his messages, has urged the necessity of some such measure, and it was made a plank in the St. Louis platform and the Philadelphia platform. The details are left to congress to work out."

If anyone who is a member of one of our evangelical churches believes that card playing, moderate drinking, attendance upon balls and dancing is not death to Christian piety and church attendance, he need not go far to secure the proof that his belief is wrong. The ministry is about if not quite as strong as it ever was, but the number of empty pews is far greater now, in most of our churches than ever before. Officers and ministers in our churches seem to be, to a large extent afraid or else powerless to rid the church of Christ of this "dead body" that has fastened itself upon the very vitals of the sanctuary of God on earth.

If the Republican party desires to win in 1902, it should do all in its power to extend the circulation of Republican county papers. The TRIBUNE has enlarged to meet the demands of its readers, and now we would like to have every reader try to get us one more cash subscriber for 1901. Remember this paper gives the news from practically every town and neighborhood in the county, and when you pay one dollar for the TRIBUNE you get all the news all the time.

The candidacy of Frank James for the position of doorkeeper of the Missouri house of representatives doesn't strike the Carthage Press at all favorably. "It would be just like the gang who usually hang around the state capital as the alleged representatives of the people", gowls the Press, "to elect James to this position. It will be a disgrace to the state if they do."

Would the people of Montgomery county put a man on the police force who had once been accused of robbing a house? See the latest developments under the new police law of St. Louis.

Protracted Meeting.

The members of the Christian church of Montgomery City, Mo., will hold a series of meetings, beginning Sunday, December 30, 1900, and continuing indefinitely. Their pastor, Elder J. H. Bryan will preach. The sermons and addresses for the first week are as follows:

DECEMBER.

30th, Sunday a. m. Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord.

" Sunday night, The Heart's Desire.

31st, Monday night, A Mother's Meeting.

JANUARY.

1st, Tuesday night, What is the Church For?

2nd, Wednesday night, The Woman, She Did It.

3d, Thursday night, The Journey of Life.

4th, Friday night, Why am I a Protestant?

5th, Saturday night, Difference Between Montgomery and Heaven.

All are cordially invited.

A GREAT MODERN NEWSPAPER.

When all that portion of the United States west of the Missouri and Kaw rivers was a trackless wilderness, nearly half a century ago, the first issues of the world's greatest newspapers appeared. St. Louis which was then a mere overgrown town on the western frontier of civilization, has developed into a great commercial metropolis, and that great modern newsgatherer, the St. Louis Globe Democrat, has kept pace with the progress of its city and section. It has been, from its first issue to the present time, the children's tutor, the youth's counselor, the woman's companion, the farmer's instructor, and friend. Its circulation extends to every state and territory in the union to Canada and Mexico and to every part of the world where there are readers of the English language. It ought to be in your home during the coming year. See advertisement elsewhere in this paper.

SANKEY'S FORTHCOMING BOOK.

Ira D. Sankey has returned to this country to devote his time to a book to be called "The Story of the Hymns." He has been nine years collecting material for it. "I propose to make a tour of the country," said Mr. Sankey, on his arrival from England one day last week. "I want to discover if sufficient interest can be gotten for a new training school of gospel singers which I have in view. I want to get men who can sing church music successfully, and after I locate them, to establish headquarters in New York."

Colored School Entertainment.

A number of old people will hold a Teachers' Institute at the opera house, Friday evening, Dec. 28th. This promises to be a very interesting and amusing entertainment. Papers dealing with educational subjects will be read and discussed. There will be plenty of good music. All are cordially invited to attend. Admission, reserved seats, 20c. General admission, 15 cents.

Young Cudahay's papa will doubtless keep better tab on his luckless son in future. The best way to keep children from getting kidnapped is to make home so pleasant they won't want to leave it or if they do want to leave have the door securely locked.

Of course we know the young man was sent on an errand but it might have happened even if he had been out on a lark.

In spite of his screams, a Missouri maiden of thirty summers dragged a 19-year-old lad over into Brown county the other day and married him. A local paper speaks of it as an elopement, though such a careless compounding with abduction is not to be approved.

Xmas With the Churches.

Monday eve, nearly all the churches in Montgomery gave Christmas candies, oranges, bananas, etc to the S. S. children and a general happy time was experienced by both old and young. At the First Presbyterian church the distribution of Christmas gifts was under the supervision of Col. Warner Lewis and Mrs. I. C. Uptegrove assisted by Miss Nellie Powell, Herman Will and Walter Ball. Mrs. Uptegrove had charge of the literary program which was good considering that it was gotten up in so short a notice. The Christmas Carrol by a class of little girls led by little Miss Mildred Scott in a beautiful solo which she sang very sweetly. Little Misses—Scott and—Crandall rendered interesting recitations as did Miss—Crandall. The solo by Miss Knoeffer was most appropriate and well sung.

The entire school then by a ruse-voce extended their thanks to Miss Louise Atwood who provided the Xmas treat for the Sunday School, after which all went home and hung their stockings up for Santa Claus to fill with toys and candies.

AT M. E. CHURCH.

A treat was given the Sunday school. A small tree was erected and beautifully decorated and illuminated with wax candles. Santa Claus, having the misfortune of upsetting his sleigh on the road and was delayed awhile, but "Yo r Uncle Fuller" got there just the same, and in time to distribute the candies, nuts and oranges among the children. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the pastor and Superintendent, there was no literary program rendered. The house was well filled, and all enjoyed the occasion.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Besides the usual treat of oranges rendered and exercise designed to teach the truths concerning the Birth of Christ. The decoration consisted of a manger and hay rack, and above them a large star. The songs, recitations and concert exercises were at appropriate to the occasion.

WORLEY-BORDEAUX.

Nat Worley and Miss Rose Bordeaux were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. M. A. Bordeaux, in New Florence, Tuesday Dec. 25, at seven o'clock p. m. Rev. James Bell of Montgomery City, performed the ceremony.

Quite a number of relatives and friends of both parties were present to witness the happy event. A number of nice presents were received.

After the ceremony, the bride and groom left for the home of the groom near New Florence, where they will go to house keeping at once.

The happy couple start out with the hearty congratulations of a wide circle of friends.

The bride had been employed in the TRIBUNE office since last August and was a most valuable and worthy compositress. The TRIBUNE extends hearty congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Worley.

We are glad to know that the closing days of the Nineteenth Century and the closing days of the Twentieth Century witness the United States under Republican rule. It means that the United States will still stand triumphant among the nations of the earth.

Mr. J. C. Lewis, of the J. C. Lewis St. Plunkard Co., is a Phenomenal Whistler, and his whistling specialty is received with wonder and admiration. He does not use his fingers to whistle, which makes his whistling more wonderful.

The consensus of opinion among our merchants is that their fall business has been heavier than it has been for years, and some people tells us there is no money in the country.

Wonder what the Missouri legislature will do for the so called decadent counties.