

"RUSHED" INTO ETERNITY.

Henry Walter, a Young Telegraph Operator, Commits Suicide at the Palace Hotel.

Two Mournful Messages and a Pathetic Farewell Letter - "I Am Thinking of the Folks at Home."

The Palace hotel is a newly painted, large frame building standing at the northeast corner of Ohio and Pacific streets, and there, this morning, in a little room on the second floor, facing southward, Henry Walter took his life.

Henry Walter arrived in Sedalia on the train from the south at 6 o'clock last Thursday evening. Upon alighting at the union depot he was met by John Hester, the colored porter, and by him taken to the Palace hotel a block away, the porter

CARRYING HIS VALISE. Walter registered as from Azenzville, Ill., washed and then sat down to supper. At the same table sat the landlady, Mrs. Annie Ingram, who says that she noticed nothing unusual about her new guest, save that his eyes were extremely red and inflamed, as though he had been weeping.

The same evening that Walter arrived, a traveling woman named Mc Reynolds was robbed at the Union depot and she, too, was a guest at the Palace hotel. She was sitting at the supper table or in an adjoining room and was hysterically relating her sorrows and misfortunes, when Walter turned to Mrs. Ingram and with a light laugh remarked that he believed the woman was crazy.

PAID RAFT ATTENTION to all that was said by persons in the dining-room.

After supper he sat about the office and retired at a reasonable hour, being assigned to room No. 17. The following morning he ate a hearty breakfast and was in and out of the hotel during the remainder of the day. About 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon he fell in with the hotel porter, John Hester, and invited him into a saloon to take a drink.

READING THE NEWSPAPERS. Who knows but that, on the eve of his own tragic death, he was reading of Boulanger or Balmaceda or some humbler tired creature who had felt the burden of life greater than he could longer bear.

Mrs. Ingram's room is on the first floor and immediately beneath that occupied by the unfortunate man. He had retired at 10 o'clock and requested the porter to come to his room sometime during the night, but the negro was tired and sleepy and neglected to do so, fortunately, no doubt for him.

About daybreak yesterday morning Mrs. Ingram was awakened by the falling of the stove drum in room 17, and the groaning of the man. She looked at her watch to see what time it was, but was excited and failed to note the hour. She called the porter

and told him to hasten to room 17, as she believed the occupant of it had a fit. Hester was quite sleepy and a little slow in responding. He reached the room in a few minutes, however, and found Walter lying on the floor, with a

REVOLVER BY HIS SIDE. The negro was frightened and he hurried to awaken two newspaper men - Messrs. Brennan and Leach, from St. Louis, who with him returned to the room. The suicide was lying on his back, breathing heavily, moving his hands and still groaning. A hasty examination showed a bullet wound in the left temple, from which but little blood had flowed. The temple was badly powder burned and the hair was singed off.

The colored porter, upon the advice of his two friends, replaced the revolver as he had found it, and then hastened up town

GIVING THE ALARM. Officer McGhee hurried to the hotel and the man was still alive. He then aroused Dr. W. C. Overstreet, but when he arrived a few minutes later, Walter was almost gone.

In the pockets of the clothing were found a pocket-book for coin, containing \$6.02 in silver. Another large pocket-book held one \$20 and one \$10 bill. In the vest pocket was an open-faced gold watch and chain, with a small charm; also a pocket knife, two Missouri Pacific railway checks and two photographs in an envelope, addressed "H. Walter, Barrons, Illinois."

Among the letters found in the pockets was one from his father, V. Walter, postmarked Azenzville, Ill., and dated August 8. It was an affectionate epistle and proposed that Henry should pay the old home a visit for a few days, before accepting a position elsewhere, than at the place he then resided.

There was also a letter from Superintendent L. F. Sheldon, of this city, of the Missouri Pacific telegraph service, dated August 23, 1891, in reply to a letter from the deceased, postmarked Riggston, Ill., and dated August 24, in which he had requested a position as an operator here.

UPON THE DRESSER, before whose large mirror he had evidently stood and shot himself in the left temple, were

THREE MESSAGES and a farewell letter. One message was written on a Western Union telegram blank in pencil and read as follows:

PROPRIETOR PALACE HOTEL: - Please lay my body out and take care of it until my brothers reach here. Take these messages to the office and rush them as addressed. Do this before you do anything else.

The following messages, written also in pencil on small slips of white paper, were addressed respectively to his brothers, Dr. F. Walter, Perry, Mo., and Wm. Walter, 2223 Pine street, St. Louis:

Send this message (rush) to Dr. F. Walter, Perry, Mo.

Your brother Henry died here this morning. Come and dispose of his body. Answer. PALACE HOTEL.

Send this message to Wm. Walter, 2223 Pine street, St. Louis, Mo.

Your brother Henry died here this morning. Come and dispose of his body. Answer. Have wired Fred the same. Rush. Collect.

PALACE HOTEL. HIS FAREWELL LETTER.

Besides the above message, there was found sealed in a Western Union envelope the following pathetic farewell letter, written neatly in pencil on both sides of a telegram blank.

ever returns. It was directed to Wm. or F. Walter, care proprietor of the Palace hotel, with, "please hand to one of the boys on their arrival." It is as follows:

MY DEAR BROTHER OR BROTHERS: - If you think not best to take me home, bury me here. You should find in my possession \$36.92 in cash and notes to give me a decent burying and pay your expenses. I am disgusted, and ready to die, have been feeling very bad for the past few days and have concluded to take my life. Please don't think hard of me for it, for it is an easy matter to do, and you will not miss me, as we do not get to see one another often, no way. Thanking you for all you have done for me and I trust when we meet again it will be in Heaven.

At 8 o'clock the body was removed from the hotel to McLaughlin's and Constable Ramsey at once

SUMMONED A JURY, composed of the following gentlemen: Messrs. W. D. Owens, J. G. Perdue, F. F. Westzel, J. W. Bryan, I. J. Morris and J. A. Fieber. The testimony in the case is summarized in the above and the verdict of the jury was in accordance with the facts as stated.

Mr. George Edmondson, chief clerk of Supt. L. F. Sheldon, stated on the witness stand that he knew deceased slightly in an official way. He had been working temporarily for the Missouri Pacific company on the Eastern division at Hermann, Mo., and was then transferred to Rich Hill. "I wired him an order on the 8th inst.," said Mr. Edmondson, "to have him sent from there to Horace, Kan. I received a reply that he had started for Sedalia. He came here on the 8th, but for some reason failed to report to our office."

William Walter, a brother of the deceased, who is also a telegraph operator in St. Louis, arrived in the city yesterday afternoon, and at once hastened to the undertaking rooms. It was an affecting scene - this young man standing and weeping above

THE COLD REMAINS of him who had so cruelly slain himself. The .38 calibre ball had lodged just within the skin above the right ear and had made but little disfigurement. The light blonde hair was neatly brushed back from a fine, high forehead, and the handsome, youthful features were so placid as to leave but trifling trace of the tragic end of this unhappy mortal.

In a brief interview with the brother from St. Louis, he said to a Bazoo representative, "I can not understand why Henry should have done this. I can not imagine the remotest cause. He was a sober young man and of a happy, light-hearted disposition. After leaving school about three years ago, he entered the telegraph service and had worked for the C. B. & Q., and Missouri Pacific roads. He had always been thrifty and faithful. The last time I saw him was in St. Louis about two weeks ago, when he stayed a day with me as he was on his way to Hermann, Mo. There was no sign of anything wrong with him then. There has never been any trace or

TAIN OF SUICIDE in our family. Our mother is dead. Our father, who is sixty years old, resides in Azenzville, Ill., and this affair will be a hard blow to him. My brother was twenty-four years old and unmarried."

Last evening, on the 5:45 train from the north, Dr. F. Walter, another brother of the deceased, and a practicing physician at Perry, Ralls county, Mo., arrived in the city, and was seen a little later by a Bazoo representative.

"I should not have been more surprised had the moon dropped from the sky, than I was when I received the telegram announcing my brother's suicide," sadly said the doctor. "He visited me about six weeks ago in Perry, and seemed in his usual cheerful and buoyant mood. He was never lacking employment and held responsible positions. I cannot possibly account for my brother's action, unless he was attacked by melancholia and in this condition, being in a strange town, among strangers, concluded to take his life."

The body was neatly attired, placed in a handsome casket and, accompanied by the bereaved brothers, taken last night to St. Louis, thence to Azenzville, where the funeral will take place this afternoon.

Coroner Muehl conducted the whole affair, so far as his duties were concerned, in an admirable manner. He showed every courtesy to the members of the press, and did all in his power to accommodate the sorrowing relatives - Doctor and William Walter.

BAZOO GOSSIP.

"Did you know," remarked a prominent minister to the Gossiper, "that this is a great church-going community. Nearly every Sabbath the commodious buildings dedicated to the worship of God, are filled. And, besides, Sedalia has expended more in the erection of churches than any city of similar size in the west. They are all in a flourishing condition and the members as well as out-iders are very liberal in their contributions. Whatever else Sedalia may be, it is no Sodom or Gomorrah."

"Chloroform has different effect upon persons of different nationalities," said a physician to the Gossiper, yesterday. "The Irishman, when under the influence of chloroform grows violent, and is very hard to manage. The German takes things very easy, and is easier handled than persons of any other nationality. The Frenchman does a great deal of talking and throws his limbs around considerably but soon weakens and becomes docile. The American is a good deal like the Irishman, and exhibits his strong characteristic - that of having his own way."

"It is just this way," said a plain, sensible farmer, yesterday to the Gossiper. "I am a member of the Alliance. I believe in its principles and think that an organization of the kind is just as necessary for the farmer as it is for any trade or profession. At the same time, when I joined the Alliance I didn't presume for a moment that they would attempt to make the concern a political organization. The majority of the farmers of this state, at least, want to keep this organization aloof from politics, and they will either do that or wreck the Alliance. If a few loud-mouthed blatherskites think they can lead the farmers of Missouri around by the ear, they will soon find how badly mistaken they are."

Mr. John Singleton, of Dayton, Ohio, a merchant of that city is in Sedalia on a visit to a relative. He was present at the "meeting" of the political giants" at Ada, Ohio, last Thursday, and to the Gossiper said: "It was the largest and most enthusiastic meeting I ever attended and was pretty evenly divided politically. Notwithstanding the intense partisanship there was absolutely no bad feeling manifested. From the two great candidates down to the humblest follower there seemed a good feeling socially, but politically, great Lord, how they fought each other inch by inch. There must have been 20,000 people present. Who got the best of the argument? Well, ask any democrat and he will tell you the laurels rest with Gov. Campbell. Ask a republican the same question, and he will be equally emphatic in the assertion that Maj. McKinley carried off the honors."

"From all reports," remarked Recorder Pilkington to the Gossiper, "I am expecting within the next few days a deluge of applications for marriage licenses. I can count a dozen myself whom I am expecting each moment to march blushing into my office. I think novelists and poets will have to revise their rhapsodies on the 'leafy month of June' as the season when lovers build bowers and woo the hymeneal deity. The crown that June has so long worn as the wedding month has been transferred to autumn-hued October. Not only at home, but the columns of newspapers at other points are filled with accounts of society events in which a ring, two young people and a clergyman are the predominating features. The gentlemen with houses to rent and furniture to sell go about with smiling faces. However, you can tell the thousands of readers of the BAZOO who are yet unwed that there is no danger of too much of a tax on this office. They can come on with their applications. I have a corps of clerks who delight in such business."

A cranky disciple of the sub-treasury scheme not long ago approached a minister in the city, and asked him in a most serious manner if he couldn't endorse the sub-treasury business in his sermon the coming Sunday. This is equalled by the following from the Emporia Republican: "A man of rather disreputable character died in a remote part of Waterloo township a short time since. The neighborhood concluded, as was the custom, to have his funeral preached, so they went off for a preacher. He came and preached a sort of general sermon, winding up by saying that he knew nothing about the deceased and therefore could not say anything, but he would gladly hear anyone in the congregation who might have a word to say. All were dumb. Again the invitation was extended, but no response. After a few moments' silence, an old fellow, who occupied a back seat, arose and said: 'If no one has anything to say about the corpse, I would like to make a few remarks on the sub-treasury.'"

ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT.

Almost Completed at Moberly, Mo. - a Big Enterprise.

A Monitor reporter visited the new electric light plant, which is located near the gas works, this morning. The building is 85x50 feet, built of Sandison's best brick. The workmen were all busy hoisting the Howe truss roof which is to be covered with slate. The floor will be of fire proof brick. In the boiler room there will be two new boilers and an engine of 250 horse-power. All the dynamos and apparatus are entirely new and of the latest and most improved patterns. The line men went to work this afternoon putting up the wire, which is of the best quality in use anywhere. The new light will probably be turned on November 1. The number of lights to start off with will be seventy-five and 700 incandescents, though the plant is capable of supplying double that amount. All the fixtures are on the ground and are being put in place as rapidly as the large force of men can do the work. Mr. Jas. Montgomery, of Sedalia, the superintendent, has planned this work well and wisely. He has left plenty of room in the large building to add more power. He has arranged every piece of machinery according to a drawn plan. This company is backed by plenty of capital and mean business. - Moberly Monitor.

Mr. J. R. Sheppard, manager of the Paris Co-operative Mercantile Institution, Paris, Idaho, says that for Colic produced by change of drinking water, Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is without an equal. It is quick and effectual and leaves no bad results. For sale by Aug T. Feischmann - Druggist.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MASS MEETING.

There will be a union Sunday school mass meeting at the Christian church to-day at 3 p. m. All ministers, Sunday schools, and Sunday school works of all denominations of the city and vicinity are cordially invited to be present. Short addresses will be made by L. M. Murphy, agent Missouri State Sunday School Association, G. W. Bassett, Prof. A. J. Smith, W. D. Fellows, Rev. Mr. Stephenson, Rev. Mr. Black and Rev. Mr. Boller. Good music will be rendered by Prof. Chance and others. A secretary of the Pettis county association will be elected. The public generally are cordially invited to be present. Let there be a full house. Come and let us spend a pleasant and profitable hour together. Pastors and superintendents will please make this announcement in their respective churches and Sunday schools, this morning.

JOHN N. DALEY, Pres. Pettis Co. S. S. Ass'n.

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We authorize our advertised druggist to sell you Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, upon this condition. If you are afflicted with La Grippe and will use this remedy according to directions, giving it a fair trial and experience no benefit, you may return the bottle and have your money refunded. We make this offer, because of the wonderful success of Dr. King's New Discovery during last season's epidemic. Have heard of no case in which it failed. Try it. Trial bottle free at Mertz & Hale's drug store. Large size 50c and \$1.

MURDER TRIAL.

The Killing of Anderson Hodges By William Ingram.

Mr. P. D. Hastain, of this city goes to Warsaw to-morrow, where he is an attorney for the prosecution of Wm. Ingram for the killing of Anderson Hodges. The case was brought to Benton county on a change of venue from Hickory county.

The circumstances are these: The mother of the defendant had some years before married old man Hodges, but subsequently a separation occurred, and the parties were having trouble over a piece of land. One day Ingram went into the woods where his step father was engaged in getting out fuel. An altercation took place and the old man was shot and killed by Ingram.

There were two witnesses to the affray - Cooper and Brackin - who will testify that the old man was making no threatening demonstrations when shot down. The attorneys for the defendant - Judge W. S. Shirk, of this city and John Blevins, of Versailles - will plead self-defense, on the ground that Hodges was endeavoring to draw a pistol.

The attorneys for prosecution are W. D. Harryman, prosecuting attorney for Hickory county and Mr. P. D. Hastain of this city.

DEATH OF MRS. HUGHES.

A Well Known and Popular Resident of This City.

Mrs. Catharine M. Hughes died at her home on Ohio, yesterday at noon. She was the daughter of Captain Oswald Kidd, the widow of Dr. B. F. Hughes, was born in Georgetown, Mo., in 1833, was married in 1859 and was the mother of seven children, four of whom are living, Messrs. Douglas Hughes, B. F. Hughes, W. C. Hughes and Miss Saddle Hughes, all residents of this city.

Mrs. Hughes suffered a paralytic stroke four years ago, the 29th of this month, and since that time has been an almost helpless invalid. She gradually grew weaker, however, and when another stroke of death came Friday, she could not withstand it and departed, as stated above, at her last in the presence of her loving and heart broken children.

The deceased was a woman of admirable worth and during her long illness she displayed the most remarkable fortitude, the most unswerving loyalty to the cause of the Master and with her face always turned to the star of hope which that Master's tender "come unto me" all ye that are heavy laden and oppressed" presented; she was resigned and when the final summons came she was prepared for the sleep which like the fall of an angel's wing comes to His beloved. The funeral services will be held to-morrow at 2:30 o'clock at the Christian church, of which she was a member, Elder Loggan of Sweet Springs officiating. The pall bearers selected are Messrs. Finis Arnold, F. A. Sampson, C. G. Taylor, M. L. Jacobs, Dr. Bronson and J. H. Looney. To the bereaved children, whose devotion to their long suffering mother was constant and unwearying, the BAZOO tender its sympathy, asking them to believe that -

"There is no pain there, nor any sighing, Nor any sorrow, nor any dying, And there, their dear mother will wait until they too shall come in His kingdom, as a golden circlet, once more the family band shall be reunited.

STABBED TO DEATH.

A Brother of the Murdered Man Stopping in Sedalia.

Morrison is the name of a little town situated in Gasconade county, this state. German Day was celebrated there last Saturday, but before its close a bloody and unprovoked tragedy had been enacted, the life of an industrious young man was ruthlessly taken and another young fellow is a fugitive from justice.

On the occasion mentioned Christian Plattner while walking up the street with a young lady, stepped into a saloon for a moment and left her standing at the door. There he was approached by a stranger named Fred Neff, who swore that he could "lick any d-d man in the house." Young Plattner, partly, if not wholly, in jest, replied that he, Neff, would have to lick him first, whereupon Neff plunged the blade of a long knife into his victim's abdomen. Neff fled from town at once and is still a fugitive, with \$500 reward offered for his arrest. Plattner lingered until last Monday, when he died.

Mr. George Plattner, a one armed telegraph operator, whose home is at Reese, Kan., has been in Sedalia today. He has been told that a brother of the man who slew his brother resides here and was trying to find him. He says that Neff has slain three men.

JOE'S RESIGNATION.

Joe H. Simpson, the well known treasurer of Wood's opera house has resigned his position to take effect Nov. 1, and will go with his family to St. Louis, where he has accepted the position of business agent for the Missouri Press Association.

Mr. Simpson has occupied his position at the opera house for the past three years and by his gentlemanly courtesy and genial disposition has won the esteem of all classes. The Press Association has undoubtedly secured a hustler and is to be congratulated.

A CONSCIENTIOUS EDITOR.

We advertise at present for a firm whose preparations have proven to be all they claim in our family. We refer to Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. We stand up for this medicine because we have tested it. This is not an advertisement for the medicine, it is simply our testimony regarding it after a fair trial. - Houtzdale, (Pa.) Observer. For sale by Aug T. Feischmann - Druggist.

-McClellan leads in wall paper.