

A Pencil in a Man's Body.

HARTFORD, Ct., Feb. 2.—Over five weeks ago a Hartford man had a fall and was rendered insensible. After being taken home a surgeon discovered a slight wound in his body, close by the heart, and thought the man had either been stabbed or shot. A few days later, however small pieces of black lead began to come out of the wound, and it was then concluded that in falling the point of a lead pencil which the man had in his vest pocket had penetrated the body. Probing, later brought out a little wood. To-day the surgeons, who have watched the case with much interest, used the knife and to their astonishment a whole lead pencil, which had been sharpened but once, was extricated. It was 5 3/8 inches long, and the wood was split in two. It had been completely imbedded below the chest, and not half an inch from the heart. The man is very weak, but it is thought he will recover.

"There is a tide in the affairs of men, which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune." This saying has passed into the familiarity of a household phrase, and there are, no doubt, in all degrees and circumstances, people earnestly impressed with its teaching; but there is one class in particular which, decidedly averse to burdening itself with any affairs whatever, seems the most inclined to place its implicit reliance upon an idea so alluring to its indolent soul, and to await vainly, even through a lifetime, the fulfillment of its cherished dream.

Yet it is possible that there happens at some time during the experience of every man an occurrence which prompt and proper action may make, in some special walk, the foundation of future success; but it is a question as to how often this favorable occasion is made to serve its purpose. It is certain, however that failures to grasp the fleeting moment are not as frequent, and, doubtless, as much distress has followed the embarking at an unpropitious season as from failure to take advantage of an auspicious event. Many have thus been carried off on the ebb, to struggle and toil for a return to the point from which they made their unlucky plunge. Some men seem to be always "catching up." If there was half the discretion and vigor displayed in going ahead as there is in the endeavor to regain lost ground, we should have to record fewer victims of their own incautious management.

Discrimination to discern, and decision and tact to turn to account the valuable opportunity of his life, are essential to the whole advancement of every individual, and, when to these qualities are added the virtues of stability and industry, the possessor may indeed feel that he has at his command all the elements which constitute this magic flood tide which can lead him to fortune. Difficulties in the way of such a man but tend to increase his onward progress; he surmounts an obstacle only to gain additional impetus from the ascent, and he is borne safely on past the whirlpools of hazard to a success of his own making.—[Broadstreet.

An aged Christian, with the snow of time on his head, may remind us that those points on earth are whitest which are nearest Heaven.

A Family's Terrible Suffering.

It develops that the blizzard of last Saturday, when it blew moderately hard with the mercury from 21 to 40 degrees below zero, was the severest in human history. The particulars of the fate of the German family on Elm River were received to-night. They were moving from a shanty into a new house, and were anxious to get settled in better quarters before Thursday, and before the prevailing blizzard grew worse, and the mother was confined. The little boys were bundled up and placed in a dry goods box. The father and mother were carrying things into their new house when the over-exertion made her sick and caused her suddenly to give birth to a child in the new cold house. The father stopped with her for some time and then went after another boy and girl that were making their way from the shanty to the house. He succeeded in bringing them to their mother. He then went after the two little boys in the box, who were wrapped up more securely than the larger boy and girl, that he had piloted in first. The storm evidently blew harder and the man got numb and bewildered. When found he was by the box, and apparently had attempted to raise it on his back to carry it and the boys to the house. In that effort he failed, and losing control of his faculties fell down and passed into dreamland. One little boy was found sitting upright and the other with his head dropping forward into his brother's lap. The former had bit his lips while his teeth continued to chatter. The boy and girl were badly frozen in the legs, arms, and face, but not fatally. The father, not returning to the house told the mother his fate, and she, after several hours of physical and mental suffering, started for a neighbor, half a mile distant. She walked part way and rolled a part. How she got through is more than she knows. The neighbors went in search of the father and boys, and found them as stated, stone dead. The newborn infant perished. Strange as it may appear, the mother escaped with only a few frost marks.—[Dakota Dispatch.

Sudden Death.

Mr. Jethro S. Courtney, and old citizen of this parish, who returned on Wednesday evening last from a visit to his daughter living at Selma, Alabama, stopped at the residence of Mr. C. L. Hays, his neighbor, and at whose house his only son was sojourning. After spending the evening in social chat they retired, all in good health, Mr. Courtney and his son occupying the same room and same bed. At early dawn on Thursday morning the son spoke to his father, and receiving no response, placed his hand upon him in order to arouse him, and failing in this, felt of him and found that he was cold and lifeless. He called to Mr. Hays who entered the room and examined the father whose position and features indicated that he died without a struggle. The coroner held an inquest and reports that he came to his death from heart disease.—[Southern Watchman.

The bridge over the Sabine River on the Louisiana and Texas Railroad, has been finished, and our State and the Lone Star State have been linked together by rail.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Fourteenth District Court—Parish of Morehouse. W. T. Hall vs. J. M. Levy and M. Levy. No. 5515.

By virtue of an order of seizure and sale issued by the Hon. Fourteenth District Court in and for the parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana, I have seized and will proceed to sell, at the door of the court house, within the hours prescribed by law, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on

SATURDAY, the 21st day of February, 1880, the property pointed out in the writ to be seized, described as follows, belonging to J. M. Levy: His residence situated on Washington street, and commencing in the center line of said street, at an iron pin thirty feet east of the middle of the east boundary of lot No. one hundred and ninety-two, in block thirty-two in said town, whence an umbrella china bears south 33 1/2 degrees west 237-10 feet, thence south 59-5-4 degrees west, 356-1-10 feet to a point 3-9-19 feet east of west boundary of Vine street, thence north 2 degrees west seventy-five feet to a pin set, whence a red oak 10 in. marked X bears north ten degrees west, 46-2-10 feet, thence south 23-1 degrees west 250-2-100 feet to a pin set, thence north 78-2-10 degrees west 130 feet to a pin set, thence north 68-2-10 degrees west 130 feet to a pin set, thence north 129-1-10 feet to set pin, whence a pine 10 inches marked X bears north 80 degrees east 52-2-10 feet, thence west 478-2-10 feet to a pin set on Washington street, whence a hackberry 12 inches marked X bears north 59-2-10 degrees west 22-7-100 feet, thence south 6-1-2 degrees west to the place of beginning, containing 2-53-100 acres of land more or less.

Also twenty-two 50-100 feet of the west side of lot forty-five and all of lot forty-six in block number 6, in said town together with all the buildings and improvements thereon situated; and especially the following described land belonging to Matthew Levy, to-wit: First, his storehouse and lot described as commencing at a point on Madison street on the Southern boundary of block six in said town, one hundred and thirteen and 50 hundredths feet west of southeast corner of said lot, running thence west sixty-four feet, thence north one hundred and fifty feet, thence east thirty-two feet, thence south seventy-one feet to the place of beginning. Second, his residence, described as the north fifty feet of lots 135 and 143 in block 13 in said town, said lots having a front of fifty feet on Washington street by a depth of three hundred feet back or east between parallel lines, all of said lots of land, together with all the rights, titles, privileges and improvements thereto belonging.

Terms of sale—Cash without appraisal. WM. P. DOUGLASS, Sheriff. Jan. 16, '80.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

STATE OF LOUISIANA—Fourteenth District Court, Parish of Morehouse. W. T. Hall vs. James Campbell et al. No. 5514.

By virtue of an order of seizure and sale, issued by the Hon. 14th District Court, in and for the parish of Morehouse, in the above entitled suit and to me directed as Sheriff of said parish and State, I have seized as directed in the writ, and will proceed to sell at the door of the court house, within the hours prescribed by law, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on

SATURDAY, the 21st day of February, 1880, the following described property, and described in the writ as the north half of lots No. one hundred and seven and one hundred and eight (107 and 108) in block No. fourteen (14), fronting seventy-five feet on Washington street, by three hundred feet on Cypress street, and seventy-five feet on Vine Street, together with all the buildings and improvements situated thereon, with all the rents and revenues for the year 1880, or due thereon, said property being situated in the town of Morehouse.

Terms of sale—Cash, with the benefit of appraisal. WM. P. DOUGLASS, Sheriff. Jan 16-80

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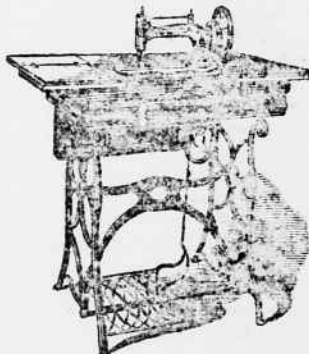
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