

## COMMITTED SUICIDE AT ASYLUM

Chas. Werdan, an inmate of the asylum, aged 30 years, committed suicide at that institution yesterday morning by hanging himself. He tied a silk handkerchief around his neck and one of the window guards, the turned his back to the window and sat down. The result was strangulation. Coroner Clough was called, and after examining the circumstances thoroughly exonerated the asylum officials and attendants from any carelessness in the matter.

Werdan was committed from Coos county on March 30th, of this year. He was suffering from mental confusion, and his mind was a blank. He improved and he was paroled from the ward a few weeks afterward, but took a relapse and grew worse. He developed slight suicidal tendencies, and the usual care was taken to prevent his self-destruction.

Yesterday morning he arose at the customary hour and prepared for breakfast. It was noticed by some of the attendants that he did not get down to the table, and after waiting a few minutes search was instituted for him, and he was found in his room dead.

He was a native of Austria, and has been in this country for several years. His parents recently furnished him a ticket to return to his native land, but he was not in condition to travel, and it was impossible to comply with their request. He has no relatives in the United States, and the authorities will bury the remains.

## TORMENTING RHEUMATISM

Columbus, Ohio, May 20, 1903.  
Six years ago I had a severe attack of Inflammatory Rheumatism. I was laid up in bed for six months, and the doctors had did me no good. They changed medicines every week and nothing they prescribed seemed to help me. Finally I began the use of S. S. S. My knee and elbow joints were swollen terribly, and at one time my joints were so swollen and painful that I could not close them when opened. I was so bad that I could not move knee or foot. I was getting discouraged, you may be sure, when I began S. S. S., but as I saw it was helping me I continued it, and to-day I am a sound well man and have never had a return of the disease. S. S. S. purified my blood and cured me of this severe case of Rheumatism after everything else had failed. I have recommended it to others with good results.  
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### PROHIBITION AND PROSPERITY.

Taxes, Rents and Property Values—Business Failures.

For the purpose of ascertaining what effect, if any, prohibition has on taxes and municipal prosperity, inquiries were recently addressed to the officers of some 1,200 towns having a population of 2,000 or more and located in all parts of the United States. To these inquiries 906 replies were received from towns under license and 262 were from prohibition or "dry" towns. The replies show that the average rate on the \$100 valuation was in 1902:

In prohibition towns .....\$2.43  
In license towns ..... 1.59  
The average rate, therefore, was 52 per cent higher in the prohibition than in the license towns.

It may be admitted that the rate of tax is not the only factor to be considered and is not conclusive. The financial condition of the various towns and the conditions of their public improvements, etc., must be taken into account to arrive at a fair conclusion as to the effects of license or prohibition on the public welfare.

Investigation showed that the average per capita indebtedness of the prohibition towns exceeded by 44 per cent that of the license towns.

In getting at the condition of the public improvements, etc., in the various towns difficulties were encountered and no actual percentages could be obtained. The overwhelming preponderance of testimony, however, was that in respect to streets, public buildings, schools and other public utilities, the license towns were in much better shape than those under prohibition.

From these investigations it appears that taxes and public debt increase under prohibition, while public improvements deteriorate. Such a result might reasonably be anticipated. If a very considerable revenue is taken away from a town through the refusal to grant license, that revenue must be either made good by additional taxes

or else the community must administer its affairs on a smaller total revenue. As a matter of fact, a middle course seems to have been pursued. In order to meet the loss of revenue formerly derived from license, the communities adopting prohibition appear to have raised a portion of the lost revenue by increased taxes and met the remaining deficiency by reducing their expenses—such reduction in expenses resulting in poorer streets, poorer public buildings and fewer repairs and various other economies.

The increase in taxes in prohibition communities is really greater than appears from the above figures because the depression in rents and in values, and, consequently in the tax paying ability of the property, should be considered. If all these elements are given their proper weight the conclusion is probably not far from correct that the adoption of prohibition doubles the actual tax rate.

Instances in which the tax rate has been enormously increased by the adoption of prohibition might be quoted at great length. In 53 towns in Kansas and North Dakota the average rate was in 1902 \$3.56 on the \$100 valuation. Taxes in Atlanta, Ga., under prohibition increased 40 per cent in one year and the city had to sell \$90,000 of gas stock which it owned to meet expenses.

#### To Receive Japanese Prince.

Washington, Oct. 31.—At the Japanese legation on N street there is much stir and bustle these days, for elaborate arrangements are being made for the reception and entertainment of Prince Fushimi, first cousin of the emperor, who is now on his way to San Francisco and is expected to arrive in this city about the latter part of next week.

Prince Fushimi is the ranking prince of the army, as Prince Arisugawa is of the navy. As a lieutenant-general he commanded the first division at the battle of Nanshan Hill, and participated in the preliminary operations before Port Arthur. He has since been promoted to a full generalcy.

The announcement that the prince will come first to Washington before visiting the St. Louis exposition, has given rise to a report that he has been sent to enlist the aid of President Roosevelt in bringing the war with Russia to a termination. This report is vigorously denied at the Japanese legation, who explain that he will call upon the President merely to pay his respects.

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Sealed bids will be received at the Executive Office, State Capitol, Salem, until 2 o'clock p. m., November 10, 1904, for furnishing wood for the several state institutions located at or near Salem, as follows:

- Insane Asylum, main building, 4500 cords first growth fir.
- Insane Asylum, Cottage Farm, 1500 cords first growth fir.
- Penitentiary, 700 cords first growth fir; 700 cords second growth; 100 cords oak.
- Reform School, 475 cords first growth fir; 450 cords second growth.
- Deaf Mute School, 350 cords first growth fir; 75 cords split ash or oak.
- Blind School, 80 cords first growth fir; 10 cords oak.
- Capitol Building, 400 cords first growth fir; 20 cords oak.

Bids on second growth fir wood for all or any part of the above will also be entertained.  
Bids will be received for all or any part. Cordwood must be cut while green, from sound timber, four feet long, reasonably straight, well seasoned, delivered as designated, at or near the several institutions, closely corded without bulkheads. Delivery may begin May 1st, and must be completed by October 1, 1905.

Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, payable to the Clerk, or cash equal to 25 cents per cord, to be forfeited to the state as damages, in case the bidder receiving the award shall fail to execute a contract to deliver the wood and furnish satisfactory bond. Successful bidders will be required within ten days after notification of acceptance of bid to enter into a contract and furnish a satisfactory bond. Bidders should be careful to state in their bids the name of the institution and the kind and number of cords of wood to be furnished. Bids must be in sealed envelopes, endorse "Proposal for Wood," and addressed to the undersigned. Any further information may be had of the undersigned.

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