

COMMITTED SUICIDE

A BOOKKEEPER TAKES HIS OWN LIFE BY SHOOTING WITH A TARGET RIFLE.

It is said that Despondency Over Financial Misfortune Caused the Rash Act.—Left a Large Family.

Despondency due to the loss of his savings in an unfortunate business venture is believed to have been the chief reason why E. W. Alderson took his own life at his residence, 303 Magoffin avenue at 4:30 o'clock yesterday. Alderson was 42 years of age. He came to this city nearly a year ago from Arizona and had recently been in the employ of the Candelaria Mining company of Juarez. Some months ago he invested his savings, about \$800 in the Senate saloon, supposing that he was purchasing a half interest. The owners of the saloon, it is said, took possession and Alderson lost the money he had invested.

For several days past he had been drinking heavily, but arose yesterday morning and said he was going to work. Instead of going however, he remained at home during the day and appeared to be in a melancholy frame of mind.

A few minutes after 4 o'clock he went into the bath room. No one had a suspicion that anything was wrong until a muffled report was heard. The next moment Alderson staggered into the sitting room with the blood streaming from a jagged hole in his temple. He fell backward without speaking a word. Naturally the members of the family were horrified and overcome by the spectacle. They laid the wounded man on his bed and hastily summoned Drs. Bush, Irvin and Thompson, but the physicians were unable to stay the hand of death and after an examination pronounced the wound fatal.

A half hour later Alderson was a corpse.

The ball from the 22 caliber rifle had entered the head just above the left ear and after plowing its way through the brain had lodged under the right eye. Such a wound could not be otherwise than fatal.

The body of the dead man was conveyed to the undertaking establishment of Nagley & Lyons where it was prepared for burial.

Alderson was a native of England. He leaves a wife and four children, the eldest, a daughter, being the wife of William Bunkley. It is also stated that deceased had \$4000 insurance on his life.

The inquest was held by Justice Spencer who decided that deceased came to his death by reason of a gun shot wound administered by his own hand.

The body will be shipped to deceased's old home, San Antonio. It was to have been started tonight but the shock has so prostrated Mrs. Alderson that she has been placed under the care of a physician and will not be able to go tonight.

The body will be held until tomorrow night in the hopes that the prostrated wife will be able to accompany it to the place of burial.

MRS. MILLS'S PAPER ON MRS.

KATE CHASE SPRAGUE

Read Before an Informal Gathering at the Home of Mrs. T. J. Beall.

Mrs. T. J. Beall and her daughter, Miss Florence entertained a few friends informally yesterday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Mills, wife of Consul Mills of Chihuahua. Mrs. Mills who has a host of admiring friends in the city, read a brilliant paper on Kate Chase Spargue, one of the most brilliant of American women. With the recount of the beauty, wit, power, and ambition of Kate Chase and of her life in Washington, ran a thread of philosophizing on the influence of women and their homes and a discussion of the French salon. It was full of thought and fertile in suggestions for the hearers.

After the paper there was a pleasant discussion of it over the tea cups. Among those present were Mrs. Ramsey, Mrs. Kohlberg, Mrs. Henry Ware Allen, Mrs. Austin, Mrs. Major Fewel and her daughter in law, Mrs. Christopher Fewel, Miss Rhodes, Miss Westcott, Mrs. Leigh Clark, Miss Goggin, Mrs. Slater and Mrs. Rawlings.

Mrs. Mills will be in the city a few days more before her return to her home in Chihuahua.

MIDWAY SHOWS GO TO CHIHUAHUA.

Governor Ahumada, of Chihuahua, has arranged with the owners of the electric fountain and the moving pictures that were here during the carnival, to come to Chihuahua and spend a week.

He stated while here last week that he wanted his people to see these two wonderful machines and would have them to spend a week in his city.

Both of the shows will go from Chihuahua to the City of Mexico and possibly to all the important cities of the republic before returning to the states.

FIRE ESCAPES ARE ORDERED

BY THE COUNCIL TO BE PLACED ON LARGE HOTELS AND OFFICE BUILDINGS.

The State Delays So Long Over the Bond Matter that it Forfeits its Option.—Auditors to be Appointed to Go Over City Accounts.

Only five aldermen were present last night when the city council was called to order. Messrs. Ogden and Burton were absent on account of sickness.

The clerk read the minutes and they were approved. Judge Kemp reported that the Alexander Lyons damage suit against the city had been dismissed.

The annual report of taxes collected on various rolls was presented and referred to the taxation committee.

The usual budget of bills was presented by Alderman Clifford and ordered paid. The bills were as follows: Juan Baca, hauling patient to county hospital, \$1; street commissioner's payroll for week ending January 24, \$61.50; for week ending January 17, \$74. Southern Electric company, lights during carnival, \$400; Western Abstract company, abstract, 389, part of Kansas street, \$32.50; Tuttle Paint and Glass company, \$1.70; El Paso Transfer company, three teams, street sprinklers, \$123.60; horse and buggy, street commissioner, \$15.50; horse and buggy, chief of police, \$15; Fassett & Kelley, sewer supplies, \$205.50.

The question arose whether the Southern Electrical company was to be paid in cash or scrip came up. The bill which was for \$400 was ordered paid by warrant on the general fund.

The fire and water committee recommended that fire escapes be put on Hotel Sheldon, Coles-Hubbell block, and the Turner and Nations buildings.

Dr. Race said the Plaza hotel ought to have fire escapes and the committee was ordered to investigate.

Bills and Communications.

The clerk read a communication from the Consumers' Ice company, saying that its plant had to be enlarged to keep pace with the growth of the town and asking permission to erect a wooden addition on the northeast corner of its site. Referred to the fire and water committee with power to act.

O. L. Hadlock, et al., petitioned for sewer extension between North Oregon and North El Paso streets, up on the hill for the benefit of eight houses already built. Referred to the city engineer.

J. W. Brooks petitioned that 15 per cent of the price paid to the Gamewell Fire Alarm company for its system be paid him for services rendered to the company amounting to \$800. The city is still indebted to the Gamewell company.

John Brunner moved that the petition be rejected. So ordered.

Under the head of unfinished business Alderman Clifford said the bond sale to N. W. Harris & Co. of Chicago had been retarded by the action of the state which had been investigating with a view of taking the bonds itself at the price offered by Harris.

The law provides that the state has a ten days' option during which time it can take bonds at the highest bid. The limit has expired and Alderman Clifford moved that the bonds be delivered to Harris.

The clerk had received a telegram during the day from Superintendent Kendall asking for the assessed values of property in El Paso.

Clifford said "If we keep monkeying along with the state Harris will back out of his trade."

An immense amount of school funds is piled up in Austin for investment and although the premium on El Paso's bonds are high it may be possible that the state will take them.

Harris has already been wiring to learn if the state or he was to get the bonds. On motion of Alderman Clifford the clerk was instructed to wire Harris that the bonds are his.

Mr. Jackson, of the El Paso Saddle company, addressed the council saying he had ignorantly erected a frame building on North Florence street in violation of the city ordinance. He asked permission to let the structure stand and it was granted on motion of Alderman Badger.

Under the head of new business Alderman Clifford suggested that it was about the time of the year to have the treasurer's and assessor's accounts audited, as their term of office would expire in April. He recommended that the mayor appoint an auditing committee of two to do the work. So ordered.

The mayor said he didn't know just exactly whom to appoint, but he would decide later. The mayor stated that the Border Rifles wanted financial aid and he seemed to favor making an appropriation for that purpose. No action was taken last night.

TEAM RAN AWAY

TWO BADLY FRIGHTENED HORSES CAUSE EXCITEMENT.

Man Riding in a Vehicle Was Knocked Out and More or Less Injured. An exciting and disastrous runaway occurred in the heart of town this morning endangering the lives of many people.

A team drawing a light spring wagon came dashing down San Antonio street at a breakneck speed and spun around the corner at El Paso in a way that made the brain whirl.

All along the street persons and vehicles barely escaped being run over but there was no damage until a point south of the opera house was reached. Just there Sam Silverman was driving along unconscious of the proximity of danger. The first he knew of it his vehicle was a wreck and he was flying through the air.

Strange to say he did not appear to be seriously injured, but was badly shaken up.

The police appeared and were about to arrest the owner of the runaway team, Porchay, from down the valley, but he explained that he did not leave his horses unhitched. He said there was a man in the vehicle when the animals started to run, but he jumped out. Porchay's vehicle was badly damaged.

A CENTURY OF AMERICAN POETS.

By Oscar Lovell Triggs in the Forum.

A most striking fact is the longevity of poets. The typical American poet—when one thinks of it and notices the faces that look down from his library walls—is found to be an aged, hoary man. Of the eight poets pictured on the frontispiece, six are gray-beards and incline baldness, and of the black-haired heads, Lanier lived to be 39, and Poe to be 40. No American poet has had the advantage of John Ekats of dying young with still enough accomplished to be compared with Shakespeare on the ground of his promise. Many fair hopes centered in Ora Fabri, Anne Aldrich, and Winifred Howells, the youngest of the sisterhood to lay down their pens; but their work was too incomplete to give prophecy to their maturity.

Joseph Rodman Drake at 25, Stephen Crane at 29, James Berry Bensen at 30, and Francis Brooks at 31 had hardly begun their true poetic career. Probably our literature sustained its greatest loss in the death of Richard Hovey, who was destined to accomplish great works and to win great renown; at 36 he was just prepared for bold adventure. Timrod and Emma Lazarus had fulfilled much of their promise at 35. Edward Rowland Sill and Bayard Taylor, whose premature deaths were much lamented, had yet time at 46 and 53 to accomplish not a little well-rounded and well proportioned work. Longfellow, Lowell, Whitman, Story, and Halleck entered the seventies; Emerson nearly reached the eighties; while Freneau, Whittier, Holmes, and Bryant passed beyond it. Dana lived on into the nineties.

There is something stately and splendid in this procession of age, revealing as it does a large harmonious life in league with sanity and health. The historian notes also the comparatively small number of tragic lives. Some few sensitive natures, like Poe and Richard Realf, suffered pain and travail, largely the fault of their peculiar temperament; ill health effected the output of some; the civil war cut short the lives of several; accident closed a few careers; and four suffered violent death at their own hands. But for the great majority the currents of life ran smoothly, and save the ordinary incidents of change, they lived in serenity of spirit.

Behind Him.
She—Are those Russian names really as twisted as they look?
He—They are indeed. Some of them are so hopelessly involved that even a railroad brakeman could not mispronounce them.—Indianapolis Press.

Not Singular.
"The greatest feat I ever saw was in Chicago," began the athletic person.
"You mean they were in Chicago," interrupted the intensely grammatical person.—Baltimore American.

Not Necessarily Explosive.
"Well, the horse is ahead of the automobile yet."
"Yes. When a horse prances sideways, you know what he means by it."—Indianapolis Journal.

Both Sorts.
Flo—These box parties are nothing but gab and chatter and all that.
Joe—You're right there. Take that fellow Fitzcorbett, for instance.—Philadelphia Press.

Correcting a Misapprehension.
Anxious Reader—No, you lose your bet. The late Max Muller was not referred to Maud.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A Parvenu.



"Yes, he wears good clothes now at smokes fine cigars, but I knew him when he was glad to share my bread and lasses."—New York World.
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Logical Deduction.
Mrs. Jones—Oh, doctor, is my husband still irrational?
Dr. Dosem—Extremely so. When I told him your mother was coming tomorrow, he smiled.—Judge.

The Gridiron Heroes.
Brawny and long haired and padded, Shields on chins, noses and ears, Proudly again they are posing, Winning the tribute of cheers, Long winded, struble limbed and daring, Eager for athletic feats, They are the gridiron heroes, Greeted with public acclaim.
Quarter back, half back and full back, Tackle, guard, center and end, Ready for desperate charging, Ready to meet and defend, Lining up boldly for action, Putting in the ball to play, Passing and plunging and rushing, Getting the runner away.
With brawny foemen colliding, Heroes of equal renown, Pushing and struggling and swaying, All in the mud going down, Limping and bruised and discolored, Promptly they rally and then, Giving their hurts slight attention, Bravely they line up again.
Passing and running and punting, Chasing the man with the ball; Tackling and surging and squirming, Down they go, runner and all, Up again, passing and rushing, Scoring a touchdown, then goal, Wild are the onlookers' plaudits, Cheering that knows no control.

These are the gridiron heroes,
Plucky and brawny and fleet, Eagerly taking all' chances, Ready to rally to meet, Battered and bruised and discolored, Victory comes to console, Plaudits and fame they are winning, Scoring a touchdown, then goal, Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

A Time Saver.
Parke—Your wife tells me you have just bought her a new wheel.
Lane—Yes. She can now run home from the golf links and see the children occasionally.—Detroit Free Press.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

Thick skinned fruits are the best keepers.
The quince is a great feeder and requires good cultivation.
One of the best fertilizers for strawberries is well rotted stable manure.
Of all fruits the cherry is the least trouble to grow. About all it needs is to be planted and let alone.
Rich soil is rather more necessary for the quince than for the apple, but the quince is more subject to blight, although in localities the fruit is profitable to grow.

In evaporating apples it is calculated that one barrel of green apples will produce about 15 pounds of evaporated fruit and that one pound of these is equal to half a peck of the fruit before it is pared or sliced.
In planting grapevines, dig deep, but plant shallow. Unless the soil is a heavy clay, plant in the fall. Use only well rotted manure, as fresh manure excites growth, and luxuriant growth does not always insure fruit. A vine not pruned is always in a snarl.—St. Louis Republic.



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Heard In Hotel Lobbies...

"The outside world knows less of the west coast of Mexico than any other part of the world," said Jack Thomas of Sonora at the Zeiger. "That is really the richest part of Mexico and the wealthiest mining country in the world, but the rest of the world has not found it out yet. They are minus laws in that section, however, except the one man law enforced by the governors. The governor is the whole thing in these states and when they issue an order there is no way of getting around it. While there is no law to appeal to Americans and British subjects seldom get into serious trouble. There are a few English speaking people there and some amusing things occur, especially when England or the United States are on the verge of war. I was in Sinaloa when the United States declared war against Spain. Of course the Mexicans sympathized with their mother country and often offered insults to Americans. I remember one case that I will not soon forget. Several Mexicans, probably 50 in number, hoisted an American flag one day and announced that they were going to haul it down and riddle it with their knives. An old ex-confederate soldier from Texas chanced to be there and seeing what the Mexicans were about to do, ran up and interfered. In his broken Spanish he said: 'I fought that flag with thousands of others for five years and we could not haul it down and I'll be damned if I see you fellows do it.' He meant every word of it and threw the Mexicans in every direction. They saw that trouble was brewing and every one fled and allowed the flag to remain up all day. But, back to the laws of the country, if Americans had charge of that country it would be the richest part of the western hemisphere."

but he has plenty of money and can keep it open whether it pays or not." Mr. Quinley is interested in mining in Chihuahua and was here last night en route to Chicago to visit his brother Joe, who is very ill in a hospital there.

L. J. McCourt, a prominent dry goods merchant of Wilcox, Ariz., is a guest at the Orndorff. Mr. McCourt is one of the many citizens of Arizona who has all faith in the future of the territory and never tires of telling of the many resources of his country.

ORCHARD AND GARDEN.

For a family orchard many varieties may be planted and few trees of a variety, so as to have fruit every season and the whole season.

Slight elevations are a safer place for the grape than bottom lands, as the vines and fruit are not so apt to be injured by early or late frosts.

The deficiency of potash in the soil of peach orchards is shown in the spindling growth of limbs and twigs. Potash makes firm, stocky peach wood.

In almost all orchards, especially if old, there will be found some trees that are only lumberers of the ground. Grub them out and put something of value in their places.

It is the freezing and thawing in the months after January that hurts the strawberry beds; hence they should be well mulched as soon as the ground freezes sufficiently hard.

The cause of moss appearing on the stems of apple and other fruit trees is wet, cold, undrained land or an excessively humid climate. Good drainage is one remedy.—St. Louis Republic.

CHINESE PERVERSITY.

His compass points south.
His left hand is the place of honor.
He keeps out of step when walking with you.

He thinks it polite to ask your age and income.
The Chinaman shakes his own hand instead of yours.
He whitens his boots instead of blackening them.

He rides with his heels in his stirrups instead of his toes.
He laughs on receiving bad news (this to deceive evil spirits).
Often he throws away the fruit of the melon and eats the seeds.

His women folk are often seen in trousers, accompanied by men in gowns.
He says west-north instead of northwest and sixth-four instead of four-sixths.

His favorite present to a parent is a coffin.—Robertson-Scott's "People of China."