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Chicago, October 4.—A Chinaman died at the Provident hospital today, a suicide by starvation, because, it is declared, a secret society had commanded him to die. The man was Wong Now, proprietor of a laundry. The coroner is investigating the case. For two months he refused to eat, and gradually grew weaker until his case was hopeless.

Two months ago found Now in his laundry ill. At the command of some mysterious secret band, Now afterwards declared, he had eaten potash. It did not kill him, however, and the physicians said he would live. After two days Now still refused to eat, and Dr. H. C. Jones was called to attend him. Dr. Jones who speaks Chinese, managed to learn the man's history and the cause of his self-inflicted starvation.

Now's friends were notified today that he was dying, and forty of them went to the hospital. For two hours they chanted a death song, then arrayed him in a black cap and gown. Thus arrayed, he died. Shun Fack, Now's uncle, notified the authorities that he would bury the man. None of the fellow-countrymen would discuss the case.

QUORUM STILL LACKING.

Austin, Tex., Oct. 9.—The State Democratic executive committee held no meeting here today, a quorum being still lacking. Only twelve members were present and an adjournment was taken until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, when it is hoped there will be an attendance sufficient to enable the transaction of the important business which needs consideration by the committee.

DOESN'T LIKE ALGER.

From the Baltimore American, Rep.
Russell A. Alger has demonstrated an absolute incapacity to handle the great affairs of state. Whatever he may be in business and society, he is a pronounced failure as a public official. He entered the cabinet of the late President McKinley under the most favorable auspices, and was given opportunity to enroll his name with the greatest of America's many competent department executives. Subjected to this test, he failed so totally and ignominiously that the unanimous protest of an indignant people forced him to resign and commit the management of our army to competent hands. All the scandals of the army in the Spanish war—embalmed beef, faulty transportation, fever camps, commissions bestowed by a rule of political and social favoritism, Shafter, and all the other multitudinous and odorous national reproaches of that war—are piled up against the record of Russell A. Alger as secretary of war. The people know him for what he is—an incompetent in dealing with great affairs of national administration, and, therefore, unfit to sit with to send him to Washington after the people have driven him in disgrace from the capital would be for the state to offer an insult to the nation.

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