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COMMITTED SUICIDE

Owensboro Physician Ends His Life.

Could Not Overcome Habit For Strong Drink and Made Up Mind to End All.

Concerning the suicide of Dr. W. E. Holmes, of Owensboro, the Inquirer Monday said:

After finishing two pages on a letterhead, giving a description of some insurance policies and notes that he held, and also a few lines bequeathing certain property to his wife, and then calling his wife over the telephone from his office, telling her "goodbye," Dr. W. E. Holmes, one of the most prominent and well known physicians of Owensboro and Daviess county committed suicide shortly after 7 o'clock this morning by swallowing nearly the entire contents of a four-ounce bottle of carbolic acid. Death must have been almost instantaneous, as there was no evidence of any struggle, and when found by his brother, James Holmes, and his son J. L. Holmes, the doctor was lying on his back with his legs crossed closely at the bottom and his hands clasped across his breast.

That Dr. Holmes had intended taking his life, there can be no question, as everything had been decided upon, as shown from his actions. The further fact that he doubtless saw that it was impossible for him to overcome his thirst for strong drink hastened him to end his life.

Dr. Holmes moved his family to Owensboro about three months ago, having purchased the handsome residence of W. S. Dean on Fredericka court. He opened up his office in the rear of Dr. H. E. Becker's office at the corner of Fourth and Fredericka streets. He continued the practice throughout the Utica and Moreheadville neighborhoods, and during the past ten days he had been constantly on the go, day and night.

On last Thursday Dr. Holmes had a call out in the Handyville neighborhood which required his attention nearly the entire night. Upon his return home, he was completely worn out, and was suffering greatly with nervousness. Believing that a drink of whiskey would quiet his nerves he took a small dram, which was the beginning of the sad catastrophe that caused him to take his life.

At one time Dr. Holmes was an excessive drinker, but last December three years ago, he made up his mind to cease the habit, and told his wife, so it is said, that if he ever took another drink he would end his life.

Dr. Holmes continued to take his drinks, and for the past four days has been under the influence of liquor and so much on Sunday that his actions were very noticeable not only to his family but to his friends as well.

At 5 o'clock this morning Dr. Holmes arose and left his home and came at once to his office. As soon as his wife discovered his absence she at once became uneasy and telephoned to Col. Holmes' residence thinking that he had gone over to see his father, but she was informed that he had not been there. Mrs. Holmes then sent her son James to the office, and he found his father sitting at the desk writing. Dr. Holmes told his son to return home and tell his mother to have breakfast ready by 8 o'clock as he would be there by that time.

Before the young man had time to get home, Dr. Holmes went over to Danhauser's drug store and purchased a four-ounce bottle of carbolic acid. The young clerk did not ask Dr. Holmes for what purpose he wanted the poison, which is very rarely asked when purchased by physicians. Upon returning to his office, Dr. Holmes called up his wife over the telephone and said "goodbye." He then went to his couch, and with the exception of about one table spoonful of the poison poured in into a glass and swallowed it.

When Dr. Holmes told his wife "goodbye" she knew that something terrible was going to happen, and she sent her son, who had just entered the house, over to Col. Holmes' residence,

and the son, with his uncle, James Holmes, and like Short, hurried to the office, only to find that death had claimed Dr. Holmes.

Dr. Strother was summoned, and said that Dr. Holmes had been dead but a few moments, as the body was still warm. An examination showed that the mouth and lips were badly burned by the acid.

An inquest was held by Coroner Pennington, and the jury returned a verdict that Dr. Holmes came to his death by swallowing carbolic acid, with suicidal intent.

The body was then removed to the Owensboro Undertaking and Livery association and prepared for burial.

Dr. Holmes is the son of Col. and Mrs. J. M. Holmes, both of whom are in very feeble health. He was born near Habit in Daviess county, and after graduating from Jefferson Medical college of Philadelphia, took up the practice of medicine near Utica, where with the exception of four years residence in California and Colorado, he was engaged 31 years in his profession. He was always a kind hearted and painstaking physician and was never known to refuse to see a patient, regardless of the weather, or whether or not he would get any money for his services, and on this latter account he is said to have hundreds of dollars on his books still owing him.

Wilson Breaks Record.

Washington, March 4.—James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, today broke all records for continuous service in presidential cabinets. He now has served fifteen years. The longest previous term of any cabinet officer was credited to Albert Gallatin, who was Secretary of the Treasury from 1801 to 1813.

RED INK AND WOOD ALCOHOL

Found in Bottle Instead of the The Genuine Ten Year Old Liquor.

Louisville, Ky., March 4.—A number of suburban saloon keepers are said to have been swindled by two well dressed whiskey agents, according to reports made to the police department Wednesday night. The two men represented themselves to be placing "Pot-of-Gold Ten-year-old Whiskey" upon the market. They are alleged to have been their victims samples of good whiskey and in order to introduce it made the following proposition: "You buy one or more cases of whiskey. For every case we will distribute in your territory 500 brass checks, each good for one drink. Your customers will bring in the check and receive a drink and then we will redeem the checks at fifteen cents each." When the customers failed to come in with the checks the saloon keepers investigated the whiskey and found that it was composed of red ink and wood alcohol.

Now Selling Ink.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—Clifford Nadod, formerly a Covington resident, who made numerous attempts for the Democratic nomination for Congress in the Sixth district, has reached Washington, but not as a member of Congress. He is selling ink. He wants to get the contract to supply the government departments for the new year. His home is now in Los Angeles, Cal.

Nadod walked over the Sixth district when he first ran for Congress. Then he rode over the district on a bicycle. Later on he left Kentucky and went to Egypt. There he bottled water from the River Nile and shipped it back to this country for baptismal purposes.

After a time he wandered back to this country, and now he is in the ink business.

Tangled Kinship.

Bellefontaine, Ohio, March 5.—Miss Belle Holmes, of Belle Center, this county, recently married at Ravenna, Ohio, to Perry Lowe, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. A. Whorton. A relationship tangle is made by this marriage that is difficult to unravel.

The bride is the stepdaughter of John Lowe, who is a brother of her husband. She married her uncle and became the sister of her father, while her husband is a son of his brother. She is her own aunt and her husband is his own uncle.

ODD FELLOWS HOLD GREAT MEETING

Over a Thousand Members Gather At Lexington. ton.

Lexington, Ky., March 2.—Over a thousand Odd Fellows from almost every lodge in the State gathered in Lexington Thursday night to witness the work of the Merrick Lodge champion degree team of the world in initiating candidates. This work Thursday night was at the special invitation of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky for the benefit of the Odd Fellows who desired to see this team in action.

Long before the time for the opening of the ceremonies the crowds began to assemble at the Auditorium and when the clock struck 8 o'clock and the ceremonies began the lower floor of the large room was completely filled.

Among those present were grand Master Otto A. Breith, of Covington, who made a short address commending the team for its excellent work and congratulating the members on their victory over all other teams in the world, and Grand Secretary H. G. Elliot of this city.

The Auditorium was fittingly decorated for the occasion and the work of the team was carried on without a hitch, the excellent training Captain J. White Guyn having given his men being more than compensated for by the cheers which greeted the efforts of the team.

After their successful work at Indianapolis the Merrick Lodge was swamped with letters of congratulation from other lodges and many letters from lodges asking them to come to their towns and put on the work of the first degree. This was impossible, so the Grand Lodge of Kentucky suggested a plan which would give the various lodges the benefit of the work of the Merrick Lodge degree team while they initiated twenty-eight Fellows a chance to witness the work. The Grand Lodge sent an urgent invitation to the Merrick Lodge team to give an exhibition at the Auditorium and every lodge in Kentucky was invited to attend and bring their candidates with them. The team gave their consent to this plan and as a result the hundreds of Odd Fellows gathered in this city Thursday night, and rounds of applause greeted the team while the initiated twenty-eight candidates into the mysteries of the order.

Peculiar Accident.

A Boyle county stockman turned a bunch of steers into a field on the farm of A. F. Sanders, near Bryansville. Having driven a considerable distance and being almost famished for water, the cattle made a rush for a pond. The ice broke with the weight of the bovines, and sixteen head were drowned in sight of the astonished driver. The water was unusual deep and there was no chance of rescuing the struggling animals. The steers belonged to M. J. Farris, of Danville, and were valued at \$50 a head, the loss amounting to \$800.

Scarcity of Stock Feed.

Mt. Sterling, Ky., March 4.—Montgomery county farmers and stock men are facing a "feed famine" for stock, and unless the weather moderates shortly and grass comes, they will be in a bad predicament. The past year corn was scarce, and common fodder was practically worthless. As a consequence all has about been used, and cattle men are now feeding considerable clover and timothy hay instead of fodder, which is something unusual in this county, and with another month of winter all feed will have been used. Considerable corn is being shipped in here, and that of good quality is finding ready sale at \$5 per barrel in the city, while farmers and stock men are hauling it to the country by wagon loads. Timothy hay is selling steadily at \$28 and \$30 ton; clover hay at \$23 to \$25; baled straw, \$9 to \$12 per ton; oats at 75 cents per bushel; fodder, from 45 to 50 cents per shock in field. These prices are higher than for many years in this county, and the scarcity of feed is going to make export cattle jump to higher prices than last year, and probably touch the top figure. The feed situation is becoming alarming to stock men all over this section.

TRIES TO BURN LONDON POST-OFFICE

Carries Fireball Into Building and Then Smashes Plate Glass.

London, March 3.—A suffragette attempted to start a fire in the general post-office of London to-night. The woman carried a bundle of paper and flimsy material soaked with paraffin into the public hall and set it on fire near a corner. She then smashed a plateglass window and surrendered herself to the police.

A hundred suffragettes, awaiting trial in Holloway jail, engaged in a riotous demonstration lasting two hours today. They broke the windows of their cells, sang the "Marseillaise" and shouted to see "Our Leader, Mrs. Pankhurst."

Many thousands of police have been ordered to be in the vicinity of Parliament Square tomorrow night, and other elaborate precautions have been adopted against another threatened suffragist demonstration.

Detroit, March 3.—At the conclusion of an address by Sylvia Pankhurst, the British militant suffragette, before a large audience here today, a cablegram was sent to Premier Asquith, of Great Britain, in behalf of the "Votes for Women" campaign now in progress in London. The message follows:

"Detroit mass meeting asks enfranchisement for brave British women." A cablegram also was sent to the Woman's Political Union of England extending the sympathy of the mass meeting, and notifying the women that a message had been sent to the Premier.

In her address Miss Pankhurst charged that Chancellor Lloyd-George, of the British Cabinet, was chiefly responsible for the defeat of the efforts of the women to secure enfranchisement, because of his refusal to include women in the manhood suffrage bill.

Woman Wants Damages.

Louisville, Ky., March 2.—Carrie M. Owen, through Attorney David R. Murray, has sued the Continental Casualty Company of Chicago, for \$5,000 damages. She says her brother, Guy F. Moorman, of Breckinridge county, who died from a fall from a street car in Los Angeles, had a policy with the defendant company for \$5,000, and that the company, without her consent, performed an autopsy on her brother and removed and retained for a time the heart, lungs, kidney, stomach, spinal cord and part of the backbone. When she learned this she says she suffered nervous prostration, for which she asks damages in the sum named. She buried the body less the parts mentioned, which were not received by her until six weeks later, and which then had to be buried with the body "as formerly interred by her."

Oldest man Dead.

Columbia, Ky., March 4.—Information of the death of John Morg, which occurred on Indian Creek, Clinton county, a few days ago, has just reached here. He was perhaps the oldest man in the world. He came to this country from Germany in 1812. His papers show he was a soldier in the War of 1812, as he drew a pension for this service for many years. His papers give his age as 94 at the time he enlisted. Taking that as a cue, he was about 124 years old when he died. He became a citizen of Clinton county about fifty years ago.

School Notes.

Misses Lella Glenn and Nancy Ford spent the week end with friends at Beaver Dam.

Mr. Dudley Westerfield, No Creek, and Miss Dora Hoover, Clear Run, entered the Normal Department Monday.

Revs. Wimberly and Mell, after which Mell, of Beaver Dam, Mr. Yates, of Marion, and Col. Barnett, city, were present at Chapel Monday morning. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Wimberly and Mell, after which Mr. Yates sang two solos much to the delight of the pupils assembled and Rev. Wimberly recited some pleasing numbers.

Miss Effie Duke was absent from her classes several days this week on account of illness.

The Senior class had a meeting Monday afternoon for the purpose of choosing their class motto, colors, officers.

The class is composed of the following: Misses Daisy Wedding, Bess Hudson, Ozona Moseley, Flora Taylor, Beatrice Haynes, Corinne Woodward, Lella Glenn, Effie Duke, Edith Duke, Ruth Riley, Lela Magan, Messrs. Herbert Felix, Edgar Barnard and Shelby Stevens.

Mrs. Ney Foster was in Owensboro last Saturday and Sunday.

Dana Walden, the Magician, presenting the third Lyceum number, delightfully entertained a large audience at the Opera House Wednesday evening. The fourth number will be given on March 29th when Wigam, a lecturer of wide renown, will lecture.

Kentuckians Lose Out.

Washington, March 4.—Kentucky again is represented in the army of unemployed among the former census clerks in Washington, which to the extent of 251, who drew their last pay Thursday evening. When this 251 were dismissed by Census Director Durand, the last of the temporary clerks who went on duty in 1910 were severed from the government payroll. The employees just discharged were from thirty-eight States. The force still on duty is under the civil service.

Many of the clerks let out were hard hit, financially, as were the 2,000 or more discharged at various times during the past few weeks. While all of them knew that their tenure of office was limited, yet few seemed to have laid aside anything for a "rainy day." The result was that hard luck stories were numerous, and men in public office were called on for aid in securing other positions, for money, railroad tickets, etc. Some few may get other positions in Washington, others will not.

ILLUMINATION OF NIAGARA FALLS

By New York State and Province of Ontario—Plan Tested Successfully.

Albany, N. Y., March 3.—The first step toward carrying out the project for the permanent illumination at night of Niagara Falls at the joint expense of the State of New York and the province of Ontario will be taken to-morrow when Senator Gittins, of Niagara Falls, will present a bill to the Legislature to make the plan effective. The measure calls for an appropriation of \$50,000 for the construction of a power plant and \$2,500 for its maintenance for one year. The money however, will not be available until Ontario provides equal appropriations for the subject.

According to Senator Gittins, the necessary co-operation on the part of Canadian authorities will be forthcoming. He has been carrying on negotiations with members of the Provincial Parliament, and Evan E. Fraser has prepared a bill carrying similar appropriations, which will be presented soon to the Canadian law-makers.

The joint appropriation of \$100,000, Senator Gittins says will provide an ample power plant, while the \$5,000 a year will support it. The co-operation of New York and Ontario is expected to obviate all difficulties which hitherto have balked efforts to carry out such a plan.

The experimental illumination of the falls about five years ago, which was made possible by the contributions of public-spirited citizens, was such a success, Senator Gittins points out, that he believes his project to make the lighting permanent is sure to win approval.

Heflin Woodmen Booming.

There is probably no Camp of Woodmen of the World in Ohio county with the membership equal that has grown so greatly as has Heflin Camp No. 319.

Last August their beautiful new lodge hall, erected especially for them, was dedicated, and since that time they have taken in 17 new members and have about four more ready to be initiated. They now have a total membership of about 50, and have their workers out after more Choppers. This Camp is composed of good, solid material and is under the leadership of Consul Commander A. V. Rowan, who is assisted by Adviser Lieutenant Herbert Hoover, Banker Guy Rowan, and Clerk A. C. Porter.

Notice.

To the Wool Growers of A. S. of E. to meet at Hartford Saturday March 9 to elect officers and attend to any business that may come before the body.

E. C. BAIRD, Pres.

COL. ROOSEVELT IS LEADING

Has Taft Beaten Two to One In Oklahoma.

Will Do Jury Service and Refuses to Dodge His Duty as Citizen.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 4.—Returns received up to noon today show that 27 delegates to the Oklahoma Republican State Convention are instructed for Roosevelt and 113 instructed for Taft. Last night's reports were that 127 delegates had been instructed for Taft. This was found today to be an error in telegraphic communication.

It appears today that George A. Priestly, of Hartsville, a Roosevelt supporter, is certain of election as national committeeman.

REFUSES TO DODGE JURY.

Mineola, N. Y., March 4.—Col. Roosevelt came here this morning from Oyster Bay in response to a summons for jury duty. Though he had been assured in advance by Judge Schulze that he would be exempted from service because of his military service, Col. Roosevelt sprung a surprise on the crowd that was lined up in and around the court house to greet him, when he calmly accepted the summons to jury duty without an attempt to evade service.

He qualified as a member of the panel of petit jurors, and only accepted a reprieve from service until Wednesday which was proffered him by Supreme Court Justice Putman, of Brooklyn, who was sitting here today.

"Are you really going to serve on the jury?" asked several newspaper men as the Colonel was leaving the court room.

"I am on the jury," replied Mr. Roosevelt. "I conceive it to be a man's duty to serve when he is called. I shall be at the Outlook offices tomorrow to keep an appointment. After that I shall make this jury service my chief consideration, and readjust my other arrangements to accord with it."

There are about fifty cases on the calendar which will be presented to the jury, most of which are civil actions against the Long Island railroad.

Just before Col. Roosevelt returned to Oyster Bay he consented to talk of the fragment of a letter given out in Washington yesterday, in which he is quoted as having positively declared that he would not be a candidate for the Presidency in 1912.

"Before I reply to this matter in detail I shall insist that the letter be made public in full, and the name of the person to whom it is addressed be given out," he said.

"Meantime I have but to say that any man dishonest enough to publish a private letter, especially without giving his name, is dishonorable enough to publish a portion of it apart from the context."

"Everybody with whom I have been in communication knows that I have always been consistent in my course; that I have never sought nomination, but that I have never placed myself in a position where I could not accept the nomination if the party wanted me."

As a juror, Col. Roosevelt will be paid \$3 a day and his mileage from Oyster Bay. He seemed to be delighted at the prospect, and said that he was not worried about the Presidential campaign. Others, he said, were taking care of that.

Wilson Sentiment Strong.

Washington, D. C., March 4.—William F. McCombs, manager of the campaign of Gov. Woodrow Wilson, is putting Kentucky in the list of Wilson States since his return from a trip through the South. Mr. McCombs asserts that he not only found the Wilson organization in Kentucky in good shape, but he found a strong Wilson sentiment among the masses.

Senator Gardner and Congressman McGillicuddy, both of Maine, say that Gov. Wilson will be almost impracticable in that State if he is the party nominee. Clarence E. Carr, who was the Democratic candidate for Governor of New Hampshire in the last State election, says Wilson will carry that State if he is nominated.