

INTO HIS HEART.

Albert Braun Sends a Bullet Last Evening.

A VERY SENSATIONAL TRAGEDY.

Becoming Tired of Life Prompted His Rash Act—Was a Former Seattle, Wash. Brewer—His Letters and Desire to Have His Body Incinerated—The Inquest.

Albert Braun committed suicide at 8 o'clock last evening at the residence of Frank Attwater, 1407 Second avenue, where he had roomed for the past five months, by sending a bullet from a 32-calibre revolver through his heart. In a letter found on the dresser of his room addressed to Mr. Attwater, Braun gives as his reason for his tragical act that he was tired of life and was compelled to destroy himself, which was done with a free will. He complained of not feeling well yesterday both at his boarding house, Mrs. Herkert's, and to Mr. and Mrs. Attwater, refusing to eat any supper. A short time before the tragedy Braun came down stairs from his room and conversed with Mr. and Mrs. Attwater, drinking a bottle of beer with them. He then returned to his room, where he had been scarcely two minutes when the fatal shot was fired. The report was followed by a loud groan. Mr. Attwater hastened to Braun's room, the door of which was closed but unlocked, and was horrified to find him lying on the bed with a wound over his heart, from which the blood was oozing, and a smoking revolver at his left side. This explained all. He had done away with himself. Dr. J. F. Myers was summoned, and upon examination found that the bullet had penetrated the heart, causing instant death.

Planned His Death.

It now becomes apparent that Braun had been planning self-destruction for some time. Since Sunday he has been confined almost constantly to his room, absenting himself only for meals, writing letters, about thirty being found on his dresser addressed to different friends in this city, to his mother in Germany, Seattle, Wash., his former home, and various other places, bidding each a last farewell, and sending information of his suicide. Several letters are directed to City Attorney J. L. Haas, who it is supposed is instructed to attend to his life insurance policies and make the necessary disposition of his possessions. All through the arrangements of these transactions Braun had been cool and deliberate, manifesting no uneasiness or worry until last evening, when he came down stairs for the last time to chat with Mr. and Mrs. Attwater. He looked pallid and confused, and when asked the cause stated that he had a severe headache, which he also complained of while eating dinner at his boarding house, telling Mrs. Herkert that he hardly expected to return at supper time, and he did not. While chatting with Mr. and Mrs. Attwater he said he had a present for their little son, Frankie, and went to his room and brought back a small cup and saucer, which he said had been given him long ago for a Christmas gift. He immediately returned to his room to commit the awful deed which he had so long been planning. Unlike most cases of this nature, Braun did not take his life while in a rage, as was evidenced by the manner in which he had prepared himself, and arranged his room, placing everything in its proper place before firing the fatal shot. Fearing that the bed coverings might be soiled with the blood from the wound he was to inflict, he spread a lap robe across the bed. Stripping himself nude to the waist, he lay lengthwise of the bed on his back, took the revolver in his left hand, placed it to his left breast and sent a 32-calibre bullet piercing through his heart, expiring without a struggle in a very few seconds.

A Farewell Letter.

Left on the dresser unsealed, near the bundle of letters, was one addressed to Mr. Attwater, and read as follows:

ROCK ISLAND, Feb. 27, 1895.—Dear Mr. Attwater: I have ended my life by my own free will, being tired of life. Please notify proper authorities of the steps I have taken, and hand letter addressed to I. O. O. F. to the proper officials, whose name you very likely will be able to find out of Mr. Pinneo, he being a member. Also notify Dr. Bernhardt. I leave everything of my effects in this room to you and your wife, except trunk with contents. I also enclose \$1.75 for this week's rental.

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and extra \$5, balance of my money. Remember me to your wife and little Franky, and also give my last regards to family Blanchetts, Lloyds, Miss Jones and Mr. Pinneo. Excuse trouble I am compelled to make you. Yours sincerely, ALBERT BRAUN. The night before the tragedy Braun made inquiries of Mr. Attwater regarding the I. O. O. F. officials, being a member of the order, presumably desiring the name of the proper authorities to notify, giving directions as to his funeral. Mr. Attwater informed him that he did not know who were at the head of the order, but referred Braun to Mr. Pinneo. His desire that Dr. Bernhardt be notified is probably in regard to life insurance, as the physician had examined him about two months ago, when he had his policy in the Germania company renewed. Braun was 30 years of age, and a single man of considerable means, having some time ago disposed of his interest in a Seattle, Wash., brewery, in which Otto Huber, of this city, was also associated with him, for \$15,000. He afterward visited his mother in Germany, coming to Rock Island about five months ago and securing a room at Frank Attwater's house. He has had no particular business since here, but has been negotiating for the purchase of a brewery plant at La Salle, Ill., and was endeavoring to interest Otto Huber. Mr. Huber would not associate himself in Mr. Braun's proposed deal. Mr. Huber stated this morning that he had not been on kindly terms with Braun for about three weeks, but did not explain the cause of their fall out. Present circumstances reveal no plausible theory why Braun should so deliberately take his own life. He was well educated, of pleasant address, and had good habits. He spoke little of his business affairs even to his most intimate friends.

Requests Cremation.

The letter to Rock Island lodge, 18, I. O. O. F., contains a membership card, of Seattle lodge, 102, with funeral instructions, and the necessary money with which to meet all incurring expenses, requesting that his body be cremated at the Davenport crematory and the ashes shipped to Charles Von der Bruck, of New York, who is to forward them to his folks in Germany, who are also ordered to be notified by cablegram by Rock Island lodge of his suicide. J. L. Haas is appointed to act with Charles Von der Bruck, of New York, who is named as administrator, in the settlement of his affairs, his will being left in charge of Mr. Haas. He leaves \$15 with Rock Island lodge, with which to defray the charges of cabling relatives and friends in Germany, whose addresses are inclosed, and who were notified this morning by C. H. Church, of the local lodge. The postmaster is asked to send all mail addressed to the deceased to J. L. Haas. Braun is rumored to be worth in the neighborhood of \$50,000.

The Coroner's Inquest.

Coroner Hawes began an inquest last evening, and adjourned until this morning, when the jury—Dr. J. F. Myers, L. V. Eckhart, John Shelley, William Dunker, George Hetter and M. A. Gross—returned a verdict of suicide.

The disposition of the remains depends upon the news from relatives. Meanwhile, they are at Undertaker Knox's rooms.

Robert Hilliard.

It is particularly gratifying to find that C. W. Riley, of the Grand, Davenport, intends continuing the fine class of attractions he has presented so far this season at his theater. Tomorrow night Robert Hilliard, supported by an unusually fine company, will present "Lost—24 Hours." Bob Hilliard, as he is familiarly called, has not been seen in some time, and is assured of a hearty welcome at the hands of theatre-goers. "Lost—24 Hours," in which Mr. Hilliard is starring this season, is perhaps the best written and funniest comedy ever seen in this vicinity. It fairly sparkles and scintillates with wit and humor and keeps the audience in a continual roar of laughter. Coming at this time, it will attract a heavy audience of the masculine contingent. The fair sex always are liberal patrons of any play where Hilliard is to be seen. Several of our clubs have extended invitations to Bob, and his engagement in Davenport will be a busy one.

Adjudged Insane.

Ludewig Frederichs, of Moline, was adjudged insane in the county court yesterday afternoon, by Dr. J. F. Myers, C. S. Case, W. S. Nichols, W. E. Bruner, John McConochie and Robert Bennett, a commission appointed to inquire into his mental faculties. Frederichs is 54 years old, and has been afflicted for some time with lead poisoning, contracted as a result of 15 years' employment in the painting department of the Moline Wagon company, the disease finally producing hallucinations. He was taken to Jacksonville this morning.

The 'pooks and gobins that delight To fill with terror all the night; That stalk abroad in hideous dreams With which dyspepsia's fancy teems, Will never trouble with their ill The man who trusts to Pierce's Pills. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets: vegetable, harmless, painless, sure! Constipation, biliousness, sick headache, indigestion: all vanish with their use.

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CITY CHAT.

Read Adams' new adv. Leaf lard at Gilmore's. Fresh fish—Weckel & Passig's. Otto Huber went to Peoria this morning.

Tomorrow is bill day at the city clerk's office.

M. & K. are showing the latest agonies in hats.

For your fruits and vegetables call at Weckel & Passig's.

Don't fail to read Jackson & Hurst's ad. if you have money to invest.

A beautiful line of fancy percale shirts—men's spring styles—at M. & K's.

Mr. and Mrs. Gorman and daughter, of Perry, Iowa, are visiting relatives.

The Hallelujah club will give a dance at Roche's hall, Saturday, March 2.

The star shirt waists, the most perfect fitting ladies' waist made, are now in at M. & K's.

All plain paper hanging entrusted to P. J. Lee will be done for 15 cents per roll—218 Eighteenth street.

Mrs. Kate LaVelle left yesterday for Louisville, in response to the sad news of the death of a niece there.

All plain paper hanging entrusted to C. A. Johnson will be done for 15 cents per roll—1521 Second avenue.

All plain paper hanging entrusted to Paridon & Son will be done for 15 cents per roll—419 Seventeenth street.

All plain paper hanging entrusted to F. Druckmiller will be done for 15 cents per roll—310 Seventeenth street.

All plain papering entrusted to Rabe, Heitahrends & Lewis will be hung for 15 cents per roll—1807 Fourth avenue.

Rev. F. W. Merrell married Meigs Erickson and Miss Clara E. Blakely, of Reynolds, at the First M. E. parsonage yesterday afternoon.

Rye flour, 25 cents; rye meal, 23 cents; corn meal, 10 cents; New York buckwheat, best in the market, 27 cents, at Weckel & Passig's.

The King's Daughters will hold their monthly meeting at the residence of Mrs. Timothy A. Murphy, tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Travel over the Rock Island bridge yesterday footed up: Foot—north, 653; south, 666; total, 1,319. Teams—north, 484; south, 480; total, 964.

Five residence lots on Twentieth, Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets for sale on easy terms. See adv. M. M. Sturgeon, attorney at law.

Magistrate Schroeder dismissed the Murphy-Bisant assault and battery case this morning, the prosecuting witness, Murphy, failing to put in an appearance.

Judge Adams wants all administrators, guardians and conservators, who have not reported within a year, to report forthwith, or he will have citations issued against them.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Edward W. Lewis, of Geneseo, and Miss Mary E. Wood, of South Heights, at the home of the bride's parents, Wednesday evening, March 6.

The Sherwood concert in Association hall tomorrow evening is for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. This institution is deserving of a large patronage. Let everybody interested in it get a ticket and attend.

Michael Cavanaugh, a Coal Valley miner, indulged to such an extent last night that he could not navigate properly, and was arrested by Officer Carnes and fined \$3 and costs this morning by Magistrate Schroeder.

Justice H. A. Weld performed two marriages at the county clerk's office this afternoon: Will G. Cooley, of Port Byron, and Miss May Reynolds, of Coe; and Emery L. Munsell and Mrs. Eliza Whitten, of Oxford, Iowa.

Assistant to the President Lardner, of the D. & R. I. Ry. Co., is in Chicago attending a meeting of leading street car managers between St. Paul and St. Louis, at which action will probably be taken that will insure a fine lot of attractions at the Watch Tower this summer.

Tomorrow evening J. W. Warr, the humorist of Moline, will deliver a lecture before the students of Augustana business college, entitled, "The Debit and Credit of Character." An excellent musical program will also be rendered. Exercises begin at 7:30 p. m. and are free. All are cordially invited to attend.

There is ample evidence of genuine interest in the coming of Barnabee, Karl and MacDonald's Robin Hood company at the Grand Monday night. Last year this organization made a decided success throughout the country, and this year it has been strengthened by its proprietors wherever and in whatever manner possible.

Geneseo is boiling over at the brim with excitement. About thirty of her prominent citizens, including several church pillars, were arrested and carted to Cambridge last week and gave bonds for their appearance to answer indictments for gambling. The mess is said to have been stirred up primarily by A. H. Mertz, the erratic individual who used to try to publish an A. P. A. paper in Rock Island. Mertz now edits a sort of crazy-quit publication in Geneseo, called the Union People's Mission Journal, and it was in this that the article first appeared that led to the crusade. Mertz was arrested for criminal libel and taken to Cambridge.—Moline Republican-Journal.

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