

SHOOTS HIMSELF  
OWING TO GRIEF

Kokomo Startled Saturday by  
Suicide of Ira C. Hoops,  
Prominent and Wealthy.

SON'S TROUBLE CAUSE.

DEVOTED FATHER HAD SUFFER-  
ED FROM SUTLE MENTAL DE-  
RANGEMENT SINCE ARREST OF  
HIS BOY.

Kokomo, Ind., Dec. 30.—Ira C.  
Hoops, sixty years old, a wealthy at-  
torney of this city, committed suicide  
at 9 o'clock at his home in West Taylor  
street while mentally deranged.

Unobserved by members of his fam-  
ily Mr. Hoops quietly entered the  
parlor, made a pillow of his overcoat,  
lay down before the grate and fired  
a shot from a 32-caliber revolver into  
his right temple. The bullet passed  
entirely through his head and killed  
him instantly. His mother and her  
mother and sister, Mrs. Rosanne  
Michael and Mrs. Anna J. Michael, of  
Laporte, who were in another part  
of the house, heard the shots. Run-  
ning into the parlor they found the  
lifeless body with the revolver beside  
it.

Grieved Over Son's Conduct.  
Mr. Hoops had been suffering from  
a subtle mental derangement for sev-  
eral months. Last winter, his son,  
Richard Hoops, who was a student in  
Lake Forest University, was arrested  
for robbing houses in Evanston,  
Ill., a suburb of Chicago, and confessed  
his guilt, but was not prosecuted,  
because it was shown that, when a  
boy, he had met with an accident  
which may have led to kleptomania.  
The father, who was an upright and  
respected man, was deeply grieved  
over this occurrence.

RAILROADS BUILD  
MILES OF TRACK

During the Year 365 Railroads  
Built 5,212 Miles of  
New Road Bed.

New York, Dec. 30.—Statistics com-  
piled annually by the Railroad Gazette  
show that during the year just ending  
665 railroad companies have built ap-  
proximately 5,212 miles of new road in  
the United States, and 977 in Canada,  
these figures including 14 miles of new  
main track relocated, but not new sec-  
ond, third or fourth track siding or  
electric lines.

URGE PRISON FOR  
LEEVE'S "FARMERS"

Foes of Vice Prepare Measure  
Against Perverts.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 30.—The Illinois  
legislature will be asked next month  
to pass a bill making it a penitentiary  
offense to place women in disorderly  
houses or to live from the earnings of  
women already in these houses. The  
movement is backed by influen-  
tial charity workers in Chicago. It is  
aimed at the hundreds of men who  
loaf in the city levee districts, existing  
solely on the money furnished them  
by the women they have "farmed out."

MISSING GROOM  
AT LAST SHOWS UP

When Time of Wedding Came,  
He Was Absent.

Princeton, Ind., Dec. 30.—There was  
a happy reunion last night at the home  
of Jacob Braselton, near Patoka, when  
William E. Hawkins, who has been  
missing since last Friday, returned to  
claim Miss Florence Braselton as his  
bride. The two were to have been  
married Wednesday evening, but the  
groom-elect failed to report and the  
wedding was called off at noon that  
day.

RELATIVES HELD  
FOR MAKING "QUEER"

Father, Son and Domestic  
Held by Lima Police for  
Counterfeiting.

Lima, O., Dec. 30.—A complete coun-  
terfeit mint was uncovered by the  
police here today at the home of Perry  
Daniel on South Main street. Daniel  
his son Fred, aged 18, and Minnie  
Stephenson, a servant girl, were  
placed in custody. Molds Metal, etc.,  
were confiscated.  
The Daniels, it is charged have been  
passing many spurious twenty-five cent  
pieces during the holiday season, and  
have for weight the coins could scarce  
be detected.

WOMAN WAS MURDERED BY VICIOUS STRANGLER.



Mrs. Sophia Kehrner, for whose murder by strangulation Giuseppe Capuzzo is on trial in New York. The police say he is more dangerous than the notorious "Jack the Ripper."

PENNSY TO DROP  
ACCOMMODATIONS

The Two Cent Rate Is Respon-  
sible, It Is Claimed.

Pittsburg, Dec. 30.—Believing the  
United States supreme court will de-  
clare constitutional the two-cent rate  
on railroads, the Pennsylvania road  
will drop forty local trains running  
out of Pittsburg on holidays and Sun-  
days and there will be fewer weekday  
trains after Jan. 1. To avoid serious  
results "shooters," or second sections,  
will be held in readiness. It is also  
reported the company will compel all  
shop employees to take a ten days' va-  
cation each year, those remaining do-  
ing the work of all.

THE LAND OF ROMANCE.

Spain and the Peculiar Temperament  
of Its People.  
If I were asked to sum up the domi-  
nant impression that the survival in  
Spain of the old world medievalism  
makes, I should say that Spain is in  
the precise and specific sense of the  
word the home of romance. The special  
character of the Spanish tempera-  
ment and of Spanish developments in  
literature and in art is marked by a  
quality, rising and sinking with the  
rise and fall of Gothic, which we call  
the romantic spirit—a mixture, that is,  
of the mysterious and grandiose with  
the grotesquely bizarre of the soaring  
ideal with the crudely real, a mixture  
which to us today has the cunning fas-  
cination of art, but was really on both  
sides the natural outcome of the ex-  
periences and feelings of the men who  
created it. This romantic spirit was  
once the common possession of all  
Christendom, but the Spanish tempera-  
ment peculiarly lent itself to the ro-  
mantic attitude, and it is in Spain to-  
day that we may catch its final vanish-  
ing echoes. It is the church, always  
the most powerful stronghold of tradi-  
tion among any people, which enables  
the stranger most vividly to realize  
how well the romantic spirit has been  
preserved in Spain. Notwithstanding  
invasions from without and revolutions  
from within, especially during the  
early years of the last century, Spain  
is still the country where the mediae-  
val spirit of romantic devotion is most  
splendidly embodied and preserved.—  
Havelock Ellis in Atlantic.

THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

A Member May Drink There, but Is  
Not Allowed to Eat.  
The British house of commons has  
its own code in regard to the partak-  
ing of liquid and solid refreshments.  
A member making a long speech may  
take a drink, and the house is liberal  
enough not to care whether the color  
of the contents of the glass is white or  
brown or black, whether, in fact, the  
glass holds water or whisky or beer.  
Mr. Gladstone's egg slips, which his  
wife carefully compounded for him  
and he brought to the house in a bot-  
tle, are classic.

But woe betide the man who scorns  
drink and must have meat. Contem-  
porary recollection only recalls one mem-  
ber rash enough to disregard this rule.  
It was a number of years ago, in the  
stormy time of the home rule debates,  
that an Irish member, in the small  
hours of the morning, produced from  
his pocket a paper bag and drew out a  
bun, which he proceeded calmly to  
eat. The house was instantly in an  
uproar. There were loud cries of "Or-  
der!" "Order!" and that bun was never  
finished.

No member may read a newspaper  
in the house. If he had the temerity to  
smoke, the sergeant at arms would  
quickly place him under lock and key.  
—Appleton's Magazine.

Leaving Richmond 11:15 p. m. via  
C. & O. L. lands you in Chicago at  
7:00 a. m. Through sleepers and  
coaches. You will like it. ap6-t

MINISTER'S COAT  
LOUDLY EXPLODED

Some Substance Was Sewed  
In the Lining.

Wooster, O., Dec. 30.—The Rev. Wil-  
liam H. Hubbel, mayor-elect of Dal-  
ton, was the victim of a peculiar explo-  
sion last night. His coat suddenly  
burst into a blaze and was ruined,  
though he was not injured. He had  
no matches or explosives in his pocket.  
He thinks the explosive was sewed  
in the lining of his coat, which  
came from a Pittsburg department  
store.

BUFFALO BILL MAY  
GO BACK TO WIFE

Friend Says Reconciliation  
Will Be Brought About.

Denver, Dec. 30.—A reconciliation  
between Col. W. F. Cody (Buffalo  
Bill) and Mrs. Cody will probably take  
place within the next few days. J. L.  
Sabin, a friend, says the famous show-  
man will be in North Platte, Neb.,  
where his divorced wife lives, this  
week.  
"Col. Cody has just suffered a be-  
reavement in the death of Lieut. Clarence  
Stott, his son-in-law, of whom he  
was very fond," said Sabin. "He at-  
tended the funeral, and his daughter,  
who is left alone by the death, per-  
suaded him to return to North Platte  
with her. I have every reason to be-  
lieve that Col. Cody desires a recon-  
ciliation and that Mrs. Cody will  
stand ready to welcome him back."

Misjudged.  
The manager of an office had adver-  
tised for an office boy. In consequence  
he was annoyed for an hour by a  
straggling line of boys of all sizes,  
claiming various accomplishments.  
"Well," he said to a late applicant,  
"I suppose you can read anything, and  
write anything, and figure a little, and  
use the typewriter a little, and—"  
"Now," interrupted the boy, "if I  
could do all them things I'd strike yer  
fer yer own job. I ain't nothin' but an  
office boy."

He got the position.—Bohemian.

Remedy For Excess in Eating.  
A hint to those who may thought-  
lessly at some time or other indulge in  
excess in eating. If this indiscretion  
is committed, especially in high sea-  
soned things with rich sauces, a draft  
of cold water acidulated with lemon  
juice will take off the sense of weight  
at the stomach and assist the digestive  
process by moderating the alimentary  
fermentation.

Old English Elections.  
As an illustration of the violence that  
was once common during political  
campaigns in England is a quaint bill  
from a lawyer after an election at  
Andover in 1768: "To being thrown out  
of the George Inn, Andover, to my  
legs being thereby broken, to surgeon's  
bill and loss of time and business,  
£500."

A Leopole.  
"But, Tommy," said his mother,  
"didn't your conscience tell you you  
were doing wrong?"  
"Yes'm," replied Tommy, "but I  
don't believe everything I hear."—Phil-  
adelphia Press.

The Purchasing Agent.  
"Dad," asked Bobby, "what is bi-  
ology?"  
"Go ask your mother," replied dad  
curtly. "She spends the most money."  
—Harper's Weekly.

DENVER WOMAN  
WEDS AN INDIAN

Marriage Completes a Ro-  
mance Covering Period of  
Five Years.

BRIDE'S FAMILY OBJECTED.

Denver, Dec. 30.—News has been  
received here that Miss Cora Marie  
Arnold, of this city, was married last  
Monday in Santa Fe, N. M., to Albino  
Chavarria, a full-blooded Indian. The  
wedding ends a romance which began  
five years ago, during the Mountain  
and Plain festival, when a number of  
Indians were brought to this city.  
The ceremony was performed by  
the Rev. Rendon, a Presbyterian cler-  
gyman, and was witnessed by the  
bride's sisters, Miss Lillian and Ge-  
neva Arnold, of Denver.  
Chavarria is chief of the Santa  
Clara Indians, a tribe of the Pueblos  
in New Mexico. With a large number  
of his tribesmen he was in camp in  
the city park in Denver, five years  
ago, when Miss Arnold saw him and  
immediately formed an attachment  
for him. After frequent visits to the  
camp Miss Arnold invited the Indian  
to call at her home. She lived at the  
time in a fashionable flat with her  
sisters and her stepfather, George  
Wildner. The bride's family always  
objected.

DOG AND POULTRY  
SHOW TO BE SOON

Fanciers' Association to Ex-  
hibit in February.

Premium lists for a big dog and  
poultry show of the Fanciers' associa-  
tion of Indiana, to be held February  
3 to 7, at Tomlinson hall, will be  
ready for mailing January 1. More  
money and more cups will be offered  
as prizes this year than ever before.  
Over \$2,000 in cash, and probably  
twenty-five silver cups will be award-  
ed.

A VICTORY IN MEDICINE! 1

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hundred years medical men have tried  
to find a way to strengthen or concen-  
trate castor oil.

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process of compressing castor oil with  
refined sulphur and other excellent  
medicines has resulted in a most like-  
able product that physics more pleas-  
antly than any preparation ever dis-  
covered. Most all druggists recom-  
mend Blackburn's Castor-Oil-Pills, be-  
cause they are sweet and little, and  
delightfully effective and beneficial.  
The public like them for the same rea-  
sons, and because they get fifteen doses  
for ten cents or forty-five doses for  
twenty-five cents. All reliable drug-  
gists sell them; imitations do not have  
portrait and signature of Mr. Black-  
burn on the back of red cornered pack-  
age.

PIPES AND CIGARS.

Smoking Said to Serve as an Index to  
Character.  
A person who smokes a cigar with  
the label band on is always a vulgari-  
an; a person who displays two inches  
of ash adhering to a cigar is generally  
ostentatious; a person who selects a  
cigar because it is sprinkled with light  
spots is an ignoramus who credits any  
popular report, and a person who  
chews up the end of a cigar or a cigar-  
ette is more often than not of an  
irascible or peevish nature. So says  
the London Tribune, which adds:  
Smoking is also a great test of natu-  
ral courtesy in any individual. One  
can trace selfishness, boorishness, self  
assertiveness, timidity or good temper  
in a smoker's demeanor in any mixed  
company. Judging upon the example  
of Mr. Kipling, it has been asserted  
that the man who knocks his pipe  
ashes out behind the parlor couch is  
usually a genius. But this is a some-  
what empty assertion, and at any rate  
it comprises a belief that is in nowise  
shared by housewives and landladies.

As a concluding rule for diagnosing  
character by tobacco habits, it may be  
accepted that the best men smoke  
quietly and without ostentation, offer  
you a good cigar without a prepara-  
tory oration on its cost and merits and  
smoke their pipes and cigars out to  
the end. When a man is concerned be-  
cause his friends are not smoking with  
him, he is a person to be cultivated.

Dates Supplied.  
"Don't wait for your opportunity—  
make it!" So read Mr. Kalestak, who  
had recently started in business as a  
greengrocer.

He was still pondering this excellent  
dogma when his eye caught an item in  
the sporting columns of the local pa-  
per, "Sploston Wanderers Football  
club requires dates for ensuing season."

Here was a chance for Mr. Kalestak,  
so he wrote to the secretary of the club:  
"Dear Sir—I presume you require  
dates for use at half time. Shall be  
glad to supply quotation for same  
either by the stone or hundredweight."  
—London Graphic.

A Rather Light Meal.  
An old South Carolina dandy was  
sent to the city hospital. Upon his ar-  
rival he was placed in the ward, and  
one of the nurses put a thermometer  
in his mouth to take his temperature.  
Presently when the doctor made the  
rounds he said, "Well, my man, how  
do you feel?" "I feels right toble, sar."  
"Have you had anything to eat?"  
"Tassar." "What did you  
have?" "A lady done gimme a piece  
of glass ter suck, sar."—Argonaut.

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FOREIGNERS KILLED IN SOUTH;  
NATION WILL FORCE JUSTICE

Washington, D. C., Dec. 30.—Com-  
plaints made to the state department  
by the Italian and other European  
governments regarding the treatment  
of foreigners in the south, and particu-  
larly in Mississippi, have become so  
pressing that the matter is to be sub-  
mitted officially to congress immedi-  
ately after the holiday recess.

These particular complaints do not  
concern the peonage cases, which are  
now being prosecuted by the depart-  
ment of justice at various points in  
the southern states. They are much  
more serious. Cases have been pre-  
sented to the state department in  
which it appears that foreigners have  
actually been murdered in cold blood,  
and yet nothing whatever has come of  
it.

The federal government is absolute-  
ly powerless in such matters. It has  
no jurisdiction at all in case of mur-

ders. All such crimes are punished  
by state laws alone. Only in the Dis-  
trict of Columbia and territories can  
the United States see to it that a for-  
eigner gets proper treatment.

Federal Power to Rescue.

The complaints have become so gen-  
eral and so serious that the secretary  
of state and the president have con-  
cluded to present the matter to con-  
gress, with the recommendation that  
new laws be passed expressly author-  
izing the federal government to be-  
come party to any case involving the  
rights of foreigners.

This will create a tremendous sen-  
sation, especially in the southern  
states. In all of that section of coun-  
try special efforts have been exerted  
within the last two or three years to  
secure a fair share of the enormous  
European immigration into the Unit-  
ed States.

WILL ASK FOR A  
REDUCTION IN BOND

Since Township Trustees Will  
Not Handle as Much Mon-  
ey, They Will Ask This.

NEW LAW RESPONSIBLE.

With the effectiveness of the de-  
positary law the first of January, the  
township trustees do not handle the  
township funds, as previously. For  
this reason the trustees do not have  
to have such a heavy bond, and most  
of the township trustees have an-  
nounced their intention of asking a  
reduction in the amount of the bond.

A PEECE OF STRING.

It Plays a Prominent Part In the Life  
of Japan.

Writing from Japan, an American  
says: "You must come here to ap-  
preciate some of the quaint customs and  
usages which contact with other peo-  
ples has not yet driven out. To read  
about them gives you only a poor idea.  
For instance, did you ever know what  
an important thing a piece of string is  
here? The children, workmen, idlers,  
servants, all carry pieces of string for  
use in case of emergency. With the  
emergency would arise only when a  
parcel had to be done up, but the Jap  
uses his piece of string as a first aid to  
the injured, to repair a rent in his  
clothing, to fix a broken down jinrik-  
isha, to mend tools, to take measure-  
ment, and, in fact, the string is his  
universal tool chest. The queerest use  
to which it is put, according to my  
way of thinking, is when a police offi-  
cer arrests a man, ties a bit of string  
about the arrested man's wrist and  
then leads him by the loose end of the  
thin hempen fetter to the lockup. You  
ask, 'Why doesn't the Jap crook break  
the string and find a gateway?' He  
could, but he would not. That's where  
his respect for the law comes in, and  
the bit of string holds the man as se-  
curely as though he were manacled by  
our own humane chilled steel, nicked  
plated and snap locked method."—New  
York Tribune.

"How well the baby talks," remark-  
ed the visitor.  
"Doesn't he?" returned the proud fa-  
ther.  
"What is he saying?"  
"Um—well," replied the proud father  
hesitatingly, "I guess you'd better ask  
his mother about that."

YOUTH WEDDED  
TO AGED WOMAN

He Had Just Become of Age  
While His Bride Was White  
Haired Widow.

WOULD BE MOTHER TO HIM.

Des Moines, Iowa, December 30.—  
David Louis Bunce, aged 21, was mar-  
ried tonight to Della H. Broyles,  
aged 50. Her hair is white as snow  
and she is the mother of nine children  
and grandmother to 12. The bride is  
three years younger than the groom's  
mother. Bunce became acquainted  
with the widow when he went to her  
home with her own sons of his age.  
At the wedding Bunce was accompan-  
ied by one of these boys as best man.  
The bride's married daughter was her  
bride'smaid.

A PROPER EPITHET.

Easy Way In Which a Domestic Rup-  
ture Was Averted.

The troubles which are brought to a  
parish priest for solution are almost  
infinite in their variety. In a certain  
Prussian village, says Friedrich August  
Dressler in "Moltke in His Home,"  
an old woman came to her spiritual  
adviser and proposed a separation  
from her husband.  
"If he would beat me," she said,  
"that would be all right; that would  
show that he was really my man. But  
he calls me worse names; he calls me  
a 'subject.' I will not stand for that!"  
"So, 'subject,' eh?" said the priest.  
"Yes, that is bad. It is a bad word. I  
did not think he would say that. But  
are you sure you understood? Did he  
say 'subject' or 'object'?"  
The old woman shook her head. She  
was not certain. The priest smiled se-  
renely.  
"Ah, I thought so," he said. "Now,  
I am sure that is what he called you.  
'Subject' would have been very bad.  
It would be hard to forgive that, but  
'object,' pooh, it is nothing. If at all,  
it flatters one."  
The woman laughed happily. "And  
then, I need not leave him? I can still  
keep him for my man?" she asked  
eagerly.  
"Certainly," said her mentor, "and  
rejoice. 'Object,' that is very fine,  
very! I was sure he did not say 'sub-  
ject.'"  
She went away entirely satisfied,  
and the priest heard of no more dis-  
agreements between the couple.

CONTROL OF BEEF  
TRUST AN ISSUE

Dressed Meat Company Stock-  
holders Bring Action  
Against President.

COMPETITION ELIMINATED.

New York, Dec. 30.—What is looked  
upon as merely the first gun in a fight  
that is to be waged by local meat de-  
alers to maintain their independence of  
the beef trust was fired yesterday in an  
action brought by the minority stock-  
holders of the New York Butchers'  
Dressed Meat Company against Fred-  
erick Joseph, president of the com-  
pany. The company is an organization  
of independent dealers, and the action  
is described by those who are bringing  
it as an attempt to prevent the pack-  
ing house trust from controlling the  
meat situation in New York.

Interesting revelations are promised  
by the independents, who are behind  
the action, as to the methods followed  
by the beef trust in its efforts to eli-  
minate the competition of independent  
companies in New York.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE  
WITH HOT LEAD

Poured the Molten Metal In-  
to His Ear.

Middletown, N. Y., Dec. 30.—As a  
result of having molten lead poured in  
his right ear James H. Conkling lies  
in the Thrall Hospital unconscious  
and dying. The surgeons believe that  
Conkling, a well-known business man,  
tried to kill himself in this remark-  
able fashion. For, they say, only a  
man determined to die could endure  
such agony, and then it would have  
to be self-inflicted.

Time Works Wonders.

"Hello, Dixon!" said Thompson.  
"How's things?"  
"Simply swimmingly, thanks, old  
chap! Couldn't be better. I was nev-  
er doing so well in my life! I've got  
a hundred pounds in my pocket at  
this very moment."  
"Good, good! I'm glad to hear it!  
Delighted!"  
"Yes; a hundred pounds—a hundred  
pounds! You understand?"  
"Yes, I congratulate you!"  
"But you believe me, don't you? A  
solid hundred pounds in golden sov-  
ereigns in my pocket—a hundred  
pounds!"  
"So you said. Why do you keep re-  
peating it?"  
"Well, as a matter of fact, I'm testing  
that story about a fellow repeating a  
yarn until he comes to believe it him-  
self. I expect to thoroughly convince  
myself about Thursday. You might  
lend me a sovereign till then, will  
you?"—Pearson's Weekly.

A Concert That Failed.

Hans Pfitzner, the composer of "The  
Rose in the Garden of Love," says the  
Munchener Neuesten Nachrichten, had  
a peculiar experience at Cologne,  
where he had arranged to give a song  
recital at one of the hotels. In his  
own account of the "concert that fail-  
ed," written in rhyme, the composer  
says, "Only two tickets were sold after  
much advertising and the display of  
many pictures." The purchasers were  
his friends, who were prevented from  
being present. When all hopes as to  
audience had failed he asked to have  
supper served in the empty concert  
room. But instead of allowing him to  
take the meal in "grand solitude" the  
lights were turned out, and so was he.

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