ATTENTION LANDOWNERS.

A great deal is being said about se-

curing desirable immigration for the

South. It is hoped that Southern

this subject the attention it merits

and appreciate what it means to the

and land owners are, or should be

largement and creation of new in-

dustries, requiring additional labor,

better the farm products, the better

In some sections of the South there

unfavorable to the introduction of

careful consideration find that such a

feeling is based upon erroneous con-

ral resources and capabilities of the

homes, the occupancy and develop-

ment of which will augument pros-

perity and improve Southern condi-

tions in every way. More immigration

terment of the educational facilities,

more and better towns and the en-

largement of towns already in exist-

ence, with all of the advantages com-

There is room in every county in

every State of the South for many

more home builders and producers,

and until the farmers and land own-

ers now living there take a personal

interest in soliciting and locat-

ing a good class of settlers in

The following questions are asked

that every progressive farmer and

neighborhood unoccupied or not giv-

ing the owner the returns commen-

introduce worthy and desirable home-

you are among the number responsi-

ble for the upbuilding of the district

in which you live, and that probably

this lack of interest is one of the

causes why development in your com-

Our attention is frequently called

to the fact that in many parts of the

United States, other than the South,

How much more contented

per acre, surrounded by farms under

schools of the district inadequate. He

is master of the first, but the other

There is but little doubt but what

the farmers of the South would be

to realize this. An instance of this

located on the Southern Railway pro-

poses to give outright, to any relia-

agrees to sell thirty acres additional,

will bring to his locality a sufficient

number of desirable immigrants with

families, from whom the supply of

labor so much desired can be se-

give this subject the consideration it

deserves, he will find home seekers

coming to enjoy the opportunities

The Golden Rule should be a guide

M. V. Richards,

Land and Industrial Agent.

Southern Railway Co., and Mobile

and Ohio Railroad Co., Washington.

.Lydia Fields, a negro child about

six years old, was hit by trolley car

Thursday in Charleston and thrown

under the fender of the car, which

mangled flesh ... To their incredible

D. C.

of the accident.

in this as in all things.

If every Southern land owner will

should be?

view.

is his master.

cured.

2. Are you making any effort to

1. Are their any lands in your

land owner will heed the appeal:

surate with their possibilities?

mon to concentration.

concern, for he appreciates the fact who have given this subject the most

the South:

#### JEANNE WEBER,

Like a Terrible Monster of the Mediaeval Legends.

#### WHOSE TOUCH SLAYS.

Every Child, Now Arrested for a Ogresses, Who Dwelt in Caves in the Woods and Feasted on the Blood of Children.

ulation of Paris.

by the inhabitants of Montmarte and away. of Paris generally for causing the tion how she killed any of them.

came in contact with the ogress of An examination of Alice Webers body Montmarte died suddenly and mys- indicated that she had recovered had stopped its life. There was was liable to an attack of accute innever any sign of violence on the digestion. The police and prosecubody and the doctors called in were ting officers searched for every scrap unable to state the cause of death of evidence that would make a case Jeanne Weber had touched them but they accomplised little in their upon the breast.

The case recalls the most fantasminister to a perverted appetite for mense popular excitement. blood.

and educated men, who have in- act is apparently an impossible one.

sallow complexion, She expresses suffocation. an overwhelming fondness for all children and loves to fondle them. of endearment

accept the offer.

'I am happy to spend all day

One after noon the mother went guilty" in three minutes. away on a long shopping errand, ed the child was lying motionless loud cries of: on her back, while the ogress was pressing her hand on her chest.

"I was feeling her heart to see if Weber, "I am afraid she is very ill." The terrified mother ran to her child and found that she was dead.

died in great agony or terror.

gan and the ogress was arrested. She passed four months in prison pressed it.

the Court of Assizes. The first men are being converted to the same judge, President Favre, to whom belief. It is pointed out that there the case was presented, refused to is a hideous form of mental perverhear it on the ground that there was sion, in which a person takes delight no legal evidence against Mme. We in watching the dying agonies of ber, but another judge, President children, and that several cases of Bertulus, took it up.

She first child to perish among cent and in earlier times. this new batch of victims was her nephew, Maurice Weber, aged the child of her husband's brother. Mme. Weber al-

Then Mme Weber's own baby son He can't wear 'em. died in the same sudden and mysterious manner. She had had five children and this was the last of them. Her enemies do not hesitate to say that he made away with them by her dia lical methods.

arms of Mme, Weber, but the mother returned at the critical moment army was made to shave and cut its city are willing to resent it by force. and remembering what had happened to her other child, snatched this sighed for more worlds to conquer.

one away from her sister-in-law. "The boy looked as if he were half dead," said the mother, "but he revived as soon as I took him in

my arms." aged three, the child of another brother of her husband. This was girl had been strong and healthy toward the southeast.

this completely, and on the morning of her death she was playing on the street in a very lively manner. She partook of a very hearty lunch, consisting of soupe aux legumes, pork chops, salad, wine and

coffee. In the afternoon she was taken suddenly ill. Her mother wished to give her ipecac, the drug which the emergencies and asked Madame Threats Against Orangeburg Minis- farmers and land owners are giving Father After Greek Bride Who Sold doctor had reccomended in such Weber if she would go to the druggist, but she insisted that the mother should go out while she stayed and looked after the child.

The mother was absent about 10 Sixth Death. The Case Recalls found her daughter dying in great June 10, was the day on which some cuniary advantage to the section in the Most Fantastic Legends of agony, with the ogress bending over

Madame Weber of being a murderess. The latter replied that it The case of "The Ogress of Mont- was a wicked, cruel lie, that she marte" is again causing the deep- loved the children better than their est emotion and rage among the pop- own mothers and that they died be- passed and Mr. Lightfoot is yet un- tivation of older farms. Increased cause their parents did not take proper care of them. Meanwhile The ogress whose actual name is little Alice Weber was dying in deviltry aimed at the minister, and all of which depends upon the farm Jeanne Weber, is held responsible great pain and in two hours passed

That night Madame Weber was yet there is no reasonable explana- ties and the bodies of the three other dead children were exhumed. One child after another, who Nothing was found on any of them four months of work.

There were plenty of witnesses tic medieval legends of ogresses, convinced that she had murdered the who dwelt in caves in the woods and children and anxious to testify covered with old corn sacks. He made addition of markets, the building of feasted on the blood of children, and against her. The belief that she no further inspection. The owner of the historical Marshal de Retz, of was really an ogress who spent her the fifteenth century who destroyed life destroying children had spread name of the negro is known. These hundreds of children in order to through Montmartre and caused im-

The fact that Madame Weber was The parents of the dead children frequently seen placing her hand are convinced that Jeanne Weber upon the breast of the dead children took their lives and the common peo- was mentioned by several witnesses. ple have become so impressed with One of them declared that "She the idea, that the woman would be pinched the heart" (pincait le coeur) in danger of lynching if she were of the children to kill them, and not safely lodged in jail. On the this belief gained general credence other hand, all the Judges, doctors among the neighbors, although the

vestigated the cases, are satisfied Another witness declared that she there was no legal evidence against had seen Madame Weber leaning over Maurice Weber's face, as if she Weber is a heavily built were sucking his breath. This seemstolid looking woman, who excites ed a more feasible act than that of repulsion in all who come in contact pinching the heart. but in every case with her on account of her sickly a doctor had examined the dead body smile, her long yellow teeth and her and found no indication of death by

At the trial Drs. Brouardel and Thoinon, two of the most eminent While she dose so, she gurgles with physicians in France, who appeared delight and utters loud expressions on behalf of the state, declared that there was not a shadow of medical The first child whose death is at-evidence against Madame Weber. tributed to Mme. Weber was Cecile Dr. Brouardal spent several hours Percyborne, a girl of three years. explaining that the death of a little She was the child of neighbors of is child frequently due to some slight the Webers, living in the quarter of cause, and that it was not neccesary Montmarte. Mme. Weber lived at to look for a grave disease, such as that time at No. 53 Rue des Trois was to be expected in the case of an Freres, Montmarte, and the Perey-adult. He suggested that the deaths street. She offered to come in and vailing among these familes. He suspicion. Mr. Lightfoot added that why the contrast in values is so ed against going out of his possesstreet. She offered to come in and vailing among these familes. He suspicion was a newspaper clipping from take care of the child whenever Mme. In the man was indeed under suspicion for the meal of clipping among these familes. He suspicion for the meal of clipping among these familes. He suspicion whenever Mme. In the man was indeed under suspicion for the head been under the inspiration to the sion, was a newspaper clipping from the meal of clipping from Pereyborne wished to go anywhere, vegetable soup, pork chops, salad, aud the busy mother was glad to coffee, wine, etc., as responsible for the loss of little Alice Weber.

The public prosecutor, M. Seligplaying with the dear little thing." mann, declared that there was no said Mme. Weber. "I love her so." case against Madame Weber. Counmann, declared that there was no The girl was frightened when the sel for the defence made a very ogress first smiled at her, but the brief address, in which he spoke of woman quickly overcame the little the accusation as ridiculous, and the suspicion proved an alibi, but also ones fears with presents of candy. | jury returned a werdict of "Not

This verdict was greeted with bitleaving her daughter in the care of ter disapproval among the people in Madame Weber. When she return- court and outside and there were

"A bas l'ogresse!"

"What are you doing?" cried the of the police when she went away who identified the writing knew at from the court. She was forced to leave Montmartre and went to so. it was still beating," said Madame another quarter of Paris, concealing her address as well as possible from her former neighbors.

Now after an interval of two The doctor who was called could not years Mme. Jeanne Weber has been decide positively what was the cause arrested on suspicion of causing the of death. The little girl had been death of a neighbor's child, who perperfectly healthy up to the time ished exactly the same manner as all the mother left her. Her face the other children. The last victim tain matters, and the same party is in his neighborhood. This land ownwore and expression as if she had is little Alphonse Poirier, living at 14 rue des Boulets, in the quarter of This case did not attract grave Charonne. It does not seem credisuspicion to Madame Weber. but a ble that six occurrences of this charyear later three children whom she acter, with Mme. Weber taking the had been fondling died mysteriously same part in all of them, are all acwithin two months and one one nar- cidental and disconnected This is rowly escaped. Then the outcry be- not in accord with the calculus of probabilities as Poe would have ex-

evidence concercing the strange fa-talities. Then her case was sent to the Court of Assizes. The feet of the feet The people are more than ever this character have occurred in re-

#### What's The Use.

The adult masculine of the Dunkard religious sect is having a hard ways wished to take care of the time fighting against neckties. The child, and it was said that on the average Dunkard thinks the necktie, day of his death she persuaded the particularly if it is brightly colored, mother to go away on a long visit to is the invention and most deadly weathe country. The child was found pon of the devil, who puts vanity into dead from no known disease. His our hearts and thus leadeth us to face bore the same marks of agony destruction, but what we would like as in the previous case, and a neighto know is why the Dunkard, who bor declared that she had seen Mme. invariably wears whiskers to the Weber press her hand over his heart. waist or lower, cares about necties.

#### Beginning of the Shave.

in conflict the beard offered a good handhold for the enemy. Alexander, After his Marcel Weber, another who was a wise old geezer, readily child of the brother-in law previous- saw that if his own soldiers were ly mentioned was attacked by a given a shave and a haircut they mysterious sickness when in the would have immense advantage over hair, and the result was that Alexander licked everything in sight, and

Floating islands are common enough, The next victim was Alice Weber. but there is only one tramp lake. Each summer the high waters of the married Miss Virginia Aiken, a sis- little girl disappeared under the feuone of the most peculiar cases of all, the west, bring to it great quantities eight children survive him. Tarim river, entering the lake from and largely helped to ensure the release of Madame Weber. The little lying on the level floor of the desert, In a few nearly all her life, but just before months the lake is hundreds of miles nant this year, but the home team her death she had had an attack of from the starting point, leaving the can be made to play games that are as did her mother, when she learned exibitions of themselves for exhibits or make knew that he would have to bear the his body for \$25 and then shot him worsted Russia they could whip the exibitions of themselves for exhibits or make knew that he would have to bear the his body for \$25 and then shot him the starting point, leaving the exhibits or make knew that he would have to bear the his body for \$25 and then shot him the starting point, leaving the exhibits or make knew that he would have to bear the his body for \$25 and then shot him the starting point, leaving the exhibits or make knew that he would have to bear the his body for \$25 and then shot him the starting point, leaving the exhibits or make knew that he would have to bear the his body for \$25 and then shot him the starting point, leaving the exhibits or make knew that he would have to bear the his body for \$25 and then shot him the starting point, leaving the exhibits or make knew that he would have to bear the his body for \$25 and then shot him the starting point, leaving the exhibits or make knew that he would have to bear the his body for \$25 and then shot him the starting point, leaving the exhibits or make knew that he would have to bear the his body for \$25 and then shot him the starting point has a starting point here. gastroenteritis. She recovered from former bed dry and dusty.

#### MAN IS KNOWN

E. M. Lightfoot's Door.

ter Had Some Developments. Man Seen Around the House.

The Orangeburg correspondent of minutes, and when she returned she the Columbia State says Monday of the reasons being, the evident peviolence was to have been done to which there is all library with the was to have been done to which there is all library with the was to have been done to which there is all library with the way in the way in the way is all the way in the wa Rev. E. M. Lightfoot of Orange- ers. The mother, recalling all the other burg, according to the threat incordeaths of her children accused ported in a note placarded on a coffin left on Mr. Lightfoot's door by As population grows, the consuming some cowardly person or persons in capacity naturally increases, which

the dead of the night. That day has ment of new land and the better culharmed. But another has suffered from the his wife, who is very much broken for subsistence. The more and the in health, has had to leave Orangeburg for a visit to Summerville in everybody lives. death of at least five children, and was retained by the public authoriment surrounding the incident which seems to be an underlying sentiment Mr. Lightfoot himself expresses no new settlers. Students of economy caused such a sensation in the State.

darkness thus attempted to frighten him from his field of labor and his teriously, as if some invisible force from her gastro-enteritis, but still she post of duty will not meet him face South is developing rapidly the natuto face. It was one night early in May that country to sustain a much larger the coffin was left on the porch of population warrants the incoming of erty" for a count of Monte Cristo Mr. Lightfoot's home in the business with any certainty. All that was against the ogress, because they part of the city of Orangeburg. One known positively was that Madame wished to satisfy the public clamor, of the policemen on duty at that time stated that he saw a bright mulatto negro driving a gray mule about means increased land values, the bet-1 o'clock in the morning and that there was something in the wagon the improvement of public roads, the of the mule has been located and the

that the coward who under cover of

WRITER OF NOTE.

last week.

things have been learned within the

For some time it has been known who wrote the note. It was written on the back of a printed notice sent out by Walker. Evans & Cogswell their neighborhood the best results company, it has been learned to whom cannot be obtained. the Charleston stationers sent those notices. There were but a few in Or- and suggestions made with the hope angeburg, and by elimination it was easy to learn whence the piece of paper was secured on which the notice was written. Furthermore the writing was made with an indelible pencil, and there are marked characteristics in the chirography which make it a very easy matter to trace the makers to occupy these vacant lands? writing to an individual in Orange- If not, did it ever occur to you that Furthermore, there is some burg. proof of malice, and the same party under suspicion is known to have had ill feeling toward Mr. Lightfoot. Circumstantial evidence against a munity has not been as rapid as it certain party is strong, and it is entirely probable that somebody will serve a long term in the penitentiary when the investigations are over. A short time ago it was reported that farm lands are selling from \$75 to a certain party in Orangeburg had confessed the whole matter. Mr. \$150 per acre, while in the South good improved farms are for sale at Lightfoot denies this. He states that the man in question came to his study one night and said that he was under cion, for he had been under the influence of liquor at the time that the outrage was perpetrated and that the suspected party had failed to use an official position which he occupies to ferret out the mystery.

When Mr. Lightfoot charged him with these things the party under proved that Mr. Lightfoot's suspicions as to the animus behind the whole thing are in the main correct. The handwriting of the note in the

coffin has been identified at first sight by half a dozen men who have had business dealings with the man The woman needed the protection under suspicion, and no one of those the time that any one else had done | Some land owners of the South begin

It appears to be a clean cut case against this man. The animus is anown. It came from Mr. Lightfoot's fearless denunciation of certain civic wrongs and slack-twistedness. The writing is known to be that of the able to properly cultivate the increasparty said to have been aggrieved by ed area. This proposition is made to the action of Mr. Lightfoot in cer- induce an industrious class to settle known to have communicated by 'phone on the night of the outrage with the owner of the mule which was carried to the house of Mr. Lightfoot. The circumstantial evi-

dence is strong. Last Sunday was the eve of the day set for violence to be done Mr. Lightfoot according to the threats made by those who put the coffin on

day.
That night by some freak of chance the lights on Mr. Lightfoot's street property at the lowest possible price, were not burning, although they are and upon most reasonable terms said to have been burning brightly in other parts of the city. Mr. Lightfoot observed a man sneaking behind a tree in the neighborhood. He and of honest, law-abiding, intelligent his wife were sitting on the porch at and industrious families anxious to the time. Mr. Lightfoot went toward the man and called to him but make good citizens, be a credit to the returned to his house to get a shot- an acquisition in every way to the gun. As he was leaving the house in South. pursuit of the man who was acting so queerly, Mayor Doyle 'phoned him that on account of the excitement he had detailed a detective to guard the house, and the man whom Mr. Light- and will take the necessary interest

Mr. Lightfoot is one of the most tions made in this letter, are requestrespected ministers in the ed to communicate with the under-He is chaplain of the Second signed, who without any charge, will regiment of infantry and is well be-In the time of Alexander the Great loved. If the parties who threatened his life thought to frighten him, cal real estate agents are reguested they are mistaken. He expects to to let the correspondence pass remain in Orangeburg. The town through their hands. has been set on fire by the outrage and the parties who are responsible will yet suffer the penalty of the law, no matter what their social standing,

foot had seen was the detective.

REV. W. G. Neville, D. D., president for the past two years of the Presbyterian college at Clinton, died on Saturday after a very short illness passed over her child'sbody, without The oddest Lake in the world is of heart failure. Dr. Neville was doing more than inflicting a few litthe wandering Lake Nor of Asia. born at Walhalla July 2, 1855; grad- tle bruises... The motorman, conducuated at Adger college and at the ductors, and passengers on the car Columbia theological seminary. He shut their eyes with horror when the ter of Congressman Aiken. She and

THE Columbia Record is resigned. It says Columbia cannot win the penworth going to see.

### A PECULIAR STORY

Every One Should Read the Circular Printed Below.

Who Left Coffin in Front of Rev. To the Farmers and Land Owners of In Which Steve John and Steve Mikell are Reunited.

Her "For Keep" for \$1.250 Daugh-

Without doubt the farmers ter Will Remain With Groom more interested in this proposition A party of a dozen or more jabthan any other class of people; one bering Greeks wearing boots of gorgeous tops and adorned with much which there is an influx of a worthy glittering jewelry, blew into police headquarters at Columbia, S. C., excitedly gesticulating and dancing Nothing will do more to increase about in fear of some impending land values and the price of farm! danger, the nature of which Chief products than a growing population. Daly finally discovered through repeated showers of punctuation condition is met through the developmarks, to be that the father of a bride in the "Gypsy" came near the

city was about to arrive here from

Vorfolk and take her away. The father of the groom, whose lucious Hungarian bride of a few months, was threatened with kidnapping by her father, has the martial carriage and grace of an Arab as he strode into police headquarters, every muscle in his seven feet of height evidencing his splendid physique acquired in camp life, his swarthy complexion blending with his strong cigar. He wore a picturesque ceptions of the advantages of new people and new ideas. While the silk vest, the buttons of which were 35 gold pieces, while his elaborate gold watch and chain would have furnished \$2 excellent "stage propmany more people who can find

This was Steve John, and he exhibited papers to the police which seem to entitle him and his party to protection, and which incidentally reveal some curious costums which are allowed to prevail even in this country among people of his nationality. 'Steve Mikell, the fadder of my

son Teardo's bride, is coming on next train to run away with his daughter Louva, my son's wife. But ve hav been too smart for him. Ve got papers from Boston showing his consent to marriage. I gif him Twelve hunder and feefty dollar for her, and he has sign coontrack with me to pay me back twenty-five hunder dollar if he take her back. He can't trade her off any more under America law.

And the tall man pulled out the documents, which conclusively confirmed his story. There was a contract signed by both fathers-Steve Mikell and Steve John--giving their consent to the marriage, "in considconsent to the marriage, "in consideration of the sum of \$1,250, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the said Steve Mikell agreeing if he ever did anything to seperate the two that he would pay Steve John \$2,500. The paper binds him specifically not to run away with or in any manner induce her to leave young Theodore John. The paper is signed by both Steves, duly witnessed and bears the signature of the Boston lawyer drawing it up.

Steve John also exhibited the marriage license and register's certification that both parents consented to

good improved farms are for sale at the marriage. from \$20 to \$35 per acre. Every-Another treasure which Steve fishthing considered the South has the ed out of his inside pocket, and best and cheapest lands in the United which he still more jealously guard-States. One of the principal reasons the bride who was married to hisson ed if all will work with that end in last fall, and which sets forth how she was adorned with \$5,000 worth Southern farmer would be if he oc-

of jewels. cupied 80 acres of land worth \$109 Steve Mikell, he tink he made lots of mon out of my Louva." said high state of cultivation, with fine roads, good schools and large mar-Theodore the groom, "by sell from one to odder, get lota mon from kets, than by occupying a farm of each, but we bind him on Coontrack 320 acres, worth \$25 per acre, onenow. He sell no mor." half under cultivation, public roads of the country inferior, and the

'How many times has he sold her like this?" asked the desk man, his eyes glistening with interest. Four time alread.

"No, no, no," said Steve John rising and glowering down on his son much better off financially and sociin indignation, "only two time." ally if their holdings were smaller. At which the privates in the room joined the desk man in a hearty is seen wherein a leading planter

laugh.
"Oh, but he no do it no more; w binda him in a coontract." came the reassurance from the groom.

ble farmer, ten acres of land, and "Will you be satisfied to let her go back to her father if he pays the \$2, 500?" wickedly asked the newspaper man for the purpose of provoking another explosion in the hope that something else interesting and novel care of, on account of scarcity of would be blown out of the curious labor, and he argues, that this plan soul of the groom.

'Oh, yes; we all satisfy if he pay the \$2,500. He got plenty of mon. At which there was more laughter among the privates, the chief joining in with his favorite little snorts, which bubble up from his Irish blood in spite of his well trained official dignity.

which exist in his neighborhood; but The party said Steve Mikell was he should take no undue advantage coming with a large party of followof the man seeking a home, by chargers and that there would likely be a ing an excessive price for land; on bloody conflict unless the police inthe contrary he should aid the proterferred, which the police agreed to spective new neighbor in obtaining

#### Bryan and the Veterans.

The Hon. William Jennings Bryan Throughout the Northern part of was at Richmond last week when the the United States there are thousands monument to President Davis was unveiled. His course on that occasion will win him more friends in the South than he ever had before. There the man made off, and Mr. Lightfoot community in which they locate, and were thousands of Confederate veterans there, but there was to be no politics in the gathering of the men Farmers and land owners along who wore the grey and their dethe line of the Southern Railway and scendents, therefore Mr. Bryan re-Mobile and Ohio Railroad, who may fused to be lionized. We agree with be interested in locating around the Florence Times in his retiring them an excellent class of people, before the acclaim of the populace, he won more friends than he would and pains in following the sugges have made by the best speech he could have given them. Bryan has shown himself to be what is always bring them in correspondence with admired in the south, especially, a desirable home seekers. Land owners man of delicacy of feeling and sentihaving properties in the hands of lo-

> JAPAN seems to be determined to pick a row with the United States. The United States will not be in a hurry to go to war, but when she gets fighting mad Japan will be lucky f the end of it does not witness her relegation to a fourth or fifth rate power. We have the money and the men, and what ships we lack we can soon build.

THE Columbia Record says "while Latimer is touring Europe at Uncle Sam's expense, some men who would litical fences, figuring on how strong carbolic acid. they are." The man who beats Lat- Lillian Mab der, and were afraid to look back to expecting to see a mass of torn and imer will be the next Senator. An exposition visitor was fined

eyes appeared the negro child, quiet stretched out in the dirt, but showing \$30 for kissing a Norfolk girl. Visno signs of serious hurt, and later itors should be careful not to misshe revived and yelled as lustily as exibitions of themselves.

SUICIDE GERM.

Several Cities Said to be Infected With It.

## ONE SUICIDES

In the Little Town of Huntington West Virginia, Whose People Declare That They Cannot Successfully Struggle Against the Dreadful Infection, and Kill Them-Huntington, W. Va,, is a place

which appears to be hopelessly infested with the dreadful suicide germ, just as other localities are so was dead. thoroughly saturated with tuberculosis germs that even the healthiest persons are likely to be attacked. Persons have declared that they felt the suicide sense upon them and were ended his life with a pistol. unable to struggle against it. Huntington is a modern town named after the late C, P. Huntington acid. and was incorporated in 1871. It is a

busy, financial prosperous place, but thy, apparently happy, ended his life some deadly influence has fallen upon | with carbolic acid. the minds and hearts of its inhabitants, causing them to take their livtington has come to be known He broke his neck. throughout the State as "the Suicide

increased since the city's birth, but early one morning hanging to an apthis year it has grown to a terrifying | ple tree in his yard; his life was exclimax. Fifty-one suicides have oc- tinct. He had been weak, mentally, curred during the present year in for some time, and during the night this city of less than 20,000 people. A large proportion of the suicides struction followed.

took their lives by the agonizing forms of death available to every- ser and Henry Workman. body, it seems as if the intending suicide prefered to suffer in dying. wealthy merchant, with calm delib- cide city throughout the State. eration placed the sharp point of a heart and with a four-pound iron Moines, Ia., because there the vicweight drove them through that vit- tims were all girls in fortunate cir-

John Hagerman dashed himself to families and having apparently everydeath from a five-story building be- thing to live for. cause an engagement to call on his sweetheart had been postponed by the existence of a suicide club among her for twenty-four hours. William Calking almost severed his ly

head from his body with a sazor be- Ia., and the vicinity. cause of some trifling financial loss. The suicide of a colored woman the hotels, weighed something like arranged hour, and many made de-400 pounds and had failed to wear a termined attempts at self destrucdress suit on a certain occasion, tion which through some accident makes even death grotesque. One of the saddest and strangest

ases in the list was that of William two, was found dead in her room by Huntington while the building was girl. in process of erection. About the time it was nearly completed Mrs. heard to declare that the suicide mania was upon her. Shortly after- acid, but was revived before the grief is indescribable. The king latward she went to visit friends in Texas, and the next day after her arrival there committed suicide by her stalwart lover, Samuel Montrose cising undue influence over an uncle, Rittenhour. The youth had gone to was mentioned as a reason for her ness trip and through some inadver- quate. tence failed one day to write to his body, destroyed by her own hand, one day your love has failed, life's acid. Miss Hannah Tomlinson, havgood night, sweetheart." The lover only waited till she was buried and fluid. then died at the grave by taking car-Lizzie Vance, a girl in her teens,

bolic acid. apparently without cause of trouble. drank carbolic acid. She died. William Adkins, a youth, scolded by his parents for not attending

school, shot himself dead. Julia Ward, married two months, believed her husband unfaithful and took carbolic acid. She died.

Rena Clark, twenty-without any known reasou, ended her life by taking an overdose of morphine. Ella Jordan, seventeen, had quarrel with her sweetheart. She

frank carbolic acid and died. the cares of life and committed sui- oath to kill themselves are silent. cide by drinking carbolic acid in a dry goods store, in which she was graduates of the State Normal School employed as a clerk.

Tilly Williams, a pretty girl, stil! in her teens, told her mother that it appears that the suicide club was of their future, though it is not likelife held no charms for her and, go- formed at the last Summer session ly that they covet the Philippines ing upstairs, was found an hour la- of the State Normal School. It was for immediate occupation. These natter a corpse.

Margaret Chadwick, was another young girl who drank carbolic acid dissatisfaction with life which, how- ural wealth. They produce what Jaand died.

heart for another city, slash ed her known, and it was agreed that all the their conquest may be among the throat with a razor and killed her- members should kill themselves at a mass of the Japanese people, the self. She was eighteen years of age. Molly Swisher, for a similar reason, ended her life. She was twenty-Maggie Swisher, despondent be-

poned, shot herself. Madge Walker, for no known rea-

others, she drank carbolic acid. Hattie Spurlock, fired a bullet through her heart, and death was in- ing from it is surrouded by others of the United States and that this counstantaneous. She was forty. No reason is known for her act. Henrietta Canute, aged twenty-

four, was another girl who ended her life by drinking carbolic acid. Carrie Monfort, drank carbolic acid and died. Susie Cremans quarrelled with her

next morning was found dead in her room, having taken carbolic acid. Stella De Volt committed suicide like to succeed him in the senate are over a love affair. She was twentyprobably minutely examining his po- four, and, like so many others, used Lillian Mabley, because of a quar-

rel with her lover, drank laudanum and died. Susie Stealy poisoned herself for no known reason.

responsibility of a railroad wheck, self.

shot himself and death quickly followed.

Frank Stovers, because his sweetheart attended church with another, ended life by shooting himself. Jacob Hatten, a young commission

man, brooding over a downward tendency in the market, fired a bullet through his brain. Reese Craigman cut his throat

while intoxicated. He lived a few Fred Shannon, a youth of nine-

hours only teen, was another victim of carbolic

poisonous drug and died. Howard Shober was another who ended his life without any apparent reason. He drank poison.

wharf boat into the Ohio River and ended his life. Harry A. Gibson ended his existence by firing a bullet through his heart.

John Galleher leaped from the

C. R. Barnett, worried over illness

William Simms, brooding over through his brain. Jenk Barrett, disappointed in love,

William White, failing in health, Edward C. Christian, forty, weal-

Sanford Ferguson, twenty-eight quarrelled with his sweetheart and Emmanuel issuing the decree himes with such frequency that Hun-then leaped down a flight of stairs.

French Barton shot himself dead. Samuel Pinson, an aged man, liv-The suicide habit has prevailed and ing at Le Sage, a suburb, was found of the garrison of Rome, numbering

had evaded the guard and self-de-Others in this city who have endagency of carbolic acid. The only ed their lives in the past few months height of 1,300 feet, was a balloon thing to recommend this poison is by drinking poison, are Milly Trent, that it is easy to obtain, but as there Harry Schenk, Isabel Helton, Claudare several comparatively painless ius Bronson, Mabel Stiles, Kyle Blos-

was but one colored person. The Many persons chose fantastic meth-craze of self-destruction continues, ods of suicide, William Barnes, a and Huntington is known as the sui-An even more tragic outbread of pair of scissors directly over his the suicide epidemic occurren at Des

> A great series of tragedies revealed the most highly educated and socialprominent girls of Des Moines,

Eight of them committed suicide in various places at 8-o'clock in the because her lover, a chef in one of morning precisely, evidently a prewere unsuccessful. Miss Phoebe Broell, aged twenty-

Building at Huntington. Mr. Web-died in the same way. The poison and the illumination of the girandola er and his wife made their home in had been sent to her by another Mrs. Lily Milburn, aged eighteen, took poison because it is said her ket struck the ground. The sister Weber, a delicate, refined and pretty parents had coerced her into marry- but this was not allowed.

poison could kill. She expressed er sent an- aide-de-camp to her house bitter regret at the rescue. Miss Lida Golden took carbolic drowning herself in the Neches Riv- acid and died immediately. At the later laid to rest with an impressive er. Husband in Huntington upon same hour Miss Kate Kessler killed hearing of her death, killed himself. herself with the same poison. An-Among the latest instances was noyance over a lawsuit in which she that of beautiful Dora Spears and was charged by relatives with exer-

a neighboring city on a brief busi- act, but it was ridiculously inadefailure, killed herself with the same

> Proof that these tragedies were in the following letter, written by Miss Kate Farrell:

> "To Dear One-I am dying. I belong to a club. Miss ---- is president. We all of us take poison together. Good-by. "KATE FARRELL." woman's identity can be obtained.

her aged mother, became weary over those who may now be bound by commerce of both England and Jap-

Nearly all of the dead girls were or of the Iowa State University. From an admission of Mrs. Lily Milburn, composed of unhappy and discon- urally exert their influence also, for tented girls who had some cause of it is a group of islands of great natever, would appear utterly ridicu- pan needs and requires no such Mary Swanson, worried because lous to a normal person. Officers of the sudden departure of her sweet- were elected whose names are un- Manchuria. Great as the desire for certain time in obedience to a decis- government would be strong enough ion of the whole club.

bred and highly cultured girls. They race arise it would be a different cause her wedding day had been post- are infected by a common despon- matter. Then populace, government dency, and a sense of the useless- and mikado would be united to strike ness of existence and of all effort. for supreme domination of the Far son, ended her life; like many of the This condition of mind is infectious East, the fetich of the Japanese." in a certain sense, as science has indicated, and when a person suffer- East Asiatic market would be lost to the same mind it becomes almost im- try would most certainly resolve possible to escape from the tendency upon and carry forward a war of reto self-destruction.

Moines and in Iowa generally are build a monster fleet far outstrip-the afflicted by this dreadful mania. Japanese." Then, of course, Japan Consequently their parents are in a would be made to feel the strong arm lover late in the evening, and the cruel state of anxiety, not knowing of power. She would emerge from at what moment their children may a war with the United States broken end their lives. No sooner was the

family of four, swallowed Paris United States will have it to do. Then green. George Ruth hanged him-the Japs will see what fools they John Davis, a railroad man who self. Charles Keehold mortgaged were to think because they had

# High in the Air.

FELL TO THE EARTH

Balloon Struck by Lightning While

DEATH PLUNGE

Frank Sullivan, fifty-two supposed-ly because of failing health, drank a From a Distance of Thirteen Hundred Feet .- It Occurred at the Festival of the Italian Constitution At Rome, and 100,000 People Gazed in Horror as the Basket Fell to

The Ground. While Sing Emmanuel, Queen Helena and 100,000 spectators looked drank carbolic acid and in an hour on in horror, an Italian military balloon, manned by Capt. Olivelli, was struck by a lightning bolt during the financial trouble, sent a bullet festival of the Italian constitution at Rome, early last week, and the collapsing airship, carrying with it its load of human freight, plunged to the parade ground, almost at the feet ended his life. He used carbolic of the royal pair, mortally wounding the occupant, and causing the big celebration to come to a sudden close. What promised to be one of the most glorious pageants ever attempted in connection with this popular festival, was thus halted. King

> self. The accident happened about noon. The royal couple had spent the morn-ing reviewing the troops of all arms 25,000 men, inauguarating the international rifle match, which takes place every five years, and were engaged in reviewing a parade by cyclists when the accident happened. The sky was the color of dull lead, threatening a severe tempest over the shooting ground. In the air, at the of the military engineer corps, manned by Olivelli, a well known and highly esteemed captain of engineers

Unexpectedly a bolt of lightning darted from the clouds and struck Out of this list of suicides, there the balloon, setting fire to it. A cry at once arose from the crowd on the shooting ground, which numbered fully 100,000 persons. The gazing spectators saw the silk bag burn, and the framework and the basket fall toward the earth with a whirling motion until it struck the ground, The volunteer cyclists ran in all haste to the spot and found Olivelle unconscious, with his legs entangled cumstances, surrounded by loving in the ropes of the basket. A physician, who ran to the spot, examined the uncenscious man and said that his spinal column had been broken. King Victor Emmanuel and Queen Helena witnessed the accident, and the king at once sent his own automobile in which the dying man was placed and taken to the hospital. The ting followed him in another automobile and went to the bedside of Olivelli, who had regained consciouness, and the fast sinking man recognized his soverign

The king spoke to him affection-Two hours after the accident, ately. Olivelli died and the king immediately announced that he would attend Weber, a wealthy contractor, who her father. Miss Kate Farrell, aged no more of the exercises of the day. The festival was at once suspended was contermanded. Olive::i's sister witnessed the acci-

dent, but she fainted before the baslater attempted to see her brother, The victim of the accident was 33 and leaves a widow to express his condolence. The remains of the unfortunate man were military funeral, of which King Em-

manuel and Queen Helena were spec-

Bound to Come. The United States may as well get ready to fight it out with Japan. Nothing but a war with this country will ever satisfy the egotistical Japa-Miss Belle Wilson rose from the nese. They think because they worstsweetheart. When he returned two family breakfast table with the re- ed Russia, they can turn down any days later, it was to look upon her mark that she could never lead a nation on the globe. When the time good enough life, went to her room comes the United States will teach and waiting him a note read "If for and killed herself with the dreadful them better, and it will take a good thrashing to knock the conceit out bright light has perished, and so, ing remarked that life was a hideous of them Graf von Reventlow, an officer of the German navy and a writer of authority on army and navy topics, takes it for granted that a the result of a compact was found great war is to be fought between Japan and the United States. He is not the only one in Europe who be-

lieves that war is inevitable between

the United States and Japan. The Baron says the Philippine Islands will be the matter of dispute. The name of the president had In a book just published this writer been written and then scratched out declares that the Philippines constiso thoroughly that no clue to this tute the great disturbing factor in the world's peace. These islands, he It has been found extremely diffi- says, will be the apple of discord in cult to obtain any details concerning the near future. He points out that the orginization which resulted in upon the completion of the Panama these tragedies. Many members of canal these islands will be of inestimit are now dead, those who failed to able value as a trade center between Bessie Bonnett, a beautiful girl of carry out their suicidal attempts the American continent and the Far eighteen years, the only support of are unwilling to reveal anything and East, and they will be harmful to the

> The Baron goes on to say that nothing is "more probable than that the rulers of Japan see in the United States of America the great danger lengthy development as Korea and to hold them in check until the psy-The suicidal mania is almost entire- chologic moment could be seized, ly confined to the class of college- But should the question of pride of

> > He thinks that in any event the

venge. "Money, shipyards and tech-It is to be feared that many girls nical knowledge" he says, "would of the well-to-do classes in Des enable the Americans shortly to in fortune and humiliated before the epidemic world. The indemnity she would among the girls made known than have to pay would bankrunt her for the men began to kill themselves in generations. It would be her! on the Des Moines. Edward Surak, aged little brown people, but they are so twenty-four, hanged himself in the full of conceit that some nation will haymow on his farm near the city. have to knock it out of them, and Henry Saunders, the father of a soone or later we believe that the