

SHOCKING SUICIDE IN A CAB.

A DIBRATED YOUNG MARRIED MAN BLOWS OUT HIS BRAIN.

He Winks Up a Bad Night With a Successful Attempt Upon His Own Life—A Shot Through His Head—The Details.

This morning at an early hour another young man committed suicide by sending a pistol ball through his brain. The victim of his own rash act was Harry Beck, son of Christian Beck, driver of the Lancaster & Millersville street car line, who resides in Millersville.

The young man has been living with his wife and child in Millersville for seven or eight weeks; he was then engaged in the cigar business. Last Saturday he came to Lancaster with his family and went to Millersville to visit his father, with the intention of spending some time there.

When the carriage was driven to the residence of the deceased's father, he was removed from the carriage while yet breathing very heavily and taken into the house where he was very shortly dead.

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CONDITION OF THE CROPS.

Additional Facts and Figures on Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye and Barley.

The statement of crop conditions on the 1st day of July, prepared by Professor Dodge, the statistician of the agricultural department, and telegraphed to the press on the 16th instant, is now supplemented by a fuller report giving additional facts and figures of an interesting character. In this report the professor says:

The area of corn is steadily increasing, with an increase of 100,000 acres from foreign demand, and still less from the spirit manufacture. It is the great American crop, its production has been about 20 per cent, and the present area is about 75,000,000 acres.

The condition of spring wheat has declined from 85.5 in June to 81.3, in consequence of high temperature, dryness and a late start in the spring. The average yield was 17.5 bushels per acre in July, and in consequence of high temperature at a critical period, fell to 16 at the time of harvest.

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COMMERCE OF THE PORT.

AN INCREASE IN THE DUTY COOL EXERCISED AT PHILADELPHIA.

A Heavy Falling Off in the Value of Exports—A Noticeable Exhibit and Comparison of Years.

Collector of Customs Carl Waldner makes the following statement of the customs business at the Philadelphia port for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1885, and June 30, 1886:

Entrance and clearance of vessels—Foreign: Total tonnage entered, foreign, 1,000,000; total tonnage cleared, foreign, 1,000,000.

Entrance and clearance—coastwise: Total tonnage entered, coastwise, 1,000,000; total tonnage cleared, coastwise, 1,000,000.

Total immediate transportation to other ports, ending June 30, 1885, \$2,771,000; last year, \$3,070,000.

Total amount of duties due United States on merchandise in warehouse at close of the last fiscal year, \$60,173.68; same for previous year, \$78,526.27.

Total duties collected, year ending June 30, 1885, \$12,491,333.33; last year, \$14,961,896.00.

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CRIMINATION OF A SUICIDE.

Carl Ernst's Body Brought From Scranton to the Lancaster Crematorium.

The body of the late Carl Ernst, of Scranton, was brought to the city to Lancaster today for incineration in the crematorium here in accordance with the request expressed in his will and frequently made known in conversation during the latter years of his life.

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CRIMINAL CURIOSITIES.

THE REPUTED SON OF SWISS ARIS TOUCRAY SENT TO JAIL.

The Law That is No Respector of Persons, Especially When Not Identified—A Young Man Who Sowed Wild Oats Abroad and Reaped the Whirlwind West.

CHICAGO, July 21.—A reputed son of a family of Swiss aristocracy, was sentenced to six days in the county jail yesterday by Judge Williamson. The name he gives is Joseph Gmur. Gmur tells his lawyers that his father is a high government official in Switzerland, 52 years of age.

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THE DIKE SCANDAL.

Large Crowds in Attendance to Hear a Shamesome Woman's Confession.

LONDON, June 21.—The proceedings in the Dike-Crawford divorce case continue to attract large crowds to the court room where the case is being tried.

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SENSATIONAL SPARRING.

FAN VANK AND LOGAN HAVE A LETTER SPAT WITH BARE GLOVES.

Pugh and Hoar Discuss the Payne Bill in Investigation—Reasons For and Against the Senate Voting Time Over It.

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