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#### The Death of Mr. Gowen.

It has been the spontaneous comment of every one acquainted with Franklin B. Gowen, upon hearing the press news that he had committed suicide, that he was the last man in the world of whom they would have imagined such an end. Mr. Gowen was of a heroic mould and was so known to be by all men. No man of greater courage ever lived ; and his mental strength was as conspicuous as his moral fibre. To the eyes of men bore a sound and brilliant mind in a sound and always respected body. He had no habits that would sap his strength ; he gave no sign anywhere of any weakness that would lead him to seek death to avoid trouble ; and he had no trouble that the public has cognizance of. He was happy in his family, affluent in fortune and successful in business. It is said that he was troubled because the majority of the inter-state commissioners had refused to require the counsel of the Pennsylvania railroad to produce before it the agreement made by that road with the Standard Oil company; as Mr. Gowen had understood the commission, when in session at Titusville last summer, to order the counsel of the road to do at the hearing in Washington. This is the on'y reason given for Mr. Gowen's mental disturbance ; but Mr. Rice, who was his client and who was one of the last to see him, reports that he found Mr. Gowen in his customary cheerful condition of mind. It was a condition which was characteristic of Mr.Gowen, who was too brim full of selfesteem to be worried by the rebuffs of fortune; a man who stood upon the ruins of Reading, calm and confident, is not the one to suspect of despair under

any circumstances or conditions. And this is the man that the news reports declare with great unanimity to have committed suicide. If he did, his mind apparently had fallen from its bigh estate ; and as quickly as thoroughly ; for at sundown of the day before his dead body was found he had demonstrated his sanity in caeerful conversation with a friend. Everything is possible, and it is possible that Mr. Gowen became speedily insane; but it is not a theory that is to be accepted without evidence, of which there appears to be little, save that he was shot ; and nobody else is known to have been with him to whom the deed may by laid. It is said that his door was locked and his windows were fastened down. It is also said that an elderly man bought a pistol of the kind found near his body, at seven or eight o'clock on Friday evening, at a store situated about a mile from his hotel. If this last statement should be substantiated, and if it should appear that Mr. Gowen was the purchaser of the pistol found lying by his side, it would afford very strong of subways are known only to the authorievidence that he had slain himself, either by design, which might signify insanity, or by accident, which would show a folly well akin to insanity and as far from Mr. Gowen's normal condition. To the fact that the doors and windows were fastened, we do not see that any importance can be attached, as it was quite possible, and even easy for anyone to have escaped from the room, leaving the doors and windows in this condition. Probably there was a transom over the door; and if not, it takes little of the burglar skill to lock and unlock a door with nippers when the key is on the other side. The appartment is shown to have been in a place that was not subject to constant observation, by the fact that the pistol shot was not heard. Surely when a man may be slain by a pistol in his room at a hotel without the sound being heard, it is permissible to us to suspect that there may have been a murder, and the murderer may have escaped unobserved, leaving a locked up room behind him. So this ground for suspicion that Mr. Gowen may have been murdered must be added the strange fact that no one of his friends was permitted to see his body as it was when found; nor was the coroner called to take cognizance of the deed; but we are told that the hotel proprietor sent for a policeman, who hustled the body to the morgue at the demand of the man who sent for him, and who doubtless liberally paid him for his extraor linary and lawless proceeding. This hotel proprietor is, we believe, a negro, and may have been thus disposed to be hasty and unceremonious because of his fear that the presence of the body would hurt his business. But there is enough that is strange in these proceedings to invite close investigation and to cause question whether the testimony as to the condition of the body and the room, which all comes from the hirelings of the house and an evidently purchased policeman, is true. Convincing proof that Mr. Gowen did not die by his own hand would be found in the condition of the wound, which would show evident marks of the powder if held within the range to which a suicidal arm would be confined. One report states there were no such marks ; and this, Detective Charles F. Miller tells a reporter of the Philadelphia Press, would conclusively show that the deed was a murder. He has tested this fact by experiment, and shown that a man firing a pistol into his own head behind the ear must hold it so close as to scorch the hair and fill the skin with powder. There does not appear to have been any official observation as to this critical fact upon the part of the Washington authorities ; and in truth the friends of Mr. Gowen seem to have been deprived of their senses by the suddenness of the calamity and to have had but the one alm of hurrying his body to its rest. Even a Pinkerton detective, who went to Washington impressed with the conviction that the deed was a murder and that Mr. Gowen was the last man in the world to commit suicide, seems to have yielded promptly to the demoraliz-ing influence of the scene and to have concluded that it was a suicide after all. This we will be ready to believe when it is proved. We decline to accept any theory so improbable without proof.

There is no known motive for murder or for suicide ; but it is at least as possible to imagine the one as the other. We decline the suicide theory in the interest of the living man. If Mr. Gowen killed himself, no man is safe from himself, and there will need to be a general immigration into insane asylums for safety. We see that John G. Johnson, esq. who is the most hard-worked lawyer at the Philadelphia bar, rejects the idea of insanity, and believes that Mr. Gowen may have acted from some great, unknown and irresistible motive. This theory lacks but the motive to make it credible. It is more sensible than any suggestion of the sudden collapse of one of the greatest intellects in the land; if not the greatest. Who was there above the horizon to dispute with Mr. Gowen supremacy in the all-around qualifica-

### tions of greatness?

WALTER ELLIOT, of New York, went through all the manœuvres of dying of in-flammation of the lungs on Saturday and having been pronounced dead was deeply mourned for by his wife and relatives. The undertaker and his men arrived and proceeded to put him on ice when the remains calmly inquired what they proposed to do with him. He was carried to his bed and the astonished doctors say that he will probably get well. Friends and family are joyful, the undertaker angry and the general public alarmed at this striking evidence of the case with which one may be buried alive. It is evident, however that cases of premature burial must be very rare indeed, as recoveries of this kind are rare and whenever one occurs it is teletelegraphed from Maine to Cal ifornia.

Ex-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND never scome to tire of praising his wife. At the banquet in Boston on Friday, he rose to reply to enthusiastic cheers when ex-Mayor Hugh O'Brien shouled out, "Let us not forget Mrs. Cleveland." The ex-p e-ident said : " I have a grudge against ex-Mayor O'Brien. I hear nothing when I go anywhere except the praise of Mrs. Cleveland, and though I am not aware that that has ordinarily been a cause of jealousy in young husbands, I can tell you I feel it most keenly. (Laughter and applause.) I must say, however-and I don't know that I care to have this reported so as to reach her ears-that she is deserving of all the adulation and of all the admiration that the American people can give her." (Prolonged applause.) He recently wrote to his friend Wilson S. Bissell, of Buffalo, congratulating him upon his engagement Mr. Bissell says that in expressing his congratulations Mr. Cleveland goes to the most ardent extreme in declaring that marriage is not a failure, and Mr. Cleveland says that he is sorry he spent so much of his life as a bachelor.

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GENERAL MERRIT has made an orhaustive report on the autumn manœuvres of the troops in the department of the Missouri, and it is considered superior in many respects to the best reports on the elaborate military operations in Germany, England and France. The report comprises 400 pages of manuscript, with about forty pages of maps illustrating the positions of the troops, the country traversed, &c. Though the number of men in the field was small the force was so divided as to represent the manœuvres of an army.

WE Americans are in the habit of imagining that we are away ahead of the Old World in all modern improvements, but the facts if investigated might demolish this concelt. In Berlin, for example, the streets are paved with sheet asphalt which is kept beautifully clean and even ; they are brilliantly lighted by electric lights which cost less than fifteen cents a night and there is not an overhead wire of any kind in use. The openings to the many miles ties who keep them in order, and the system operates to the perfect satisfaction of all concerned. The New York World foreibly observes that there is not, in fact, a European city of any note that is not five years ahead of us in the matter of electric lighting, and yet we claim to be the home of electric inventions and our wizards astonish the world !

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