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CRAZED BY TALES OF DEATH.

Miss Maggie Gidsmith Drowns Herself After Hearing of a Suicide.
Wilkes-Barre, Oct. 10.—Miss Maggie Gidsmith, aged 50, of Demung, a small county place near here, drowned herself Friday night in a trout pond. For weeks she has been reading accounts of suicides in the daily papers, until her mind became unbalanced. Members of the family tried to get the papers away from her, but she always contrived to get them, and gazed over the stories of self-destruction, talked about them constantly and said she would end her life in a most tragic manner.

Friday night, about 9 o'clock, she jumped up from her chair, exclaimed that she was going for a walk and left the house. She had been reading about the suicide of a young girl, who had drowned herself because she was disappointed in love. She did not return when the family was ready to go to bed and a search was made. Early yesterday morning her body was found in her brother's trout pond, a short distance from the house.

KILLED HIS LITTLE BROTHER.
Pittston Boy's Thoughtless Trick Ends in Terrible Tragedy.
Pittston, Oct. 10.—George, the 12-year-old son of Rev. W. T. McArthur, shot and killed his 3-year-old brother, Paul, yesterday afternoon at the residence of Robert Ferguson, near the Wyoming Camp ground.

The boys were returning from a basketball party and stopped in the Ferguson house for a drink. George saw a musket, and, picking it up, pointed it at his brother and said, "I'll shoot you." He pulled the trigger and Paul fell dead.

George was wild with grief and had been hysterical ever since. The shooting was purely a boyish trick and meant in all innocence.
SENTENCE POSTPONED.
Ex-Banker Rockefeller's Doom Withheld Until Next Wednesday.
Wilkes-Barre, Oct. 10.—Yesterday afternoon Judge Searle, of Montrose, came to this city to sentence F. V. Rockefeller, but the matter was continued until Wednesday on account of the absence of District Attorney Fell.

Mr. Rockefeller was convicted last May on the suit of Mrs. Annie Meyers, who had deposited \$700 in Rockefeller's bank the evening previous to its closing, or, as it was alleged, after banking hours.
IGNORED WARNINGS.
Jury's Verdict in the Case of Three Plymouth Miners.
Wilkes-Barre, Oct. 10.—The jury in the case of George Eddy, Isaac Edmund and Lewis Richards, who were killed in Plymouth on Monday, met yesterday and after hearing the evidence of members of the rescuing party found that the men had met their death "by leaving a check door open after being warned to keep it closed and then wandering off beyond the danger signals and lighting the gas."

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Flowers Actually Stop Navigation.

Steamboats on the St. John's River Blocked by Water Hyacinths.

Dr. Thomas R. Baker, in Popular Science News.
The definition of a weed as a "plant out of place" seems very applicable to an aquatic plant, known as the Water Hyacinth, now in some places filling the upper St. Johns River, of Florida, and finding its way into many connected streams, lakes and bays. It is a very interesting plant, and bears beautiful flowers, but, to people who are interested in the river traffic, it is regarded as the most persistent and hurtful intruder of its kind in the state. It has also found numerous congenial growing places in the waters of some of the Gulf states, and has been especially troublesome in navigable waters of Louisiana.

The plant belongs to the Pontederia, or Pondweed family; its botanical name is Pontederia crassipes. It has a spreading top from one to two feet high consisting of several stems, elliptical leaves about five inches long, and a much divided and hairy root. The flower-stalk springs directly from the base of the root, and produces a spike of delicate lilac flowers, the upper petals with yellow center surrounded by purple, as shaded in the picture. The plant being strictly aquatic in its habits, its roots are not grounded in the mud or sand, but float in the air, and the stems are especially provided with floats in the enlarged and very light stems of their first leaves. The plant sits gracefully upon the water, and in growing becomes so compact that the great patches of hyacinths remind one of green fields conspicuously decorated in blooming time with delicate flowers.

FIRST A HOUSE PLANT.
A few years ago before the plant became so abundant, it was much cultivated as a house plant, and on account of its interesting growth and beautiful flowers, was regarded as a choice and valuable addition to private conservatories. But to many of our people, as has been intimated, it is no longer a thing of beauty. Indeed, it is spreading so rapidly, and has become such an annoyance to the navigation of the St. Johns that serious consequences are feared if means are not speedily taken to destroy it. It is said that five years ago there was not a hyacinth in the river; now there are acres and acres of them here, and the stream in some places being completely and densely covered with the plant from bank to bank, and for miles of its length. Large areas of the hyacinths, resembling great islands, are blown about by the wind and carried by currents to new moorings, and hence form new centers of growth. These agencies add greatly to the rapid distribution of the plant, and it not only fills the river in many places, but is found in connected bays, lakes, and streams.

Various theories are given as to how the hyacinths found their way into the St. Johns River. One is that a well-known orange grower, living near the river, put some of the plants, grown from seed obtained in New York, into one of his ponds. These grew so well and added so much to the beauty of the place that he threw a few plants into the river, with the view thereby of adding another to its various attractions. Here they made a beautiful border of vivid green along a section of the great sluggish stream, and were much admired. They soon, however, completely covered the pond where they had first been introduced, and spread so rapidly in the river that they were soon entirely beyond control. Another theory is that they came from South America where it is said to be indigenous, and was sold in eastern Florida, as a rare greenhouse plant, to hotel owners and to adorn their grounds. Many of our lotanically interested people may have unwittingly contributed toward the unwelcome distribution of the hyacinth in our waters. Serious interference by the plant with the navigation of the river began during the summer of 1896.

MUST BE DESTROYED.
The importance of destroying this monopolizing intruder is obvious to anyone at all acquainted with the interests associated with this great river. The St. Johns is the principal avenue of water transportation in the state, and the blocking of it in this way is a serious matter. Passenger and freight boats are delayed by the hour in making their regular trips up and down the river. And, in addition to this, boats when plowing their way through the plants might easily be wrecked by floating logs hidden in the water.

Much rafting has been done on the St. Johns and its tributaries, logs from the interior being floated to Jacksonville and other places. This lumber business is now seriously crippled, rafting being the largest river being exceedingly slow through the hyacinths, while the compact masses of the plants in many of the smaller streams cut off this kind of navigation entirely. Besides this interference with the water navigation, the plant also endangers railroading along the river in its accumulating masses and accompanying debris about the bridges, sometimes seriously endangering these structures. It is said that the Jacksonville, Tampa and Key West Railway company has expended \$10,000 in protecting its bridges from this danger.
BUT HOW?
Various means have been suggested for clearing the river of these plants. Before the great freeze of two years ago they had become such a serious menace to navigation that the United States War Department, after having been called upon repeatedly to take the matter of clearing the river into consideration, sent an agent to investigate.

THE MARKETS.

Wall Street Review
New York, Oct. 10.—The bears renewed their raid on the market today to such good account that few stocks have escaped with less than a point net loss. Prices did improve a fraction in the 15th hour on a very light volume of dealings. But weakness developed in Chicago gas and checked the rise. The room traders soon afterwards detected selling by houses with Washington connections and bears seized this as proof of inside information of a mysterious something impending in Washington that might play havoc with values when it becomes known. The market was evidently unprotected by supporting orders and the aggressive short selling by the bears led to rapid decline in light transactions. The total sales of the day were 173,600 shares.

Open-High-Low-Closing.

Stock	High	Low	Close
Am. Tobacco Co.	21 5/8	21 3/8	21 3/8
Am. Cot. Oil	24 1/2	24 1/8	24 1/8
Am. Sug. Ref. Co.	14 1/4	14 1/8	14 1/8
Atch., To. & S. P.	11 1/4	11 1/8	11 1/8
Chas. & S. P.	11 1/4	11 1/8	11 1/8
Can. Southern	25 1/4	25 1/8	25 1/8
Ches. & Ohio	22 1/4	22 1/8	22 1/8
Chicago Gas	8 1/4	8 1/8	8 1/8
Chic. & N. W.	12 1/4	12 1/8	12 1/8
Chic. & St. L.	27 1/4	27 1/8	27 1/8
Chic. & West.	32 1/4	32 1/8	32 1/8
Chic. R. I. & P.	38 1/4	38 1/8	38 1/8
Delaware & Hud.	11 1/4	11 1/8	11 1/8
D. L. & W.	15 1/4	15 1/8	15 1/8
Gen. & N. W.	12 1/4	12 1/8	12 1/8
Louis. & N.	29 1/4	29 1/8	29 1/8
M. K. & T. Pr.	27 1/4	27 1/8	27 1/8
Manhattan El.	10 1/4	10 1/8	10 1/8
M. P. Pac.	21 1/4	21 1/8	21 1/8
Nat. Lead	27 1/4	27 1/8	27 1/8
N. J. Central	9 1/4	9 1/8	9 1/8
N. Y. Central	10 1/4	10 1/8	10 1/8
N. Y. R. E. & W.	19 1/4	19 1/8	19 1/8
N. Y. S. & W.	19 1/4	19 1/8	19 1/8
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Nor. Pacific	37 1/4	37 1/8	37 1/8
Omaha & West.	32 1/4	32 1/8	32 1/8
Pacific Mail	11 1/4	11 1/8	11 1/8
Phil. & Read	25 1/4	25 1/8	25 1/8
Rich. & D.	16 1/4	16 1/8	16 1/8
Southern R. R.	35 1/4	35 1/8	35 1/8
Tenn. C. & Iron	39 1/4	39 1/8	39 1/8
Vernon P.	12 1/4	12 1/8	12 1/8
Wabash	18 1/4	18 1/8	18 1/8
Wash. Pr.	21 1/4	21 1/8	21 1/8
West.	30 1/4	30 1/8	30 1/8
U. S. Leather	5 1/4	5 1/8	5 1/8
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MEANS PROPOSED.
One of the proposed means for clearing the river is that suggested by Major Sackett. It employs a stern wheel steamer with a low superstructure that when the boat is pushed through the plants they are crowded to the center of the bow. An inclined carrier lifts them between revolving rollers which crush them, hence force the water out of them, greatly reducing their bulk. The crushed plants are then transferred to barges alongside to be carried to the shore, or are burned in an accompanying cremator. Another method proposed is to kill the plants by pumping sulphuric acid into the St. Johns from the Indian River, and another proposition is to destroy them by pouring kerosene oil on the water among them and burning the oil. But no method yet proposed seems entirely feasible, and the subject is still engaging the attention of our wisest philosophers.

GREATER NEW YORK.
It Will Rank as the Second City in the World in Population.
The population of greater New York, based upon latest estimates, will be 3,100,000, which will make it rank second in the world. Greater New York will have an area of about 300 square miles, and next in size to London. Its greatest length will be nearly 35 miles—from Mt. Vincent to Tottenville. The street mileage of greater New York is estimated at about 3,000. One-third of the street mileage in the city will be in the elevated and surface roads. If all the elevated and surface roads were placed in a single line, they would reach about 1,200 miles. The elevated roads alone would stretch nearly 400 miles, making it the longest of any city in the world. The assessed value of the real estate in New York, Kings and Richmond counties and that part of Queens county included in the greater city is \$2,264,142,968. The value of the personal property within the territory is \$37,076,687. The total assessed value of the real and personal property is \$2,168,785,157. The indebtedness of the combined cities and towns is about \$170,000,000.

Greater New York will have a capacity of 550 miles of wharfage, and in this respect, far exceed by any other city in the world. The incorporated city will contain 130,000 dwelling houses, 37,000 business houses, 6,500 acres of parks, 1,500 miles of gas mains, 1,100 churches, 1,125 hotels and 325 theatres. As a center of commerce and manufacturing, with the thousands of miles of railroads terminating within its confines and across the Hudson river, its splendid dock and harbor facilities and its warehouse capacity, greater New York will be without a peer. There will be five boroughs in the greater New York, known as the borough of Manhattan, the borough of Kings, the borough of Queens, the borough of Richmond and the borough of the Bronx. The territory will be divided into 10 council districts, and the council will consist of 26 members, thus divided: Manhattan, 56; Kings, 12; Queens, 2; Richmond, 3; Bronx, 4. There will be 22 manumic districts, and the board of aldermen will consist of 104 members, thus divided: Manhattan, 55; Kings, 35; Queens, 3; Richmond, 3; Bronx, 8.—New York Herald.

LINCOLN WAS KIND.
The Story of What He Did for a Poor Old Veteran.
One summer morning, shortly before the close of the civil war, the not unusual sight in Washington of an old veteran hobbling along could have been seen on a shady path that led from the executive mansion to the war office. Says Harper's Round Table. The old man was in pain, and the pain, sunken cheeks and vague, far-away stare in his eyes betokened a short-lived existence. He walked a moment and then slowly approached a tall gentleman who was walking thoughtfully along. "Good morning, sir. I'm an old soldier, and would like to ask your advice. The gentleman turned, and smiling kindly, invited the poor veteran to a seat under a shady tree. There he listened to the man's story of how he had fought for the union and was severely wounded, incapacitating him for other work in life, and begged directions how to apply for back pay due him and a pension, offering his papers for examination. 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