

## NEAR SUICIDES JOIN IN UPLIFT.

Jerseymen Organize to Discourage Prospective Shuffling Off.

## HAVE CHAMBER OF HORRORS.

Meeting Place Decorated With Ropes, Poison Bottles and Pistols—Trenton Club Is Antithesis of Robert Louis Stevenson's Famous Band Who Sought to Slay Selves.

Walter Hannison of Trenton, N. J., has carried one of Robert Louis Stevenson's best known fancies a step further.

The novelist made famous the Suicide club; Hannison seeks notoriety for a near suicide club. He doesn't call it that, finding the Society For the Uplift of Despondent Fellow Men more to his liking, but only those who have tried to end their lives are eligible to membership. So far he has gathered forty kindred spirits about him, and he hopes to have 100 soon.

Uplifting takes place once a week. Each member of the society is compelled to take an oath upon election that he will tell when, where and why he tried to kill himself, how he felt at that time, how he felt immediately afterward and how he feels at the time of giving his testimony. Only one story a night is told, it is said, but only the members know, and part of their oath is that they will not talk outside the meeting room.

This meeting room is decorated appropriately. Knives, pistols, ropes and empty poison bottles, each with a history, are hung upon the walls. If possible this history must pertain to the member giving the memento. At any rate, every member must give something. The most striking thing in the room is the motto that hangs over President Hannison's chair. It reads:

NEVER AGAIN.

Hannison is in earnest in his plans for the society. Curious specimens are included among its members, and their efforts to help each other, it is said, have resulted already in positive good.

## CURIOUS EFFECT OF HENBANE

Household Thrown into Temporary Insanity by Poisonous Root.

Dr. Phillippi, a German physician, describes in an article published in a Munich medical journal the curious effects of henbane poisoning on the brain. He tells how twenty-five visitors and some employees at a boarding establishment at Davos ate horseshoe radish in which a quantity of henbane root had been accidentally mixed. All the persons who had eaten the mixture were poisoned, the women being the greater sufferers.

A Russian lady who spoke German fluently forgot that language completely; an Englishwoman wanted to reach everybody her native tongue; one woman thought herself a living statue and would not move from one position; another insisted on crawling about the floor in search of a valuable object she believed she had lost; several women could not stop laughing; a servant placed twenty-five hot water bottles in her own bed instead of in those of the visitors.

When the physician was called in haste one of the women guests greeted him as an old friend and would not leave him. A man busied himself in counting imaginary banknotes which he snatched from out of the air, while another man set out to find a chemist, lost his memory and proceeded to buy a lot of useless articles from various shops. The proprietor of the establishment carried a tureen of soup to his bedroom and emptied the liquid on the pillows. Antidotes were speedily administered, and in the course of a few hours all the sufferers had regained their normal senses.

## PLAYING ENDLESS CRIBBAGE.

Iowa Quartet, Totalling 270 Years, Can't Get Twenty-nine Hand.

Four men, whose combined ages cover more than 270 years, are playing a game of cribbage for a million points in Des Moines, Ia. The players, all prominent men, are Milo Ward, Sam Keidig, Colonel J. C. Loper and W. N. Heaton. They meet once a week at the home of one of the players and play their unique game.

Though they have played for eight years and run up a score of 800,000, none of the players has ever yet held the possible "twenty-nine hand," though several "twenty-eight hands" have materialized. The players have ascertained that at their rate of playing the "twenty-nine hand" has a mathematical chance of appearing once in 100 years. They have almost abandoned hope of seeing it played before their million points is finished.

In the novel contest Ward and Heaton are playing Neidig and Loper. There is a stake at the end of the game, but it is a sworn secret.

British Carriers Bring Profit. The carrying trade of Great Britain alone brings her in an annual profit of \$400,000,000 net. Her foreign insurance, mining and other industrial companies show a clear profit of \$175,000,000 a year.

## KING COLE HAS NEW CURVE THAT WILL Baffle THE HEAVY HITTERS.

King Cole, the young twirler who pitched the only game the Cubs won during the world's series, believes that he has found a way to put a new twist on the horseshoe. Cole says: "I discovered an odd freak of a curve just after the season closed. I practiced it in Bay City and found out that it might be baffle hitters who take a mighty swat at the ball, like Hans Wagner and Sherwood Magee.

"I am going to work hard during the spring training trip and perfect that curve so as to have it in good working order by the time the season opens. Then you watch and see."

Home papers of Messrs. Magee, Wagner, Konetchy, Mitchell and Doyle please copy. They may be interested. Cole's story reads well, but he must show us.

## WILLIE HOPPE'S CAREER.

World Champion Billiard Player, Who Retired, Holds Unparalleled Record.

Willie Hoppe, the most marvelous billiardist of generations, champion at the 18.1 and 18.2 ball line game, has announced his retirement from professional billiards. He will become a partner of his father-in-law, Thomas W. Walsh, a wealthy clothier of New York.

In doing so Hoppe sacrifices a salary of \$5,000 a year he has been receiving from the manufacturers of billiard tables and an income from billiard matches of about \$20,000 a year. He has been receiving \$500 for every exhibition in addition to the gate receipts, a big percentage of which went to him. His custom was to bet \$500 in every match, and he has been a consistent winner.

Willie Hoppe has been playing billiards since he was twelve years old. At that time his father, Frank Hoppe, took him and his younger brother, Frank Hoppe, Jr., around the country



WILLIE HOPPE, WORLD'S GREATEST BILLIARDIST, WHO HAS RETIRED.

giving exhibitions. It was necessary for the boys to stand on soap boxes in order to see over the top of tables and make shots. Willie became known as the "boy wonder."

When still in his teens he went to Paris and defeated Maurice Vignaux, recognized at that time as the "old master" of billiards. By this feat he attracted international attention. On his return to New York he was challenged by George Slosson, known as "the Student." He defeated Slosson decisively in a match game in New York.

From that time Willie Hoppe has been known as the greatest billiard player in the world. He has defeated such experts as Harry Kline of Philadelphia, George Sutton and Calvin Demarest of Chicago, Albert G. Cutler of Boston and Ora Morningstar of New York.

Hoppe is the only billiardist who ever held the 18.1 and 18.2 billiard championships at the same time. On Dec. 27 Hoppe appeared at the White House at the invitation of President Taft and gave an exhibition of billiards for the entertainment of the president and his official family.

## JOYNER TO TRAIN IN ENGLAND

Will Have Thirty Horses Belonging to Whitney on Foreign Turf This Year. Andrew Jackson Joyner will train thirty-six horses for Harry Payne Whitney in England this year. These thoroughbreds are wintering well at Mr. Whitney's establishment, Balaton Lodge, and Joyner thinks they will cut a big figure in winning some of the classics on the British turf.

Columbia Abandons Lacrosse. Lacrosse has been abandoned at Columbia owing to the little interest shown by the students in it, and the northern division of the Intercollegiate league has been notified of the decision.



SCENE FROM "THE MAN OF THE HOUR," AT THE LYRIC MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 27.

## Pirates and Strategy.

The virtuous island of Sark was not always so. When Edward III. was king, Sark was a haunt of pirates and wreckers. Sir A. Conan Doyle in "Sir Nigel" tells how they lived not upon the island, "but from what they can gather upon the sea around it. They are broken folk from all countries—justice fliers, prison breakers, reavers, escaped bondsmen, murderers and staff breakers who have made their way to this outland place and hold it against all comers." The merchants of Rye and Winchelsea fitted out an expedition against those scourges of the narrow seas. A landing was obtained by strategy. Leave was obtained to bury a supposititious dead sailor on the island, the burying party to come unarmed. But that apparent coffin was filled with weapons, and so was Sark cleansed of its evil inhabitants.—London Standard.

## Cramp in the Leg.

To those who suffer from cramp in the leg at night the following hint may be useful: When the cramp comes on take a good strong string—a long garter will do—wind it round the leg over the place that is affected and take an end in each hand and give it a sharp pull, one that will hurt a little. Instantly the cramp will depart, and the sufferer can return to bed assured it will not come on again that night.

## A Cure For Balking.

A farmer thus cured a horse of balking: He went to a stall of wood for a small load, but his horse would not pull a pound. He did not beat him, as most men would, but simply tied him to a tree and left him there. At sunset he went to the stack again, but the horse still refused to draw. So he put a blanket on him and left him there for the night. In the morning he still refused to draw, but at noon, being hungry, he started at once and drew the load to the house. The farmer returned and got another load before feeding him and then gave him a good dinner.

## A Story of Mathews.

Charles Mathews one day previous to the period of his publicly proclaimed dire bankruptcy invited a friend to dine with him. The walnuts were washed down by some rare sherry. "That's a delicious wine," his friend exclaimed. "It must have cost you a lot of money."

"It didn't cost me anything that I know of," the flighty comedian answered, with a shrug.

"You had it given to you, then?" the friend suggested.

"Oh, no," answered Mathews; "I bought it from Ellis, in Bond street."

"But he will charge you something for it?" the friend exclaimed in astonishment.

"I believe he does write something down in a book," Charles retorted gravely. "Let's have another glass, my boy."

## When Tea Was Dear.

Those who grumble at the price of tea should turn for consolation to the records of its price in early times. At its first introduction into England, about the middle of the seventeenth century, tea fetched anything between £6 and £10 a pound, and though a fall in price quickly took place the East India company still had to pay over £4 for the two pounds of tea which it presented the king. However, even thus it is doubtful if the tea merchants got very fat, seeing that the importation of some 4,000 pounds in 1678 was enough to glut the market for some years.—London Chronicle.

## English Injustice.

An Australian tourist traveling in the west of Ireland asked an old woman how far it was to the nearest town. She sadly looked at him, then sighed and said:

"It was five nice miles two years ago, but some English brute came over with chains and made it seven, and our hearts are broke walking it ever since. Bad luck to them!"

And she disappeared into the house, leaving him there.—Illustrated Bits.

## MONTENEGRIN FOR ABRUZZI?

May Marry Princess Xenia, So Europa Understands.

If the rumor emanating from the Italian court and circulated around other European capitals is correct the Duke of the Abruzzi is in a fair way to give up his idea of wedding Miss Katherine Elkins and take instead the Princess Xenia, the only unmarried daughter of King Nicholas of Montenegro.

At any rate, the eldest sister of the Princess Xenia, who is Queen Helena



PRINCESS XENIA OF MONTENEGRO AND DUKE D'ABUZZI.

of Italy, is working hard to make the match, and she has the support of those members of the royal family who objected to the Elkins alliance.

Xenia is known as the princess who killed a king, and Alexander of Serbia, who, with his queen, Draga, was later murdered in his palace at Belgrade, was the victim.

A prophecy caused this. Some years ago the royal attention was directed to an aged soothsayer who wandered about the mountains, but whose reputation as a forecaster was known throughout the nation. From him the princess heard this prediction:

"I see two royal crowns. One is fatal and blood stained, the other leads to happiness. Refuse the first crown offered you, no matter what it may be, because that crown will fall with blood. The second crown will lead to happiness and power."

So the Princess Xenia, now thirty years of age and beautiful, has refused many matches that were not royal because she is awaiting the crown of happiness promised her.

## Higher Education.

"What has your boy learned at school this season?"

"He has learned that he'll have to be vaccinated, that his eyes aren't really mates and that his method of breathing is entirely obsolete."—Pittsburg Post.

## THINK THIS OVER.

This Offer Should Gain the Confidence of the Most Skeptical.

We pay for all the medicine used during the trial, if our remedy fails to completely relieve you of constipation. We take all the risk. You are not obligated to us in any way whatever, if you accept our offer. That's a mighty broad statement, but we mean every word of it. Could anything be more fair for you?

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A. M. LEINE.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA.

MANUEL JACOBSON of Honesdale Wayne county, Pennsylvania, a bankrupt under the Act of Congress of July 1, 1898, having applied for a full discharge from all debts provable against his estate under said Act, notice is hereby given to all known creditors and other persons in interest, to appear before the said court at Scranton, in said district, on the 28th day of February, 1911, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petitioner should not be granted. EDWARD R. W. SEARLE, Clerk.

## Statement of Finances OF WAYNE CO.

(Continued from Page 6.)

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Clinton supervisors                 | 250 00       |
| Clinton school district             | 250 00       |
| Dreher sup'act state road           | 1146 18      |
| Harley Fleming estate               | 547 15       |
| Hillside Coal & Iron Co.            |              |
| taxes 1907, '08, '09                | 225 00       |
| poor district Preston               | 2 77 21      |
| " " " "                             | 367 75       |
| " " " "                             | 1056 00      |
| " " " "                             | 615 74       |
| " " " "                             | 865 85       |
| " " " "                             | 259 84       |
| " " " "                             | 100 50       |
| collector Palmyra dup 107, '08, '09 | 18 29        |
| " " " "                             | 27 74        |
| " " " "                             | 1 00         |
| " " " "                             | 97, '08, '10 |
| " " " "                             | 47 58        |
| " " " "                             | 18           |
| " " " "                             | 26 41        |
| " " " "                             | 1 75         |
| " " " "                             | 8 88         |
| " " " "                             | 719 78       |
| " " " "                             | 1669 15      |
| Balance county fund in treasury     | 4972 15      |
|                                     | \$ 22241 68  |

## CLAIMS AGAINST COUNTY

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Due P. H. Reining, Jr. acct assess (1) Ridge | \$ 14 14    |
| Cline Wood, jury duty, Oct term, '10         | 1 85        |
| W. H. Bullock, error in bill No. 678, 1910   | 2 00        |
| J. W. Hartford, " " " "                      | 60          |
| Wheeler case                                 | 40 97       |
| T. C. Madden, expense account 1910           | 97 88       |
| J. K. Hornbeck, " " " "                      | 26 85       |
| J. E. Mandeville, " " " "                    | 98 01       |
| M. J. Hamilton, balance acct 1910            | 1429 15     |
| M. Lee Braman, sheriff, bal acct             | 408 00      |
| Varcoe & Boyd, bal acct Salem bridge         | 184 00      |
| " " " "                                      | 154 00      |
| A. Branning, bal Starlight bridge            | 40 00       |
| Wm. Watts, note and interest                 | 1667 67     |
| Mrs. Elijah Gray, " " " "                    | 47 25       |
| Thomas Gill, " " " "                         | 1024 00     |
| E. E. Ferguson, " " " "                      | 1058 32     |
| H. H. Ferguson, " " " "                      | 710 44      |
| W. L. Ferguson, " " " "                      | 6111 52     |
| Myra Hill, " " " "                           | 1219 00     |
| Trustees, Prot. Eng. Co. note & int          | 3000 00     |
| J. G. Scholtz, Berlin, dup 1909              | 94          |
| M. T. Cummings, Dyberry, dup '09             | 80          |
| John Courtney, Lehigh, dup '09               | 1 00        |
| Peter F. Schmitt, Palmyra, dup '09           | 2 45        |
| Aaron Goble, Fairpack, dup '09               | 1 00        |
| O. H. Stephenson, Wasnart, dup '09           | 4 48        |
| Estimate am't due collectors, 1910           | 3000 00     |
|  | \$ 28126 24 |

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF COUNTY

Total claims against county \$ 22241 68  
Total claims favor county \$ 22241 68  
Balance against county \$ 0 00

We, the undersigned Auditors, in and for the county of Wayne, do certify that we met at the court house at Honesdale, Wayne Co., Pa., on January 2, 1911. Have examined the foregoing accounts of the County Commissioners, Sheriff, County Treasurer, Coroner and District Attorney of Wayne County, Pa., and find them correct as above presented. Witness our hand at Honesdale this 4th day of February A. D. 1911.

A. W. LABRABER, W. H. LESHER, J. P. FLYNN, Auditors

## NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION, ESTATE OF

WILLIAM PENWARDEN, OREGON TWP All persons indebted to said estate are notified to make immediate payment to the undersigned; and those having claims against the said estate are notified to present them duly attested for settlement. OLIVE PENWARDEN, DEN. LEVI W. PENWARDEN, Executors. Carley Brook, Pa., Jan. 18, 1911.

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DEPOSITS

|                |              |
|----------------|--------------|
| June 1st, 1907 | \$24,398.54  |
| Nov. 7th, 1910 | \$266,465.61 |

OFFICERS:

M. E. SIMONS, Pres. J. E. TIFFANY, Vice Pres.  
C. A. EMERY, Cashier.

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