

YOUNG MAN KILLS HIMSELF.

While Suffering From Depression Young J. P. Caldwell, Jr., Takes His Own Life by Shooting Himself With a Revolver—No Apparent Cause for the Act.

Charlotte Observer, 23th.

J. P. Caldwell, Jr., the 19-year-old son of Mr. J. P. Caldwell, editor of the Observer, committed suicide by shooting himself through the left breast with a revolver, last evening at 6 o'clock.

No cause for the act is known. Recently the young man has been depressed, and as far back as six weeks ago he had said that he intended to kill himself, but his remarks were not taken seriously, nor did he seem to intend that they should be taken seriously.

Yesterday afternoon he was up town until about 5:30 o'clock, when he started home. On his way home he met a friend, to whom he made good-bye, saying that he purpose to commit suicide. There was something in his manner that caused alarm, and before he was allowed to proceed further a member of Mr. Caldwell's family was sent for, and told of what had been said. Though it was not imagined that the young man's statement was based on any fixed purpose, a kindly effort was made to change his frame of mind, and he walked to his home, on South Tryon street, with his relative, a sister.

Without further discussion of his purpose the boy walked through the hallway, where his sisters were, and went to his room, which is on the second floor, in the rear part of the residence.

He closed the door. A second later a pistol shot was fired. A sister, who hurriedly ran to the room, found it in darkness. She made a light and found her brother lying on his back on his bed with the revolver lying by his side. Physicians were summoned, but the young man died before they arrived. He had either shot on the side of the bed or thrown himself across it, and had placed the pistol against his breast and fired, the bullet penetrating the heart and causing almost instant death.

J. P. Caldwell, Jr., was the older son of Mr. J. P. Caldwell, and was 19 years of age last March. He had spent about two years in the navy, but was honorably discharged from the service about a year ago. Since then he had been in Charlotte most of the time. He had had several attacks of illness, and had suffered a good deal from melancholia.

Not a Sick Day Since.

"I was taken severely sick with kidney trouble. I tried all sorts of medicines, none of which relieved me. One day I saw an ad. of your Electric Bitters, and determined to try that. After taking a few doses I felt relieved, and soon thereafter was entirely cured, and have not been sick a day since. Neighbors of mine have been cured of Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Liver and Kidney troubles and General Debility." This is what B. F. Bass of Piedmont, N. C., writes. Only 50c. at English Drug Co's.

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I Shall Not Pass This Way Again.

I shall not pass this way again! The thought is full of gloom: The goal I ought to do today I may not do tomorrow. If this moment shall withhold The help I might be giving, Some soul may die, and I shall live The wretched joy of living.

Only this present hour is mine— I may not have another In which to speak a kindly word Or help a fallen brother. The path of life leads straight ahead; I can not turn to the right. The daily record which I make Will stand unchanged forever.

To cheer and comfort other souls, And make their pathways brighter, To lift the load from other hearts, And make their burdens lighter. This is the work we have to do. It must not be neglected. What we postpone each passing hour Is of an ill account.

I shall not pass this way again! I, then, with high endeavor, May I my life and service give To Him who reigns forever! There will be others of the past No longer living with me. And His approving smile will fill My heart with joy and gladness.

Items of News.

At Saulton, Wayne county, Thursday, a mill stone in the grist mill of Frank R. Musgrave exploded. Some of the flying fragments penetrated Musgrave's throat and head, inflicting fatal injuries.

While felling a tree near Cameron, Moore county, Thursday, a negro who was employed by the Bell Telephone Company was struck on the head by a falling limb and killed. His skull was crushed by the blow.

The Newton Cotton Mills suffered a small loss by fire Friday morning. The fire started at an early hour in the upper room of the mill, but was soon extinguished. The damage to machinery and building is probably \$200 to \$300.

Mr. W. H. Hovey, who recently lost his job as national bank cashier, has closed a contract with one of the largest national banks in New York city to act as solicitor and special representative of the bank throughout the South.

Joe Battle colored, 15 years old, charged with criminally assaulting a white woman near Rocky Mount last August, was arrested at Manchester, Va., last week. He was taken to Raleigh for safe keeping, as a lynching was threatened if he was left in Edgecombe jail.

Charles Fortson, a colored man who lived in the Pikeville section of Wayne county, was accidentally shot and killed last week. He had placed the muzzle of a loaded gun under his arm when the weapon was accidentally discharged, tearing away his shoulder and killing him instantly.

The Raleigh Post says that ex-Sheriff Wald of Alamogordo has deposited in the State Museum a five-pound rock crystallized from the mud collected on the end of a hog's tail. The mud collected on the hog's tail and stayed there until it turned into rock and the tail had to be amputated.

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TALK ON FARM IMPLEMENTS.

How They Have Slowly Been Developed From the Most Ancient Times—The Beautiful Sentiment Clinging About the Occupation of Agriculture.

R. Bennett Martin in National Geographic.

Recognizing that agriculture is the greatest and most important of all industries, and that of all men the farmer is the real power in this country, we send a greeting to those in the shape of a "special topic" this week on farm tools. Again have our farmers been blessed in "basket and store." Corn yielded bountifully. The cotton crop was somewhat short. We are thankful that old Gaston still holds her place as an agricultural county.

Evolution in Farm Implements.

In viewing the history of the world, one of the things that strikes the mind with peculiar force is, that for the first 6,000 years of the world's existence, according to accepted chronology, little or no change was made in the method of cultivating the soil or in caring for the products of the ground. It is true that they were slow growth, but agriculture lagged centuries behind the others, with the single exception, perhaps, of the manner of reducing grain to flour or meal. As far back as history runs, we find that the only method of reducing grain for the oven was by pounding it in a mortar with a pestle. This was slow and laborious. After many centuries came the method of grinding between stones. Not until recently has the roller mill come into existence.

Take the sowing of grain for example. The first and natural method was by scattering the seed by hand broadcast. This method furnished our Saviour a theme for one of his finest, most exquisite and effective parables—"A sower went forth to sow." How we enjoy that divine parable!

Agriculture was one of the first industries that engaged the attention of man, for we find in the sacred volume that Cain, the son of Adam, was a tiller of the soil, and that Abel was a shepherd.

Agriculture has been held in the highest esteem in all ages of the world's history. The earliest part of the world's population has been engaged in tilling the soil, and today the agricultural interests of the world are greater than all others combined. The ancient Egyptians were tillers of the soil; Abraham was an agriculturist.

What were the first implements? This is uncertain. Among the relics of prehistoric times have been found rude stone spades. In ancient Egypt the farmer waited for the overflow of the Nile, then he went forth and sowed broadcast on the slime or ooze mud and waited for the coming of the harvest. Among the hieroglyphs found in Egypt is a representation resembling a pick, which was doubtless used in preparing the soil for sowing the seed. The ancient Greeks placed agriculture among the favored industries.

The oldest record we have of a plow is from Hesiod, a Greek writer who describes a plow consisting of a share, beam and handles. This was about 1,000 years before Christ. The Greeks were the first to improve agricultural implements, for they had hoes, rakes and harrows; and many eminent Greeks and Romans wrote essays on the science of agriculture in that day and time. Pliny says that "four hundred stalks of wheat grow from a single seed were sent to the Emperor Augustus." And again, "three hundred and forty stalks of wheat from a single grain were sent to the Emperor Nero," with the statement that "the soil when dry was so stiff that the strongest ox could not plow it, but after a wet season I have seen it opened by a plow drawn by a wretched donkey at one end, a lazy wench at the other." The ancient plow shares were simply a piece of seasoned wood with a point of iron. They were of the rudest construction and could penetrate only about two inches deep. Thomas Jefferson invented the moldboard plow.

Agriculturists have been slow in adopting new inventions, so wedded are they to the old methods that have come down from Bible times. This may have arisen from the fact that agriculture was the last industry to have labor-saving devices. Every other industry had received the attention and profit of the genius of inventors long before anybody seemed to think that any improved implements for the farm could be made.

How prehistoric man harvested is not known. The sickle was first used. This crescent-shaped knife was used for centuries the only tool used in harvesting. We read of the sickle in the Bible, and frequently in poems on harvest. Gray, in his "Elegy in a Country Churchyard," says, "on old the harvest, in the sickle yield."

The sweetest pastoral idyl in the Bible is the story of Ruth, as she followed the reaper, gleaning in the field of her mother-in-law. In the old allegories death is represented— "With a sickle, sharp and keen, Reaping the golden grain, And the flowers that fall between."

Later came the cradle and the scythe. Man's necessities are good's opportunities. Whitney and his cotton gin revolutionized the production of cotton. Elias Howe brought into the world the sewing machine. Isaac Watts furnished the world with a new power. Robert Fulton applied the power of water to navigation. Cyrus H. McCormick designed and invented the modern reaper. Today the plant of the McCormick Manufacturing Company embraces a town of itself, and is a suburb of that great city of the northwest, Chicago, Ill.

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These arguments are mighty, coming as they do from Hon. John Barrett, minister to Siam and for seven years an extensive traveller throughout the East:

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"7. They are helpful in preparing the way for legitimate commercial expansion, and almost invariably precede the merchant in the penetration of the interior."

"8. They have done more than either commerce or diplomacy to develop respect for American character and manhood among the countless ignorant millions of Asia."

"9. They are a necessity to the Asiatic statesmen and people to provide them with that instruction and information required to undertake genuine progress and development."

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Early Thanksgiving Days.

The following facts respecting the origin and observance of Thanksgiving Day, which have been related by a contemporary, will be found of interest at this season of the year.

The first record Thanksgiving was the Hebrew Feast of Tabernacles. The first national English Thanksgiving was on September 8, 1588, for the defeat of the Spanish Armada. There have been but two English Thanksgivings in this century. One was on February 27, 1872, for the recovery of the Prince of Wales from illness; the other, June 21, 1897, for the Queen's Jubilee.

The New England Thanksgiving dates from 1633, when the Massachusetts Bay Colony set apart a day for thanksgiving.

The first national Thanksgiving proclamation was issued by Congress during the Revolutionary war. The first great American Thanksgiving Day was held in 1781, in grateful recognition of the declaration of peace. There was one more national Thanksgiving in 1789, and no other till 1863, when President Lincoln issued a national proclamation for a day of thanksgiving. Since that time the president has issued an annual proclamation and the day has been generally observed.

Price of Wild Beasts.

The following table will give an idea of the value of these beasts and their average length of life in menageries:

Species	Value	Length of life
Elephant	\$2,000	20 years
Tragou	1,000	15 "
Black bear	500	10 "
Wolf	200	5 "
Tiger	1,000	12 "
Lion	1,000	10 "
White bear	200	5 "

Of course, these prices are only averages and do not apply to the trained animals. A well trained lion is worth about \$5,000, and is not on the market at that price. I have the very best tiger in all the world—I can sleep with him, and he knows everything. I would not take \$10,000 for him. On the other hand, there are lions that can be bought for \$100. Some tigers, also, are very cheap. Those are the ones born in captivity. They are not much good, being degenerates in every respect. Their bones are soft and their brains are poor. The great menageries of the world won't take them at all.