

SUICIDE OF A SCHOOL TEACHER.

The St. Paul Dispatch, Monday, May 9, contains the following: "Benjamin Gibbons, 25 years old, committed suicide in a grove near the Norwegian seminary, at St. Anthony Park, about 5:30 yesterday afternoon by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. Erik Sovik, a student at the seminary, was walking through the woods at the time of the shooting. He heard two shots and, following the direction from which the sound came, he found Gibbons lying upon the ground dead. The man had fired one shot into a tree, the other into his head. Despondency over inability to get work is supposed to have been the cause for the suicide. From papers in Gibbons pockets it was learned that he had taught school in Barnes county, N. D., up to March 1, 1904. It is thought that he came at once to the Twin Cities to seek for work. A card from the United Employment company, addressed to J. E. Berglund, and pertaining to employment as a painter, was found in his pocket.

Among other effects was a letter from Gibbons' sister, Mrs. H. W. Coultrap, McArthur, Ohio, announcing the death of his father. Gibbons had \$2.17 in change in his pocket. Coroner Miller ordered the body removed to the morgue, and notified Mrs. Coultrap of her brother's death. The body will be held until the relatives are heard from. Coroner Miller received a telegram today from Judge H. W. Coultrap ordering the body sent to Gallipolis, Ohio. Coultrap was a brother-in-law of the deceased."

Gibbons was well known to a good many people in this county. He was a student at the Normal in 1899, though he did not graduate. The following year he procured a teacher's certificate and taught school in Cass county, where he remained several years. This spring he obtained a situation as teacher in district No. 69, three miles north of Litchville, in this county. He taught here about a month and a half and left without giving any notice to the officers of the school on the 14th of April. A part

of a month's pay was coming to him at the time he left and is still in the hands of the school officers. The people of the neighborhood were of the opinion that his mind was affected.

NEW GAS PLANT AT LAUNDRY.

H. B. Cornish, superintendent of the Northern Gas Machine company, of Minneapolis, has just completed installing a gas machine and lighting outfit at the Valley City Steam laundry. The gas is used for lighting and heating. It gives a clear white light that seems to be satisfactory in every respect. For heating purposes it has displaced a number of gasoline stoves and heaters used in connection with the laundry work. It serves the same purposes as ordinary illuminating gas, only it is better and apparently cheaper.

The gas is made from gasoline, fed from a tank outside the building and twelve feet under ground. The gasoline is vaporized and fed under pressure through pipes to the place where it is to be used. Its feed is controlled by a governor, so that the pressure and supply is uniform and steady. It is claimed that the system is approved as safe by the insurance companies. The cost of lighting and heating by this system is said to be considerably less than it would be by electricity or any other gas system. Five gallons of gasoline, it is claimed, will make 1000 feet of gas and three feet of gas will run a 100-candle power lamp one hour. The company turns out gas machines in any size and can supply them large enough to furnish the lights for a good sized town or small enough for a residence.

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