

Cyrus T. Smead

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Melancholy Suicide

About seven o'clock last evening, Mr. Cyrus L. Smead, a clerk of the Treasury Department, resident at No. 631 Pennsylvania avenue at the corner of east 3d street, left his home during the absence of his wife, to whom he addressed a note stating that he was about to go to the foot of 3d street (Blagden's Wharf) to drown himself, and bid her farewell forever. He pulled his clothes off and left them in the room. His wife, on returning about nine o'clock, discovered the note, and immediately informed the police, when officers Pierce and Whitmore went to search for him and found his hat on the wharf with a stone in it.

His body was recovered this morning, and Coroner Woodward is holding an inquest upon it this afternoon.

The deceased was a strictly temperate man, but had for some days been in a despondent state of mind, it is supposed, caused by pecuniary troubles. Yesterday, however, he was more cheerful than usual.

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The Late C.T. Smead

A meeting of the citizens of Iowa, now in this city, was held last evening at the Patent Office, to take action upon the death of Mr. C.T. Smead, who committed suicide by drowning. Resolutions lamenting the sad death of deceased and expressive of sympathy with his family were unanimously adopted.