

[Perkins, Thomas Jefferson]

BULLET IN BRAIN

Early Morning Suicide of Thomas J. Perkins
CALLED BY HIS GRANDSON

And While the Little fellow Waited the Grandfather Ended His Life.

Thomas J. Perkins of No. 3½ Grove avenue, committed suicide at his home between 5 and 6 o'clock this morning by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. The cause of the suicide is unknown unless poor health and financial troubles had so disturbed him that he decided to end his life rather than begin again a struggle for a competency.

He retired as usual last evening after promising his little grandson, Thomas Perkins, son of J. Edward Perkins, to go to the Eagle Wagon Works this morning for a new Jump wagon and they would be the first two to have a ride in the vehicle.

The little fellow came to the home of his grandfather about 5:30 and awoke him, telling him to get up and go for the promised ride. Mr. Perkins said "all right" and the grandchild had hardly got downstairs when Perkins pulled a revolver, placed the muzzle in his mouth and pulled the trigger. Death was instantaneous.

Doctor Helmer was summoned but his services were unnecessary.

Coroner O'Neill was called and he pronounced death due to suicide by shooting.

Besides his wife, Mary J. Perkins, he is survived by one daughter Mrs. Royal Emerson and two sons, J. Edward and William J. Perkins, also by three brothers [George, Smith and John] and five sisters [Mary, Annie, Esther, Eliza and Carrie].

Funeral services will be held at the house Tuesday next at 2 p.m. Burial will be made at Fort Hill. Rev. A. [Arnold] S. Yantis [Universalist] will officiate and the Masonic burial service will be conducted by St. Paul's Lodge F. and A.M., of which he had been a member for nearly 20 years.

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