

BUTTE, April 24.—William H. Erb, aged 24, committed suicide by taking a large dose of strychnine. He sat play-ing a social game of cardstill midnight. Soon after retiring he took the poleon. He was a crank on the subjects of theo-sophy and spiritualism and left a letter saying he had the sot in contemplation a long time. He said this was one of the things he had to do in life sooner or later. He was a graduate of the Columbia school of mines, and followed his profession as metallurgist. His