

### Suicide in California.

(San Francisco Correspondent of the N. Y. Times.)

The mania for suicide seems on the increase, and we have had several very deplorable illustrations recently. Among them I may mention that of Col. Wainwright, of the United States Ordnance Department, stationed at Benicia Arsenal. The Colonel may be set down as a victim to the theory of Spiritualism. His mind had been so severely and painfully exercised on the subject that he felt that insanity was a mere question of time. He believed that he would in a short time become an inmate of an asylum, hopelessly insane. Laboring under this terrible anticipation, he made every preparation—closed all of his public accounts, signing all of his papers, accounting for every dollar of public money, wrote letters to all his friends and family, dressed himself with scrupulous care, in his uniform, with his sword by his side, laid himself down to die

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