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### Capture Suspect, Who Proves to Be a Tramp

Believed Nephew Lured Woman to  
America and Then Murdered Her for  
Her Money—Bullets Aimed at  
Daughter Fails—Tells of Tragedy.

Believing they were about to cap-  
ture August Eberhard, the grocer's  
clerk, who is sought by the police of  
New York city in connection with the  
murder of his aunt, Mrs. Ottilie Eber-  
hard of Vienna, the police and a posse  
of citizens searched a thicket at Oak-  
dale, N. J., finally capturing the sus-  
pect, only to learn that he was a  
tramp. The police do not think that  
the murderer will be captured near  
the scene of the crime. They say  
that anyone who could display such  
cold blooded cunning as was shown  
in the murder plot, would plan to get  
safely away before the crime was dis-  
covered. It would have been easy for  
the murderer to get to Paterson by  
trolley and from there to get a  
train. A brother of Eberhard was  
found at Woodside, N. J., and he has  
furnished the police with an excellent  
photograph of the missing man. The  
brother was deeply affected when he  
learned the police are searching for  
his brother. He says that he did not  
know that Mrs. Eberhard and her  
daughter had intended to come to this  
country. He thinks his brother was  
also murdered. Friends of Eberhard  
are at a loss to account for his dis-  
appearance after the killing of his  
aunt and the wounding of his cousin  
and affianced bride.

There was a pathetic scene enacted  
when Miss Eberhard was taken to the  
scene of the tragedy. The girl  
showed a remarkable memory and ac-  
curately guided the detectives to the  
railroad tracks where her aunt was  
slain and where she herself was  
wounded. The girl was deeply affect-  
ed, but she showed great courage and  
retold the story of the shooting.  
Miss Eberhard says she saw a flash  
coming evidently from behind a car  
on a siding nearby and then a second  
and a third. As her mother fell to  
the tracks, the girl felt a bullet graze  
her own neck, cutting a gold chain  
from which a locket was suspended.  
Suddenly Eberhard urged her to run  
as a second bullet plowed into her  
shoulder, and she started down the  
track screaming. Once she turned  
back to see if her mother was follow-  
ing her, and again there was a shot,  
which passed above the bridge of her  
nose, the blood from the wound half  
blinding her. She said her mother  
carried \$2,600 in her clothing.

It is believed Eberhard lured his  
aunt to America and murdered her  
for her money.

### DESPONDENT, ENDS THREE LIVES

#### Woman Leaps from Ferryboat With Two Children in Her Arms.

Ill and despondent and fearful of  
the fate which might await her two  
little children if they were left alone  
to face the world, Mrs. Gussie Benson  
sought peace for all beneath the  
waters of the East river. The bodies  
of the mother and her little ones lie  
side by side in the morgue at New  
York awaiting burial.

For several years Mrs. Benson had  
lived with her husband and children  
on a South Dakota farm, but when her  
health failed, she decided to return  
to her old home in New York city.

Mrs. Benson sprang from a ferry-  
boat with the children in her arms.

### Boston Plans Aerial Route.

Aeroplanes will be carrying pas-  
sengers and freight between New  
York and Boston within the next  
eighteen months, if the plans of the  
American Aerial Navigation company,  
which is being organized by a law  
firm of Boston are carried out. The  
company, according to the backers, is  
created for the purpose of manufactur-  
ing and operating aerial devices and  
the establishment of aerial routes for  
the transportation of freight and pas-  
sengers in the United States, Canada  
and Mexico. According to the present  
plans, the first experiments will be  
made with small dirigibles, with a  
carrying capacity of two passengers  
in addition to the operator.

### Ice Cream Eaten on Wager Fatal.

Thomas McMillan is dying at Ho-  
bart, Okla., from the effects of  
too much ice cream, eaten on the  
Fourth of July on a wager with Fred  
Wakenfield that he could eat more of  
the delicacy. Wakenfield died ten  
days after the bout, having eaten al-  
most a gallon. McMillan finished a  
few saucers behind the winner. Both  
were taken ill on the night of the  
Fourth.

### Decrease in Immigration.

Immigration to America from all coun-  
tries, particularly Russia and Japan,  
showed a marked falling off for the  
month of June, as compared with the  
same month of 1907, according to fig-  
ures made public by the bureau of im-  
migration and naturalization. The to-  
tal immigration aggregated 31,947,  
compared with 154,734 in 1907, a de-  
crease of 79 per cent.

### Drew Murder Still a Deep Mystery.

Troy, N. Y., July 21.—There is still  
no trace of the murderer of Hazel  
Drew, whose body was found in Teal's  
pond, about twelve miles from this  
city, July 11. The affair is as com-  
pletely shrouded in mystery as at any  
stage of the investigation, so far as  
tangible clues are concerned.

## NEWS OF NEBRASKA

### Big Increase in Real Estate Assessment of the State.

Thomas Is Only County in Nebraska  
Decrease in Land Values—Mrs. Ban-  
ner of South Omaha Fatally Shoots  
Her Brother-in-Law.

Lincoln, July 21.—With assessors'  
returns missing from Custer, Gage,  
Grant, Nance, Scott's Bluff and Hooker  
counties, the real estate assessment of  
the state for this year is \$50,010,-  
299 higher than last year. This in-  
dicates an actual increase in value of  
five times this amount, or \$250,051,-  
495. Thomas is the only county in  
the state so far which shows a de-  
crease in land values, the shortage be-  
ing explained by a falling off in the  
number of acres under cultivation.  
Judge Edgar Howard of Columbus  
appeared before the state board of  
equalization to discuss his protest  
against the alleged omission of \$9,-  
000,000 worth of material from the re-  
turns made by the Union Pacific.  
General Superintendent Park of the  
Union Pacific, who had been cited to  
appear before the board, was not pre-  
sent, but A. W. Scribner, tax commis-  
sioner of the Union Pacific, appeared  
in his stead. Mr. Scribner contended  
that when Mr. Park said the Union  
Pacific had \$9,000,000 worth of mate-  
rial and other stock in Council Bluffs,  
Omaha and along the line to be added  
to the value of the property, he meant  
that this value was to be scattered  
along the entire system. Judge How-  
ard insisted Mr. Park had told him  
this property was in Nebraska, and  
the board decided to order Mr. Park  
to appear in person at a date to be  
determined later.

### Bridge Gangs at Work in Saunders.

Ashland, Neb., July 21.—Several  
bridge gangs are at work in Saunders  
county, replacing the bridges washed  
out in the flood of two weeks ago.  
Close around Ashland two bridges  
over Salt creek, a few miles west of  
the city, which were found stranded  
in fields below where they should  
have spanned the river, have been re-  
placed on the piling and will soon be  
in serviceable condition. A force of  
men is also at work lifting the heavy  
girders of the new steel bridge over  
Salt creek, on Silver street, from the  
bottom of the stream. Over fifty  
bridges of various sizes were taken  
out by the floods in Saunders county  
alone.

### E. J. Christy Only Stunned.

Genoa, Neb., July 18.—E. J. Christy,  
a miller who it was thought was  
burned to death in the destruction of  
the mill of Fonda brothers here, was  
found by some friends at Grand Is-  
land. While using a torch in the lower  
part of the mill, the explosion that  
started the fire stunned him. He does  
not remember, but now thinks he  
crawled out of a window and wander-  
ed in a half demented condition to  
Grand Island.

### Tornado Victims Recover.

Geneva, Neb., July 20.—Mr. and  
Mrs. John Shively and Edward Fussel,  
victims of the tornado in Jupe,  
are all able to be out, although Mrs.  
Shively is lame, and her husband's  
face is still bandaged. As soon as  
they are able, they will go east to  
have his nose treated. About forty of  
their friends and neighbors went into  
their oats field and had the grain har-  
vested in half a day. This field was  
well sprinkled with broken boards.

### Candidates File at Lincoln.

Lincoln, July 21.—Fred Abbott filed  
his application to have his name go  
on the Republican ticket as a candi-  
date for railway commissioner. Law-  
son Brian filed as Republican candi-  
date for state treasurer, to succeed  
himself, and George Anthes of Oma-  
ha filed for the Republican nomination  
for auditor. Edgar Howard filed as a  
Democratic candidate for congress  
from the Fourth district.

### Fatally Shoots Her Brother-in-Law.

South Omaha, July 21.—Fred Ban-  
ner, a young speculator at the stock  
yards, was shot and fatally wounded by  
his brother's wife. The bullet lodged  
in the brain. For the past few days  
the friends of Mrs. Banner say she  
has been practically demented. She  
was a widow when she married Ban-  
ner and has a daughter seventeen  
years of age. It is said that Fred Ban-  
ner and the girl, Miss King, have been  
going together for some time and that  
this is the cause of the shooting.

### Guardsmen at Ashland Camp.

Ashland, Neb., July 21.—The first  
contingent of Nebraska National  
Guardsmen went into camp at the  
guards' new rifle range, two miles  
north of Ashland, on the Platte river.  
The first contingent, consisting of  
twelve companies and the Second reg-  
iment band, under command of Major  
George A. Eberly, will be here for  
ten days.

### McKinley Club Elects Officers.

Omaha, July 21.—Charles E. Foster  
was elected president of the McKin-  
ley club; J. P. Palmer, secretary, and  
T. B. Dysart, treasurer, at the annual  
meeting of the club yesterday even-  
ing. R. B. Howell appeared before  
the club, representing the Fontenelle  
club, with a proposal to merge the  
Fontenelles into the McKinley club.

### Veteran Found Dead in Bed.

Ainsworth, Neb., July 20.—George  
Risley, aged seventy-six, was found  
dead in his bed. He was a civil war  
veteran and leaves a wife and six  
grown children.

### SHUMWAY MUST PAY PENALTY

#### Supreme Court Rules Murderer Must Hang for Crime Near Adams.

Lincoln, July 18.—R. Mead Shum-  
way must pay the death penalty on  
Oct. 20 for the murder of Mrs. Sarah  
Martin, near Adams, in Gage county.  
This is the decision of the supreme  
court, which affirms the findings of the  
lower court, which tried and convicted  
the man.

Shumway was employed on the Mar-  
tin farm. One day last spring Mr.  
Martin went to town, and while he  
was gone Shumway murdered Mrs.  
Martin, sixty years of age, stole what  
money he could find and fled to Mis-  
souri. He was tracked, arrested and  
brought back to Gage county and  
tried. The jury brought in a verdict  
of murder in the first degree. The  
case was appealed on a technicality,  
but the supreme court affirms the de-  
cision of the lower court. Shumway  
is in the penitentiary.

### Believed Truman Was Murdered.

Fairbury, Neb., July 17.—Robert  
Truman was found dead in his farm  
home, near Daykin, and the autopsy  
revealed that death was caused by  
two bullet wounds in the head. One  
of the bullets had lodged in the brain,  
and the other passed clear through  
the head. Mr. Truman owned a sec-  
tion of land near Daykin and had lived  
on his farm since the end of his sec-  
ond term as county treasurer. His  
estate goes to brothers and sisters.  
There is a general belief that he was  
murdered, but there is little evidence  
as yet beyond the course of the bul-  
lets.

### Board of Equalization Meets.

Lincoln, July 20.—The state board  
of equalization, which meets today,  
will have to pass upon the values  
placed by the county assessors upon  
railroad terminals. The value of rail-  
road property in every town or city  
of Nebraska where there is any rail-  
road mileage will have to be equalized  
by the board. Although some of the  
returns from the assessors have not  
yet been received, it is estimated that  
the new assessments will show an in-  
crease in actual value of real estate  
alone in the state of \$250,000,000.

### Range Cattle Come Early.

Omaha, July 18.—Range cattle are  
pouring into South Omaha two weeks  
ahead of the usual time, in fact before  
all the range cattle from the Pan-  
handle of Texas are arriving on the  
ranges. During the last week the  
Burlington has handled several car-  
loads from Sheridan and other Wyo-  
ming points and from the Black Hills  
country. The Northwestern also re-  
ports a heavy movement in sight from  
the Black Hills. Railroad officials ex-  
pect this heavy cattle business to  
keep up until time for grain to start  
to move.

### Buethes Family Holds Reunion.

Tecumseh, Neb., July 18.—Twenty  
families of Buethes, about hundred  
persons in all, were present at a re-  
union of the family at the residence  
of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Buethes. The  
reunion was in celebration of the ar-  
rival in this country of the late Carl  
Buethes, father of several families re-  
presented, fifty years ago.

### Bridge Foreman Killed.

Fremont, Neb., July 20.—D. C. Wool-  
ring, a bridge foreman, was accidentally  
knocked off a bridge at noon by a  
chain connected with a pile driver,  
which struck him on the temple and  
threw him into the river. He was  
dead when taken out. Woolring lived  
at Lincoln and his body was taken  
there.

### Child Kicked to Death by Horse.

Tekamah, Neb., July 20.—Morris  
Christenson's three-year-old son was  
kicked to death by a horse. Hearing  
a scream, the child's mother ran to  
the barn and found the youngster al-  
most lifeless, with the top of his head  
almost kicked off. The Christenson  
farm is ten miles north of here.

### Stranger Killed by Train.

Blair, Neb., July 20.—Samuel C.  
Lessel, a stranger here, was killed by  
a train two miles north of here. Pa-  
pers in his pockets showed he had  
\$100 deposited in a bank at Pocahon-  
tas, Ark. His skull was crushed and  
one leg was broken.

### Glenn Jacobi Killed by Bolt.

Bloomfield, Neb., July 18.—Glenn  
Jacobi, who recently resigned as town  
marshal, was struck by lightning and  
instantly killed. He was in the barn  
feeding his horses. The lightning did  
not damage the barn. A wife and  
three small children are left.

### Tressler Buys Barnston Herald.

Beatrice, Neb., July 18.—Edward  
Tressler of Table Rock has purchased  
the Barnston Herald. Mr. McCoy,  
who established the paper several  
years ago, is understood to have se-  
cured a government position, and this  
is his reason for selling.

### Nebraska Farmer Shoots Himself.

Pawnee, Neb., July 18.—Frank Preb-  
bauer, a young Bohemian farmer liv-  
ing seven miles east, shot himself  
with a rifle and his condition is seri-  
ous. Despondency was the cause of  
his attempted suicide.

### Death of Judge Magee.

Council Bluffs, Ia., July 21.—J. E.  
F. Magee, formerly of this city, who  
was judge of the superior court from  
1891 to 1899, died suddenly at his  
home at Independence, Kan. His  
brother, Harry G. Magee, left at once  
for Independence, and will bring the  
body here for burial. Judge Magee  
was born in 1861, and married a  
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