

Murder Clues Seen in Death of Ex-Omahian

Bullet Which Killed Estranged Husband Fit Gun Belonging to Father-in-Law.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Cedar Rapids, Ia., Jan. 2.—Considerable mystery still surrounds the death of A. J. Schrader, formerly of Omaha, who was found dead New Year's day within a few feet of the home of his young wife.

Coroner R. A. Vorpal is inclined to pronounce the death a case of suicide.

The circumstances prevent him from definitely declaring it suicide, however.

First, despite diligent efforts of Cedar Rapids officers, the revolver with which the coroner believes Schrader ended his life cannot be found.

Second, a revolver containing one discharged shell was found in possession of M. H. J. Curless, father of the dead man's wife, with whom she lived since a quarrel with her husband.

"The bullet which I found in Schrader's left lung is of .32 caliber," said Coroner Vorpal. "It corresponds to the other bullets in the revolver of Mr. Curless, the father-in-law, which is a .32 caliber gun."

An autopsy last night showed that the bullet had entered Schrader's right lung. I found the bullet, which had penetrated into the left lung. The muzzle of the revolver was close to Schrader when fired, for there were powder burns on his coat.

Gun Is Missing.

"We are still searching for the gun which we believe he used to end his life. If it isn't found by tonight it will be up to a coroner's jury to decide whether or not the case was a suicide, and, if not, who killed Schrader?"

Schrader, a young railroad man, has lived in Marshalltown since a quarrel with his wife. Information received this morning from Marshalltown, the coroner said, was that Schrader had taken a pistol from the home of his mother in Marshalltown Wednesday, declaring he was "going to Cedar Rapids to wipe out the entire family," referring to Mr. and Mrs. Curless, near whose home his body was found.

Strangely enough, the revolver which he took when leaving for Cedar Rapids also was a .32-caliber revolver, which makes it difficult to decide any more definitely.

Signs of Struggle.

I am inclined to think that as Schrader approached the home of his wife he became despondent and then decided to end it all by shooting himself instead of his wife and her family. He didn't die immediately after the bullet entered his lungs, for there were signs of a struggle, and he might have thrown the revolver a long way from him. There are several inches of blood on the ground and the revolver may be hidden in it."

The revolver found in the possession of Schrader's father-in-law looked as if it had not been shot for a long time. Mr. Curless says he shot a dog with the revolver more than a year ago, and accounts for the discharged shell in his revolver in that manner.

Curless Heard Shots.

When found, the body was frozen stiff. Schrader's wife and her mother denied hearing a shot when informed of the death. Mr. Curless said he had heard several shots but paid no attention, thinking they were fired by New Year's celebrators.

Mr. and Mrs. Schrader were married in Omaha on May 19, 1921, apparently after an elopement from Iowa, according to records at the court house. They obtained the license on that day and were married by the Rev. Edwin Hart Jenks of First Presbyterian church. Both gave their address as Cedar Rapids, Ia.

Schrader gave his age as 24 years, and his father's name as J. H. Schrader of Cedar Rapids. His bride gave her name as La Donna Curless, and her father's name as Milo Curless of Cedar Rapids. She said she was 21 years old.

Had Suicidal Pact.

The reports indicate that they quarreled shortly after their marriage. She said that during one of their quarrels, he proposed that they both commit suicide, and that she agreed. He handed her a revolver, she placed it at her temple and pulled the trigger, but the bullet did not explode, she told police.

Schrader then fell into a rage and beat her until she was unconscious, she said, according to reports reaching Omaha. She left him that day and the following day sued him for divorce, obtaining an injunction to prevent him from bothering her. He violated this injunction on several occasions, she said. Their three children are living with her.

Nebraska News Nubbins

Pawnee City.—G. A. R. post has elected these officers: Commander, J. S. Millburn; junior vice commander, Fred Kerl; officer of the day, William Burg; quartermaster, G. A. J. Moss; sergeant, Ben Wade; chaplain, D. C. Stratton; officer of the guard, John Boyer; instructor, J. R. Little; and adjutant, J. M. Miller.

Humboldt.—The wedding of Carl Burrow, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burrow, farmer, in the vicinity of Elk Creek, and Miss Enid Philpot, young daughter of John Philpot, of this city, took place Wednesday at Seneca, Kan. Mr. and Mrs. Ed McClain, the latter a sister of the bride entered the bridal party at dinner New Year's day.

Pawnee City.—Mrs. John Stasney, a native of Bohemia and a resident of the DuBois community, this country, for many years, was buried recently at DuBois. Mrs. Stasney had been in failing health over a year.

Beatrice.—The Beatrice Parent Teachers association will present a play at the Gilbert theater here January 7 and 8.

Auburn.—Auburn Kiwanis club has elected officers for 1925 as follows: Robert M. Armstrong, president; Frank C. Grant, vice president; Gordon C. Howe, treasurer; H. M. Wells, district trustee. Carl Nordlund was re-elected by the board of directors who are C. O. Nelson, B. W. Dirks, W. A. Gilmore, O. N. Smith, Carl M. Glenn, C. E. Holmquist and Fred Wrightman.

Pawnee City.—Watch night services were held at the United Presbyterian church by the congregation of Pawnee City.

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Ausa.—C. A. Holmquist, who has been a member of the board of supervisors of Knox county continuously since 1911 and secretary-treasurer of the Nebraska association of county commissioners, county clerks, supervisors and highway commissioners for four years, has been re-elected to the latter office for 1925.

Pawnee City.—John Peacock, 81, of Burchard, was buried at that city Wednesday. Mr. Peacock died Saturday. He was a well known resident of this county and a veteran of the civil war.

Columbus.—Funeral services for William Harvey Dilley, 67, long time resident here, were held Friday. Mr. Dilley died of heart trouble. He is survived by nine daughters and four sons.

Pawnee City.—Clarence Gell of Axtell, Kan., and Miss Lois Kerl of Yakima, Wash., have announced their marriage here. Gell is a farmer in the Axtell vicinity.

Pawnee City.—Officers of the I. O. O. F. lodge in this city for the coming year are: Noble grand, O. W. Wheeler; secretary, John Anderson; officers of the auxiliary lodge, the Rebekahs, elected at the same time, are: Noble grand, Mrs. Opal Dusenbery; secretary, Mrs. L. R. Carlett.

Harrington.—Funeral services for Mrs. George H. Brunick, a member of one of the oldest pioneer families of Cedar county, were held at the family home here, Rev. Louis Hoch, pastor of the Congregational church, preaching the sermon.

Mrs. Brunick, who was Miss Amelia R. Rosenbach before her marriage, is survived by her husband and six children.

Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

The young who had an older's warning show evidence of wisdom's dawning.

—Old Mother Nature.

The Young Otters Are Warned.

"Do you remember the terrible two-legged creature who chased us on our way from the Laughing Brook to this brook?" Little Joe Otter asked the two young Otters.

Both nodded their heads. "I guess I do!" exclaimed one. "He gave me a dreadful fright."

"Have you seen anything of him since we have been staying over here?" Mrs. Otter asked.

"This time both the young Otters shook their heads. "No," said the one who had spoken before. "The truth is, I have forgotten all about him. I guess he doesn't know we are over here."

"I guess he does," said Little Joe Otter. "I know he does. He has set traps for us."

"What are traps?" asked one of the young Otters.

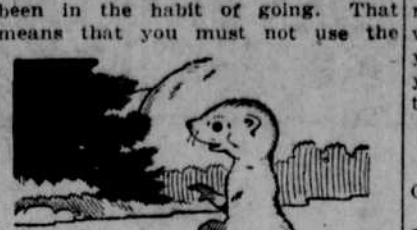
"They are terrible things with awful jaws, which are hidden where they are not likely to be seen and are always ready to jump up and seize an Otter by the leg. They will never let go, and there is no way of making them let go."

The eyes of the young Otters grew round with wonder and fear. "But what have they to do with that terrible creature who chased us?" asked one of them.

"Those traps belong to him," replied Little Joe. "He is the one who has hidden those traps, hoping to catch us. If one of you should be caught in one of those traps, that terrible two-legged creature would come and kill you."

"But how do you know that he has hidden any of those dreadful traps around here?" inquired the smallest Otter.

"Your father has just found one," replied Mrs. Otter. "It was set over on that old log where your father has been in the habit of eating his fish. Probably there are more traps, and so it is not going to be safe for any of us to go to the place we have been in the habit of going. That means that you must not use the



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thing more. If one of you should find a dead fish, keep away from it."

"Why?" demanded one of the young Otters.

"Because the only safe fish for an Otter is a live fish. No matter how hungry you are or how hard it is to catch a fish, don't be tempted by a dead fish. There is likely to be a trap hidden close by. If the fishing were not so good here we would move on at once. Now remember what your mother and I have told you. Keep away from every place you have been in the habit of going to, and don't touch a dead fish."

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The next story: "The Foolish Young Otter."

Jury Awards \$1,500 Damages to Victim of Auto Accident

Randolph, Jan. 2.—In the damage suit brought by William Finnekan against Andrew Bisenius of Randolph for \$20,000 for injuries received in an



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automobile accident about a year ago, the jury returned a verdict awarding the plaintiff \$500 damages.

Snow in Southern Nebraska Improves Wheat Prospects

Beatrice, Neb., Jan. 2.—A heavy wet snow which fell evenly over the wheat fields in this section of the state will greatly improve crop prospects. The snow which fell last week drifted so badly that it was of little benefit to the soil.

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First Judicial District Court Summons Announced

Pawnee City, Jan. 2.—The calendar of District Judge J. E. Raper of the First judicial district has been filed in the district court of this city. Johnson county seasons will be held beginning March 2 and September 14; Nemaha county, March 16 and October 5; Pawnee county, March 30 and October 20; Richardson county, April 13 and November 9. Judge Raper has ordered petit juries to be chosen and further announced that no grand jury would be called in the district unless specially ordered.

Native of Broken Bow Dies at Her Home in Colorado

Fort Morgan, Colo., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Ray Robertson, 24, died Thursday at her home 11 miles southwest of Fort Morgan. She and her husband came to Morgan county three years ago from Broken Bow, Neb., where they were both born and reared. She is survived by her husband, her father, George Griffith of Stratton, Neb., and her mother, Mrs. Phillip Wheeler of Fort Morgan. She was a life member of the United Brethren church.

Winter Fair Planned.

Auburn, Jan. 2.—The Nemaha County Fair association will hold a winter fair on February 4, 5 and 6 in the fair grounds auditorium.