

A FATAL SHOT.

About 8:30 o'clock yesterday evening E. W. Towner, Clerk of the District Court, Dr. C. L. Van Fossen and Lawyer B. E. Johnston were standing at the edge of the sidewalk in front of the Masonic building, on Minnesota avenue, talking about the bank failures and other current topics, when Capt. C. J. Hanks and A. W. Little were seen walking leisurely up the avenue engaged in conversation. When they arrived within a few feet of the first named parties Mr. Little drew a pistol from his pocket and fired at Mr. Johnston. The latter threw his arms around Mr. Tower's neck and fell off the sidewalk on to the street carrying Towner with him. In ten minutes he was dead having been shot through the lower part of the heart. After shooting him it is said Mr. Little struck him over the head two or three times with his revolver.

Mr. Little has been engaged in the banking business since he came to this city some eight years ago and has borne an excellent reputation. Mr. Johnston was at one time a member of the law firm of Carscadon & Johnston of this city, but had lately formed a co-partnership with C. C. Black, of Kansas City, Mo.

Both are married men and have several small children. It is one of the saddest as well as one of the most deplorable affairs that has occurred in this city for many a day.

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