

LUKE SHORT DEAD.

The Noted Western Character Died With His Boots Off.

A private dispatch received in the city last

~~stated that Luke Short, a well known~~

Western character, died yesterday at Gouda Springs, Kan. Although no particulars were given, the news is generally accepted true, for a week ago Henry and George Short, brothers of Luke, were in Kansas City, and stated that he was in a bad physical condition. He was suffering, they said, from dropsy of the bowels, and his death seemed only a question of a few days.

Luke Short was one of the best known of the men who achieved a reputation as "killers" in the West in the early days. He was spoken of as having a private graveyard. He was a sure shot and quick with the revolver. His latest shooting scrape was with Jim Courtright of Fort Worth, whom he instantly killed a year and a half ago. Charles Storm was killed by him in Arizona several

~~One of the exciting incidents of Short's~~
life occurred in 1884. He was then running a saloon and gambling house in Dodge City and incurred the enmity of A. B. Webster, Mayor of the town and a man who had a reputation for bravery himself. Webster got a crowd of his friends and Short's enemies together and armed them. They called on Short, marched him to the depot and compelled him to get on the first train passing through the town and leave. Short determined to return. He went to Caldwell, Kan., and from there came to Kansas City. He gathered friends in both places, and with thirteen determined men, all ready to fight for him, returned to Dodge City. The men were all armed to the teeth. In the party were "Senator" Charles Bassett, now of this city, and Bat Masterson. They cowed Webster and his followers in Dodge City, but no fighting took place. Both sides paraded the town for several days and business was entirely suspended. Finally a compromise was effected and Short was allowed to remain in the town, and when he finally left there it was by his own volition. For several years past he has been running a gambling house in Fort Worth, Tex. He is 38 years old.