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BURTON C. MORRIS SHOT DEAD.

Well Known Young Business Man Meets a Tragic Fate at the Hands of John Benbroke, the Proprietor of the Notorious Sheep Ranch Gambling Resort.

Shooting Occurred About 7:30 o'clock Last Night at the Merchant's Cafe, a High-Toned Restaurant—The Victim of the Dreadful Affair Brutally Beaten Over the Head with a Revolver as He Lay Upon the Floor—An Autopsy Today and an Inquest Tomorrow—Shot Completely Through the Heart—Funeral Not Arranged For—Benbrook Under Arrest—Leda Stromberg the Woman in the Case and the Part She Played —Her Fatal Note—Left a Will, Devising all of His Estate, Including Two Insurance Policies to His Mother, Brothers and Sisters. Full Particulars of the Shooting.

Salt Lake was thrilled from end to end last night by the enactment of another tragedy in which a dashing young woman is another and a well known young business man were the actors. Burton C. Morris, the florist, is the young business man, and his dead body is now at the house of his great uncle, Bishop Morris, on Fourth East, in South North street. John Benbrook is the murderer, and he is today under arrest, charged with young Morris's murder. The woman in the case is Miss Leda Stromberg, a girl well known in Salt Lake as a belle in a certain dashing set, and locally noted for the fascination she has exerted over more than one young Salt Laker. She was in fact said to have been betrothed to Burton C. Morris, and had been engaged for a considerable period before his death. Later she formed an affectionate relation with Benbrook, demonstrative scenes at the depot between the two at the time of his departure for Cuba is well remembered by those who beheld it. But Mr. McKay never came back and for some time past the young woman has been regarded as the fiancee of the unfortunate young man who was murdered last night. Benbrook is married and has a wife and a child or his name would not be mentioned in an affair of this kind. He claims to have had trouble with Miss Stromberg and to have parted with her after his wife had written him a letter in which she charged him with being intimate with the girl had been confessed and married, that she was a good girl, but that she did not want to make her for him.

It was the same old, sad story of man's infatuation for a woman's beauty. Young Morris was doing a prosperous business, but it is thought by his friends that his love for Miss Stromberg led to gratify the expensive tastes of the young woman and to make her feel that she was in possession of wealth which she lacked. Their friends say that Benbrook—whose attentions to the young woman had been so marked as to cause a rupture between her and Morris—was by no means a fit companion for a girl of her character. He claims to have been married to her in Denver, and that