

# Foul Play

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In the case of suicide of J. J. Merry at Medora, of which we spoke last week, there is now held a strong suspicion that Mr. Merry did not suicide, but that he met his untimely death at the hands of some unknown person or persons. The Fargo Forum of a recent date has this to say:

Firmly convinced that her husband was foully murdered and that he did not commit suicide as reported, Mrs. J. J. Merry arrived home from Jamestown yesterday morning.

The facts, as stated by Mrs. Merry tend to confirm this murder theory and the many friends of Mr. Merry here are waiting with no little concern the result of an investigation which is now being carried on.

According to information received by Mrs. Merry, her husband had not been drinking, as it had been hinted. The brakeman of the train on which Mr. Merry went to Medora is positive that Mr. Merry had not been drinking and the coroner, after a careful examination of the body is equally positive that Mr. Merry had not tasted liquor within a short time before he was killed.

The body was found propped up in a bed with pillows, in a position which Mr. Merry had long been accustomed to lie in bed and read before going to sleep. The door of the room was found securely locked but a most thoro search of the room failed to result in the key to the door being found.

The revolver, with which Mr. Merry was supposed to have taken his life, was an old style affair and too large to have been carried around by him.

When last seen alive Mr. Merry had on his person a gold watch, a diamond ring and a sum of money, believed to have been about \$75. When his lifeless body was found, in his pockets were found six copper cent pieces. A thoro search failed to result in the finding of any trace of the watch or the diamond ring.

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