

## Laura J. Beyer

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**Beyer.** Suddenly on Thursday, March 4, 1920, Laura J., beloved wife of Paul Beyer, aged 39 years. Funeral from her late residence, 320 14th street s.w., Saturday, March 6 at 2 p.m. Friends invited to attend. Interment Congressional cemetery.

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### **Escaping Gas Causes Death**

#### **Paul Beyer Finds Wife Dead – Imperfect Pipe Blamed**

Mrs. Laura Beyer was accidentally asphyxiated by illuminating gas in her home at 324 14<sup>th</sup> street southwest last night. He was dead when Paul Beyer, her husband, member of No. 23 engine company returned home shortly after 3 o'clock this morning, having been on the night shift at his place of employment.

A physician pronounced life extinct and summoned the coroner. Coroner Nevitt made an investigation and found the gas had escaped from an imperfect rubber hose connected with a heater. He gave a certificate of accidental death.