

## Samuel Nugent ( - 11 Sep 1882)

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### **Probable Homicide**

#### **A Supposed Insane Man Shoots a Friend Through The Body**

Saturday night Henry W. Fenner, who had been boarding at Mrs. Ross', 102 B street northwest for some weeks, became somewhat violent and abusive to Mrs. Ross, and was thought to be insane. Mrs. Ross becoming alarmed sent for a policeman, and Officer Skelley started to the house. He was joined by Mr. Samuel Nugent, a well known painter, who, being an acquaintance of Fenner's thought that he could pacify him. When they entered the house Fenner drew a pistol and fired, the ball striking Nugent in the left side and passing entirely through him. Fenner was at once taken to the seventh precinct station and locked up, and Dr. Townsend, after examining Nugent's wound, directed that he be sent to Providence hospital. Fenner is quite a respectable looking man, about 49 years of age, and claims that the officer had no right to enter his room without a warrant.

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### **The Killing of Nugent**

In the Police Court this afternoon Fenner who shot Nugent Saturday night, as stated in the first edition of the Star, was called up from the cells and Mr. Moore called Judge Bundy's attention to a warrant charging the defendant with intent to kill. He also stated that the injured man was in the hospital in a critical condition. Judge Bundy committed the prisoner without bail to await the result of Nugent's injuries. Nugent died at 12 o'clock today.

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### **The Shooting of Mr. Nugent**

#### **Coroner's Inquest This Afternoon**

A coroner's inquest was held this afternoon at the undertaking establishment of Mr. Henry Lee, 332 Pennsylvania avenue, on the body of Samuel Nugent, who was shot Saturday night at the boarding house of Mrs. Julia Ross, on B street, by a man named Henry W. Fenner.

Mrs. Rosa, the first witness, gave the details of what took place at her house, and gave an account of strange conduct on the part of Fenner. Policeman Skelly testified to going to the house at Mrs. Ross' request to secure Fenner. Nugent volunteered his services. While Fenner and witness were struggling, a pistol in Fenner's hand was discharged, and Nugent was shot. Joseph Dennis, who also accompanied Kelly, corroborated his testimony.

The inquest was in progress at 2:30 p.m.

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### **Locals**

The jury of inquest yesterday over the body of Samuel Nugent, who was shot last Saturday night, gave a verdict that the deceased came to his death from a pistol shot wound of the abdomen, inflicted with a pistol in the hands of Henry W. Fenner.