

Adding to a tragedy in 1904

No reader of the *Bloomington Telephone* on an evening in August of 1904 could have overlooked the tragic news of a teenage suicide. Seldom did the newspaper editor indulge him-



Looking back

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self in large headlines, but in the issue of Aug. 5, he had one eye on relative news values and the other on the circulation department.

No matter that the young girl's family was already mortified and suffering from a deep loss. It was a different time, and newspaper editors vied with each other for publishing the most sensational stories.

The facts of the August suicide were that 16-year-old Hepsie Mo-

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