

DISTRICT ATTORNEY SLAYS FATHER IN SISTER'S DEFENSE

Whatley Ranch Home Scene of Heart-rendering Tragedy When Father and Son Quarrel Over Sister

SON FEARS ATTACK, SHOOTS ONLY COURSE HE SAYS

Believed Father Was Reaching for Gun and Would Have Killed Both

GRIEF OVERWHELMING

One of the saddest tragedies ever occurring in Summit County took place last Tuesday evening shortly before 9 o'clock, when Barney L. Whatley shot and killed his father, Martin L. Whatley, 61 years old.

The fatal shooting took place in the midst of a heated quarrel between the father and son over the mistreatment of the father of his daughter, Mrs. Amy Cornwall, toward whom he had used angry and threatening words, ending by ordering her to leave the home. The young attorney who was preparing to retire, fastened down stairs and reconstituted with his father over his treatment of the sister, which only increased the rage of the elder son. His temper completely mastered him, he threatened the lives of both and reached toward a shelf where a revolver usually rested. The movement aroused over-whelming fear in the son for the safety of his sister's and his own life, and drawing a .32-caliber revolver, fired twice. Both bullets struck the chest, the first having little effect in disaffecting him from his apparent purpose and as he continued his threatening action, the second shot was fired. The wounded man staggered out of the room and fell on the porch, dying almost instantly.

Suffers Agency of Grief

Daughter and son rushed to his side, and the latter kneeling by the prostrate form, exclaimed "Oh, God, dad! Why did you make me do it?" The young

summoning Martin Waltz, Western Union operator, went to the depot and sent out numerous messages to relatives, apprising them of what had occurred and urged his brothers in Washington and Alabama to come at once.

After completing the dispatching of his messages, he sent an urgent call to Sheriff J. G. Detwiler, asking him to meet him at the Whatley law office, at which place he surrendered himself. He spent the night without sleep. He did not remove his clothes but walked about restlessly in mental anguish.

Many Friends Offer Aid

Early Wednesday morning, when news of the tragedy spread, many friends hurried to the sheriff's office, eager to comfort him and provide help. Telephone calls came from Denver, proffering aid and sympathy. He received his friends quietly and thanked them for their thoughtfulness. Though he made little comment, the presence and cheering words of his visitors had marked effect in uplifting his spirits.

Says Act was Necessitated

He said he had no statement to make, further than that his act was prompted by what seemed almost certain death for himself, his sister and the latter's small son. In the midst of the desperate situation that ensued, it seemed the only means of averting a more horrible result.

While the unfortunate affair is sorrowfully deplored by all Summit County the sentiment toward the young district attorney is of the kindest, and deepest sympathy for him prevails. The mother and sister are doubly stricken with grief because of the loss of husband and father and the unfortunate position of son and brother. The latter, the sister declares, had no alternative in the clash with his father.

While the dead man was considered most pleasant and agreeable and possessed many worthy and honorable

READY TO PICK



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High Percentage Manganese Ore Iron Mask

A manganese find that promises to become an important one has been made near Breckenridge in the past few days. The discovery was made in the Iron Mask about two miles below town by Guy Currier and James McGee who have the property under lease and bond. The value of the ore, and the possible commercial value it has is indicated by a letter from the Colorado Fuel and Iron company which concern had an exhaustive analysis made of the ore, results of which were sent to the lessors.

According to the report of the fuel company, the ore carries 41.50 per cent manganese, and slight percentages of silica, iron and phosphorus. The manganese percentage is such as to make the product worth about \$16 a ton and a representative of the fuel company is expected to arrive shortly for the purpose of making a thorough examination of the ore.

Presence of manganese ore in the Iron Mask and adjoining properties has been known for some time but it was not supposed that the veins were of sufficient value or extent to be profitable. The Iron Mask has been a profitable producer of silver and associated

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