

TYPICAL FRONTIER PISTOL DUEL AT CLOVIS; TWO VICTIMS

Clovis, N. M., Aug. 15.—As the culmination of a series of tragic events here Saturday, in which several well known Clovis business men were concerned, John Childers, proprietor of the Elk Bar saloon, was shot and killed, and Gus Von Elem, proprietor of the White House saloon and chief of the city fire department, was seriously, if not fatally wounded. Childers was killed as the result of a fierce duel with Von Elem, in which six shots were exchanged, all of them taking effect. The duel which occurred at 5:30 o'clock Saturday evening, it is believed, grew out of a heated argument between the two men earlier in the day, in which it is alleged that Von Elem intimated that Childers had set fire to the Cashin store, owned by Childers and Lilly, which was fired in a suspicious manner three times between 9 o'clock Friday night and 2 o'clock Saturday morning. Von Elem's assertion that Childers was responsible for the blaze, it is said, resulted from a fierce attack made by Childers upon a fireman named W. J. Skeldon, who was attempting to put out one of the fires which practically destroyed the Cashin place. According to Skeldon, he was engaged in fighting the fire when Childers approached from behind and dealt him a murderous blow with the butt of a heavy pistol.

Cause of Tragedy

Because of the rapidity with which events in the tragic affair followed each other, there are many different stories concerning it. The general impression seems to be, however, that the Cashin store was fired either by Childers or by a man named Louis Lilly. The store was owned jointly by Childers and Lilly, the goods in it being bankrupt stock, said to be heavily insured. At 9 o'clock Friday night, the fire department was called to the Cashin store and extinguished a small blaze. At midnight the firemen were again called out to the same place, and, after heroic work, succeeded in subduing a second fire. Still another alarm was sounded shortly after 2 o'clock Saturday morning. Positive that the blazes were the work of incendiaries, the fire chief and firemen made a thorough search of the store and premises, looking for clues which might lead to the detection of the guilty parties. A can of coal oil, the contents of which were flowing over the floor, was discovered while Childers was nearby. It is said that it was about this time that Childers struck Skeldon with the pistol. Childers was arrested Saturday morning, charged with assault with intent to kill and also with arson. Louis Lilly was also arrested at the same time. Childers was released on \$3,500 bonds, and Lilly on \$1,500.

Shortly after 6 o'clock Saturday evening, Childers jumped into a buggy and drove from his saloon, the Elk bar, to the White House saloon, owned by Von Elem. Von Elem, who had evidently been warned that Childers was on his way to his place, appeared on the street, gun in hand, just as Childers stopped his horse and opened fire. Von Elem opened fire at the same time. Both men fired three shots, all of which took effect. Von Elem's knee and thigh were broken and his left hand was shattered. Childers fared still worse, being shot through the right breast, the left side and hip, and dying one hour after the shooting.

Von Elem, it is believed, will recover. He had not been arrested up to today, and it is doubtful whether he will be, as witnesses claim that he shot in self-defense. Because of his murderous attack on Skeldon, the feeling here against Childers was intense and threats of lynching were heard on all sides before the tragedy.

Great Excitement

The trio of fires, the assault on Skeldon and finally the killing of Childers has kept the little town of Clovis in an uproar since. Considerable excitement still prevails, both on account of the bloody duel and because of the events which preceded it and also because of the prominence of both Childers and Von Elem. Childers was fifty years of age, had a wife and grown son. He was the son of Judge Childers, mayor of Texico, and also has a number of relatives living in Texas and Oklahoma. According to those who were well acquainted with Childers, he had six notches in his gun, having planted a half dozen men in his career. It is said that he was indicted for murder not more than a year ago at Dalhart, Texas, and the matter is still pending in the courts.

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ABSORBLETS

Daughter—Father, dear father, won't you forgive John and me for eloping? Father, Dear Father—Yes, if you—er—elope again right away.—Judge.

"Were you ever in a railroad disaster?" "Yes—I once kissed the wrong girl while going through a tunnel.—Cleveland Leader.

Mrs.—O, Jack! Dolly told me the most exciting secret and made me swear never to tell a living soul.

Mr.—Well, hurry up with it, I'm late to the office now.—Cleveland Leader.

"You think that peach basket hat improves her appearance?" said one girl.

"Yes," answered the other. "It is so large it almost hides her face."—Town Topics.

Great Author—Walter, this steak is as tough as leather.

Walter—I've always heard you was an original character, sir, but I'm blessed if you don't flat say the same as all of 'em do.—Tit-Bits.

"Bridget, how does it happen that I saw you giving that wretched policeman a piece of mince pie in the kitchen last night?"

"Cause I forgot to fill up the key-hole, mum."—English Answers.

"My son," said the father, solemnly, "I am sorry I must use the rod, but it is my duty."

"But dad," objected the clever son, "I have heard you say often you don't approve of duty on hides."—Baltimore American.

"May I ask you a question?" "Sure, stranger."

"Why is everybody in this section mixed up in a feud?"

"Well, nobuddy keers to take chances on being an innocent bystander."—Kansas City Journal.

Two well-known Lebanon wags were ambuling homeward at an early hour, after being up nearly all night.

"Don't your wife miss you on these occasions?" asked one.

"Not often," replied the other; "she throws pretty straight."—Kansas City Journal.

It was a dark night. A man was riding a bicycle with no lamp. He came to a cross-roads and did not know which way to turn. He felt in his pocket for a match. He found but one. Climbing to the top of the pole, he lit the match carefully and in the ensuing glimmer read, "Wet paint."—Everybody's Magazine.

"Did your cross-examination elicit any important information?" asked the junior member of the law firm.

"No," answered the energetic attorney, "I didn't expect it to. It was merely a conscientious effort to worry the witnesses and make my client feel that he was getting something for his money."—Washington Star.

"They say your husband has bought a dollar telescope and taken up astronomy?" interrogated the woman in the pink sunbonnet who had come in to sell a pair of eggs.

"Yes, indeed," said Mrs. Ryetop, proudly, "and Reuben is getting on fine."

"I'm glad to hear it. Has he made any important observations?"

"Well, no, not as yet, excepting last night he peeked through the telescope and saw Jud Granger coming down the road with a lighted cigar and thought the glowing end of it was Mars."—Chicago News.

The tall individual with the frayed newspaper in his hand approached the pudgy little man in the wilted collar.

"My friend, you look intelligent. Tell me which is correct—flee or fly?"

The little man mopped off the perspiration and glared pitchforks. "Aw, go on! What do you think I know about fleas or flies? Go to some natural-history museum, bean."

"Pardon me, but you do not understand. I said flee or fly."

"I know what you said. Do you think I am an insect factory?"

"No, no my friend! I—"

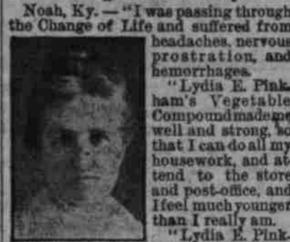
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"I only thought that you could enlighten me. You have an intelligent face and—"

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