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## COUNTY NEWS.

Good many Lincoln folks attended the sale at Stanton Saturday.

Capt. Branigan made us a pleasant call this (Thursday) morning.

Monday night we were blessed with one of the finest rains of the season.

Our correspondence from Ruidoso and Nogal had to be left over, for want of space.

W. R. Rexford's smiling face was on our streets Saturday. Lots of worse fellows than Rex.

Most of the White Oaks folks that were in Lincoln Saturday, attended the sale at Stanton on their way home.

The village blacksmith's horse ran away Monday evening. Result: No one hurt but the horse, and it seemed awful sorry of it.

Subscribe for the Missouri Republican—30 cents for four months. And the Kansas City Times one year for 90 cents. To all paid up subscribers of the Era this liberal offer is made.

Frank Lesnet, who represented Ruidoso as a delegate to the Republican convention, made us a call while here. We had never met the gentleman before and was glad to make his acquaintance.

Capt. Branigan caught the following jurors on his trip over here recently: Grand—Mamed Gonzales and E. W. Parker. Petit—Jose Miranda, Jones Taliaferro, Wm. Rexford, and Paul Wagner.

A party of eleven Indians camped near this place Friday night. They were all well mounted, and it is supposed they came over as an advanced guard of the Republican delegates and to watch them to see that none got away.

L. W. Stewart and C. A. Buford and wife arrived in Lincoln Monday night from White Oaks. Mrs. Buford is a sister of the editor's and will visit with him while Messrs. Stewart and Buford go to the Penasco country on business.

We were informed a few days ago that the officers at the Indian Agency had procured sufficient evidence. It was thought, to hang Muchacho Negro, who, it will be remembered, was captured a little over a year ago. He is a bad Indian, and deserves hanging if ever a man did.

Someone broke into Father Garner's house, while he was at Tularos, stealing a lot of wheat and a shovel. A man that would be guilty of stealing from a minister of the gospel or a newspaper man, would be guilty of whipping his grandmother, and what could be worse?

Harry Comray, one of our old White Oaks friends, didn't fail to call on us while attending the convention Saturday. Harry is one of the company that intends sinking artesian wells in this and adjoining counties. Their tools are now in White Oaks, and parties wishing, or thinking of having wells sunk had better write to Mr. Comray at White Oaks, or Lieut. Cavanaugh at Ft. Stanton.

A. W. Bryan, of the firm of Bryan & Gunter, and a very pleasant gentleman, by the way, called in on us Friday afternoon and had a real good, old-fashioned chat. Mr. Bryan said while he was coming along near the Rio Felix he saw lightning strike a rocky point not fifty yards from him. "It came down," he remarked, "like a ball of fire and when it struck it seemed to stun the team. As soon as I collected my senses I noticed a volume of smoke rising from the rocky point as if from a cannon." From his conversation, we learned that he had never been so close to lightning before, and didn't care particularly about further intimacy with it.

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## Estray Notice.

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JONES TALIAFERRO,

White Oaks, N. M.

## ANOTHER KILLING.

### Two Men Bite The Dust.

**E. W. RICHARDS AND HENRY LACKEY MEET THEIR DEATH AT THE HANDS OF**

Geo. Dickey, James Bennett and Thos. Bennett, on Friday Forenoon, August 15th, 1884.

Again it becomes our duty to chronicle another double killing. This time it is a little nearer home, being only some 25 miles from Lincoln. Mr. E. W. Richards, quite an extensive ranch man, and an employee by the name of Henry Lackey meet their death at the hands of Geo. Dickey and Thomas and James Bennett, Friday, Aug. 15th, 1884.

These parties have been quarrelling for some time past, and Richards has been heard to remark, on several occasions, that if they ever gave him any trouble about his ranch he would kill them. He told Dickey off of the ranch a few months ago at the point of a gun, and told him never to return. A great many suspected trouble and went to Richards and told him of their suspicions, but to no avail.

Dickey and the Bennett boys had taken up a ranch above Richards, which they claimed Richards jumped, but which they were still working on, and holding possession of. On the morning of the fight, which occurred about 9 or 10 o'clock, Dickey and the Bennett boys shut off the water. On being informed of this, Richards gets on his horse, and, in company of an employee, named Henry Lackey, they go to investigate the trouble. The following, taken from the coroner's inquest, will give a correct idea of the trouble from then on, as told by the several witnesses:

## THE INQUEST.

Territory of New Mexico

Geo. Dickey, Thomas Bennett and James Bennett.

Witnesses called. Frank Collins being sworn, deposes and says: I was one of a party, who was composed of George Pringle, Josh Cummins, Wm. Green and one McBride, that found Henry Lackey wounded about a half hour before he died, who said Tom Bennett, James Bennett and Geo. Dickey did the shooting; that Tom Bennett fixed him where he was lying on a pair of blankets, and they lay-laid us. On query as to where Richards was, said "he was dead." I judged this occurred between 9 and 10 o'clock on Aug. 15th, 1884.

Called Geo. Pringle. Says: I was of a party who went up and found Henry's horse dead, and went over and found Henry Lackey who was in a dying condition, who, on query, said Geo. Dickey, Tom and James Bennett way-laid him, and one of the three shot him, he did not know which; and that Richards was dead near the spring some place.

Called Wm. Green. Says: I saw Richards horse come into camp bleeding in the head soon after heard the report of guns above camp, which induced me, with others, to go and see what was the matter. I saw grey horse shot dead; rode by Henry Lackey; heard groans of Lackey; went to him and gave him water; he said "Jim Bennett shot him and that Tom Bennett put him on a pallet." Said "boys Richards is dead, lying over there, and we were way-laid." I was with party looking for Richards when Paxton found him about 2 o'clock, p. m., about 40 or 50 yards from where Lackey was lying.

Called George Paxton. Says: I was working on Richards' cabin on yesterday. Richards came up about 8 o'clock. Lackey told him the water was partly shut off at the spring, when Richards replied, "We will have to trace it up." They got on their ponies with arms and rode off up the canon southerly. We heard shooting soon after; thought they had run onto some game and continued our work, until wounded horse came in, when we went to hunt them up. We found dead horse rode by Lackey, and Lackey wounded and groaning; said he was shot by James Bennett; that Mr. Richards was killed off there, and said "boys they way-laid us." I found Richards with Josh Cummins about 2 o'clock, p. m., dead, about 50 yards

from Lackey.

Called M. F. McBride. Says: I heard shooting; saw wounded horse led into camp, when we all decided something was wrong and proceeded to look up Richardson and Lackey. Saw dead, the grey horse rode off by Lackey; found Lackey shot but able to talk. Said: "Bennett shot him, Richards was dead out that way," one looked for Richards; did not find him up to time I left with Geo. Pringle for help and relief. After returning from Tablos, we took another road where Paxton and Cummins found Richards dead, 50 yards from Lackey, about 2 or 3 o'clock, p. m. Re-called. Says: I forgot to say I found amethyst spots; I think two places; brush piled up and tramped behind by men, one about 15 steps and one about 5 or 6 steps from Lackey; Lackey said "boys, we were way-laid."

## DEFENSE.

Called Geo. Dickey: Lives four miles above Arroyo Seco. Says: I was informed that Richards had jumped my ranch above Tablos and I came up to see about it, when I and Tom Bennett and James Bennett went up to Tom's ranch to do some work, Richards and his party being absent when I first came. We went up Thursday evening and did some work; went up that night to water and camp where we could get more grass for our horses. On Friday morning we went further up the canon to re-stake our horses, and as we started down to our work, we heard someone coming a shooting; when we got about opposite our camp we stopped to see who it was in an opening. Soon saw Richards coming, and when he entered the opening he threw his shot-gun down on me, and by his threatening my life before I grabbed my shot gun and fired, and as I fired he pulled his off and one shot grazed my right thumb, when the other boys fired. I did not see Lackey until he was falling off his horse. Lackey called: "Oh boys, don't shoot any more." I ran to him; he had his six-shooter cocked; I took it out of his hand and let the hammer down. Lackey says: "Boys, we have done wrong; we were here jumping ranches; Richards forced me into it and do not kill me." We took him closer to our camp and laid him on a blanket and washed his wound; we started to carry him to Colova's, near Tablos, but he was too sick to go and begged us to lay him down on a blanket, which we did. We then sought relief for him from his own party; went near where they had been at work and could hear no one, and under Richards' threats, having whooped, and getting no answer, we went back where James Bennett was with Henry, and then went off to get somebody to come and attend to him; found Mexicans at Colova's afraid to go into the timber on account of Richards' threats that he had "four armed men and would have more the next day to fight." This statement was made to Pablo Chavez and Ignacia Young and also the Bennett boys.

Called Tom Bennett: Lives at Cienega del Macho. Says: First I knew of trouble brewing, Richards, Josh Cummins, Henry Lackey and George Pringle came to my house and asked if myself and brother were doing Mel Richardson's fighting. I replied "No." Mel Richardson would do his own fighting, I thought. Richards said: "Well, if you are you can open the ball this evening." Richards said he was going to jump a ranch of Mel Richardson's and Geo. Dickey's for he didn't think they were holding them lawful. Said: "Tom, I don't want to have to kill you or Jim either, and if Mel Richardson comes up there, don't you come with him, for I will be bound to kill you." I replied: "I shall never fight you until I am forced to," and he said, "If you don't I shall always think you are a coward," and rode off. On Thursday Geo. Dickey, myself and brother went up to my ranch to work, which is about three-quarters of a mile south of the ranch he jumped of Mel Richardson's, and we worked there that evening; next morning after staking our horses, we started back to our camp; when close to camp heard firing and we waited to see what it meant, when someone soon came in sight who proved to be Richards, who, when he entered opening, held his gun in position to shoot, when we all fired at Richards. At least I did, and suppose the other boys did. I can't say who shot Lackey; I shot four shots in that direction with my Winchester, when Henry called: "Oh boys, don't shoot any more." George and I went to him, and Dickey took his pistol from him cocked and let hammer down. I

said: "Henry, why did you all come up here in this way?" He said: "Tom, I intended to jump your ranch, but we did wrong; do something for me or let me die."

Called James Bennett: Lives at Cienega del Macho. Says: He did not know Richards was his enemy until 8th of August; that Richards warned him not to come up to spring with Mel Richardson, that he would be compelled to kill him (Bennett); went up on Thursday to work on brother's ranch with him and Dickey. Friday, after staking horses, soon heard firing about the house, 75 yards below camp; Richards soon came in sight with gun presented to shoot toward us, when George Dickey fired; Richards fired and I fired two shots, when Henry Lackey cried out: "Oh boys, don't shoot any more; we went to him; George took his six-shooter cocked and let the hammer down and put it in holster; provided all in our power for Henry's comfort, when we left with camp outfit for home, and then went to Lincoln, all of us, and gave up to officers.

Called Mel Richardson. Says: Richards told George Dickey about one year ago at court, before me, that "one of us would bite the dust." George replied: "Richards I don't want to kill you, but don't make any more shot-gun plays on me."

Called John Hurley. Says: I was present and heard the above statement of Mel Richardson, made by Richards to George Dickey.

## CROSS EXAMINATION.

Prosecution called Josh Cummins. Rumors of no threats made by Richards against Mel Richardson or defendants.

## THE VERDICT.

The coroner's jury, consisting of A. G. Lane, foreman, John Mach, H. Biggs, Ysidoro Chavez, M. McPherson and S. O. McClellan brought in a verdict to the effect that E. W. Richards came to his death by reason of twelve (12) buck-shot wounds, fired from a shot-gun, in the hands of Geo. Dickey, and that Henry Lackey came to his death by reason of one Winchester rifle shot, fired by Thomas or James Bennett, about 9 or 10 o'clock, Aug. 15th, 1884. Justice Aguiar, of this place, acted as coroner and placed Dickey and the Bennett boys under \$1,000 bonds each, for their appearance at the next term of court. Melvin Richardson and Johnny Hurley went their bail and the prisoners were turned loose.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Sligh, at the church in White Oaks, Sunday forenoon, and the remains of E. W. Richards and Henry Lackey were buried in the cemetery near that place. Thus ends the lives of two more men over the jumping of a single ranch.

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Total Valuation	\$ 2,115,250.00

## Estray Notice.

To all whom it may concern: James P. Rainbolt, the public herder, has in his custody the following estrays reported by Francisco Lucero, of Los Tablos, viz: one bay mare, 1 two-year old horse colt, yearling mare colt, which will be sold by public auction by the said public herder to pay charges, on Saturday, Oct. 4th, at 12 o'clock noon, unless redeemed according to law.

By order of the Court.

SAM R. CONNER, Probate Clerk.