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PAT GARRETT KILLED

Slayer of Billy the Kid Himself
Slain as Result of Quarrel
With Ranchman Near
Las Cruces.

DIES WITH HIS BOOTS ON

Terror of Outlaws in Old Days in
Lincoln County Killed in a
Dispute Over Goats.

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Las Cruces, N. M., Feb. 28.—Pat Garrett, veteran fighter of the frontier days in New Mexico, ex-sheriff of Lincoln county, ex-collector of customs at El Paso, friend of President Roosevelt and famed as the slayer of "Billy the Kid" was shot and almost instantly killed at 11:30 this morning four miles northeast of Las Cruces by a young ranchman named Wayne Brazele. The killing was the result of a quarrel over the lease of a ranch by Garrett to Brazele, Garrett alleging that Brazele was pasturing goats on the land, in violation of a contract.

Brazele surrendered himself to Sheriff Lucero here and was lodged in the county jail, after he had made a statement declaring the killing was done entirely in self defense.

An inquest was held this afternoon and the coroner's jury returned a verdict to the effect that Garrett had come to his death as the result of wounds inflicted by a revolver in the hands of Brazele, in self-defense.

Garrett had been on a visit to one of his Organ mountain ranches, and was returning toward Las Cruces, driving in a buggy with a man named Adamson. They were overtaken by Brazele, riding horseback. Words passed between the two men and finally according to Adamson the sole eye witness, Garrett picked up his shotgun from the foot of the buckboard, saying: "Give me a shot, if I can't get you off my ranch one way. I will get you off another." As he pointed the gun toward Brazele the latter instantly drew a 44 caliber Colt's revolver and fired twice in quick succession. One bullet passed through Garrett's left breast, piercing the heart, and the other passed through the head, entering between the eyes. Garrett's death was practically instantaneous.

Brazele at once turned the six-shooter on Adamson, demanding that he take him at once to Las Cruces and tell the story of the killing exactly as it happened. The body of Garrett was left lying by the roadside and about 4:30 in the afternoon it was brought into the city. Immediately on reaching Las Cruces Brazele surrendered himself and aside from the cool declaration that the shooting was in self-defense would say little of the affair. At the coroner's inquest Adamson exactly corroborated Brazele's account of the fight. Garrett was standing on the ground by the buggy when he made the grab for the shotgun which cost him his life. He fell beside the vehicle with the shotgun clasped in his hands.

The quarrel between the two men was an old one, and Garrett, it is said, had previously threatened to take the matter into court. It is said both men went armed in anticipation of just such an encounter and Adamson testifies that on leaving the Organ, Garrett loaded his shotgun, saying that "he might need it" before they got to Las Cruces. Brazele, who is a stock raiser, has always borne a good reputation and has never sought trouble, according to his friends here. He says that he did not draw his six-shooter until Garrett had reached for his shotgun. As Garrett was a seasoned fighter and quick on the draw, it was only by his own marvelous quickness that Brazele saved his life according to Adamson.

Seldom has Las Cruces seen such excitement as followed the news of the tragedy today. Pat Garrett was one of the best known and most picturesque men in the southwest and had hosts of friends. Brazele is also

a popular man and owing to the circumstances of the shooting there is apparently little ill feeling against him.

Pat Garrett was sheriff in Lincoln county, New Mexico, in the early 80's and his campaign against cattle rustlers was replete with daring arrests, pitched battles and bloody encounters with the cattle thieves.

The best known of his experiences was that when an officer of the law he killed "Billy the Kid," who, after killing, according to some reports, two score of men, was lodged in the territorial penitentiary, only to escape.

Garrett took up the hunt anew as soon as he learned of the escape, and located the outlaw at Maxwell's ranch near Carrizozo. Garrett was in the room where "The Kid" was to come to a rendezvous, and as the outlaw stepped into the place, his gun drawn and covering Garrett, the officer killed him.

Garrett fulfilled his own prophecy that he would die with his boots on. Garrett came to Lincoln county in 1878 and went into the cattle business, gaining such a reputation for nerve as a cowboy that in 1880 he was elected sheriff of Lincoln county. It was one year later that he killed "Billy the Kid," and broke up the notorious gang of outlaw cattle thieves in the county. He was later sheriff of Dona Ana county for two terms, was captain of rangers in Texas, and four years ago was appointed by his warm friend, President Roosevelt, collector of cus-

tom at El Paso, holding the office for two years. Since that time he has been in the ranching and mining business in Dona Ana county. He was entirely fearless, cool in emergencies, a dead shot and his work in enforcing the law in the lawless days of the rustlers in southeastern New Mexico will never be forgotten he was a quiet, unassuming man and had friends all over the territory, his enemies respecting him as much as his friends.

"Billy the Kid," the ringleader of the Lincoln county outlaws, had some twenty murders to his credit, and at the time he was killed was accompanied by Tom Pickett, Tom O'Falliard, Dave Dudaugh and Charlie Bowda, all with long criminal records. O'Falliard was afterward shot and killed by Garrett, as he was attempting to draw his gun.

est here yesterday, Garrett being known to all the old timers and many not so old. The news caused widespread regret, and a feeling of deep personal loss to many as Garrett had many warm friends in Albuquerque. The manner of his death has caused a good deal of speculation, many being inclined to believe that there is more about the circumstances of the killing yet to be discovered.

"I can't understand how Pat Garrett would be reaching over into a buggy for a gun, jumping out with a gun in his hand or otherwise giving his opponent first chance to shoot," said a well known citizen yesterday. "There is something queer about it and the story of the killing does not fit in with Garrett's life long methods of fighting. Furthermore, it was not like Garrett to lose his head and make a bum play like that, no matter what the dispute was about."

"Pat Garrett was a good fellow, and it's a pity he had to go," was the general comment in this city last night among those who knew and respected the doughty frontiersman.

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Hint at Conspiracy.
El Paso, Texas, Feb. 29.—Friends of Pat Garrett in Las Cruces claim that his death is the result of a conspiracy. They declare that he was shot first in the back of the head, and then in the breast after he fell, pointing out that the wound in the breast was made by a bullet that ranged upward from the seventh rib and came out between the shoulder blades.

They say that his shotgun was loaded with bird shot, and that he was not a man who would turn his back to the man he was preparing to kill, or to give him an opportunity to shoot him in the back of the head.

The news of the death of Pat Garrett was received with the greatest inter-

est here yesterday.

Lenten Services.
The Lenten services were begun at Grace Church on Ash-Wednesday and on Friday. Rev. Norman F. Marshall will hold services at the church at four o'clock on all Fridays till Palm Sunday. Special announcements will be made later for the week before Easter. All persons are cordially invited to these services as well as to the Sunday services. Mr. Marshall proposes to make the entire work of Lent in the nature of a special mission with "The Call of the Father" as the theme. He invites the presence and co-operation of all Christians in the work and should be glad if attendance at his Lenten mission shall send them back to their own church work with a broader view of Cristian Brotherhood among the various churches and a very deep sense of The Call of the Father.

The Women's Auxiliary will conduct study classes on all Wednesdays during Lent at the rectory at 3 P. M., and all women are invited to attend.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTE

The Carlsbad Farmers' Institute
Society Hold an Interesting
Session at Malaga.

The Carlsbad Farmer's Institute Society met at Malaga last Saturday at 2 p. m. The meeting was presided over by C. W. Beeman, president, and D. B. Sutherland, secretary. A very interesting address was delivered by Hon. A. N. Pratt, on "Irrigation in the Hawaiian Islands" where he spent six years on a sugar plantation. Prof. Tinsley spoke, and answered questions on "Soils and the Effects of Alkali."

Considerable discussion by F. G. Tracy and others developed on the duty of this valley to the Irrigation Congress to be held in Albuquerque next October. It was urged by Prof. Tinsley that all endeavor to produce some fruits, vegetables or grains to send to Albuquerque this fall, for many who go will see people carry away prizes on products that might be easily excelled in this valley. It is now up to the people here to do something, that they may not be sorry after the congress is held. On motion the president of the society appointed the following committee to gather articles and generally superintend the work of representing this portion of the Pecos valley:

- La Huerta, D. B. Sutherland.
- Carlsbad, I. S. Osborne.
- Otis, W. W. Galton.
- Florence, Mr. Ball.
- Malaga, Mr. Blair.

The committee will call on farmers and endeavor to work up enthusiasm for the work of representation at Albuquerque.

The meeting was attended by quite a number from near Malaga besides Messrs. A. N. Pratt, F. G. Tracy, Fred Dearborn, M. Ewers, Prof. Tinsley and several others from up the road.

Malaga is improving fast, there having been built during the past six months several new houses including a large hotel now in course of construction. Also a well 250 feet deep furnishing good water.

Mr. Willis Cadwell is postmaster and gives excellent satisfaction.

Among the new people who have cast their lot in Malaga are Mr. Shadinger who has purchased land and is busy improving on same. Mr. Blair, formerly of Artesia, has purchased the Bowker place of about 200 acres. Mr. Epperson, the blacksmith, has purchased forty acres, also lots in town and has a shop erected of blocks made of gypsum cement and gravel.

Malaga has a fine school presided over by Prof. Clarence Miller and Miss Florence Hutchinson and the directors are busy planning for an addition which will be erected shortly.

Owing to the fact that the hotel was not complete, visitors were taken in charge of Messrs C. W. Beeman and F. Anderwerth who made the stay very pleasant, showing them over the improvements on the ditch where concrete work is being pushed to

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divert the waters from the Carlsbad Project into Black river above the dam thence by concrete ditch to the lands. Mr. S. R. Hobbie of Roswell was recently appointed ditch rider and stops with Mr. Anderwerth. Creed La. Wimore, who attended to this work last summer, and who will commence farming, gave excellent satisfaction.

Board of Trustees.

The town board of trustees met in regular monthly session Monday evening March 2 with the full board present. Mayor A. R. O'Quinn in the chair and J. B. Harvey, recorder.

Present, Trustees Woerner, Mullane, Bruce and Osborne.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was received and accepted.

Motion made and seconded that the town attorney be instructed to draw an ordinance requiring property owners to pay \$1.00 per lot for water for trees and fifty cents for twenty-five foot lots. A resolution was passed authorizing Trustees Osborne and Woerner to make arrangements with the U. S. R. S. for water for the town for the ensuing year.

A motion was made seconded and carried for street commissioner Woerner to make arrangements with M. L. Dannelley to do the necessary work on ditches to care for water at once.

On motion made and seconded it was ordered that an ordinance be prepared to submit to the voters of the town of Carlsbad at the regular annual election in April, a proposition to vote on the question of bonding the town in the sum of \$40,000 of which \$25,000 will be used to construct a sewerage system \$10,000 for street improvements and \$5,000 for additions and improvements on the fire department.

On motion made seconded and carried block 21 of the town was offered to be given to the school district provided a high school building be erected on same to cost not less than \$20,000.

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