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DOUBLE MURDER

Two of Apache County's Young Men Murdered in Gila County.

The following is clipped from the Globe Silver Belt of Dec. 24th:

"News of a double murder committed in Brush hollow on the trail from Pleasant valley to Gisela, and near the latter place was brought in this evening by Arthur Clark, driver of the Globe and Tonto stage.

Meager details of the crime have been learned from a letter written by J. O. Hill, justice of the peace at Payson, to District Attorney Geo. R. Hill, which Clark brought in, and also from the story told him by Juan Portillo, stage driver on the northern end of the route.

The victims were Berry a young man 24 years of age who was in charge of his father's band of sheep, and a Mexican boy, 17 years old whose father was employed by Berry as a herder.

The young men were killed in camp, on the morning of Dec. 22, when they were getting ready to go to Gisela to buy supplies.

They were evidently shot without warning and killed instantly. The Mexican was shot in the back and the breast torn away where the bullet left the body. There was evidence that he had fallen into the fire from

which he was afterwards dragged and a gun placed in his arm.

The father of the murdered Mexican boy, who was some distance off herding the sheep, saw two men ride toward the camp and then heard two shots fired. From the description of one of these men given by the Mexican herder, he is supposed to be a goat man who lives in that section, and he has probably been apprehended ere this by Deputy J. C. Chilson and Ben Pyeatt, who went from Payson to make the arrest."

Sheriff B. R. Rogers has arrested Jack Booth an ex-convict, on a charge of murdering the young man Berry and a Mexican youth while they were tending sheep near Gisela in the Tonto country.—Phoenix Enterprise.

A telegram was received here Wednesday morning from W. W. Berry stating that his son had been killed. Word was received here a day later that the body of the young man would be taken to Thatcher for interment. Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and Mr. Berry's two small children left yesterday for Thatcher where they will attend the funeral which will take place next Tuesday. Mrs. Berry and daughters, Alice and Jennie, are at Thatcher at the present time.

We have not yet heard what will be done with the body of the Mexican lad who was killed but it is thought that his father will bring him to this county for burial.

The above was one of the most dastardly deeds that has ever

been committed in Gila county and we hope that the one who did it will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Judge Fletcher M. Doan decided against the Territory this week in an important case brought at Tombstone under the new live stock law. The Bucklew outfit of the San Simon valley had brought suit to replevin seventy head of cattle seized by Inspector Wm. Speed, of Bowie, who charged that the cattle had been illegally branded. Judge Kibbey, of Phoenix, represented the Territory and Attorney Fielder, of Deming, the Bucklew brothers. The claimants went on the stand and swore to the ownership of every steer, cow and calf seized by the Inspector and the Judge held that in as much as the Territory had not proven the cattle unlawfully branded, the claimants were entitled to them.—Tucson Post.

The government is preparing to construct a diversion dam and canal Ft. Apache, Arizona, to bring the waters of the Cibicu creek across country so that about 200 acres of farming land on the Apache reservation can be brought under cultivation. This marks a new step in the government's policy toward its Indian wards.

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