

# DEMING GRAPHIC.

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## GIBSON HELD IN \$10,000 BOND

### Preliminary Hearing Held Tuesday and Wednesday.

The preliminary examinations of William M. Gibson and John Ingram, charged with the murder of Frank Watkins in the lower Animas Valley in the southwestern part of Grant county, were had before Justice of the Peace, William H. Newcomb, in Silver City, commencing Tuesday morning and being concluded Wednesday morning. The result of the examination was the holding of Gibson in \$10,000 bond to await the action of the Grand Jury in September and the discharge of Ingram. The Territory was represented by District Attorney, R. M. Turner, and Attorneys James S. Fielder and J. R. Waddill, of Deming. Attorneys J. B. Hamilton and A. A. Temke, of Deming, appeared for the defendants.

All of the testimony introduced was on behalf of the Territory, the defendants not presenting their side of the case. The witnesses for the prosecution who testified were Messrs. Miller, Cox, Good and Stidham. Their testimony in a general way went to show that there had been bad feeling between the principals in the tragedy for some time past.

The facts as shown at the preliminary hearing briefly stated are about as follows:

Gibson and Ingram are brothers-in-law; Watkins and Stidham were partners in the cattle business. Joe Good had traded some horses to Gibson for hogs, which were running loose. Watkins and Stidham also had hogs running loose in the same section of country. On the day before the killing, Watkins and Stidham, Joe Good, a man by the name of Miller, and Ingram were all engaged in rounding up the hogs for the purpose of branding and dividing them. Quite a number of hogs were rounded up and penned on this day, and the parties separated with the understanding that they were to meet next day at the hog pen and brand out and divide the hogs already gathered and such others as could be found. The parties above mentioned had been at work branding the hogs for about an hour and had been joined by Mr. Cox, when some one in the party discovered a man sitting down on the ground among the rocks about a hundred yards away from the hog pen and asked who was that. Ingram said that was Gibson. In about half an hour the work of branding hogs was completed, and Mr. Miller went up to where Gibson was among the rocks and began talking to him about a trade they had on hand. Gibson asked Miller if Watkins and Stidham were both down there at the hog pen. Miller told him they were. Gibson then said, "If either one of them makes a crooked move I will kill both of them." Gibson was on the ground a few feet away from his horse. Gibson was armed with a six shooter on his person and a Winchester rifle on his saddle. Ingram also had a six shooter and rifle. About five minutes after Gibson made the above remark to Miller, Watkins came up to where they were and asked Gibson about some remarks he, Gibson, had been making about him. A quarrel ensued, and Gibson attempted to draw his six shooter, but Watkins beat him and got his out

first, and struck Gibson three times with six shooter, and said to him, "I ought to kill you, but I won't." The other parties came up near the scene of the difficulty about this time, and the trouble was stopped, and seemed to be peaceably settled. Gibson stated to Watkins that he was his friend and also a friend to his father, and the parties separated, Gibson and Ingram riding away on their horses in a westerly direction, and all of the other parties going in an easterly direction toward the hog pen.

When Gibson and Ingram had gotten about fifty yards away both of them jumped off their horses, and drew their rifles and began firing at Watkins and Stidham. Watkins and Stidham had only six shooters and were helpless at that distance, and then jumped off their horses and got behind the nearest rock. Watkins was shot in the top of the head by Gibson with a rifle and instantly killed, and the rock that Stidham was behind was also struck by bullets. Neither Watkins nor Stidham fired a shot. Six shots were fired and all of them sounded like rifle shots. Eye witnesses saw Gibson fire three shots with his rifle, but they could not see Ingram after he got off his horse and drew his rifle and they did not know positively whether he fired or not, but they did know that no shot was fired by either Watkins or Stidham. None of the parties had rifles excepting Gibson and Ingram.

Mr. Guy Petty was in the city Monday between trains.

Mrs. Tom Marshall has recovered from a siege of the measles.

Joe Collins is here from Hachita visiting his mother, Mrs. M. E. Collins.

"At Cripple Creek" tomorrow night.

O. R. Harvey, of California, is in the city guest of his brother, J. W. Harvey.

The skating rink is growing in popularity. Jolly crowds are there every night.

Several days of this week have given us a good idea of the Good Old Summer Time.

The little son of Charley Hubbard is convalescent from an attack of pneumonia.

Ladies admitted free at the Roller Rink Monday and Thursday nights.

Mrs. H. B. Starbird entertained the lady guests of the Lester House at dinner Wednesday.

Contractor Dunson is rapidly winding up his work on T. B. Birtrong's new business building.

The climax of the second act of "At Cripple Creek" is alone worth the price of admission.—Kansas City Times.

The funeral of Frank Watkins, held last Saturday afternoon, was largely attended by the numerous friends of deceased and the family.

Under a Guarantee.

The play here Saturday night, March 23rd, "At Cripple Creek," will be given under a guarantee.

All who are not satisfied with the play can get their money back by calling for it at the box office at the close of the second act.

Killing at Dayton.

Roswell, N. M., March 16th.—At Dayton last night, Robert T. Faulkner, a professional gambler, shot and killed William Smith, a farmer. It is claimed the shooting was accidental. Faulkner escaped and has not been apprehended.

## LOOKED DEATH IN THE FACE

### Roadmaster Mead Miraculously Escapes Death.

Tuesday evening at 5:30 Mr. E. F. Mead, roadmaster of the S. P. railway with headquarters at this point, was struck by a freight train in the yards just as he leaped from another freight which he had been riding on. He failed to see the train approaching and was struck by the engine pulling it on the shoulder and knocked to the ground. Besides the injury sustained to his shoulder Mrs. Mead's leg and the side of his face were badly lacerated from coming in contact with the sharp gravel on the ground where he fell.

Mr. Mead was quickly carried to his home, which is near the scene of the accident, and medical aid summoned. His escape from being thrown under the wheels and ground to pieces was indeed a narrow one. As it is his injuries, while very painful, will probably confine him to his home but a short time. Mr. Mead has lived in Deming for a number of years and has many friends who regret his misfortune.

How about your panama? Oh, the ice man! How we all do love him now.

P. M. Russell is here from Alpine looking for ranch property.

The Wearing of the Green on St. Patrick's Day here was very conspicuous.

The snow at the opera house Saturday night plays under a guarantee.

Miss Mary Hamilton, the popular young lady teacher at Hadley, visited friends in the city Monday.

Frank Phillips, a popular young switchman here for the Santa Fe, has returned from a trip to San Marcial.

Pie Race at Roller Rink Friday Night for boys. Prize, one Skate Ticket.

Mrs. McClain, who was taken suddenly ill at the depot Sunday morning and removed to the hospital, is reported as improving.

The trees are leafing out, the flowers are unfolding, the speckle trout are biting (where they are) and we reckon spring has about the same as landed here.

## Deming Valley Realty Company

Some Special Bargains: Good four room residence, five acres deeded land, barn, well and windmill, fruit and shade trees, one-half mile from city, for a short time, \$1200.

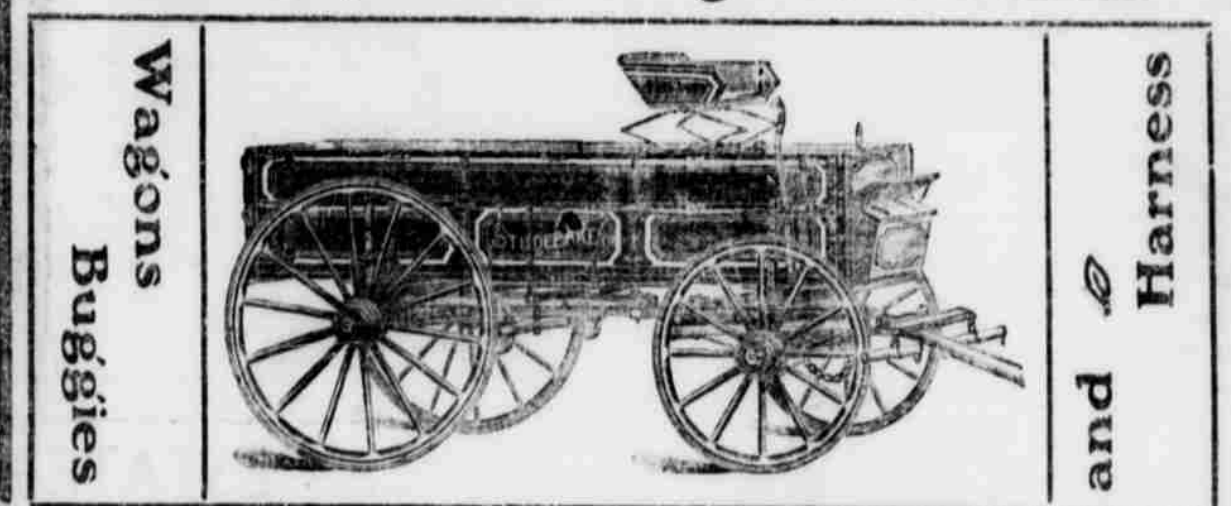
A few bargains in city lots well located; also some assignments and relinquishments near town.

W. L. Nixon Manager Deming, N. M.

Under the new regulations postoffice box rents are due ten days before the first day of the new quarter, which begins April 1st, and unless the rent is paid before that date the postmaster must cease to deliver mail to the delinquent box, and rent it to whoever pays for it. The box rent notices were placed in the boxes last Thursday, and the rent is now due.

## J. A. MAHONEY

### Hardware, House Furnishings Furniture, Gasoline Engines, Windmills



### Tents, Wagon Covers, Guns, Ammunition Barb Wire, Corrugated Iron

## J. A. Mahoney

DEMING, - - - NEW MEXICO

The Very Latest Style is a **TWO PIECE SUIT--COAT AND TROUSERS.** See the New York Samples and SELECT one, at

**E. V. SIMMON'S, The Tailor.**

Guarantee good goods and perfect fit, as when you send elsewhere.

We also Clean and Press Clothes Tailorway only.

### Did the Square Thing.

Our business men and citizens in general have treated the base ball boys most nobly, having contributed funds sufficient to buy eleven elegant new suits complete with coats for the team that will represent Deming for this season. The suits will be the best on the market and will last for a number of years. The boys will begin practice at once and hope to have little trouble in wiping up everything coming and going. For this nice gift the young men feel very grateful.

Mr. B. Bailey, of Ohio, is visitor in Deming this week.

Geo. Elkins, of the N. A. N., ranch was a Deming visitor last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Kassar were in town last week from their ranch on the Rio Mimbres.

Robert Wren, who makes his home at Gage, was in attendance at the dance Monday night.

Mrs. Nellie Guiney returned Saturday night from Paywood, where she has been for several weeks.

The dance at the Opera House Monday night was enjoyed by all in attendance. The music was especially good.

Mrs. Mary Powell has been on the sick list for the past week. We are glad to note her appearance at the postoffice once again.

If you want your Summer Light Vests "done up" in the latest and best fashion, send them to the

DEMING STEAM LAUNDRY.

Mrs. Elmore Jordan, nee Miss Doll Watkins, arrived Thursday, having been called here by the sudden death of her twin brother, Frank Watkins. She was accompanied by Mrs. Jennie Thompson.

### Coming Back.

Mr. R. K. Hough, a prominent capitalist of Houston, Texas, who spent the winter in Deming, having returned home only a few weeks ago, writes friends that he can't stand it any longer and expects to come back in a very short time. When Mr. Hough left he informed us that he had learned to think a deal of the country but we had no idea that he had become so thoroughly enthused. However, realizing that he is a most excellent gentleman, it does our heart good to know of his intended return, to say nothing of the joyful effect it will have on his friends.

Mrs. Bristol is convalescent from an operation which she recently underwent.

Time to put away those winter blankets. Send them to us before you put them away.

DEMING STEAM LAUNDRY.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hudson went out to their ranch Monday and returned Thursday.

Mr. W. F. Franey is spending a few days in El Paso seeing the sights of the great Pass City.

Dr. Martin is rapidly recovering from the effects of having a "spare" rib removed some days since.

Chas. Parsons, an experienced harness and saddle maker, has opened a shop in the building occupied by L. J. Small.

Mrs. Richard Hudson went up to Silver City Saturday to attend a social meeting of the D. A. R., of which she is a member.

Mrs. Mary Whitehill and Miss Ruby St. Clair, of Silver City, came down Monday night and took in the races at the rink, principally to see that Hollis Johnson didn't beat their Silver City boy,

### Going Home.

J. S. Delamater has leased his fine ranch nine miles east of Deming to Pink Peters and left this week for his old home in Pittsburg, Pa. During the few ed here he has developed the traits of a brave and fearless frontiersman, and had the Indians been bad during his residence here as they were some years ago, he would no doubt have rendered noble service for his countrymen. Now that he has gone his friends are almost inconsolable, but, as he has had a taste of the wild freedom of the West, they are as one almost confident he will soon be back.

Julius Rosch is fencing and otherwise improving several vacant residence lots he owns in the south part of town.

Jno. A. Graham, a popular engineer on one of the roads running out of Albuquerque, is here on a visit to his father, J. W. Graham.

A well is being sunk at Honda and building will soon be underway there. The business houses will be constructed of cement blocks.

Mr. W. A. Cassman, of Silver City, but who was once a resident of Deming, came down Saturday night with a view of locating here again.

Mrs. A. E. Pearson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kidder, arrived last week from her home in Douglas, Ariz., on a visit to her parents. Mrs. Pearson was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Maxine.

### Meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery of the Rio Grande will meet in the Presbyterian Church of Deming on Mar. 26, 1907, at 9:30 A. M.

The following members of the Presbytery have signified their intention of attending the meeting:

Rev. H. C. Thompson, Albuquerque; Rev. M. Mathieson, Socorro; Rev. Geo. W. Dunlap, Las Cruces; Rev. Jao. R. Gass, Albuquerque; Rev. Jaun Baros, Perea; Rev. J. C. Rodriguez, Las Cruces; Elder Geo. H. Utter, Silver City.

Probate Clerk