

A Horse Thief Killed.

BATTLE WITH BULLETS RESULT IN THE KILLING OF ONE AND CAPTURE OF THE OTHER.

Northeastern Sherman County The Scene of the Conflict.

EX-SHERIFF HOUCK WOUNDED.

A terrible battle, the wounding of ex-Sheriff Houck, of Valley county, the killing of one horse thief and the capture of another was the result of a persistent chase by farmers of two notorious horse thieves last Saturday.

The thieving is reported to have been done near Spaulding, Greeley county and the thieves with their stolen chattels were pursued through Greeley and Valley counties and into the northeast part of Sherman where they were overtaken, the property recovered, and the bandits taken as above stated.

The following facts as gathered by G. H. Gibson, county clerk, who attended the inquest in his official capacity and explored the battle ground is here given:

Last Saturday evening about 7:00 o'clock a telephone message to coroner Hunter notified him that a desperado had been killed near the Van Horn ranch in the northeast corner of the county and that his presence was demanded as soon as possible. It being just night Mr. Hunter decided to wait until morning, when Sheriff Snyder, County Attorney Nightingale, Dr. Main, D. C. Grow, W. P. Reed, J. L. Owen, Mr. Ogle, W. Betts and G. H. Gibson accompanied him to the scene of the tragedy.

The desperados and horse thieves were at first suspected to be of Wheeler county but later it was learned that the captured was a Harryhill of Greeley county and the killed is said to be one Joseph Ramboe, of near York, Neb., at least he has been so identified by a party living here by the name of Jeffereys who recognizes the scar on his face and on his nose which was caused by being struck with a ball bat. They stole four horses and two mules near Spaulding, Greeley county, last Thursday night and were endeavoring to get away with them, and the authorities immediately located their trail and followed it pretty accurately. The Lincoln blood hounds were sent for and were on tap Friday night at North Loup to assist in the chase. On Friday evening the outlaws applied to Harry Meyers in the south edge of Valley county for food and grain, and Mr. Meyers becoming suspicious went to North Loup and telephoned Sheriff Kokus of Valley county the facts and the Sheriff at once sent ex-Sheriff Houck on the scent. Houck with a deputy sheriff from Greeley county went to the vicinity of Mr. Meyers, arriving on the scene at an early hour. About 7 o'clock the officers approached the home of Mr. A. E. Cress, and ex-Sheriff Hauck being acquainted with Mr. Cress concluded to stop and inquire for news, little thinking that the thieves were just sitting down to breakfast at the Cress homestead. The Deputy sheriff knocked at the door and when Mr. Cress opened it he saw the officers and at once stepped outside and closed the door and was informing them as to his suspicious guests, when the thieves, ascertaining from Mrs. Cress who the callers were, at once put on their hats and walked out past the officers. They walked out into the yard and toward the barn but were ordered to surrender; when without a word they turned and began firing permissively at the two deputies and Mr. Cress. Mrs. Cress had stepped into the door and seemed to be too much frightened to move and there falls just missed her and buried

themselves in the door jam near her breast. One ball passed between Mr. Cress' legs and killed his dogs behind him, another struck officer Hauck in the calf of the left leg, causing that gentleman to pull too hard on a self cocking revolver which went off and shot himself in the left foot, and the thieves went to the barn unhurt. The deputy from Greeley county then watched the barn until Mr. Hauck, who had been placed hors de combat, hurried to town for assistance and in due time sheriff Kokus and the man with the poodles arrived on the scene. An investigation disclosed the fact that the barn was empty as far as thieves were concerned and then the chase began anew.

By this time some fifty of the neighbors had gathered and the posse took on the appearance of a small army, some in wagons, some afoot, and a few on horseback. The dogs readily took the scent and good time was made for several miles when the dogs were hauled up by their master and the officers and dog man conferred. From local information it seems the limbs of the law and the dog man concluded that "he who fights and runs away will live to fight another day," or at least it is said that they shamefully abandoned the chase and went back to North Loup, about eight miles, as they said "for dinner and to let the dogs rest." This was objected to by the farmers, who had no horses to give to the thieves and who had lost their first booty at the Cress homestead that morning; so they, the farmers demurred, but the officers and the dog man from Lincoln retired, evidently thinking discretion the better part of valor, and not one of them was present at the final wind up. The posse of farmers then held a hurried consultation and the five men on horse back, Messrs Orell and Ansel Van Horn, Wesley and Eugene, Hutchins of North Loup Harry Meyers and Mike Palu took up the trail that "the dogs had lost," and about 4:30 were rewarded by a glimpse of their men about a mile and a quarter south east of Messrs. Van Horn's house, and about two miles inside Sherman county. They were walking south in the bottom of a canyon and in a ditch several feet deep. They were ordered to surrender but refused. The boys then deployed, two taking the east side of the gulch, two pushing on up the center and the remaining one rode up a pocket endeavoring to head them off. The thieves undertook to leave the canyon and when nearly to the top faced Mr. Orell Van Horn, who had rode within 125 feet of them before either party discovered it. The thieves made no answer to a demand to surrender but took a bead on Mr. Van Horn and turned loose their arsenal which was vigorously replied to by Mr. Van Horn, all parties missing. Just at this time one of the boys from another quarter meandered a shot that dropped just in the rear of the right ear of one of the desperados, and his song was sung. This ended the fight as the other one threw down his gun and up his hands and was arrested without further trouble.

A coroner's inquest exonerated the boys and the people of that community expressed themselves as being more than satisfied with their own local protectors of their lives and property. The corpse was brought to Loup City, after the coroner's jury was through and after keeping the body the required length of time and using all means possible but failing to find friends or relatives it was shipped to the state authorities. The following is the finding of the coroner's jury:

At the inquest held at the residence of Jay Van Horn in Oak Creek township, Sherman county, April 27, 1902, before me, George W. Hunter, coroner of said county, upon the body of Baldwin, lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereunto subscribed, the said jurors upon their oaths do say that on April 26, 1902, said Baldwin, alias Bennett whose true name is to the jurors unknown, died by a gunshot wound inflicted by a sheriff's posse while resisting arrest for the crime of horse stealing, with force and arms, and had shot at members of said posse at the time of his death, and we further find that said shooting of the said Baldwin, alias Bennett whose true name is to the said jurors unknown, was justifiable.

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