KILLED BY TWO ROBBERS

Details of the Liberty, New Mexico, Murder.

POSSE PURSUED THE THIEVES.

The Harassers, Overwhelmed While Encamped for Dinner, Instantly Fired Upon Their Pursuers, Killing Two and Severely Wounding a Third—The Postmaster of Liberty One of the Slain—Howard, Offered for the Murderers,

Special to The News.

LAS VEGAS, N.M., June 17.—The following facts relative to the killing at Liberty were received here today.

On Tuesday, June 15, two men broke into the storehouse at the Bill ranch and stole all the provisions they could carry.

The day before they had killed a store and used what they wanted. On the 11th they entered M. Herstein's general store, in which the postoffice was located, at Liberty, and stole clothing, provisions and money amounting to $30.

M. Herstein, Levi Herstein, postmaster of Liberty, and a posee of men pursued the robbers, and overtook them about thirty miles southwest of Liberty, where they had stopped and just had their dinner.

Fired Upon the Posse.

As soon as the robbers saw the posse they opened up shooting, instantly killing Levi Herstein and Asaphio Adelino, and then fatally wounding Placido Gutierrez. They also shot three of M. Herstein's horses. One of their own horses was shot and they immediately cut the brand mark off him and rode off as fast as their horses could carry them toward the Smoked Plains.

The killing of two of their number so frustrated the posse that they could not continue the chase effectively.

As soon, however, as the word could be given of the foul murder, the entire country was up in arms, but at the men had arranged to start, and the country was a large and almost trackless plain, there are great chances against their capture.

Description of the Murderers.

It is the supposition of the desperados two men were employed in the Bill ranch and that the following are a description of them. The first has a dark complexion, dark hair, brown mustache, is about six feet tall, weighs 150 to 150 pounds, stoop shoulder, brown eyes, very quick tempered, heavy built and carries a 42-49 Washington. The second is of light complexion, sandy mustache, red face, hair inclined to be red, blue eyes. He is about six feet six inches in height, weighs 170 pounds, carries himself very erect and wears about nose. His name is supposed to be Wrench, as he carries a fire iron encased in his name engraved upon it.

Manager Thiel of the Bill ranch offers $500.00, and M. Herstein, a brother of the murdered postmaster, offers $1,000.00 for the recovery of the men in any jail in New Mexico.

Undertaker Triggmore of Las Vegas left this morning for Liberty and will bring the bodies of the murdered men to this city.

Chief Postoffice Inspector McMechen yesterday received a dispatch from New Mexico notifying him of the robbery. Liberty is a small postoffice located in San Miguel county. It is seventy-five miles from the nearest railroad station, which is twenty miles north of the railroad station, Las Vegas. The postoffice is reached by a rail route, which is made three times weekly. The postoffice authorities believe the thieves and murderers crossed the Canadian river into Texas and have headed for Oklahoma.

Chief Postoffice Inspector McMechen said that United States Marshal Hall of New Mexico had organized a posse and had gone after the murderers. All that could possibly be done was done by the authorities to bring the guilty parties to justice. The country where the robbery occurred is very wild and positively populated by the Comanches and Apaches.

Las Vegas Daily Optic

VEGAS PIONEER IS TENDERED WISHES ON HER BIRTHDAY

Older Residents of City Pay Tribute to Long-Time Citizen of Area.

Happiness and an active life are offered by Mrs. B. Rose Goldsmith, pioneer resident of this city, as the formula for long life. Mrs. Goldsmith, a member of the older citizens of the area, Thursday celebrated her 84th birthday and received the congratulations of the older citizens of this area. Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Nunn, Mrs. Goldsmith and Mr. Nunn were the guests of honor.

Mrs. Goldsmith is a half-breed of the Rocky Mountain area, coming to this state to Denver from Leavenworth, Kan., in 1890. She and her husband established their ranch home near the heart of Denver and remained there until the ravaging Cherry Creek flooded their home and they moved to Pueblo where they took up land. In 1897 Mrs. Goldsmith and Mr. Nunn moved to Las Vegas where they established their home and where they have lived continuously since.

Dying a new family in modern off-uppercase, Mrs. Goldsmith is not new to Mrs. Goldsmith. She says she has of her first experience with widows while in Denver. Indians stole a baby, one of the men had raised her six children. She now Mrs. N. W. of the state—name published when here next year to gather all her friends, returns that fame in the west and hospitality. It is a breach of etiquette to visit her without having a cup of coffee and a piece of cake.
CERTIFICATE OF ELECTION.

State of New Mexico,
County of Union,
Town of Clayton,

I, N. R. Jones, Clerk of the Town of Clayton,
Union County, New Mexico, do hereby certify that, at a general
election, held in and for said Town of Clayton, on the Fourth
day of April, Nineteen Hundred Sixteen, Morris Herzstein
was duly elected to the office of Trustee for the Town of
Clayton, in the County of Union and State of New Mexico, for
the term of two (2) years, as appears by the official returns
of said election and the statement of votes cast, now on file
in my office.

Witness my hand and the corporate seal of the
Town of Clayton, New Mexico, this Seventh day of April
A. D. 1916.

[Signature]
Clerk.
MORRIS HERZSTEIN

Funeral services for the late Morris Herzstein, prominent Clayton merchant who passed away at Trinidad, Monday afternoon, were held from the chapel of the Johnson Memorial Mortuary at 3 p.m. today. Rabbi Nathan of Albuquerque conducted the Jewish burial rites and read an oration touching on the active and worthy life of the deceased. Many friends in this city and from Clayton and the northeastern part of the state were present for the services. Members of Chapman Lodge No. 2, A. F. & A. M. of this city attended in a body, together with a representation of Masons from the Clayton lodge, of which the deceased was a member. The Masonic burial service was used at the grave.

Besides the widow, a daughter Mrs. Sadie Smith and two sons Albert and Sam Herzstein of Houston, Texas, were present for the services. Also Mr. and Mrs. Simon Herzstein of Clayton and Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Lowenstein of Nara Vlaa.

Interment was made in the Masonic cemetery.

Recent Deaths

MORRIS HERZSTEIN

Funeral services for the late Morris Herzstein will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in the chapel of the Johnson Memorial Mortuary.

Mr. Herzstein was a pioneer business man of Clayton, N. M., having been engaged in business there during the past 35 years. He had been in ill health for the past three months and had gone to Trinidad for medical treatment when he became suddenly worse and passed away yesterday afternoon.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, Albert and Sam Herzstein, and one daughter, Mrs. Sadie Smith, all of Houston, Texas. His mother-in-law, Mrs. Goldstein, resides in this city.

Mr. Herzstein was a member of the Masonic order of Clayton and local Masons will be in charge of the services at the grave. Many relatives and friends from Clayton arrived this afternoon, in company with the immediate family, for the services.

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