

CRUEL MURDER IS RECALLED BY DEATH

Killer Traces Bullet Around Man's Body, Recalls Cruelty Of Outlaw.

How Slade, the outlaw made famous by Mark Twain in "Roughing It," tied one of his enemies up to the side of a house and standing 30 yards away played "cat and mouse" with him by shooting at him for hours before finally putting a bullet through his heart, is being recalled around the scene of the affair by the death some time ago of Mrs. Addie Becksted, wife of the man on whom Slade perpetrated a crime of such cold horror as was rarely heard of even in the days when the West was new and wild.

Slade was master of the overland stage and pony express station at Julesburg and carried on his "business" of outlaw from this position for some time before he gave up all other lines for the "profession" of outlawry. It was while Slade was en route to Nevada to see his brother, stopped at that stage stand all night. At breakfast the next morning he ate so many fried eggs and such quantities of fried ham that he never again ate either, simply because Slade, who sat next to him, insisted that he "eat."

Slade Wounded. But it wasn't Slade had been wounded in the body. This he could forgive. But the wound to his pride, that another man should have shot him in a fair fight, was too much. Slade was known as the most expert shot along the eastern slope of the mountains and he had maintained that reputation if he was to continue living at all. Once he lost that reputation a cowboy certainly would kill him.

One morning Jules started for his most distant ranch for some cattle. He took with him three or four cowboys. As he passed Slade's ranch Slade and half a dozen men came along out, covered Jules' men and took them prisoners. All were disarmed and started home except Jules. He was held.

One of Jules' cowboys, after riding some distance and getting behind a hill, left the others and on foot returned to see what was being done to Jules.

Jules was tied to a small shed, back to the wall, his arms outstretched. He could move neither his body, arms nor head.

Slade, dead shot that he was, stood with his rifle some distance from Jules, took careful aim and fired. The bullet struck within an inch of Jules' ear.

Another shot and one of Jules' outstretched fingers was shot off. Slade laughed aloud.

Then Slade shot off one ear and on the other of the man tied to the wall.

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Toward night, with his victim in a semi-conscious condition, Slade picked up his rifle and sent a bullet through Jules' heart.

The next morning Slade and one of his men went down to Jules' trading post, loaded everything they wanted into their wagon, and went back to their ranch.

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- AT THE MOVIES -

The Webb theatre has two outstanding pictures on its program this week, and will continue vaudeville nights through Christmas. The vaudeville feature has been a great success, and there will be more of this class of entertainment at the Webb.

One of the feature films, which is due Thursday, is "Syncope Sue," beautiful Corinne Griffith's latest. A critic says of this picture: "There's a high note of drama—a deep note of pathos—a harmony of humor—and a symphony of action in 'Syncope Sue.'" Tom Moore is cast with Miss Griffith in the piece.

Christmas day a rollicking comedy is scheduled "Tin Hats" with Conrad Nagle and Claire Windsor. There is also to be shown with it a Christmas day short comedy just released for the big day.

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Vaudeville will continue the rest of the week at the night shows, the curtain rising at 8:45, after the picture run.

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Waiting Time For Idealists

William Allen White in the Emporia Gazette.

The people of America have evinced no interest whatever in the emotional side of politics since the defeat of Woodrow Wilson. The American people are static. They are living under the burden of some terrible spiritual inertia. They are back in Grant's administration. They wish no change. They desire no betterment in conditions. They are overwhelmingly for the order that is. And President Coolidge's message tells them definitely and wisely how to keep things going as they are.

Democracy never was better vindicated than in the calling and election of Calvin Coolidge. Democracy is getting exactly what it wants in the way that it wants it. The few insurgents, kickers and idealists, among whom the writer is which, have a mandate from the American people to go way back and sit down until it hurts.

They also serve who only sit and wait.

Motorist—That man I ran over is the meanest man in town. Friend—Why? Motorist—He puts tacks in his pockets when he crosses the street.

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