

TWO MEN KILLED IN A FEUD BATTLE.

Fight on the Streets of Union, Miss., Between
McDonald and Chisholm Factions.

P. J. McDonald and Joe McDonald Instantly Killed and Joe
Miller, Cornelius Chisholm and Murphy McDonald Seriously
Wounded—One Man Struck by a Stray Bullet.

(Special to the Picayune).

Newton, Miss., July 17.—Two men instantly killed and three others wounded is the result of a street fight which occurred this morning about 10:30 o'clock at Union, a town in the northern part of this county, on the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad.

The dead are P. J. McDonald and Joe McDonald, brothers, and the wounded are Joe Miller, Cornelius Chisholm and Murphy McDonald, a son of P. J. McDonald.

The trouble began when P. J. McDonald and Joe Miller became involved in a difficulty. Reports are to the effect that Miller and McDonald were standing on the street engaged in an earnest but quiet conversation when they were both seen to reach in their pockets, McDonald drawing a pistol and Miller a knife, each having the other by the shirt collar. While Miller was trying to open his knife McDonald shot him once in the abdomen and once in the side, inflicting dangerous, though not considered fatal, wounds.

When McDonald fired shots were heard in several directions, just how many cannot be learned. Cornelius Chisholm is said to have fired the shots that killed both McDonalds. P. J. McDonald was shot three times and his brother once, both being shot through the heart, causing instant death. Murphy McDonald received a flesh wound in the arm, a stray bullet, said to have been fired from his father's pistol, striking him. Chisholm was shot one time by one of the McDonalds, his wound being in the breast, but it is not thought to be serious.

The cause of the tragedy cannot be definitely learned. It is reported that Miller was agitating a meeting to take some action in reference to cattle stealing that has been going on for several years in that community. It being alleged that the McDonalds were the guilty ones and that this was what brought on the fight. The McDonalds had been dealing in cattle, as had also Chisholm. It seems that a cow was stolen from a negro at Union several days ago and carried to Meridian and sold. Chisholm went over to Meridian to identify the animal, and on his return was met at the depot by one of the McDonalds and had a few words. He expected to have trouble, and it is said that Chisholm's family never slept any last night, fearing that he would be killed. So far no

arrests have been made. The town is considerably demoralized, though no more trouble is anticipated.

BLOODY STREET BATTLE.

The Fight at Union the Result of an
Old Feud.

Meridian, Miss., July 17.—About 9 o'clock this morning a bloody street battle occurred at Union, Miss., in which two men were killed and two fatally wounded. The dead are: D. J. McDonald and Pete McDonald. The fatally wounded are Cornelius Chisholm and Joe Miller; dangerously wounded, Murphy McDonald.

It appears that the shooting was the outcome of an old feud, which was increasing in its intensity, and culminated over the sale of some cattle by D. J. McDonald, a wealthy cattle owner of Union, sold in Meridian yesterday, and which Cornelius Chisholm claimed belonged to him. Chisholm was in the city yesterday looking for the cattle, which he is said to have located here. Meeting this morning in front of the Union Bank, in Union, Pete McDonald and Joe Miller engaged in a fight. Cornelius Chisholm interfered, pulling his gun. He shot McDonald, killing him instantly. D. J. McDonald, a brother of Pete McDonald, ran up, and when he saw his brother lying dead he turned on Chisholm, and drawing his pistol fired upon him. Chisholm returned the fire. McDonald was instantly killed and fell upon the sidewalk near the stiffening body of his brother. A few feet away from them Chisholm fell, fatally wounded. Murphy McDonald, a young son of D. J. McDonald, who ran up upon hearing the shooting, was wounded in the arm by a stray bullet, as was also Joe Miller, several shots wounding him dangerously.

The town was so wrought up over the tragic affair that every business house was closed by 9:30. D. J. and Pete McDonald, the two men killed, were wealthy cattle owners, and were very prominent in Newton.

Murphy McDonald was associated with his uncle in the livery business. Chisholm and Miller are both prominent in business at Union.

Immediately after the shooting a telephone message was sent here for Dr. R. L. Turner, summoning him to come at once on a special train. Dr. Turner left at once, accompanied by Dr. Tatum and several people from here.