

# Cow Did Not Cause the Trouble

Another Version of the Union, Miss.,  
Street Duel Given by Meridian  
Visitor.

VISITOR ON SCENE SAYS PRE-  
VIOUS REPORT INCORRECT

According to Meridian Man, Affray  
Was Result of Bad Feeling That  
Had Existed for Some Time and  
Originated About School Matter.

Meridian, Miss., July 20.—G. W. Tyner, who has just returned from Union, in Newton county, gives a different version of the tragedy enacted there last Saturday to the ones heretofore published. He says the statements that have been sent out have been misleading in several particulars. Tyner, who is a prominent cattleman of Meridian, went to Union immediately after the tragedy and attended the funeral of the McDonalds, which, he says, was one of the most largely attended that has ever occurred in the county, as many as a thousand people being present.

Tyner says that he talked with quite a number of the witnesses to the tragedy and otherwise made a full and complete investigation into the causes that resulted in the street duel. One of the things mentioned by Mr. Tyner was that the difficulty did not originate about a cow, as stated in the reports sent out, but about a school matter, and that the trouble was really between Miller and P. J. McDonald. The latter, says Tyner, had had some trouble with a teacher about his boy and the teacher and McDonald had been in a fight some time previous to the difficulty of last Saturday.

It was stated by Tyner that Joe Miller took sides with the teacher, and from this there existed a bad feeling between Miller and P. J. McDonald. Saturday morning the two men met in front of the Union Bank and a discussion ensued, which was soon followed by a rough and tumble fight. Before the fight, D. J. McDonald came up and told his brother that there was no need for trouble over the affair.

When a lie was passed P. J. McDonald and Miller went to fighting. During the fight Miller drew his knife and at the same time McDonald drew a pistol and fired four times. Three bullets struck Miller in the left thigh and one hit him in front and ranged near the hip. Tyner states that Cornelius Chisholm, who was standing near, made some remark, and that he and McDonald began firing at each other. A bullet from P. J. McDonald's pistol struck Chisholm in the side and lodged in the back. Chisholm fired two shots, both passing through the heart of McDonald and resulting in instant death.

Tyner says that D. J. McDonald shouted not to shoot that he threw up his hands, saying that he had no weapon, but Chisholm fired, the ball passing through the heart of D. J. McDonald. Chisholm then fired upon Murphy McDonald, son of P. J. McDonald, inflicting a slight flesh wound in the arm.

In reference to the sale of the cow along with other cattle in this city last week Tyner states that he purchased the cow and in turn sold her to L. P. Enslin, in whose possession she was found when Pleas Gardner, a negro, swore out a writ of replevin in Justice Dabney's court. It appears from the information gathered by Tyner that the negro had bought the cow of P. J. McDonald, and that after he had failed to pay for her McDonald took the cow back and sold her with other cattle. Tyner says that Chisholm had no connection with the cow trade, and that the matter of the replevin would come up for hearing in Justice Dabney's court next week.

According to Tyner's statement there is liable to be more trouble over the matter. There is a great deal of feeling and both sides have many friends and relatives who are ready to take up the matter and fight at the drop of a hat. Relatives on each side who live at a distance are expected at any time and it is feared upon their arrival the trouble will break out afresh and that it will involve a number of friends and sympathizers.