

REALTY VALUES RISE; RESULT OF TRAGEDY.

Killing of the Leaders in Feud at
Union, Miss.,

Brings Peace to Community and
Hope of Prosperity.

Fifty Head of Cattle Stolen During
Past Year.

Joe McDonald Believed to Have Been
Killed by His Brother in
the Fusillade.

(Special to the Picayune.)

Newton, Miss., July 18.—No new developments of a startling nature are reported from the scene of yesterday's tragedy at Union. Late information is that Miller was not as seriously wounded as first reported, and he and Chisolm are resting easy this afternoon, with prospects of the recovery of both. An investigation by physicians revealed that Miller was not shot through the abdomen, but that the ball entered just above the navel and glanced to one side, lodging near the hip, from whence it was removed yesterday evening. The wound in the thigh is not a serious one. Chisolm was shot in the right breast, and the ball ranged around to the left breast, not causing a necessarily dangerous wound. The ball was extracted. Murphy McDonald was only slightly injured, he being shot in the hand by a stray bullet, instead of in the arm, as first reported.

The cause that led up to the fight is about as reported yesterday, growing out of the cattle-stealing reports. There is some doubt about Chisolm having shot Joe McDonald, some thinking that he was accidentally shot by his brother. When Miller and P. J. McDonald began their fight Joe McDonald and Chisolm were standing not far apart, and both started to the scene of the trouble. As soon as P. J. McDonald shot Miller, seeing Chisolm coming towards him, he fired at him, one ball taking effect. Chisolm then opened fire on the one that was shooting at him, his first shot going true. McDonald fell partly forward and at the same time fired several more shots at Chisolm, emptying his pistol, but not striking the mark any more. Some are of the opinion that a bullet that went wild from McDonald's pistol struck his brother. Chisolm emptied his pistol, and after the fusillade had ceased walked out to one side and reloaded the weapon.

It is believed by some who were on the ground that there were only two pistols brought into use, and they were in the hands of P. J. McDonald and Chisolm, but, as usual, reports conflict.

The sheriff went up to Union yesterday evening, but returned to Deatur this morning. So far no arrests have been made, nor any arrangements made for a preliminary hearing. The result of the wounds of Chisolm and Miller is awaited, and should they not recover all parties to the trouble will be removed and there would be no one to prosecute.

It is said that something like fifty or more cattle were stolen from that community during the year of 1908 and a good many since, and the people were growing tired of it, hence the meeting that Miller was endeavoring to call. On account of the character and reputation of the McDonalds a good many people were afraid to take any action. They have been a disturbing element in that community for years, and it is said that since their death property values in and around Union would increase in value 25 per cent. The funeral of the McDonalds were held at Beech Springs in Neshoba County, to-day. P. J. McDonald leaves a wife and several children, while his brother was a widower and is sur-

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vived by several grown children. Both were well-to-do so far as this world's good was concerned, reputed to be worth \$25,000 each. Everything is quiet there now and no further trouble is apprehended.

FUNERALS HELD.

Statements of an Eye-Witness to the Battle.

Meridian, Miss., July 18.—The funerals of Joe and Pete McDonald, the two brothers killed in the street duel yesterday morning at Union, Miss., were held to-day at Beech Springs, eight miles from Union. Hundreds of people from all sections of the State attended the funeral. Joe McDonald, the elder of the two, was a widower, with two children, a son and daughter. He was to have been married this week to a young lady of Union. He was a man of considerable wealth and good standing in the community.

Pete McDonald leaves a wife and several small children. He was in the livery and stock business.

Dr. R. L. Turner and Dr. Tatum, of this city, who hurried to the scene of the tragedy yesterday upon a special train, with trained nurses and everything possible to administer to the wounded men, Cornelius Chisolm, Joe Miller and Murphy McDonald, are still at Union, and the death of Miller and Chisolm is expected at any time, as they are both fatally wounded.

Owing to the excitement caused by the tragedy, every business house in Union closed its doors immediately and it seemed as if connection was entirely cut off from the place, as it was impossible to locate anyone over the long-distance telephone, and no branch of either the Postal or Western Union Telegraph lines run into the town.

The only report further of the tragedy was brought in this morning by a man coming in from Union. It appears that the entire trouble grew out of the purchase of a cow by Pete McDonald from Joe Miller, the former claiming that Miller had asked an exorbitant price for the animal. The two men met in the Bank of Union, and McDonald had just written Miller a check, the two men coming out of the bank together. The quarrel grew in violence, and as the men reached the street they clinched, Miller drawing his knife from his pocket and making a lunge with it at McDonald, who drew his pistol and fired two shots into the body of his assailant. One bullet took effect in the head and the other in the lungs, Miller falling mortally wounded. Cornelius Chisolm, a friend of Miller, ran to his rescue, and as he did so McDonald fired upon him, the bullet entering Chisolm's side and lodging in the bowels. Before he fell Chisolm shot McDonald through the heart, killing him instantly, and turning his gun on Joe McDonald, who ran to the aid of his brother, also fired a shot through his heart. Murphy McDonald was struck by a flying bullet.

The death of Chisolm and Miller is hourly expected, which will make four victims of yesterday's terrible tragedy.

It is said that the shooting was in reality the outcome of an old feud, bad blood having existed among the men for some time. After the tragedy it was thought best to keep things as quiet as possible, for fear of more trouble. No crowds were allowed to collect on the streets of the little town, and the very stillness of death pervaded everything after the dead and wounded had been taken to their various homes, over which the shadow of the death angel still hovers, the death of Miller and Chisolm being expected.