

COLD BLOODED MURDER

Walter Phillips Slain Friday Morning in Cold Blood by A. R. Moore.

About 4 o'clock Friday morning in front of the Horseshoe Club, a saloon conducted by Campbell & Yewell, A. R. Moore stabbed and mortally wounded Walter Phillips. It seems that Moore, who is a carpenter by trade, only recently landed in Glenwood and he is referred to by those who have watched his career as a quarrelsome character. It appears that a few evenings previous Hank Ring, a partner of Moore's, was in the Horseshoe Club and being somewhat troublesome, Phillips who was in the place, was asked to walk the fellow out, which he did.

This greatly incensed Moore who declared he would get even with Phillips for his treatment of his partner. Friday morning Moore met Phillips in the saloon and abused him, telling him he might put his partner out but he could not put him out. Phillips retaliated by indifferently remarking that if requested to do so he would try it any way.

After stabbing his victim Moore made every possible effort to escape but was apprehended by the officers just as he was leaving his cabin and starting for the hills. He was at once placed in the county jail by Under Sheriff Mohr.

Friday afternoon Coroner Hotopp held an inquest on the body of Phillips the jury finding that the deceased came to his death from a knife wound inflicted by Moore. The jurors were R. Stees, E. B. Everett, Fred C. Ewing, M. P. Gillorn, E. N. Mallery and J. G. Pease.

In the testimony it was conclusively proven that Moore was the aggressor and that Phillips did not at any time seek a quarrel. District Attorney Gray was present at the inquest and conducted the investigation. Dr. Lambert was pressed into service as clerk. Thomas Goodrich was the first witness called.

Tom Goodrich's testimony was substantially as follows: Saw Moore and Phillips in the Horseshoe Club saloon about 4 o'clock Friday morning. Moore made a slighting remark about Phillips having thrown his partner out of the house a few nights previous and told Phillips that he could not throw him out the same way. Phillips assured Moore that if he was so instructed he would throw him out too. Later saw both men striking at each other on the sidewalk. Phillips staggered backward about four feet, then went into the saloon. Noticed that Phillips was bleeding very freely and he started to find Mr. Malaby, the night policeman; came up to Campbell's with Malaby and both started after Dr. Clark. Witness and Malaby then began to search for Moore. Saw John Richardson and Wm. Mohr arrest Moore as he came out of a vacant house just above the Inter Ocean lodging house.

H. O. Yewell's testimony was substantially as follows: I live in Glenwood; I know Moore; was acquainted with Phillips in his lifetime. Wednesday evening a fellow in the club called Hank who seemed to be a friend of Moore was sitting near the roulette wheel, Hank was more or less intoxicated; someone told Phillips to walk him out which he did. This morning (Friday) Moore accompanied by two strangers was standing at bar; a moment later Moore stood alone; Moore remarked "I'd like to see the s--- b--- put me out." Wm. Elgan, the night bartender remarked: "There will be no one put out, if so I will attend to it." When Moore made his remark, Phillips was at back of room, about thirty feet distant. He remarked "If I were told to take you out I would." Elgan and witness both told them that no fighting would be allowed inside and if they wanted to scrap they must go outside. Moore went out at the front door and told Phillips to come outside. In a short time Phillips went out; in a little while I started toward the front door and just as I reached the door I saw Phillips coming toward the door, a stream of blood pouring on the pavement as he walked. From his movements I thought he wanted to come in; I opened the door and as he walked past me he said, "I have been stabbed." I then noticed that blood was flowing freely from his chest. Elgan was standing near and said he would call a doctor. Phillips said "I am getting weak." At that time he was holding a railing about six feet from the door. In a few seconds he gave way and fell to his knees and soon rolled over on the floor and seemed to want to lie on his back; and in a very few minutes was dead.

Wm. Elgan the night bartender corroborated the testimony of Mr. Yewell in every detail.

Hank Ring, the partner of Moore, testified that he came to Glenwood from Grand Junction with Moore about six weeks ago. They had been "bucking" together until about a week ago when he became disgusted with Moore's habits and told him so. Ring then detailed the event of Wednesday evening when Phillips had walked witness out of the saloon. Witness thought Phillips was just in fun, and he (Ring) went home and went to bed. The next morning Moore asked him why he didn't hit Phillips and seemed very mad about the way Phillips had acted in the matter. Friday morning Moore came home and after waking witness up said:

"Well, Hank, I had trouble with that fellow that threw you out, and I stabbed him and now I'll have to get out of here."

He had a bottle of whiskey in his pocket and said: "Let's take another drink together, and then I must go."

Just as he was getting his bottle out we heard some one walking on the sidewalk and Moore said, "I'll bet they are after me now." When we could no longer hear the walking he said, "So long, Hank," and started. That is the last I saw of him.

Dr. Clark testified that he was called to see Phillips but before he could reach him he was dead. Witness made post mortem examination and described the body as follows:

Walter Phillips, about 24 years of age, black hair, long prominent nose, dark complexion, brown eyes, well developed, square shouldered. One small punctured wound above right clavicle, 1 1/4 inches from sternal junction; long superficial incised wound about 5 inches long, beginning at right of ensiform process laterally to left; one deep dissection above right clavicle. I find a long incised punctured wound making burr-hole incision into the right subclavian artery, about 1 1/2 inches in to the right of the sterno-clavicular articulation, which was sufficient to cause instantaneous death.

Under Sheriff Mohr testified to the arrest of Moore and his acknowledgment that he stabbed Phillips. Mohr exhibited to the jury the knife with which Moore said he did the stabbing.

Walter Phillips had lived in Garfield county more or less for the past three years and while a trifle wild in his habits, was a goodhearted fellow and was considered reasonably peaceable. But little is known concerning his people, except that a step-sister lives in Victor. She was advised of his death but wired that she could not come to Glenwood. The remains will be buried tomorrow in Rosebud cemetery.

Moore will next week answer to a jury in the district court for his awful crime.

VERDICT OF JURY

State of Colorado } ss.
County of Garfield }

An inquisition holden at Glenwood Springs in Garfield county, State of Colorado, on the 12th day of April, A. D., 1901, before Theo. M. Hotopp, coroner of said county, upon the body of Walter Phillips, there lying dead, by the jurors whose names are hereto subscribed; said jurors upon their oaths do say that the said Walter Phillips came to his death by the hand of A. R. Moore by wounds inflicted with a knife feloniously by and with intent to commit great bodily harm.

In testimony whereof the said jurors have hereunto set their hands, the day and year aforesaid.

E. N. MALLERY
FRED C. EWING,
M. P. GILLORN,
E. B. EVERETT,
J. G. PEASE,
R. STEES.

Attest: THEO. HOTOPP,
Coroner of Garfield county, Colo.

Police Blotter

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