

Deputy Sheriff Tom Waters, of Tip Top, arrived in town this morning per stage from Gillett, bringing in James Miles of this town for the killing of a Texan named Shannon at Tip Top yesterday afternoon. The particulars, as we gather them from Deputy Sheriff Waters are as follows:

Shannon was a Texan, wore a broad brim hat, generally carried two revolvers and prided himself as being a desperado. For some time he had been in the employ of the road builders as cook. Yesterday being pay-day he visited Tip Top, partook rather freely of the flowing bowl, met Miles at the saloon of Johnny Bostwick, had trouble with him, and finally struck him in the face with his hand when Miles pulled a revolver and Shannon was shot through the breast killing him almost instantly. We are sorry that the unfortunate affair took place for various reasons, the most important being that it will cause the relatives of Miles much trouble and annoyance, they being numerous and of our very best citizens. We hear that this man Shannon when sober was a quiet, peaceable citizen, but when in liquor was boisterous and dangerous, claiming for himself the rather familiar and romantic cognomen of Texas s-- of a b-----.

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Dr. Day, who went to the Tiptop mine by the direction of District Attorney Masterson to make a post mortem examination of the body of W. T. Shannon, shot by Miles, came home last evening, and from him we learn the following: Shannon was buried, but his remains were disinterred, and a pistol shot wound found through the center of the breast, entering the arch of the aorta and passing through into the muscles of the back. Death was caused almost instantly from hemorrhage. The body was filled with blood.

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