MURDER MOST FOUL

Joseph Abrahams the Victim of Would-be Robbers.

THE INQUEST IS COMMENCED.

Case Plainly Parallel to That of W. J. Barndollar.—Robbers Evidently Secured Nothing.—Reward Offered.—Inquest Being Conducted Behind Closed Doors.—Funeral Services to Be Conducted by the Masons.

"If any one ever attempts to hold me up I will fight as did Win Barndollar," was a remark made some years ago by Joseph Abrahams, and everything points conclusively to the fact that Mr. Abrahams came to his death under circumstances precisely similar to those which he was discussing when he made the statement quoted. Mr. Abrahams was a man of unusual strength, absolutely fearless, and it seems clear that he was assaulted by a would-be robber, that he resisted, that he was struck over the head and that, either because he continued to fight or that the criminal thought his own safety would best be secured by making his crime murder, the person or persons who assaulted him fired a shot into his brain and then threw the body into the Arkansas river.

Little by little, but all too slowly, the mystery is being unravelled. Mr. Abrahams started from his home in Denver Monday evening, but he left his watch with his wife, so it seems that nothing was taken from his person. From Denver to Colorado Springs he rode in the same seat with W. R. Gregg, formerly of this city, and to Mr. Gregg Mr. Abrahams said he was about to close a deal for the sale of the Belle Vista addition to Pueblo, in which he had an interest, for an amount in the neighborhood of $100,000. Of this sum Mr. Abrahams would have received from $20,000 to $20,000. Mr. Gregg says he had not seen Mr. Abrahams in better spirits for a long time, and that Mr. Abrahams' manner while in the train that marked to him that his affairs were beginning to look better than at any time for ten years. Mr. Gregg left the train at Colorado Springs and Mr. Abrahams came to Pueblo Mr. Abrahams rode alone.

When he left the train at the Union depot here Mr. Abrahams was seen to walk rapidly through the hallway, stopping only to answer a question from some stranger. What the question was is not known, but Mr. Abrahams was heard to reply something about the "north side," and then continued out of the building. The stranger hesitated a few moments and then left the depot, following Mr. Abrahams some sixty feet behind. Both were seen to go north on Union avenue, Mr. Abrahams in the lead, and this man followed on the east side of Union avenue when they left the depot. The last seen of them was at a point about half a block north of the Union avenue bridge.

The police and sheriff's office are diligently at work on the case, and are leaving no stone unturned that might lead to information as to the identity of the perpetrators of the crime. Chief Griffin and Sheriff Beaman have offered of their own purses a reward of $250 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who committed the murder.

The inquest was commenced at the coroner's office yesterday by a jury composed of A. T. Stewart, Henry Barkley, Saul Bergerman, Asbury White, E. F. Hall and M. Hoffman. District Attorney Saunders was present at the sessions, which were held behind closed doors, and E. J. Braund, stenographer to Division Superintendent Short court, is taking the testimony. A large number of witnesses were examined, but as an adjournment was taken this morning. A post mortem examination was ordered and was made last night, and the surgeons who made the autopsy decline to make any statement of their findings until after report to the jury this morning.

The evidence adduced yesterday in its most essential points is given above. It was found on a careful scrutiny of the body that a bullet had passed entirely through the head from side to side above each ear. Mr. Abrahams' hat was found, where it had floated down the river and lodged on the bank below the Pueblo smelter. A deep dent in the top of the crown corresponds exactly with a depression in the skull that was plainly caused by a blow from some heavy instrument. The right eye, too, was injured, not as at first supposed by the contact of the bullet, but by a blow.

It appears plain that Mr. Abrahams was assaulted, that he was struck a stinging blow on the face, either with a fist or with a club or other instrument, that he was then beaten over the head and finally shot. It is presumed that some one on the train, hearing his conversation about his mining interests, concluded he was a good victim for a hold-up, and proceeded to carry the plan into execution, meeting with resistance and adding murder to the crime intended.

Mrs. Abrahams and her son, Herman, arrived from Denver at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home of M. Studzinski, 616 west Tenth street. There will probably not be any services at the house, but at that hour Wm. Bondelier, No. 17, Masons will take charge of the remains, and will conduct the burial service of the fraternity at the grave.

MASONIC NOTICE.

An emergency communication of Pueblo lodge No. 17, A. F. & A. M., will be held at the lodge rooms in Hobson block Friday afternoon, June 16, 1:15 o'clock, for the purpose of conferring Masonic burial upon our late brother, Joseph Abrahams. All Master Masons are fraternally invited to participate with us in this service.

W. D. GRISBARD, W. M.
A. D. WADELAMS, Secretary.

Professor M. Thomas, the expert eye specialist, who has been connected with the best manufacturing opticians in Chicago and who is at present the president of the Thomas Optical Co., of Chicago, will be for a short time here with Charles H. Pifer, at 207 So. Union avenue. If you have eye troubles of any sort, consult him at once. His hours are from 9 in the morning till 5 in the evening. Examinations free.

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