

## JOHN SELMAN SHOT

### DEPUTY MARSHAL SCARBOROUGH CHARGED WITH THE SHOOTING

The Slayer of Boss Outlaw and John W.ley Hardin Falls Before a Justice—It Is Not Known if the Wound Is Fatal.

This morning at about 4 o'clock United States Deputy Marshal George Scarborough shot John Selman, whether fatally or not cannot be ascertained at this time, as Dr. White is having Selman removed to his home before examining his wounds.

Mr. George Gregory, who was on watch at the Wigwam, says that five minutes before the shooting George Scarborough came down the steps from the card room into the saloon; that he and Selman met at the foot of the stairs and walked out of the saloon together, and in a few minutes Mr. Gregory heard four shots fired.

Capt Oarr of the police was sitting in the American Kitchen eating lunch and saw the flash of the pistols. He ran across toward the alley between the Wigwam and the Santa Fe ticket office and as he approached he saw George Scarborough step out of the alley into the electric light in front of the saloon. Scarborough offered to surrender to the officer but warned the crowd to keep back. Officer Tyra took charge of Scarborough and Oarr ran to Selman, who was lying just in the alley against the steps leading to the Wigwam basement, and was endeavoring to rise. Oarr found Selman's scabbard empty, but could not find his pistol anywhere. Scarborough was sent to jail and Dr. White summoned to the side of the wounded man.

Before the doctor could arrive, Officer Oarr looked over Selman, and the only wound he could find was in the back of the neck. Selman, however, claimed that he was also shot in the body and that his lower limbs were paralyzed. When Dr. White arrived the wounded man claimed to be suffering so severely that the doctor decided to give him an injection to allay his pain and then take him home before making a thorough examination. Selman is being taken home on a stretcher while this report is being written. He was very drunk when the shooting occurred and to secure any thing like an intelligent statement from him, the officers will have to wait until this morning.

At 5:15 this morning the TIMES reporter called at the jail and asked Mr. Scarborough for a statement. He said:

"It's a very short story. I came down out of the Wigwam card room and found John Selman standing near the foot of the stairs. He asked me to go outside with him as he wanted to see me. We walked out to the sidewalk and as a crowd came up led the way to the alley. Selman said to me: 'George I want you to go across the river with me in the morning to see John. We must get the boy out of jail.' I said all right 'Uncle John I will go with you, but there must be no more plays like Bud made

over there yesterday as they do harm.' Selman then looked at me in a queer way for a second and throwing his hand to his pistol scabbard said: 'You d—n so—of a b—I think I will kill you right here.' I knew my man and I didn't wait for anything farther, but commenced shooting. I tried to kill him, but I hope I have not. I fired only three times and if four shots were fired somebody else fired one of them."

Jailor Smith said that only three chambers of Scarborough's gun were empty when the gun was handed him by Officer Tyra.



My name is George A. Selman. I am deputy United States marshal and live in El Paso. Last night, about 12 or 1 o'clock I met Uncle John Selman in the Wigwam, down stairs there. He told me he wanted to see me a moment, and we walked outside. After we walked out he commenced talking as he had yesterday, on several different occasions, about his son being in jail on the other side, and two other parties walked up as we were talking, and he hunched me and said: "Come with me, O, I want to talk with you privately." We walked into the alley between the Santa Fe office and the saloon, and he told me: "I want you to go over the river with me in the morning to see John." I asked him what time he wanted to go, and he said about 11 or 12 o'clock. When we first walked round there was the first time I suspected anything. I saw the old man had his hand on his gun; kept working with his six-shooter. He asked me where I'd meet him and I told him I'd meet him on the corner of San Antonio and El Paso streets this morning between 10 and 11 o'clock, and we'd go over the river. He then told me, "let's go in and have a drink." I told him I didn't want anything to drink. He threw his hand on his six-shooter and said: "You God damned son of a bitch, I am going to kill you." We were standing right facing each other, and as he said that I grabbed my 45 and shot at him. I tried to shoot him through the head, and don't know whether I did or not. He fell the first shot, and then he got up and I fired three shots after he got up. Then a policeman came up and I surrendered to him and asked to be taken to the county jail. Tyra was the man who first came up, and Carr came up too. That's all I want to say about it at present."

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borough's. The dead man's pistol has not yet been found and its mysterious disappearance has occasioned some very ugly talk on the streets. But it is hinted that Selman's gun will be produced at the right time and its disappearance accounted for. Sunday old man Selman told his son that Scarborough proposed to walk out into the alley and that before he had said a word or had any intimation of what was coming a ball struck him in the neck and that when he felt for his pistol it was gone, though he knew he had it while standing in the saloon a few minutes before.

While lying in the alley, before his removal to his house, Selman said: "Boys, you know I'm not afraid of any man; but I never drew my gun."  
Selman was about 58 or 60 years of age, and his whole life had been a stormy one. When still a youth he donned a uniform of grey and went to the front to fight for the southern cross. After the war he returned to Comanche county, Texas, and commenced fighting outlaws, and during his life time he has not killed less than twenty men, and in every instance his victims started the fight. They were known as bad men. In 1893, the notorious Bass Outlaw, in this city, shot down a gallant young ranger in cold blood and then opened fire on John Selman, who interferred to save the rafter. Selman soon had his old "Bates" out and "speaking." He killed Bass Outlaw. Last year John Wesley Hardin was terrorizing the people of El Paso, and on the 19th day of last August made the mistake of threatening to kill Selman. They met in the Acme saloon that night and Hardin died with his boots on. He was indicted for murder, stood his trial and the jury failed to agree. The case was still pending when George Scarborough's bullet transferred it to a higher court, just as Selman's bullet had caused Hardin to appeal his case to a higher court. The good book says truly that, "he who lives by the sword, dies by the sword." When not drinking John Selman was as gentle and kind as a maiden, but in his whisky he was ugly. After killing Hardin he changed completely, drank hard and was very quarrelsome.

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The Federal Court Convened.  
Judge Maxey convened the April term of the United States district court in this city yesterday morning at 10 o'clock and empaneled the following grand jury: Foreman, E. A. Shelton, of El Paso, J. S. York, of Durham, Anton Knoedler, of Fort Davis, A. H. Brookfield, of Pecos, S. D. Harmon, of Alpine, J. A. White, of Pecos, J. H. Doyle, of Belton, Pat Coleman, of Marfa, J. J. Mandy, of El Paso, H. L. Kelly, of Marfa, J. D. Jackson, of Alpine, John Walcott, of Big Springs, Richard L. Mayer, of San Elizario, J. J. Smith, of Yelata, F. L. Wright, of Midland, William Pallam, of Marathon, Sidney Ullman, of El Paso, J. A. Strand, of Alpine, R. M. Bressie, of Big Springs.  
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THE DAM COMMISSION NAMED.

Mr. Max Weber Discovers an Important Error in Translation.  
A Times reporter called on Mr. Max Weber for news in regard to the international dam and he replied that there was nothing particularly new excepting that he was just in receipt of the Diaro Oficial from Mexico, in which is published President Diaz's message to congress, and that there has been a mistake made in the message as sent out in English, as the paragraph in regard to the water trouble should read as follows:

"In view of the damages suffered by the inhabitants of the frontier on account of the scarcity and even non-existence of any water in the Rio Grande, instructions have been given to our representative at Washington to arrange with the government of the United States that 'the' international water boundary commission, as the most appropriate commission, examine the existing projects for the construction of an international dam, in order that both governments may arrive at an agreement which will lead to the realization of this great work, which is of great importance to agriculture in the regions adjacent to the river mentioned."

The error in translation is one of vital importance, because President Diaz, according to the message, instructed Minister Romero in Washington to propose to the American government that "the" water boundary commission, which consists of Col. Anson Mills as commissioner for the American government and Judge Ornelo for the Mexican government shall study the project, while in the message as sent to the United States it says "a" boundary commission, from which people may infer that this commission is to be hereafter appointed. The boundary commission proposed by President Diaz already exists, with headquarters at present in El Paso and O. Juarez.

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Judge Maxey handed down a lengthy decision setting aside the forfeiture of a \$1000 bail bond, on which George Sauer, J. C. Lackland and Richard Staples appeared.

In the absence of Ed Ware, H. J. Darwood was made court bailiff and Pleas Watson was placed in charge of the grand jury.

Clerk Hart and Marshal Ware, the two heavy weights of the court, are on deck, the same courteous and capable officers who left us last October for a swing around the western district.

Deputy Marshal George Majors, wearing on his cherubic countenance a smile, the warmth of which would wreck a refrigerator, is also here and with him are Bafe Kline, Jim Deck and F. M. McMahon. Chief Deputy Walters will arrive this morning.

### Republican League Club.

A special meeting of the Republican league club, to which all Republicans are invited, is hereby called to meet at the city hall on Tuesday night, March 7th, at 7:30 o'clock.

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Capt. T. J. Beall and Judge Falvey returned Sunday from Devil's river. Their box of provisions was shipped in the wrong direction, which hastened their return.

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**TO A HIGHER COURT.**

**JOHN SELMAN DIED YESTERDAY AF-  
TERNOON AT 4:15 O'CLOCK.**

The Testimony of Scarborough and Gra-  
ham—'Don't Kill Me in That Way'—An  
Operation—What Selman Told His Son.  
Under Two Thousand Bond.

John Selman is no more. He breath-  
ed his last at 4:15 o'clock yesterday  
afternoon and his remains were turned  
over to Emerson & Berrien to be pre-  
pared for burial.

Sunday morning the TIMES had only  
time to give the particulars of the  
tragedy and our story of the affair,  
though constructed in a rush, remains  
uncontradicted in any particular.  
Sunday morning Selman was suffering  
so that he could not make a statement;  
and even yesterday morning the TIMES  
did not feel like making the old man  
suffer in order to furnish reading for  
the curios public. He breathed with  
pain and talking only hastened his  
end.

After taking the wounded man home  
Sunday morning Dr. White discovered  
he had been shot four times. The first  
ball merely grazed the neck, the second  
made a flesh wound in the right thigh;  
the third entered the right side above  
the hip and lodged in the spine, para-  
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say anything, and all that I remember  
having heard were remarks coming  
from outsiders who were gathered  
there.

Selman's condition showed no im-  
provement yesterday morning. Dr.  
White had turned the patient over to  
his family physician, Dr. Thompson,  
who with Drs. Turner and Dooley held  
a consultation and agreed to perform  
an operation for the purpose of remov-  
ing the bullet which they concluded  
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Diaz, according to the message,  
appointed Minister Romero in Wash