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HATFIELD-MCCOY FEUD ACTIVE AGAIN.

McCoys Have Another Bloody Chapter to Their Credit.

Special to The State.

Roanoke, Va., Jan. 16.—After a lull of several months in the world famous Hatfield-McCoy feud which has existed in Pike county, Ky., and Mingo county, W. Va., west of this city, for more than a score of years, hostilities between the warring families have again broken out and another bloody chapter has been placed in the credit columns of McCoy faction. Like all the preceding episodes in this long-standing vendetta, the last is a harrowing one, and shows the terrible brutishness and hell bound vim of these determined and desperate characters of the mountain gorges along the borders of the two Virginias and Kentucky.

A double tragedy, most horrible in all its details, has just been enacted at the little hut which Mrs. James Daniels, widow of a desperado who died with his boots on, the mother of the notorious Lark McCoy, one of the leaders in the latter named faction, calls home. This widow is mother of a large family of grown up children, and many men have come to an untimely death before the too true aim of their trusty Winchesters.

The first murder was committed in the cabin of Mrs. Daniels, and the second only a short distance away. For several weeks the old widow has been harboring an outlaw named Sam Billiter, who was wanted by the authorities of half a dozen counties, charged with many murders. While Billiter and several members of the Daniels family were seated at the dinner table last Wednesday, Frank Jackson, a son-in-law of Mrs. Daniels, made a remark that did not please the guerilla boarder. Without a word of resentment or any expression of warning, Billiter reached around and grabbing up his notched rifle, sent a 44 calibre ball crashing through Jackson's breast, killing him instantly. Backing out of the door, with his gun leveled at the other members of the household, Billiter made his escape to the top of a towering mountain nearby. The Daniels armed themselves and followed the fleeing criminal, shortly afterwards surrounding him. Billiter fired one shot at his pursuers, the bullet passing through the hat of one of the party. The enemy returned the fire and Sam Billiter fell dead with several ounces of lead in his brawny body. The Daniels boys took the lifeless form by the feet and dragged it down the steep mountain side to the house of their mother, half a mile below. After reaching the little cabin the household formed a procession, and with two male members still pulling the bleeding

carcass by the heels, marched around the house three times, after which the two bodies—that of Billiter's last victim and that of Billiter himself—were buried, without ceremony, in one grave. When Billiter's body was ready to be dumped into the excavation, it was unrecognizable. Besides the ghastly wounds made by the bullets from the Daniels' boys guns, the head was almost severed from the trunk, so roughly, had it been handled by the men who are proud to say that true McCoy blood courses through their veins.

The Visitors.

Col. H. M. Polk of Tradesville was in town Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Skipper visited relatives in Baltimore last week.

Mr. J. C. Elliott of Yorkville was in town a day or two last week.

Mr. G. C. Heath spent Sunday with relatives in Charlotte.

Miss Minnie Patrick of White Oak, Fairfield county, is visiting at the Unity manse. She is a cousin of Mrs. J. M. White.

Messrs. J. E. and J. J. Sims, Jr., of Heath Springs were in town yesterday.

Mr. T. R. Langley came up from his lumbering place last Friday and spent several days.

Mrs. Sallie Villeneuve, of Atlanta, came over Saturday on a brief visit.

Miss Mell Kaminer of Gadsden is visiting her sister here, Mrs. M. S. Witherspoon.

Misses Ada Clyburn and Anna Jenkins of Haile Gold Mine came up last week on a visit to Miss Mamie Clyburn.

Senator W. C. Hough came up Saturday to be at home during the recess taken by the senate.

Mr. J. S. Wilson, sergeant-at-arms of the lower branch of the General Assembly, came up Saturday and returned this morning.

Miss Maud Gregory returned to Winthrop College last night after spending several days at home.

Miss Mattie Thomas, of Winthrop College, spent several days here with her friend, Miss Meta Jones, recently.

Rev. Chalmers Fraser went to Bethel in York county last week and assisted the pastor, Mr. Arrowood in a series of meetings, returning Monday night.

Mrs. J. H. Boldridge returned last Thursday from Chattanooga, Tenn., on an extended visit to her mother, who has been quite sick, but who is greatly improved.

Mrs. A. R. Banks has returned from a visit to her daughter, Mrs. J. Allen Long, of Alleghany, Pa. Snow lay upon the ground during the entire two months of her stay there.

Mr. Geza Oesterricher of Budapest, Hungary, was in town last Saturday inspecting Lancaster's million dollar cotton mills. He is making a tour of this country, in behalf of his government, inspecting the cotton mills of both the North and the South. He expressed himself as being greatly pleased with the mills here.