

## Fatal Shooting at Georgetown

One Killed, Another Wounded

A fatal shooting took place at Georgetown Friday afternoon whereby Chas. W. Fields was killed and his brother John D. Fields, mayor of Giddings, received an ugly wound in the head. The affair happened just outside the school campus where the Giddings and the Georgetown high school teams were playing a game of foot ball.

During the early part of the game when Giddings was ahead one of the Giddings boys who was on the side lines was "rooting" for Giddings. A man who had formerly been a petty officer for Georgetown approached the Giddings boy and demanded that the boy cease his cheering, whereupon the man and the boy had some words. The coach of the Giddings team Prof. Bright overheard the words between the man and the boy and told the boy to "shut up" which was heard by the man. The man thought the words from the coach were meant for him, so the man and Prof. Bright had a mix-up, and from what can be learned the man got the worst of the deal.

John Fields was sitting in the grand stand while the disturbance was taking place and as soon as he noticed the commotion he told his wife that he would go down and help settle the matter. Chas. Fields was also on the grounds and he and John proceeded to separate Prof. Bright and the Georgetown man. The man then left the grounds and went to town. For some reason, some people thought the situation presaged trouble. John and Chas. Fields started to leave the grounds, and as they were about to pass through a gate of the campus they met the man who had been in trouble with the Giddings coach. It is said that John and Chas. tried to keep the man from going to the grounds.

Chas. was shot in the forehead, the bullet going entirely through the head, another bullet passed through his body near the stomach, another bullet hole was through his hand and another was through his arm. He lived about thirty minutes. John was struck over the head with a big sized pistol and was knocked unconscious for a while.

No eye witnesses to the shooting testified at the examining trial Saturday. The slayer was removed to Austin that night for safe keeping as feeling by citizens of Georgetown and Giddings was running high. The slayer has not made any statement. He had been merchant's police for George-

town, but had been relieved of duty on account of having had trouble a few months ago.

The editor has heard it remarked by people not living in Giddings that during the many years of games when little squabbles would arise, John and Chas. Fields would always be among the first on the scene to settle the matter peaceably. They were enthusiastic players in their younger days and lovers of games for the boys and always accompanied the high school team when possible. Giddings has played many games in by-gone years, having had the honor of appearing on some of the biggest gridirons in the state because the Giddings team accepted any challenge offered them, barring none. That such a tragic end could happen to persons who were trying to prevent trouble is hardly believable.