

The Giddings News

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**ASSAILANT OF WINCHESTER
MAN CONFESSED**

As reported in the Giddings News last week, an elderly farmer near Winchester was called from his home after dark and hit in the head several times. He was Chas. Goebel, age 70 years. He was alone that night as his wife was away. He was called to the front porch, asked about pasturing some stock, which he refused. He was then asked if he had any money, and he said he had none. He was then struck in the back of the head and then on top and in the forehead with a stick of wood.

This week the sheriff tracked a man by some peculiar marks of his shoe sole. Paul Brabandt, age 20 years, farmer near Winchester, was arrested and was wearing shoes with similar markings on the soles. Wednesday he confessed to the assault while in the La Grange jail.

Goebel's pocket knife was missing. His hand was injured, as if it were in the act of preventing the licks.