

The Giddings News

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Gun Battle at Sealy

Tuesday night about eight o'clock a gun battle between members of the Schaffner and the Bell families took place on the main street of Sealy. Both families are prominent in that county and an old grievance has existed, which was caused principally by the recent election. It seems that three members of each family met by accident on the street and the shooting with automatics began. It was all over in a few minutes with the result that Fritz and Robert Schaffner and Luther and Thompson Bell were dead. Ernest Schaffner was stabbed and Foster Bell was wounded. A father and son of each family are dead. One peculiarity resulting was that not a single pistol was found on the bodies. The Schaffners are relatives of the Keng families of in and near Giddings.