

COLD MURDER!

William Wencel, a Well-known Citizen of Grand Junction Shot Dead in Bed.

The Murderers Supposed in Getting About \$120 in Booty.

Peter Olsen Escapes with His Life.

One of the most cold blooded murders ever known in western Colorado, was committed last Wednesday night at Sulphur Springs, about twenty-three miles west of Grand Junction. It seems that Mr. William Wencel and Peter Olsen were sleeping in a tent at Sulphur Springs, when at about 12 o'clock three men—one being masked—entered the tent with their revolvers drawn, and ordered them to throw up their hands. Mr. Wencel had a revolver on each side of him, and immediately reached for one; at this one of the ruffians seized him and ordered him to lie down, while the one who had him covered, shot him several times through the head and heart with the revolver almost touching his victim. He was also shot a time or two by the man who had clinched him. The robbers then took all the fire-arms they could find, together with about \$120 in money and checks, and a number of other articles.

During all this time one of the robbers, who wore his hair long, had kept Mr. Olsen covered. One of the parties wanted to kill Olsen, saying: shoot him — him, he will blow us.

The murderers are all young men and have been in this vicinity for two or three weeks. After they left, Mr. Olsen went over to the railroad camp and getting some men to go over to the tent, came to town.

If the murderers are caught the county will be put to no expense in the matter.

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