

"ANOTHER DEAD"

Silver Point Adds a Murder to Her List

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Another dastardly outrage has been perpetrated, and another black and damnable crime has been added to the long list that stands out like a black pall over the toughs and outlaws of Silver Point. This blot on our county, this infernal hole where hellishness holds full sway, where all that is mean, low and contemptible can be done and go unpunished, where nine murders have been committed within the past five years, to say nothing of the hundreds of throat cuts, free-for-all fights, insurrections and wholesale meanness; again, right in the face of apparent peace, rises up and enacts another sickening drama in which one body returns to dust and its soul goes out to the Great God for judgement.

In five years gone, there has been killed at Silver Point **Bill Medley, Dr. Fuller, James Mitchell, Oscar Plunket, Liza Carr, Louis McGuffy**, two negroes and the last was **Mat Scudder**, killed Saturday night about 9 o'clock, while on his way home and his reputed murderer, **Walter Tucker**, riding on the horse behind him. The facts as we learn them are that a short while before the killing **Tucker** and **Scudder** were at **Jones** store at Silver Point, both drinking. They were making preparations to leave when **Tucker** made the remark in the presence of **Esq. Jones** that there like to have been one of the d-----st rackets you ever saw and that he would shoot any man who would accuse his brother of burning a house. (**Scudder's** father's kitchen had been burned the week before and **Tucker's** brother was accused of firing it.) **Jones** held a light while **Scuder** mounted his horse and **Tucker** got up behind him. They rode off together and when they were near **John Wilkinson's** house, just across the big cut, a pistol shot was heard. **Tucker** went in and told **Wilkinson** some one had killed **Scudder** but that he didn't do it. A large crowd had soon collected and **Esq Walter Jones** empaneled a jury of inquest, who after proper deliberation rendered a verdict that the deceased was shot and killed with a pistol in the hands of **Walter Tucker**.

Dr. W.E. Cypert made an examination of the wound and found that the ball was a .38 calibre. Next morning the officers went out to arrest **Tucker** and found him near **Jas. Baine's** house in the 11th district. When **Tucker** saw them coming he ran in the house and gave his pistol to one of **Baine's** girls and it was found to be a .38 calibre. He was brought to Silver Point and was to have a preliminary hearing yesterday but we have not heard the result.

It is supposed as the two rode along, they must have quarreled and as **Scudder** turned part around to see **Tucker**, the latter fired. So close was the pistol to **Scudder** that his face was burned and blackened with the powder and it could not have been done by a

man standing in the fence corner as **Tucker** says. From all that can be learned there is but little doubt but that **Tucker** did the shooting.

Tucker is a well known character, his name appearing on the docket of the criminal court each term for years and has been implicated in many things, the doing of which indicate the villain. **Scudder** was a mechanic and had at times been in tough doings-his anatomy having on numerous occasions been extensively carved.

The reputation of Silver Point has been heralded abroad until some people are afraid to pass there. Circuit court will be on in a few weeks and we will look forward with much expectations to the action of that tribunal.

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