

Knife was used in fist fight over land possession

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May 1, 1904: Knife Used in Fist Fight — Slugging Followed Trouble Over Possession of Land and Trespass of Cattle — In a fist fight in Kanorado Saturday at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, Tom Bandy stabbed Moses Eversoll in the right side, inflicting a dangerous wound.

Eversoll met Bandy on the street of Kanorado in front of Germann's store and asked him if he had received his notice to him as to the trespass of Bandy's cattle upon his range. Hot words followed, and about the first thing Bandy knew he lay sprawled out on the sidewalk by a punch from his big opponent. James Barnett, brother-in-law of Bandy,

today in history

was there, and when he saw Eversoll putting Bandy in the clear, he jumped in to help his friend. Eversoll turned on him, and as he was putting in a few knockout blows, Bandy jumped up and stabbed Eversoll. At this stage of the contest, men ran up to interfere and quelled the disturbance. Eversoll began to weaken from the wound received and was taken to the depot just in time to catch passenger train No. 42 for Goodland. Dr. F.H. Smith attended Eversoll and says that though the cut was rather large, the knife did not go deep enough to occasion serious

doubts for his recovery. After the fight, Bandy was given his freedom and went home. When the news of the matter was brought to Goodland, a warrant was sworn out for Bandy, and Sheriff Bradley left that night and brought him to Goodland, where he was put in jail. Monday, the prisoner secured bail, which had been set at \$1,000, and returned to Kanorado. The preliminary trial will be held Thursday at 1 o'clock. He is charged with assault with intent to kill. Both Bandy and Eversoll are double-fisted men. Bandy will weigh about 180 pounds and

Eversoll somewhere around 250. They are farmers and cattle raisers, and their lands are nearly all in Grant township, east of the Colorado line. Eversoll's house is over the line in Colorado. For some months, there has been friction between these two men. Eversoll has been maintaining a large enclosure in which a homestead had been fought over between Bandy and Eversoll's son. Bandy, besides keeping up his residence on the claim, had rented a deeded piece of land or two in his opponent's pasture and was running some cattle on it. Fences were moved and others erected to straighten out the tangle of interests. But after all this had been done, the friction continued,

and trespass was continually charged on both sides. The fight of Saturday was but the crisis of bad blood which had been existing for some time. **May 2, 1904:** Opera House Light Plant — H.E. Lowe, manager of the Goodland opera house, has installed a powerful gas lighting plant, at a cost of \$150, and the opera house is now provided with a total lighting capacity of 5,500 candle power. On the main floor, there are three large lamps of 1,000 candle power; as footlights on the stage, there are three lamps of 500 candle power. The lamps may be, by switches, reduced in brilliancy until the light is hardly perceptible, and when the full force is turned on from the pressure tank with a capacity of 140

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Bowl for Kids Sake raised \$7,500; pledges still expected to come in

The recent Bowl for Kids Sake is complete and a success. We have reached the amount raised in 2003, an estimated \$7,500, and some pledges are still expected to be coming in the next few weeks. Our hope is to reach \$8,600. Our total number of teams for 2003 was 28. This year the total increased to 36. The 11 a.m. session had all 12 lanes filled, and that was quite an atmosphere, setting a precedent for the next four sessions. With the help of our corporate sponsors and the businesses of Goodland for stepping up, each bowler received something to take home. If you didn't take part this year, plan on getting a team up for 2005. It is a good time for those helping to make a difference in a child's life. As mentioned, it is a neat activity to see everyone taking the time to raise the pledges and take part of a Saturday fund-raiser. Without this fund-raiser, our affiliate would not be able to operate. I expect that we will be able to make more matches with the interest that the event brings and the ad-



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- big brothers big sisters

vertising provided to many people in our area. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sherman County are providing some friends to kids who might not have had a close friend otherwise. If you are a single parent and you need a helping hand, the above event is for you. Please take advantage of some volunteers willing to give of their time to help you out. Reaching our goal of the previous Bowl for Kids Sake is what we try to do each year. I suppose you could say we are optimistic we will reach the goal. From an article by Danielle Sacks, in "Fast Company," Eric Weihenmayer describes himself as an "unrealistic optimist." You see, Weihenmayer is blind but became the first blind climber to scale Mount Everest. The first question posed to Weihenmayer by

of the rock... the idea of adventure," Weihenmayer said. "And strategically surrounding myself with good people who make me stronger." He continued by answering what he looked for in the teammates who helped him achieve his goal. "I look for people who have an unrealistic optimism about life. I hear people say, 'Seeing is believing.' I want people who believe the opposite, 'Believing is seeing.'" he said. "You've got to believe first in what you're doing and be sure you have a reason to believe it. You can tell who those people are. You say, 'Hey want to climb Everest with a blind guy?' Pretty quickly, you'll figure out who's a believer." It is incredible how a blind person can still have such dreams. That is what our affiliate tries to do in providing a Big to a child. Weihen-

mayer continued in the interview that there are limits to what he can do, stating, "How do I do as much as I can with what I have?" Weihenmayer finished the interview with Sacks by sharing he has a friend who lost both legs. "He became an engineer and developed prosthetic legs and feet made out of rubber," Weihenmayer said, "and he's a better climber now than ever. I call people like him alchemists. You pile a lot of lead on them, but they'll figure out a way to

transform it into something good." So for those of you who bowled, who sponsored, who provided door

prizes and who will and have volunteered, help us transform those funds into "something good."

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