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INQUIRY INTO SHOOTING BRINGS OUT NEW FACTS

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but did not strike Hickox.
It was at this juncture that Atwater and de Redding are said to have taken Robinson and Adams away from Hickox. Hickox says Ryan was very drunk and abusive and that he could not arrest him, therefore telephoned for Lewis, whom he met on the corner of Third and Cascade avenue, and that they went to the barn. They found the men in the harness room, and Hickox grabbed Adams and Lewis took Ryan and Robinson and they went out the door. He couldn't see what happened outside, but heard Lewis shout, "Stand back," and then heard

four shots in quick succession. Afterwards he saw Ryan lying on the floor of the barn, and saw Robinson sit down in the harness room, saying he was shot. Dr. Shaw was then sent for and the men were taken to the hospital. Hickox also testified that Ryan had said, when arrested upon a former occasion, that he would get Lewis.
Geo. Fortune and Ray Skimmerhorn, employed at the Fashion Stable as night stablemen, were the only non-participant witnesses of the shooting. Fortune testified at the inquest, but Skimmerhorn was not summoned. Skimmerhorn is said to have been sick the day of the inquest.
According to Fortune, Skimmerhorn was standing in the doorway of the stable when the men ap-

proached the barn, and said, "Here comes Lew Adams and Robinson and another man awful drunk." Fortune states that when the men arrived at the barn Ryan was so drunk that he fell in the doorway and that it took Robinson and Adams several minutes to get Ryan up and put him in a chair. The three men talked a few minutes, when Robinson picked up a package of laundry he had left at the stable, put it under his arm and suggested that they all go home. They were preparing to do so when Lewis and Hickox arrived. Fortune testifies that Lewis went into the harness room, saying, "I want the whole bunch of you," and grabbed Ryan and Robinson by the shirt collar. Hickox seized Adams and commenced to club him, in the corner. Ryan, Robinson and Lewis went through the door of the harness room scuffling, and then Lewis drew his gun. When he saw the gun, Fortune says he dodged behind the washing trough, heard Lewis say "Stand back," and then heard four shots in rapid succession. After the fourth shot he came out, and saw Ryan lying on the floor and Robinson out in the street with his laundry still under his arm, being marched back into the barn by Lewis, who was behind him with his gun still in his hand. Fortune states positively that Robinson still had his laundry under his arm and that when he got into the barn he threw it on the floor and sat down, saying, "I'm shot." It is claimed by Robinson that he was shot three times, one bullet going through his hat, one through his coat, under his arm, and the other through his shoulder. Fortune says that Ryan was lying on his side and that Lewis went and turned him over on his back, and that Ryan said, "Get away from me." Adams, he says, was thrown into the corner of the harness room by Hickox, where he was so drunk that he slept all night. The injured men, he states, were then taken to the hospital.
The testimony of City Marshal Robt. Lewis, who did the shooting, is to the effect that he and Hickox walked into the livery barn, Hickox in front. Lewis says he took hold of Ryan and said, "I want you, come on," and that officers and men were all in a scrap. "I got hold of Ryan," he testified, "and got him outside, almost in front of the door, and

then happened to glance around and Robinson was coming up pretty fast. About that time Ryan got me around the neck and grabbed my billy away from me. I jerked my pistol out and as Robinson was advancing called on him twice, I think, to stop, and, as I remember it, I think I shot twice—I am not sure—and then we all three clinched, and in the fracas Ryan was shot." When asked if he intended to shoot Ryan, or if it was an accident, Lewis said that he couldn't remember; that Ryan had him around the neck. Lewis stated that he shot Robinson first. Lewis also stated that Ryan had threatened his life and had been drinking a good deal, but was in good fighting condition. Later, in his testimony, Lewis said that he had shot three times and that it was the last shot that hit Ryan; that after pulling his gun first, he put it away and got his billy. He says that when Ryan got him around the neck he put away his billy and again drew his gun. Robinson, he says, was six feet away from him when he shot, but that he had not put his hands on him. Lewis states that after the shooting, Robinson and Adams went into the robe room and Ryan was lying on the floor, and that he afterward went out into the street and picked up his billy, where it had been thrown by Ryan.
Recorder Langille testified that Lewis had told him that the next time he went after Ryan he would have to shoot him.
Adams' testimony is to the effect that the men had all been drinking and that when Hickox arrested Ryan and called for help he and Robinson asked the officer to let them take him home. Hickox refused and was clubbing Ryan when he and Robinson interfered and Adams took Hickox's billy away from him and threw it into the street, but that he did not strike the officer. De Redding and another man then came up and took him and Robinson away. Later at the barn, he states, he was sitting in the harness room when Hickox came in and knocked him down with a stick of wood picked up from the floor. After that, Adams says, he could not remember what took place until he was taken out and saw Ryan lying on the floor. He says he was put into the robe room, where he stayed all night.
Robinson testified that he and his companions had been drinking heavily. He couldn't remember much of what took place when Ryan was first arrested by Hickox. Says he went to the barn and got his laundry to go home, and had it under his arm when Lewis came in and grabbed him by the throat. Lewis, Ryan and Robinson went out the door scuffling and then pulled his gun and fired one shot, shooting Ryan first; afterward shot him, and states that he still had laundry under his arm. In his testimony he says that two shots were fired at him, one going under his arm and the other through his shoulder, but later said that there was a bullet hole through his hat also and that three shots must have been fired at him.
Although fatally wounded no ante-mortem statement as to the shooting was secured from Ryan and there was not therefore any testimony of any nature in his defense. A close examination of his clothing failed to show any powder burns, throwing doubt on the statement that he was shot in a clinch as stated at the inquest. Ryan made no statement to the doctors, but is said to have told one of the nurses that his father lived



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at Leadville, Colo., and that he had two sisters living in Denver.
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Adams was not arrested until Tuesday afternoon, when he was taken into custody by Robt. Stone and fined \$30 on charges of assault and interfering with an officer.
Robinson has been allowed his liberty and has not been fined or put under bonds although according to the testimony he is as much at fault as Adams.
The inquest was conducted by Dr. H. L. Dumble, who was recently appointed coroner, and Deputy District Attorney E. H. Hartwig and the jury were Robt. Stone, J. M. Wood, Frank A. Cram, W. S. Nichol, R. W. Pratt and J. M. Culbertson.
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There will be an interesting business program by the most able and expert speakers on subjects vital to the industry.
The Baker Commercial Club and citizens of that energetic town are making elaborate plans for our entertainment and are leaving nothing undone to make the meeting a most enjoyable and momentous occasion.
Rev. T. S. Hanksaker, who was recently taken ill with typhoid fever, is reported as being seriously, although not dangerously, sick, and to be doing as well as the course of this tedious disease will permit.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION SOCIAL WAS HILARIOUS

The initial social of the city union of the young people of the Baptist, Christian, Congregational, Methodist and United Brethren churches, held in the parlors of the Christian church Monday evening, was an unqualified success. The decorations were appropriate and effective; the talks were earnest and brief; the music and readings were excellent; the festivity continuous and the feed like you look for in the fall. Miss Clapp was elected president of the union; Mrs. Earl Bartness, first vice-president; Miss Hazel Smith, secretary, and Mrs. Scudder, treasurer. The next social and business meeting was announced for the United Brethren church—about the time the nation lays aside its absent-mindedness long enough to be thankful.
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