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O. E. Shewalter told of the murder of Bailey in 1879. Bailey had a four mule team freighting Canon City west. O. E. Shewalter's grandfather was with Bailey. At Canon City, Bailey who had determined to go back east, sold one span of mules for \$450 cash. Bailey & Shewalter left Canon with the one span of mules and a load. Night overtook them about 2 miles below Cleora on the stage road then on the north side of the river. A man named Perry had heard the deal for sale of the span of mules and knew Bailey had the money on this person. At Canon Perry asked to go with them. They consented. Perry had two guns and they noticed he was an excellent shot. The team being tired they decided to camp about 2 miles below ~~Canon~~ ^{Perry} where there is a sort of cave or dug out in the rocks. Bailey and Shewalter made their bed together and Perry at their feet. In the night Shewalter was awakened by two shots one immediately after the other and saw Perry jump back in his bed on the ground. Shewalter had a habit of sleeping with his hands clasped over his head with covers dield in them. Perry mistook his hands for his forehead. Soon Perry asked what is going on here. Shewalter felt his hand on Bailey who never stirred and felt blood. Shewalter then got up found one finger shot off and bleeding bad. Perry wanted Shewalter to help them hunt for the culprit. Shewalter said no fearing he would be shot in back. Shewalter asked Perry to catch a mule. Perry did so and Shewalter finally got away from Perry, rode to Cleora. Told his story a posse was organized. Posse found Perry had robbed Bailey of his money trailed Perrys tracks to Wellsville (146)

where Perry had told ~~so~~ camp there that
some one had just killed a man up
the road. The Possis found about
\$200 in bills, on the road going to
Wellsville and the rest of the money
on Perry. They took Perry to Clara
held a sort of trial sentencing him to be
hung and hung him to a large
red tree below Wellsville on the
bank of the River.

O. E. also said that some years ago
his Uncle told him that
he was the man that killed Radcliffe.
Radcliffe had given O. E. Shevaller's Uncle
a beating when the Uncle was about 17
years old. The last time told Radcliffe he
would kill him. Years later the Uncle
was up on Shanano. He saw a man on
horseback in the timber. The rider came
into an open place. Certain it was Rad-
cliffe the Uncle shot him. Years later
the skeleton was found.

O. E. also told the story of Tug Wilson in the
San Juan Valley. Tug Wilson was an old trapper.
A party of Utes massacred a lot of Cheyennes down
east, probably near Pueblo. They came back,
camped near Tug Wilson, invited him and some
other white friends over to a Pow Wow. Wilson
and others went. The Utes were dancing
around a little Cheyenne boy and girl
who were placed on a buffalo skin in the
center of the circle. The plan was to
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murder the two babes after the ceremony.
The white guests flamed to save the two
children. Finally Tug Wilson traded
the Utes 5 ponies for the two babes.
Tug Wilson took the children, home,
reared and educated them.