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IS WRIGHT THE MAN

Who Killed Hayes, Nelson and Johnson at Pelican Point in '95?

Mrs. Wright Tells an Interesting Story, and Sheriff Storrs Thinks the Theory Correct.

Provo, Jan. 8—Last evening Sheriff Storrs returned from Governour, New York, for which point he left on the 22nd of December intending to bring back Mrs. Jennie M. Wright, wife of George H. Wright, alias Jas. S. Weeks, who is now believed to be the man who killed Albert Hayes, alias Albert Brunton, Alfred Nielson and Andrew Johnson, the three boys who were murdered at Pelican Point on Utah Lake in the winter of 1895. Harry Hayes, the stepfather of Albert Hayes, was convicted of the crime, and is now serving a life sentence in the State prison for the offense; but he succeeded in convincing Sheriff Storrs during term of office commenced after Hayes's conviction, and in time to case him to the State prison, that he is innocent of the crime, as he has strongly maintained all the time. Sheriff Storrs became so convinced that an innocent second party was suffering imprisonment that he has left no stone unturned to capture the guilty party or, if that could not be done, to effect the release of Mr. Hayes. This proved no easy task. To the first question nearly everybody who was acquainted with the case believed Hayes was guilty, and in the second place Mr. Storrs had absolutely no suspicion of anyone else; neither had Hayes, if some suspicions of neighboring ranchers rubbish were soon found to have no other basis than that Hayes and they had quarreled, are excepted. Mr. Storrs obtained from Hayes a list of articles which were taken from the Hayes's ranch at the time of the murder, and proceeded to try and find them. He got on track of some of them, and finally found most of them, tracing them all to a man, who in the winter of 1895 lived in a cabin at the mouth of Spanish Fork canyon and was known in this county as Jas. S. Weeks. Before the articles were discovered, however, Weeks, or Wright, which is the man's correct name, had stolen some cattle from Mr. Dunyon, of Salt Lake county, and had forfeited his bail and gone to Colorado, where for some other words landed at Freehwater, Parke county, and came near being arrested. Sheriff Storrs went after him, in company with one of Mr. Dunyon's sons, left a few days before, and was wanted by the Park county officers for killing a man by the name of Crampton. Since that time he has been heard of in various parts of the country, but all efforts to capture him have, so far, proved failures.

Early in his quest for Wright, Sheriff Storrs learned that Mrs. Wright had gone to her mother in Fowler, St. Lawrence county, New York, and he has been in correspondence with her for some time and finally learned that she knew much of her husband that would tend to fasten the Pelican Point murder on him. Of late he has been of the opinion that it was necessary to have her here and, in connection with his wife, made the trip East. Mrs. Wright and her little girl, a bright child five years of age, came with Sheriff Storrs and is now domiciled in his family. She has no doubt of her husband's guilt of the Pelican Point murders, and will tell all she knows, she says that when he brought Hayes's team to the place in West Jordan, where they (Mrs. Wright and her husband) were then living, a few days after the murder was committed, he said he thot he had stolen it from a prospector's cabin near Goshen, and she, knowing that Wright was capable of the foul deed, had no doubt about this being true. They started for the cabin near the Spanish Fork canyon, and stopped one night with Mr. William Beckstead of South Jordan. Mr. Beckstead had known Wright in Minnesota, where Wright was then and where his parents, two respectable parents, are now living. Wright told Mrs. Beckstead that he had traded for a ranch in Rush Valley and was on his way to that place. He traded wagons with Mr. Beckstead, leaving the Hayes wagon there, and borrowed a team of horses, which he said he needed on his ranch from Mr. Beckstead. When they reached the Point of the Mountain, going south, Wright shot the horses he had taken from Hayes's ranch, and drove to the cabin at Spanish Fork with the horses he had borrowed from Mr. Beckstead. Mrs. Wright knew he shot the horses were shot and where they were left. At the cabin where Wright and his wife lived that winter Wright had another, on the 14th of February, or day or two after the Pelican Point murder, all the household effects taken from the ranch at the time of the murder. Mr. T. J. Williams, now a deputy sheriff of this county, who routed Wright the cabin helped him to unload and remembers all about it. Wright at the time said he had brought the goods from his ranch at Kanab.

When the body of Albert Hayes was found on Utah lake in the spring of 1895, Mrs. Wright says a neighbor brought a newspaper having an account of the discovery of the body to their house and read it aloud. Wright turned deadly pale and suffered from a severe attack of nervous prostration for about two weeks after. He said that the man who killed the boys was the man who had shot Nielson at