

ACK SLAYDEN [sic] ARRESTED FOR MARONEY MURDER

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This morning about 3:30 o'clock Sheriff Loftin placed Jack Slade [sic] under arrest at his home place five miles east of Grant, on a warrant charging him with the murder of Joe Maroney yesterday morning.

The arrest followed an entire day of investigation by the sheriff's and county attorney's offices. It seems that there has been bad blood between the two men for some time and that there had been a number of disputes between. Maroney had been renting from Sladen for some time. About one month ago Mr. Sladen went to the Maroney house and in a row with Mrs. Maroney abused her considerably though both sides are said to have indulged freely in reviling each other. Sladen was arrested later under a warrant sworn out by Maroney and paid a fine in the justice court before Squire Hutchings.

What occurred since then has not been divulged. When arrested this morning Mr. Sladen said nothing and made no resistance. He followed Mr. Loftin to Hugo and went to jail where he has been since. To all questions he maintains a stony silence and refuses to talk.

This morning Mr. Loftin, Assistant County Attorney Jordan and Dr. Harris went to the Maroney farm where they still are continuing an investigation. An autopsy will be performed upon the body of the dead man.

Mr. Sladen moved here from Roxton, Texas, three and one half years has borne a good reputation for integrity. He came here from Roxton with a good name and at once showed himself a progressive and energetic [sic] farmer. For over a year he lived in Hugo, in Frisco addition. He bought a good deal of land in the Horse Prairie country when he came. He has been one of the leading advocates for good roads for this county and built one of the first road drags ever made here, in fact it was the first really good one.

His arrest comes as a surprise to his many friends and is a shock to the community.