

WILLIAM ARMSTRONG ATTEMPTS TO MURDER HIS WIFE

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Wm. Armstrong of Bowers Station cut his wife in a brutal manner at 9:30 this morning and she will probably die. One deep gash was on the right side and the other on the side of her face. Armstrong is a bad man and would have killed the entire family had timely help not arrived. The fiend has taken to the woods. – kbz

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As was announced in last week's Star after the hour of going to press William Armstrong, of Bower's Station attempted to slay his wife with a razor. William was unusually quarrelsome that morning and wanted her to deed some property back to him, but seeing that the spirit of a demon seemed to possess him she refused to prolong the quarrel. The circumstances attendant upon the assaulting of his wife strongly points to premeditated murder on the part of Armstrong. He had locked his oldest son about 18 in an upstairs room that he might not be able to interfere and then proceeded to make an assault on his wife with a razor. A 10 year old son, upon hearing his mother's screams, ran up stairs and unlocked the door releasing his brother who ran down stairs and seizing a billy knocked down his father and saved his mother. Armstrong made for the woods. His wife had a terrible cut under one ear and another in the left side 7" in length from which she will hardly recover. Armstrong was found in the woods dead-drunk with an empty whisky flask by his side when caught by Sheriff Sharper and Marshal Ensminger. He was brought to this city and waiving a preliminary was bound over to court in the sum of \$6,000 and failing to give the same was locked up in jail. He expressed no remorse and did not speak concerning the crime when arrested. He is a desperado and this is his third attempt at killing. He will not be at large to hurt anyone again soon. - kbz