

Quarrel at Hood River May Result in Death

Susie Agnes Owens and Charles Celestino Have Quarrel at Parkdale Which Culminated in Pistol Play at Portland--Celestino's Refusal to Marry Mrs. Owens Said to Be Cause of Difficulty.

After he had persuaded her to secure a divorce from her husband under promise of marrying her, and then refusing to keep his pledge, Susie Agnes Owens shot Charles Celestino, at 349 Second street, at noon last Friday in the presence of his parents. Celestino was shot near the heart and is reported at the hospital to be dangerously hurt.

Following the shot and before the woman could shoot again, Pedro Celestino, the father of the boy, pounced upon her and bent her brutally. Tearing away from the infuriated father, the woman ran to an automobile near by, and bleeding and dazed, asked the driver to hurry her to the police station. She was taken to the courthouse and is held in the custody of the sheriff.

It was after an all night quarrel that the tragedy came as a climax. Celestino, who is 25 years old and works as a cement contractor, drew a gun on the young woman yesterday at Parkdale, near Hood River, and threatened to kill her if she did not cease insisting upon marriage.

"He made a tramp of me," exclaimed the prisoner, as she sat in the matron's room of the courthouse manacled and with blood trickling from wounds on her eye, ear and head. "He taught me to smoke and gave me morphine. He separated me from my husband and has deeply wronged me."

A month ago Susie Agnes Owens secured her divorce from H. E. Snyder of McMinnville, whom she married in Michigan several years ago. While keeping a rooming house she met Celestino, who was calling on a girl in the place. Out of this meeting came the friendship which caused

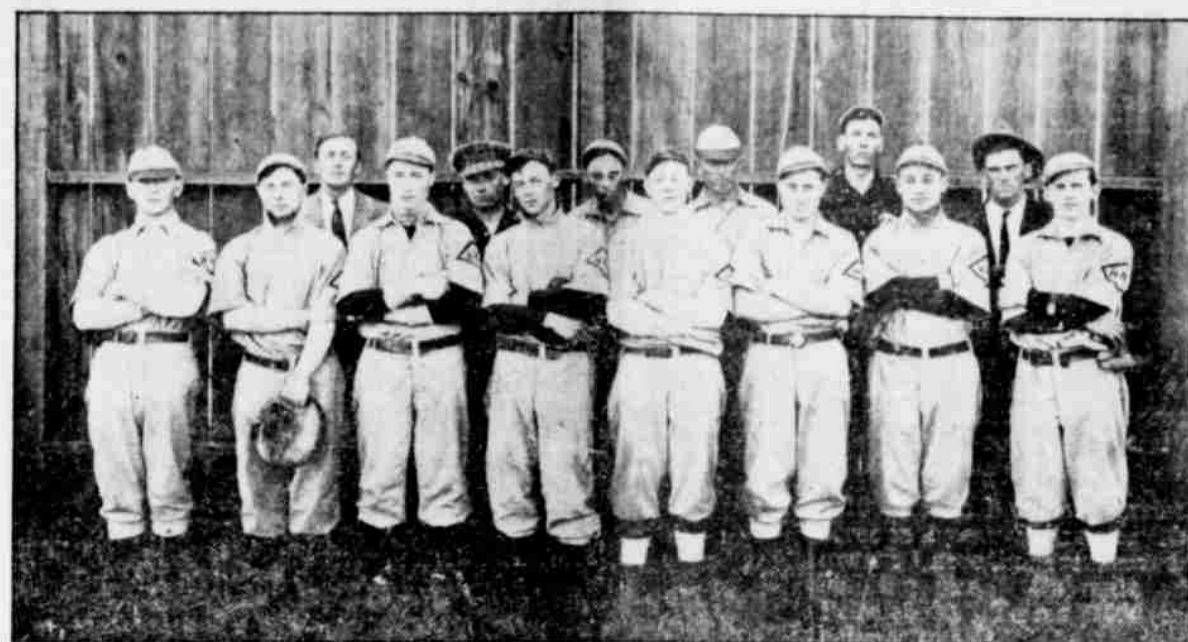
the divorce and the subsequent shooting of the Italian.

"I have been keeping company with him for two years," said the former Mrs. Snyder, who has had her maiden name restored. "He wronged me. He made me leave my husband and then would not marry me. I did not want to kill him. One Sunday two weeks ago he was with me all afternoon and said he would return that night, but he ran away to Parkdale. I learned where he was and went to find him Wednesday. Yesterday we met and went into the woods for a talk. While there he pulled a gun on me and I was awful afraid, being there all alone."

"I had talked him out of killing me, as he threatened to do if I asked him any more about marrying. I induced him to come to Portland with me and he did. We arrived yesterday evening. All last night he was in my room at 265 Third street and we quarreled continually. This morning when I went to his home and asked him to marry me again, his father said that if I didn't get out he would fix me. They were all against me. I don't know how I came to shoot the boy. I didn't want to kill him. I don't remember much what happened after the old man beat me."

Bert Stranahan caught a black bass in the slough north of the city recently that weighed six pounds. This is the largest bass that has ever been taken from local waters. The fish was caught with a spoon hook and an ordinary casting rod. Bert is one of the local expert anglers and had no difficulty in landing the finny monster.

HOOD RIVER HEIGHTS BALL TEAM, COLUMBIA LEAGUE PENNANT WINNERS



From left to right, top row--Umpire, Smith; Mooney, outfielder; Thompson, Tate, captain and outfielder; Davis, outfielder; Dunn, secretary and treasurer. Front row--Hart, pitcher; Hall, catcher; R. Samuels, 2nd. base; Keantz, 1st. base; Gessling, short, stop; B. Samuels, outfielder; Butterfield, 3rd. base; Carson, manager and utility.

Eloquent Divines Sway Congregation

Dr. A. H. Lathrop and "Billy" Sunday Preached to Crowded Houses At the Local Methodist Church--Former Pastor Given Hearty Welcome By Hood River Citizens.

Two record breaking congregations were present at the Methodist church Sunday to listen to sermons preached by two eminent divines who are visitors in the city.

Dr. A. H. Lathrop, formerly pastor of the Methodist congregation in this city and now of Preston, Iowa, occupied the pulpit in the morning and preached to a large congregation. He took for his subject the personality of Christ and his relation to the Christian church and system of Christianity in its entirety, and contrasted this relationship with that existing between heathen deities and the several systems of pagan religion.

The sermon was a most eloquent and masterly effort. When the speaker incidentally announced that his time was up, he was urged by many voices to continue the sermon.

"Billy" Sunday the world-renowned baseball evangelist filled the pulpit in the evening and preached to a crowd that occupied all the standing room in the building. "Billy" has a way of doing things that are peculiarly his own, and for the period of an hour or more he opened up his rapid fire, triple-trigger, self-loading, automatic-rejecting, universal-focused, sixteen-inch gatling gun on the congregation. At times the air was blue with the fumes of the regions infernal, after the speaker had dipped down after a bucketful of the San Francisco, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis, New Orleans molasses from the putrid sections of the cities and poured it out with a hot spoon of oratory, it kept people in the congregation jumping sideways to catch their breath.

"Billy" pulled off a double-header on the congregation that was plainly seen by the baseball fans present. His first text was "Thou art weighed in the balances and found wanting."

In the second lap he used the Ten Commandments. The evangelist scored a home run every time at bat and the crowd was delighted to see the ball swatted out of the lot.

NEW INDUSTRY TO BE DEVELOPED HERE

John Koberg, Chris Bethman and Wm. Ehrck, well-known local capitalists, have incorporated a stock company known as the Gibraltar Development company and will undertake the development of a rock quarry east of the city for the purpose of manufacturing Belgian blocks and cut stones for general building purposes.

The newly organized company has purchased 10 acres of the John Koberg place which will be the field of operation for the stone cutters.

The demand for Belgian blocks for paving purposes has been far in excess of the supply. Several kinds of paving material have been experimented with for the past number of years but experts are of the opinion that there is nothing quite as substantial as the solid stone. Especially is this true since the thoroughfares are subject to the heavy drafts of the large and heavy laden motor trucks.

A stone quarry similar to the one to be opened by the Hood River company has been in operation at Klleklat on the Washington side and has been under the management of Jas. McElin, formerly of Hood River, who died recently. The Washington industry was proving a profitable enterprise to the owners.

In an interview with Mr. Koberg it was learned that the Hood River company will make arrangements to transport the cut stone from the quarry to market on huge scows that will readily carry the load to the seaboard without motive power.

LEADING CITIZENS FAVOR CHAUTAUQUA

A large number of the leading citizens of Hood River and valley gathered at the Commercial Club rooms Saturday afternoon to consider the matter of holding an annual Horticultural Chautauqua in the Hood River valley.

Leslie Butler was elected temporary chairman of the meeting and Geo. I. Sargent was elected secretary.

The idea of an annual gathering to promote horticultural, industrial, literary and social interest among the citizens of Hood River valley grew out of the meetings that are now being held by the West Side Improvement club at stated periods and at which prominent speakers are present from at home and abroad to present subjects of interest to the farmers and fruit growers of the valley.

It was suggested at the meeting Saturday that the first annual meeting be held during the latter part of August and probably in the upper valley section. A three or four days' gathering is planned and every one desiring can bring tents and camp throughout the session. The forenoon could be given to fishing and hunting with public speaking in the afternoon and a general good time around the camp fire at night.

Plans proposed provide for a representative from each of the following organizations who are to constitute an executive board to have general supervision over the details that are to be worked out later, Commercial Club, Odell Development League, West Side Improvement Club, Upper Valley Progressive Association, Pine Grove Grange. This committee will soon be appointed and definite announcement will be made later of plans that have matured.

It is expected to make this gathering of interest to the entire north-west and the very best talent that can be secured will be had at these meetings.

Early Apples in Market

Early apples for cooking purposes are arriving in the Hood River market and meeting with good demand. Prices range from 75 cents to \$1 per box. Early apples arriving in Chicago this week were selling for 50 to 75 cents per basket.

Berry Season Closes With 73 Car Shipment

Cold Weather in Early Part of Season Causes Shrinkage in Fruit--Middle West States Consume Many Cars of Fruit--Acreage Next Year to Be Slightly Increased.

The strawberry shipping season has come to a close for the year of 1912 with a record of an even 73 cars of berries shipped which is about 10 cars less than last year. The decrease in output is wholly due to the cold weather in the early part of the season that put a crimp in the berries at a time when they should have been making size. The fruit this year was not up to standard in color. The berries presented a dull appearance and the seeds were prominent on the surface of the berry instead of being buried deep in the rich red covering of the fruit.

While the Missouri berries came in to active competition with the Hood River fruit in several markets of the middle west and the matter of marketing the local crop reduced itself to science, it is understood that good prices will be realized by the growers.

The local state markets and the markets in Washington and Idaho were somewhat paralyzed by the shipments of berries from near Portland that were disposed of by growers from 75 cents to \$1.00 per crate f. o. b. These conditions made it practically impossible to sell Hood River berries in these markets at prices that would be much in advance of the competitive fruit.

The strawberry acreage for next year will be somewhat increased over that of this season. While many of the growers have plowed their patches up on account of the age of the plants, many others are settling new fields that will more than compensate for the less occasioned by the patches that have been turned under.

It cannot be learned as yet what the average price per crate will be

for this season's crop. However, on account of the quality of the fruit it is expected that the price will be a little lower than that of last year.

SEIG SPEAKS TO FRUIT GROWERS

The Upper Valley Progressive Association has planned a big time for tonight at 8 o'clock at the Parkdale hall.

Wilmer Seig, manager of the Hood River Apple Growers' Union, will be present to address the apple growers on the subject of the Union's policy for the future. A formal reception will be tendered Manager Seig by the Upper Valley people that will be concluded with the "eat" furnished by the ladies.

Manager Seig requests that all those who have bearing orchards in the Upper Valley to come prepared to give him an estimate of the crop and designate the number of each variety.

Secretary Scott of the Hood River Commercial Club, and ex-Secretary Skinner will be present to address the meeting on the advisability and value of establishing an experiment station in Hood River valley.

A large attendance is requested at this meeting.

N. B. Hutchinson, who has been visiting with his brother, F. G. Hutchinson of the Barrett district, returned home Friday by way of Portland and Seattle, where he will visit friends enroute. Mr. Hutchinson is much impressed with the Hood River valley.

Admiring Throng Cheer Hood River Elks

Local Elks Join With Dalles Members in Mammoth Parade and Are Recipients of Special Cheer--Fair Ladies Are Drawn Into Highway and are Surrounded by Elks in War Paint.

The Hood River Antlered herd that joined with The Dalles aggregation in the big parade in Portland, Thursday, surely made some hit as they walked away with third prize, \$100, after competing with lodges from all sections of the United States in the parade that was five miles in length.

The Hood River and Dalles boys were clad in long purple blankets with a picture of an elk's head woven in the cloth and the number of the lodge underneath in snow white colors. The trousers were of regulation khaki shade, while the feet were shod with Indian sandals adorned with bead work of brilliant colors. The head gear consisted of a brilliant crown of long feathers of a bright purple and white combination that rested on proud heads fully painted in rich shades to resemble the patri-

otic "Injun" in war attire.

The fun came when the boys were on the march and would be interrupted by the pleasant smiles and twinkling eyes of the admiring ladies who were smitten with the thought of their superior beauty. Wherever such would make themselves prominent along the line of march they would be seized immediately around the waist and drawn into the circle while the boys fell from the ranks long enough to complete a circle about the bundle of feminine beauty and do the war dance to a queen's taste. This informal ceremony gave the Hood River boys a boost with the boosters that put them clear to the good.

PAVING NOTICES ARE SENT OUT

The city council has instructed the recorder to notify property owners in the proposed paving district in the business section of the city relative to the contemplated improvements so that any objections to the work may be filed with the city officials for their consideration, and to this end circular letters containing an outline of the proposed work has been mailed to each property holder in the district. It is proposed to hard surface the following streets: State from Front to Fourth; Oak from Front to Fifth; Cascade avenue from First to Sixth; Front from Oak to State; First from Oak to State; Second from Cascade to State; Third from Columbia to State; Fourth from Columbia to State; Fifth from Cascade to Oak.

The city engineer has been ordered to prepare for the laying of the permanent water mains in the streets that will be effected by the paving ordinance in order that the streets will not need to be torn up later for the laying of the pipe.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dietz returned Saturday from a visit to Portland.

League Pennant Winners Try For State Honors

Heights Baseball Team Wins Silver Cup and Defeats All State Teams--Superior Team Werk Wins For Mound Dwellers--Hall and Hart Prove an Invincible Battery For Visitors.

The Hood River Heights baseball team is the fastest aggregation of ball tossers that has ever worn a Hood River uniform. The daily practice of the team made the Mound Dwellers easy winners of the pennant in the Columbia River League, consisting of a silver cup donated through the Franz Hardware Co.

The Heights team has played 14 games; winning 12 and losing two. The two games lost were lost to White Salmon. The Dalles and Hood River teams have never been able to win a single game from the Heights aggregation.

Several games have been scheduled with outside teams since the close of the league season and the hill boys have won in every contest. The hardest fought game being that played with the Portland Weonas where the Heights pulled out with only one to the good.

The Heights team has a game scheduled with the Weonas on the

28th of July and the boys feel confident that if they can win this game that they will stand a good show of winning the state championship.

Special mention should be made of Hall and Hart who have accomplished so much as the Height's battery through the entire season. When the boys are right it takes professional skill to score against them. Manager Carson has been there with the goods in the management of the team. Well, here's hoping that you may cop the state championship.

PRINTER RESCUED FROM DROWNING

Tom Caldwell, who has been in the employ of the Hood River Glander office, is reported to have attempted suicide Sunday by drowning himself in the Columbia river just west of the city. It is stated that the crew of a passenger train discovered the man's effort and rescued him, bringing him to the city where he was placed in the Cottage Hospital. Several gashes had been cut in the man's arm but no arteries had been opened. This has led to the belief that an attempt at suicide was thus made. No reason is assigned for the act and it is expected the man will be up and around again in a few days.

CAMPERS RUSH INTO HOOD RIVER VALLEY

Hundreds of campers are arriving in Hood River from outside cities and going to Lost Lake, Mt. Hood, Devil's Punch Bowl and other valley fishing and hunting grounds to spend the summer months. Hood River has become famous to the tourists as one of the finest fishing sections of the state and hundreds of anglers come annually to this valley to enjoy the sport of whipping the cold mountain streams for the gamey trout that abound in its waters.

CITY NOW FACES DAMAGE SUIT

It has just been discovered that the Hood River band has been awarded the second prize as second best costume display in the Fourth of July parade as they rode along the streets in the auto truck decorated with stars and stripes. A lot of the boys have had their pictures taken to see if they really were in the plucky class, and in view of the fact that every member of the band had his nice white pants freshly washed and ironed, it is hard to catch the point that forms the basis of the award. Some of the sweethearts of the single tooters turn up their noses at the beautiful silver cup awarded their lovers every time they pass the display window of Art. Clarke's jewelry store, where the loving cup stands on a beautiful mahogany pedestal. It couldn't have been the boys. It must have been the music.



News Snapshots Of the Week

Governor Wilson of New Jersey and Governor Marshall of Indiana, the Democratic nominees for president and vice president, received congratulations from thousands of friends and admirers. More than forty persons were killed and sixty were injured near Corning, N. Y., when an express train traveling at a rate of a mile a minute crashed into a passenger train filled with excursionists. A Platt Andrew, assistant secretary of the treasury, resigned and made grave charges against Secretary Franklin MacVough. Miss Harriet Quimby, the foremost woman aviator, fell 1,500 feet with a passenger into Dorchester bay, near Boston. Both were instantly killed. The airship Akron, in which Melvin Vaniman expected to fly across the Atlantic ocean, exploded at a height of 2,000 feet over Atlantic City, and Vaniman and his crew of four were killed.