

OUT OF THE VAULT

Helix man plots murder of family

A Helix man with a history of violence when intoxicated attempted to kill his wife and son in October 1901, then committed suicide in the county jail.

Fred Albershardt, a 59-year-old immigrant from Germany, was well known to have a violent temper when drunk. The Albershardts lived at the home of John Timmerman about a half mile from Helix, where Mrs. Albershardt worked as a housekeeper after the death of Timmerman’s wife. On Saturday, Oct. 12, 1901, Albershardt was drunk and caused such a ruckus that Mrs. Albershardt and Timmerman had to leave the house until he quieted down.

On Monday morning Albershardt rode the train to Pendleton, where he bought a revolver and cartridges, saying they were for his son. He visited local drinking establishments before heading home. When he arrived, he stopped near the windmill in the yard and called to his wife. She came out onto the front porch, but

felt something was wrong and came no closer. He started to walk toward the house, but then turned toward the barn, where their son Gus was sleeping.

Realizing what he meant to do, Mrs. Albershardt asked her husband if he had a gun. When he didn’t answer, she ran to him and pulled his coat aside. He grabbed her by the arm and pulled the revolver, aiming two shots at her head, which missed. He fired a third time at her chest, hitting her in the right shoulder and knocking her to the ground.

Gus, hearing the racket, peeked through a crack in the barn siding and witnessed the shooting. Remembering a recent trip to the mountains with his father, who told him that something was going to happen within a week, Gus hid amongst the horses, and his father was unable to find him when he searched the barn. Albershardt soon gave up and took off on foot through the canyons and stubble fields. Mrs. Albershardt managed to get to the

house and hide under the sofa.

The Helix marshal was called, and he notified Umatilla County Sheriff William Blakeley. A manhunt lasting most of the night finally turned up Albershardt about 16 miles north of Helix. He was brought to Pendleton and lodged at the county jail.

When interviewed, Mrs. Albershardt said that for the last 20 years her husband had been cruel and abusive. When they lived near Meacham, she said, he tried to kill her with an axe and she had to run for three miles through the snow to escape him. She had wanted to file for divorce for years but was afraid he would follow through on his threats to kill her and their son.

Sometime during the night of Oct. 17-18, Albershardt hung himself in the county jail. A coroner’s inquest ruled that the attack on his family had been premeditated, and that Albershardt had planned a murder-suicide. He was buried in an unmarked grave in the potter’s field.

DEAR ABBY

Innocent husband bears brunt of wife’s anger at her father

Dear Abby: I’m a 55-year-old guy stranded in a tough marriage situation. My wife has had a serious falling-out with her father. After his wife of more than 50 years passed away, he immediately took up with an old flame and dumped his family in favor of his new lady’s family.

My wife now treats me like garbage. Apparently, “all men are dogs,” and if she passes away, I “obviously already have a girl lined up to take her place,” and, oh yeah, I plan to abandon my children in favor of the new woman’s family. I’m being painted with a very broad brush, and it is destroying our relationship.

My wife is angry and bitter all the time, and I feel abandoned. I love her dearly and don’t know what to do next, although I am thinking of punching out her father. Any thoughts are appreciated. — **Stranded In California**

Dear Stranded: Your wife is now an “orphan.” She’s hurt, angry, and misdirecting her anger at her father onto you. Of course it is unfair to you. She



JEANNE PHILLIPS Advice

needs counseling NOW, before she compounds her pain by destroying her marriage to you. Be smart and insist upon it.

Dear Abby: I’m a fifth-grader, and I’d like to know something important to girls my age. I want to know how to get a guy to be my boyfriend and the steps to getting him. It’s hard for me to get a boyfriend.

I know what you’re going to say — I’m too young for boys. But if I am, I would like this information for future reference. I have tried other things. Nothing worked, and basically, you’re my last hope. — **Planning Ahead In Bay City, Texas**

Dear Planning Ahead: OK, let’s review the basics. Are you neat and clean in your appearance? Are you fun to be around and liked by your classmates of both genders? Do you smile and say hello and show an interest? Basically, the qualities that attract other girls are the same ones that will make boys pay attention. But there’s an important point to keep in mind, and it’s

that while you may be developing an interest in boys, many of them may not be mature enough to have developed an interest in girls yet, so be patient. Focus on your studies, become involved in activities you enjoy, and things will happen naturally.

Dear Abby: Recently, a waiter spilled the dinner he was carrying for another diner all over my coat. This is not the first time something like this has happened to me or someone I was dining with. What is the proper thing for a restaurant to do in a situation like this? Offer me a free meal to cover the cost of getting my coat dry-cleaned? — **Annoyed In Australia**

Dear Annoyed: The very least you should receive is an apology. If the restaurant is Class A, the manager should come to your table, apologize and instruct you to send or bring the bill for dry cleaning your garment to him or her so the establishment can pay for it. Offering to treat you to dessert would also be good public relations, but expecting to be treated to dinner is excessive.

DAYS GONE BY

100 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1917

Frank Nudo, Italian former resident of Pendleton and who is now located near Stanfield, had a thrilling experience dodging O.-W. R. & N. passenger train No. 17 Saturday. He was driving a new auto truck and was preparing to cross the track at Stanfield just as the westbound passenger train came along. The warning bell was ringing but Frank did not hear it and was almost upon the track when he learned of his danger. He had but one chance for escape and he took it. Swinging the truck to one side he headed straight for the warning bell and proceeded to demolish the bell and post.

50 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1967

When lambing season was finished last January, the Ernest Lear family of Condon found all their ewes had produced twins or triplets, with the exception of one ewe, who produced only one lamb. Whether this ewe was jealous or ashamed is not known, but Sept. 8, she produced another lamb, thus equaling the production of the other ewes who had twins. Only this ewe had to do it the hard way. In all the Lears’ years of raising sheep, this is the first time that one of their ewes had two crops in one year. The Southdown ewe and her new lamb Monti are being kept in the fenced-in back yard of the Lear

house in town, where Monti has a rabbit to romp with.

25 Years Ago
From the East Oregonian
Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1992

A young Pilot Rock hunter might go years before he matches the thrill and satisfaction of his first big-game hunting experience. Tyler Greene, a Pilot Rock 12-year-old, shot a three-point buck during the third weekend of bow season, then tracked it with his father for six hours before making the kill. “Tyler was walking pretty high when he came home,” said his mother, Loraine Greene. He’s had a good fall so far, with four grouse to go with the buck. He has an elk tag and is looking forward to that, too.

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

Today is the 273rd day of 2017. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today’s Highlight in History:

On September 30, 1947, the World Series was broadcast on television for the first time; the New York Yankees defeated the Brooklyn Dodgers 5-3 in game 1 (the Yankees went on to win the Series four games to three).

On this date:

In 1777, the Continental Congress — forced to flee in the face of advancing British forces — moved to York, Pennsylvania.

In 1846, Boston dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time as he extracted an ulcerated tooth from merchant Eben Frost.

In 1917, legendary jazz drummer and bandleader Bernard “Buddy” Rich was born in Brooklyn, New York.

In 1927, Babe Ruth of the Yankees hit his 60th homer of the season to break his own major-league record during a 4-2 victory over the Washington Senators.

In 1938, after co-signing the Munich Agreement allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia’s Sudetenland, British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain said, “I believe it is peace for our time.”

In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

In 1952, the motion picture “This Is Cinerama,” which introduced the triple-camera, triple-projector Cinerama widescreen

process, premiered at the Broadway Theatre in New York.

In 1955, actor James Dean, 24, was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, California.

In 1962, James Meredith, a black student, was escorted by federal marshals to the campus of the University of Mississippi, where he enrolled for classes the next day; Meredith’s presence sparked rioting that claimed two lives.

In 1972, Roberto Clemente hit a double against Jon Matlack of the New York Mets during Pittsburgh’s 5-0 victory at Three Rivers Stadium; the hit was the 3,000th and last for the Pirates star.

In 1982, the situation comedy “Cheers” premiered on NBC-TV.

In 1997, France’s Roman Catholic Church apologized for its silence during the systematic persecution and deportation of Jews by the pro-Nazi Vichy regime.

Ten years ago: A U.N. envoy failed to meet with Myanmar’s top two junta leaders in his effort to persuade them to ease a violent crackdown on anti-government protesters, but was allowed a highly orchestrated session with detained opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi. Taliban militants in southern Afghanistan hanged a teenager found to have U.S. money in his pocket as a warning to others not to use dollars.

Five years ago: Repub-

lican presidential candidate Mitt Romney, writing in *The Wall Street Journal*, said President Barack Obama had “misunderstood” American values in his policies toward other countries. Looking to lower expectations in advance of his first debate against Romney, Obama described himself as just an “OK” debater.

One year ago: Alabama’s Court of the Judiciary permanently suspended state Chief Justice Roy Moore for defying federal court rulings on gay marriage, saying he had violated judicial ethics.

Today’s Birthdays: Actress Angie Dickinson is 86. Singer Cissy Houston is 84. Singer Johnny Mathis is 82. Singer Marilyn McCoo is 74. Former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert is 72. Pop singer Sylvia Peterson (The Chiffons) is 71. Actor Vondie Curtis-Hall is 67. Actress Victoria Tennant is 67. Actor John Finn is 65. Rock musician John Lombardo is 65. Singer Deborah Allen is 64. Actor Calvin Levels is 63. Actor Barry Williams is 63. Singer Patrice Rushen is 63. Actress Fran Drescher is 60. Country singer Marty Stuart is 59. Actress Debrah Farentino is 58. Rock musician Bill Rieflin (R.E.M.) is 57. Former Sen. Blanche Lincoln, D-Ark., is 57. Actress Crystal Bernard is 56. Actor Eric Stoltz is 56. Rapper-producer Marley Marl is 55. Country singer Eddie Montgomery (Montgomery-Gentry) is 54. Rock singer Trey Anastasio is 53. Actress Monica Bellucci

is 53. Actress Lisa Thornhill is 51. Actress Andrea Roth is 50. Actress Amy Landecker is 48. Actor Silas Weir Mitchell is 48. Actor Tony Hale is 47. Actress Jenna Elfman is 46. Actor Ashley Hamilton is 43. Actress Marion Cotillard is 42. Actor Christopher Jackson is 42. Actor Stark Sands is 39. Olympic gold medal gymnast Dominique Moceanu is 36. Actor Kieran Culkin is 35. Singer-rapper T-Pain is 33.

Thought for Today: “We relish news of our heroes, forgetting that we are extraordinary to somebody too.” — *Helen Hayes, American actress*

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Find and Circle...

- Four three-syllable words
- Four pieces of furniture
- Four countries
- Four four-letter fruits
- Feline and canine

Answers to Saturday's puzzle: CHARACTER ELEPHANT CHINA CHILE / PEARL KIWI / CAT DOG
DRESSER TABLE CHAIR SOFA / BRAZIL EGYPT
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- Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

ODDS & ENDS

German court tells donkey owners to pony up for damaged McLaren

BERLIN (AP) — A German court has ordered a donkey’s owners to pony up \$6,800 to the driver of a pricey McLaren sports car to cover damage caused when the animal chomped the backside of the vehicle.

Police said that Vitus the donkey may have mistaken the orange McLaren parked next to his enclosure as a giant carrot when he bit the back, damaging the paint and a carbon-fiber piece.

The dpa news agency reported that the state court in Giessen on Thursday sided with the car owner, who filed the suit after the donkey owner refused reimbursement for the incident last September.



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The undated photo shows donkey ‘Vitus’ on his meadow in Schlitz, central Germany.

At the time, local media reported the owner of the donkey refused to pay for the damage, telling the McLaren owner he should have picked a better parking place.

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