

A TERRIBLE DUEL.
Two Portland Physicians Empty Their Revolvers Into Each Other.

THREE BULLET WOUNDS FOR EACH.

A Full Account of the Bloody Combat—Ausplund May Die, Holmes is Seriously Hurt.

The people of Independence were surprised to read in Saturday's Oregonian an account of a terrible duel with pistols between Dr. Reece Holmes and Dr. Ausplund in the city of Portland about noon Friday, August 15th. Dr. Holmes is well known in Polk county, having been born and raised near Bethel in this county. He is the youngest son of the late H. N. V. Holmes, a prominent citizen in the Pioneer days of Polk county, and a brother of Hon. A. M. Holmes and John Holmes, who live near McCoy, and Hon. W. H. Holmes, of Salem.

In view of Dr. Holmes' wide acquaintance and high standing in this county, the following account from the Oregonian is given:

A remarkable duel with pistols, which has thus far resulted in no fatalities, took place shortly before noon yesterday in the Dekum building, between Dr. Horatio R. Holmes, a very prominent physician, and Dr. Andrew A. Ausplund, a younger member of the profession. The shooting took place in Dr. Holmes' reception room, on the fourth floor of the building, where Dr. Ausplund had attempted, at the point of a pistol, so Holmes states, to coerce his brother physician into signing a retraction of some damaging statements he alleges Holmes had made concerning himself and friends, among the latter, presumably, Mrs. Dr. Chambers, resident physician at the Portland hospital. Incidentally publicity has been given to a serious scandal at the Portland hospital, in which Dr. Chambers was a central figure; and it was the attitude of Dr. Holmes, who was until recently connected with the medical staff of that institution, toward Ausplund, and, it is presumed, toward Dr. Chambers, who is a personal friend of Dr. Ausplund, that nerved the latter to his rash deed.

The shooting was highly sensational in all its details. Dr. Holmes is a prominent member of Portland's medical profession, and his office is in the very heart of the city. The exchange of pistol shots drew the attention of an immense crowd, which blocked the busiest corner in the city for nearly an hour. The motive for the crime and the publication of the trouble at the Portland hospital gives added coloring to the story of the duel, which would have been to the death had not the participants disabled each other by pistol shots that were not necessarily fatal. As it is, the life of Dr. Ausplund is despaired of. Dr. Holmes was severely shot, but will probably recover.

HOW THE AFFAIR BEGAN.

The shooting occurred at about 11:45 o'clock. The scene was room 28 on the fourth floor of the Dekum building, which is occupied in common by Drs. Holmes and Amos as a reception room. There were no spectators, even after the duellists had left the office, and were fighting in the hall, and it was not until the combatants were made longer to continue their murderous work that others appeared on the scene. Accounts differ as to the number of shots fired, but it is certain that there were at least six, for that many took effect, three on each of the duellists. It is difficult to get at the exact facts as to how the fight commenced, as the combatants tell different stories, but it was substantially as follows:

Dr. Holmes was on his way to his office after a call upon City Physician Wheeler when he met Dr. Ausplund at the entrance to the building. They must have passed up the stairs from the Washington street entrance, as the elevator men did not see them. They must have been talking heatedly when they entered the office, for the door was left open; still, the occupants of adjoining offices heard no loud talk. The first intimation that there was trouble was the fusillade of pistol shots, which commenced within a very short time after they had entered the office.

Dr. Ausplund demanded that Dr. Holmes sign the written retraction which he had prepared. Dr. Holmes read it over, and said calmly:

"I cannot sign that, for I would then be lying, and I won't lie for any one."

"If you do not sign this paper at once," said Ausplund excitedly, "one of us must go into eternity."

So far the stories of the duellists agree. Dr. Holmes said that he ordered his visitor out of the office, and, upon the latter refusing to go, and exhibiting a pistol to enforce his demand, struck him in the face with his clenched fist. Then Ausplund opened fire, his first ball striking Holmes just under the left breast, passing around the body under the skin, but doing no serious damage, and the second passing through the loose flesh under the chin. Dr. Holmes is known to be a very cool man, and he did not lose his presence of mind when Ausplund's pistol cracked. He had

but a .38-caliber revolver in his pocket, on the previous evening having been warned that trouble might be expected, and drawing it hastily, returned Ausplund's fire. So close were the two men together that the paper which Ausplund had prepared, and which Holmes had held, was powder-marked and spattered with blood, and the first shot fired by Ausplund went through it.

HOLMES THE BETTER SHOT.

Dr. Holmes fired rapidly, and with better aim than his opponent, for when he had emptied his revolver Ausplund had received one bullet through his left lung, just missing his heart; another had shattered the bones of his right forearm, and a third had shattered the forefinger of his right hand. Ausplund staggered back through the door and down the hallway toward the Washington street entrance. Holmes following and flourishing his empty revolver in his hand. About 20 feet from the office Ausplund fell, with the cry: "For God's sake, don't shoot! I'm killed! I'm killed!"

Holmes, in his frenzy of passion, kicked the prostrate man, making a wound over the right ear which the surgeons at first took for a bullet wound. Ausplund at first cried for quarter, but when he became silent, Holmes believed him insensible, and started back for his own office. But Ausplund was wide awake, and, shifting his pistol from his disabled right to his left hand, took a passing shot at the retreating form of Holmes, the bullet entering the latter's right leg, just above the knee, and inflicting a most painful wound. Dr. Holmes, not knowing that he was hit, kept on into the office, and reloaded his revolver. He then started back into the hall to "finish" the prostrate Ausplund, but, on seeing him lying there in agony, changed his mind and went back into his private office, where he remained until help came.

NINE SHOTS FIRED.

Just how many shots were fired altogether neither the duellists nor anyone else can state positively, but it is thought that the number was nine. Dr. Holmes emptied his pistol, which has five chambers, and but one barrel of Ausplund's pistol remains loaded. The shooting took place in the reception room, and there are sundry holes in the walls and doors that show some of the bullets went wide of their mark.

THE POLK COUNTY PRESS.

News Items and Editorial Expressions.

From the Dallas Observer.

The streets of Dallas are almost deserted these days. People go to the coast or out harvesting.

The Polk county "political pot" do simmer. The honors of holding office are eagerly sought after these hard times.

This week will almost finish up the threshing of grain in this section of the county. While there are different reports from different parts of the county as to the yield, it is fair to suppose that an average crop has been harvested, if not more.

A hard specimen of the man order, giving his name as Wm. LaGrande, was arrested by Marshal Grant last Friday evening on a charge of robbing an old man at the Commercial hotel of all of his money. The evidence was not quite sufficient to hold LaGrande for the grand jury, but he quietly took the hint that his presence was not needed in Dallas, and left town accordingly.

The work of laying heavy steel on the railroad was finished up to Dallas on last Saturday. Sunday morning the gang was removed back to Dundee, where they will take up the third rail to be used on this end of the line, and after about two weeks of track laying near Portland the men will be brought back here, and the work pushed through to Airlie. It is pretty well stated that as soon as the work is finished a daily train will be put on from Airlie to Portland.

From the Dallas Itemizer.

L. C. Parker and wife left yesterday for a visit to their old Ohio home.

Mrs. Mull, of Reedville, a sister of Mrs. Henry Howe, and a pioneer of 1843, is here on a visit.

Mr. Harold, who lives just this side of Mill Creek, brought in for sale last Monday 280 pounds of lard and 540 of bacon.

Hort Eakin, Joe Sibley, Fred Toner and John Clark are fixing up their traps for a tramp through the Cascade mountains as soon as they can get off.

Samuel Orr says there is not a single smoker in his threshing crew, and that in thirty years experience around threshers he has never met a similar case.

Rev. Herschner is the pastor of the Congregational church at Hood river. He and family are visiting his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Laughary, out on the Luckiamute.

Monday evening J. J. Wiseman and family were agreeably surprised by the appearance of their life long Michigan friend, Mrs. Belle Smith, who is out west traveling for her health, and incidentally spying out some place for a new home when her husband's term as sheriff expires. Being a man of means and a thorough lumberman, he may be persuaded to come and pitch into the fine timber west of us.

Mrs. Eliza Yeater, wife of Wm. N. Yeater, was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Sherwood. She was born near Monmouth, February 11, 1861, was married to Mr. Yeater June 22, 1884, and died at her home near Lewisville August 1, 1895, aged 34 years. The funeral services were held at the house, after which interment was made in the Smith cemetery. Mrs. Yeater leaves a husband, one child, a mother, three sisters and a host of friends to mourn her death.

THE PROBLEM OF TO-DAY

Corporations and Legislation go Hand in Hand.

THE PEOPLE MUST SAVE THEMSELVES.

Organization the Only Weapon with Which Labor Can Successfully Combat Corporate Greed.

Special Correspondence.

Corporations and organizations exist, and each successful revolution of the wheel of time gives us additional legislation intimately concerning both. The relations which exist between legislation and the organizations are peculiar and should be the cause of serious thought.

The fact is that corporations control legislation to a very large extent, and are enabled, by virtue of their power to exercise this control, to so hamper the efforts of organization that they amount virtually to nothing. If one will exercise a little diplomacy, it will not be hard for him to find out that a great many of the "social events" that occur, are directly the work of agents of some corporation; legislators are wined and dined and "shown the town" at the expense of the people, and, sad truth as it is, the money is, from their standpoint, well spent, and yields them large returns.

If you stand around the capitol of a state, or of our country a week you may be surprised at the open manner in which the corporations and their agents do these things, and you will not be at a loss to understand why it is such a hard matter to get laws passed that are not in the interests of the corporations. Labor organizations must understand that in order to secure legislation which will result to their advantage, they must place themselves to work against such influences. There is scarcely a community anywhere in which organized labor is not strong enough to say who shall represent it in the legislature, and if such organization will, with determined spirit conclude to remedy such a condition of affairs, we shall see less legislation contrary to the interests of the people in the future.

However, until some such action is taken we may expect a periodical repetition of the existing state of things, wherein the corporations have legislation their own way, and labor, that is the people, pay the bills. The men who have made fortunes by virtue of the privileges given them by law, are using, and will continue to use, every effort to secure a continuation of the advantages they have already secured by virtue of the enactment of obnoxious laws.

The laboring people should not lose sight of the fact that the laws of the country have everything to do with securing for them, or failing to secure for them, as the case may be, the just portion of the wealth created by their labor. We cannot expect a law to set the rate of wages, but we should expect it to prevent unreasonable conditions which either directly or indirectly rob labor in general of immense sums of money. If the united force of the laboring classes were brought to bear upon our legislators and legislation, then we might expect to see a betterment of their condition in all the various industrial pursuits.

STATE NEWS.

The telephone line from The Dalles to Dufur is completed, and talking was indulged in Saturday.

A prominent hopbuyer of Marion county estimates the total hop crop of Oregon for 1895 at 100,000 bales. Last year it was 71,000, and in 1893, 38,000.

The mail carrier was chased by a cougar near Foley last week. The cougar was shot by a party of men. He was a large one and seemed mad or crazed by hunger.

The Fossil Journal says the "coyote bounty of \$2 is working almost to perfection so far in Gilliam, and these pests are being rapidly thinned out in the county."

A new combined heading and threshing machine is being run by the Tobey brothers in Gilliam county. Four men and 26 horses do the work, and cover 40 acres a day, leaving the grain raked in rows.

G. W. Hawley, of Creswell, whose barn burned last week, sustains a loss on barn, hay, grain, five horses, harness and carriage of \$1000. There was no insurance. Mr. Hawley was in Eastern Oregon at the time of the fire.

Lake county has 1389 population, according to Assessor Harris. Its 112,296 sheep turned off 777,298 pounds of wool this year. There are 6000 horses and 31,400 cattle. Yields are reported of 23,500 bushels of wheat, 18,161 of oats, 43,497 of barley and rye, and 31,466 tons of hay.

Oregon big red apples are just a little bigger and redder than ever before, says the Medford Mail. Merchant J. R. Erford is in the head wagon thus far as to size and weight of apples. He has a tree of Beatenheimers that grows fruit which individually measure four teen inches—any way you measure, and weighs nineteen ounces on any man's scales.



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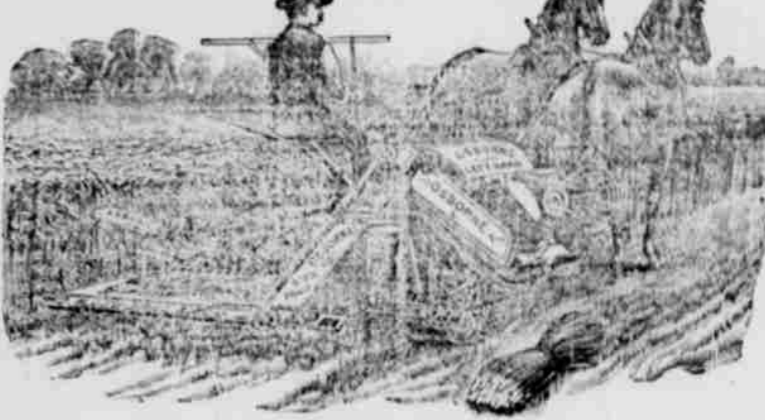
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