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### TWO MEN WOUNDED

Fred Heckman and C. W. Walter the Victims.

### CHAS. HOFFMAN DID IT

Claims He Was Robbed By the Two Men.

A shooting scrape occurred at the Wild Horse bridge, just within the southern limits of the city, shortly after the dinner hour Wednesday.

As a result of the shooting two men were wounded at the Athena Hotel, one of them, Fred Heckman, by name. The other is C. W. Walter, and claims West Mitchell, Iuxa, as his home.

The Taylor family heard the shooting, and Mr. Taylor came up town to inform the officers. A large crowd at once gathered for the scene of the shooting, and about seventy-five yards north of the bridge, the two men were found lying on their backs close together. Heckman was found to be seriously wounded. He received the full charge of the first shot from the gun in his left side. The charge entered low down, and the most of the shot penetrated into the groin and stomach, though shot struck him all along the side and up to the left breast.

Walter received the second shot from the murderous gun in the right side, and the right arm. As he lay by the roadside, he bore his suffering quietly and conversed freely about the affair. After he was brought to the hotel, he became weak and faint. Though badly wounded he has a chance for recovery.

Heckman has made a statement in which he says he knew Hoffman in California, that they met in Walla Walla, and camped at Blue Mountain station Monday evening and came on to Athena. He denies that either he or

ago, and has since been traveling as a harness maker, trafficking in second-hand harness and saddles.

Heckman and Walter, in their rooms at the Athena Hotel, are resting as well as could be expected, and Dr. Smith, the attending physician, thinks the chances for recovery of both to be good. It now turns out that Heckman, who at first was thought to be fatally wounded, is not injured so badly as Walter. The shot from the gun made a glancing wound, and the doctor has no fears as to his case, if none of the shot entered the cavity below the heart. However, this has not as yet been proven to a certainty.

Walter's wound which is serious, is in the right hip, and particles of his clothing was blown into the wound. This, together with severing of muscles and ligaments, makes his wound a serious one. His right arm is also perforated with shot.

The statement of the men this morning is that early yesterday morning Hoffman drove into their camp, near the bridge. Heckman was yet asleep. The old man informed Heckman that he had been robbed of harness and saddles during the night. Heckman expressed sympathy for the old fellow's loss, and advised him to place the matter in the hands of officers. Hoffman ate breakfast with the men, after which Heckman came up town.

After a while Walter came up town. Hoffman was there when the two men returned to camp about noon. They stopped this side of the bridge and endeavored to strike a horse trade with an Indian. Failing in this they crossed the bridge for their camp fire to prepare dinner. No sooner had they arrived there than Hoffman was observed coming toward them from his wagon. In his hands was a shot gun. He ordered them to throw up their hands. They obeyed and the German ordered them to fall on their knees. Heckman refused, and was shot. Walter ran for his wagon and endeavored to get a rifle which was swung on straps. Hoffman was hot after him, and he (Walter) called out to Heckman that he could not get the gun and would run. He did so, when the German's gun cracked again, and Walter received the lead in the right hip and right arm.

### Come to Athena.

The citizens of Athena extend to everybody a most cordial invitation to come and join them in their Fourth of July celebration. We have an excellent grove for the exercises, and a splendid program is being arranged, and our people will do all in their power to make it pleasant for you. We will have able speakers, fine music, and plenty of amusements for all.

Walter knew anything about Hoffman being robbed.

Heckman is a native of Pennsylvania, and is a nephew of Andrew Heckman, who met with a tragic death on the mountain last fall. He was engaged in hauling wood for Henry Adams, and was thrown to the ground, the fall killing him, and a three-year passing by found him a corpse.

There is perhaps several witnesses to the affair but it promises to be a difficult matter to get them to talk. One fellow, a tall German, came running up town, in search of an officer, when the shooting occurred, and on the way down, told Mayor Young he was the only witness to the shooting. He was arrested and will be held for a witness. He related arrest, and had to be hand-cuffed. A rope was tied around his feet and he was thrown into an express wagon. He now denies all knowledge of the affair.

At the time of the shooting scrape and during the excitement attendant upon it, there was some difficulty in getting all the facts in the case. The men who were wounded could not be interviewed at the time, and the man who did the shooting was as close-mouthed as a clam, consequently much that appeared in the Press was rumor.

It now transpires that Hoffman, who is a traveling harness-maker, camped Tuesday night near James Liesallen's place below town. Sometimes during the night, he was awakened, and upon investigation found that some one had stolen one set of single buggy harness, a set of double buggy harness and two saddles from his wagon. According to his statement to an officer, the night was dark, and he could make no progress in his search for the missing property, but saw a man running away from his camp.

Early yesterday morning, he came back to Athena, and below the Wild Horse bridge, saw the wagon of Heckman and Walter, the men whom he met in Walla Walla, and with whom he camped at Blue Mountain station, Monday night. He drove up town and then back to the bridge where the shooting took place, after he had accused the two men of the theft.

Hoffman, and two hoboes who were witnesses to the shooting, were taken to Pendleton by Deputy Sheriff Kimmer. Hoffman seemed to take his trouble very coolly and had not much to say. His preliminary examination will take place before Judge Smith tomorrow. Hoffman formerly resided in Bakersfield, California, where he kept hotel. He was divorced from his wife several years

Hoffman then went to his wagon and was reloading his gun. The two men then hobbled across the bridge toward town and fell by the road side.

### WAREHOUSE MOVED.

The New W. & C. R. Depot Will Soon Be Built

J. H. Miller, of Walla Walla, has made quick work of moving the big wheel warehouse of the Hamilton-Rourke Co. Saturday morning everything was ready to begin the moving of the big building across the track of the W. & C. R. railroad, and Monday at 4 p. m. found the structure safely across the track, west of its former site, where it now stands ready for the blocks and its new foundation. This work will require some time to complete.

Mr. Miller also has the contract to build a 40 foot addition to the warehouse which at the present time has the gaudy dimensions of 40x100 feet and is capable of holding many tons of grain. The warehouse was moved to the west side of the track for the sole purpose of making room for the new and commodious depot, which is soon to be erected by the W. & C. R. railway. The depot will be modern in its construction and will occupy a site just north of where the warehouse formerly stood.

### Indian War Veteran's Attention.

"Veterans of the Willow Springs fight of 20 years ago are requested to meet at the old battle ground at Willow Springs on July 6, to celebrate the anniversary of this memorable event in the history of Umatilla county.

"S. G. Lightfoot,  
"J. W. Salisbury,  
"Jacob Frazer,"

### Ceiling Flat Again.

This is now one of the prettiest flats in the country. The farmers are improving their places, and making them very nice.

Jinks Taylor and Hardy Mansfield have returned from the Taylor horse ranch on the John Day.

Otis Gerking has been engaged this week in digging his garden out of the weeds.

Joe Scott and John Walter went to Walla Walla Sunday on their wheels and returned Monday.

Geo. Gerking can be seen out in the hay field leaning on his pitchfork, evi-

dently trying to invent some way to shock the hay while he sits in the shade. George is all right if he is a little slow. He says the world wasn't made in a minute.

If you are pestered with visitors whom you wish never to see again, sprinkle salt on the floor after they leave and sweep it out by the same door through which they have gone, and they will never come again.

Jim—"I say, John, why is kissing a pretty girl like a sewing machine?" John—"As a fellow says, I don't know why is it? Jim—"Because it seems seems good."

W. H. H. Scott purchased a weed machine this week. He expects to make a good thing out of the weed business. He is going to raise weeds as large as wash tubs. Yours with feeling "Bucc."

### James Reuben is Dead.

News has been received at the Indian agency of the death of James Reuben, one of the best known Indians of the Northwest, at Genesee, Idaho. Reuben's horse ran away with him, while riding near his brother's home at Genesee, throwing him against a barb wire fence, which almost severed his left leg and after several hours suffering died from loss of blood. Reuben was known in this section, where he frequently visited.

### Farmers Attention.

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### The Freaks of Lightning.

In the vicinity of Ridge Saturday a tree was struck by lightning and torn to pieces. J. C. Coombs received a shock of electricity, but was not seriously injured; John Bisher had a cow killed; James Porter, a horse, and it is reported that a horse was killed on Charles Cunningham's place during the same electrical storm.—East Oregonian.

### Notice of Dissolution.

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Owen & Thompson, doing a general blacksmith business in Athena, has this day been mutually dissolved. A. G. Owen retiring and J. V. Thompson continuing the business, and will collect and pay all bills. J. V. Thompson, A. G. Owen.

### Notice to Farmers.

The Athena Mercantile company are agents for the McCormick binders and mowers, the best machines on earth.

### A Picnic of Egg Shell.

Myrtle, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Noyer, of Pomeroy, died Monday morning at Walla Walla, said the Statesman. A few days ago a portion of egg shell became fastened in the child's larynx, and the parents at once sought aid in Pomeroy, but to no avail. The child was brought to Walla Walla Sunday to be operated on by Dr. Keylor, and Nels. The weakness of the child's condition could not undergo the physical strain of the operation, and hence the result was fatal.

### For Sale.

One new steel frame Plano header at a bargain. O. W. HOLLIS.

### The Caledonian Picnic.

All arrangements are now complete for the Caledonian picnic and games to occur at Athena the 30th inst.

A Scotchman, who is a fine performer on the bagpipes, has been secured and others may be secured. A special train will leave Pendleton at 8 o'clock on the morning of the 30th. The fare will be 75 cents for the round trip. The public is invited to attend the first picnic of the Caledonian Society.

### Card of Thanks.

Mrs. Arabie McIntyre and family extend through the columns of the Press their thanks to the many kind friends who assisted them through the illness of the beloved husband and father.

### At Beale's Market.

Frank Beale is after your trade in the meat line. He keeps on hand nothing but the very best that money will buy on the market. Just now he is cutting a swath in the price of meat. He quotes the following prices: Boiling meat, per lb. 5 and 6c; Roast, per lb. 5 and 6c; Steak, round, per lb. 8c; Steak, loin, per lb. 10c; Bologna sausage, per lb. 8 and 10c.

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### MAHAFFEY RELEASED

The Jury Decides That He Is Not Guilty.

### F. BOWMAN ARRESTED

Mahaffey Charges Him With Assault at the Killing.

Says yesterday's East Oregonian: When the East Oregonian's report of the Mahaffey trial closed Tuesday afternoon, H. O. Guernsey was upon the stand testifying as an expert, as to the signatures and writing of Mahaffey upon the door panels of Green's house. After his cross examination, George Omotte, the Japanese, was recalled, but nothing new was elicited from his testimony, after which the prosecution rested its case.

A short recess was taken and Sam Mahaffey, the defendant, took the witness stand in his own behalf. He told of the occurrences on the day of the shooting in a straightforward manner and of the causes leading thereto, seemingly anxious to explain even the smallest detail. Otherwise there was no material difference in the testimony than that given at the preliminary examination.

Willie Mahaffey and his mother were called but added no new feature to the case.

John and M. T. Thompson were sworn in behalf of the defendant to tell of threats Green had made against the life of Mahaffey, but as most of the questions asked them were objected to by Col. Raley, for the prosecution, and the objections were sustained by the court, very little was elicited from the testimony.

A recess was then taken until 7 p. m., when Henry Steele was called to describe the finding of Mahaffey's pipe, which is alleged to have been knocked from his mouth by Green before the shooting occurred. Wm. Adams told of hearing Green admit that he had abused Mahaffey, and W. D. Adams testified to having heard Green say that if he ever caught Mahaffey out on the hills, he (Green) would beat him to death.

F. W. Robinson and John Thompson were called to impeach the testimony of witness Bowman of the prosecution, as to conflicting statements made upon the day of the shooting with those given at the coroner's inquest and at the trial.

At this morning's session of the circuit court Willie Mahaffey, the nine year old son of the defendant, was called by the prosecution to explain a few minor differences in his testimony given at the trial and that given at the coroner's inquest. S. H. Swart, J. B. Adams and Amos Brackett were called to give testimony that would impeach that of the boy, but no important discrepancies were proven.

At 3:15 o'clock the case was given to the jury who were out just 25 minutes before they returned with a verdict of not guilty.

### BOWMAN ARRESTED.

Mahaffey Charges Him With Assault at the Killing.

Pendleton, June 21.—From the Pendleton Tribune.—The trial of Samuel Mahaffey was begun yesterday morning at 10 o'clock. The indictment found by the grand jury was for assault with a dangerous weapon on Melvin Green May 11, and for such alleged offense Mahaffey is being tried.

There was some difficulty in choosing a jury. Ten men were rejected for various causes, but did fly for having expressed opinions on the case and being more or less acquainted with the circumstances of the tragedy.

Four witnesses were examined, but no new light was thrown upon the affair. The evidence was given more in detail, but no incidents were mentioned that have not already been published.

A new phase of the case developed in the arrest yesterday of Fred Bowman, the leading witness, who was present at the shooting. His testimony was that when Mahaffey was shooting at Green he shot into the air from the house just to scare Mahaffey and keep him from killing Green. Mahaffey says the bullets whistled very near him, and this sworn out a complaint for assault on him by Bowman.

In the examination of Bowman as a witness the defense put the question: "Are you not a fugitive from justice?" This was disallowed.

The question then followed: "Were you not charged of felony?" which was also objected to by the judge.

After Dr. C. J. Smith's examination as a witness he exhibited to the jury the two bullets taken from Green's body.

Other witnesses examined were Geo. Omotto and Samuel Webb.

Reeder & Butler and J. B. Houghton are Mahaffey's attorneys, and District Attorney Bean and Colonel J. H. Raley attended to the prosecution.