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GIRL SHOTS SELF NOW NEAR DEATH

Jeanette Myers in Hospital With Wound Above Heart Inflicted Yesterday in Her Bedroom at Fourth and D Streets

Miss Jeanette Myers, 16-year old adopted daughter of Mrs. A. S. Myers of 4th and D streets is in the Pacific Christian hospital as a result of a bullet wound from a revolver inflicted about noon yesterday. Attending physicians says there is a light chance that she may recover.

The bullet penetrated the lower part of the left lung and the upper part of the stomach, coming out through the back. An operation was made immediately to close the wounds.

Evidence points toward a case of attempted suicide, since the bullet was aimed very near the heart. However, a younger brother of the girl was said to have left the loaded gun on the dresser in the girl's bedroom, and the gun may have discharged accidentally when she attempted to remove it. The girl has not been able to give an account of the shooting.

BOOTH-KELLY TO CLOSE DOWN FOR TWO WEEKS

The Booth-Kelly mill will close for the July 4th shutdown either next Thursday or Friday, according to Ralph Martin of the Eugene office. The mill will reopen Monday July 13. During the shut-down, the storage well for shop carts which was started several weeks ago will be finished. Other repairs of a general nature will also be taken care of.

LEGION DANCE PAVILLION TO OPEN NIGHT, JULY 1ST

The American Legion dance pavillion is rapidly nearing completion and everything will be in readiness for the first dance Wednesday, July first. The refreshment booth and check room are practically completed and the floor will all be laid by the last of this week. The committee in charge of the floor is taking extra time to finish the floor in the best possible way, sanding, polishing and rubbing will take at least two days.

Electric lights have been placed and the orchestra stand will be completed Friday night. A ladies rest room is also to be constructed.

WILLAMETTE HIGHWAY TO BE WORKED ON THIS YEAR

Preparations to start work on the Willamette Valley highway from Lowell to Oakridge is being made by the county surveyors office. Arthur Roberts, of Springfield, has been sent to the bureau of public roads office in Portland and is making profiles and securing engineering data from that office. The bureau of public roads will cooperate with the county on this project if it is built according to its plans.

Four or five miles will be constructed this year from Lowell. The county bonding project carries \$265,000 for this piece of road.

Premium Lists Ready

The Lane County fair premium lists are now ready for distribution and anyone who desires a copy and has not had one mailed to him may secure one at the Secretary's office. Kelly Branstetter, secretary of the fair board, was in Springfield this week. He reports that copies have been mailed out on the rural routes but that the fair board has no knowledge who would want a premium list in the cities.

Hawaiian Serenaders at Church

The Hawaiian Serenaders will present an entertainment consisting of musical numbers played on the Hawaiian steel guitar, Spanish guitar, Ukelele, Hand saw and piano, vocal and whistling solos, duets, readings, humorous impersonations, and skits at the Christian church tonight.

One of the main features will be the vocal soloist and whistler by a student of the Los Angeles School of Bird Whistling. A skit, "The Haunted House," is also a star number.

SPRINGFIELD TEAM BEATS COTTAGE GROVE PLAYERS

Hard Fought Battle Results in 11 to 6 Score in Favor of Local Sluggers

In a game which was closely contested until the eighth inning, Springfield won from the Cottage Grove nine by an 11-6 score Sunday at the Cottage Grove diamond.

Carter, Springfield's pitcher struck out the first three men up to bat. Both teams scored once in the second inning, and Springfield added one point in both the fifth and sixth innings. At the end of the seventh, Carter sprained his ankle and was replaced by Delps. During the eighth, Springfield made eight runners, to four for Cottage Grove. Cottage Grove added one more run in the ninth but it was too late to help their score much.

Springfield's lineup was: Carter and Delps, pitchers; Black Catcher; Thompson, first base; H. Cowart, second base; D. Mulligan, third base; C. Mulligan, short stop; Delps and Sankey, left field; Meats, center field; Sbarman, right field.

The local team will play a return game with Veneta there Sunday. On July 4, the team will meet Oakridge there at their big celebration.

4L'S ENJOY SOCIAL MEET ALONG WITH BUSINESS

Members of the 4L who met Monday evening at the Woodman treated themselves to ice cream after the routine business meeting. Moody Neet took charge of the meeting for the first time since his election as chairman.

At the Safety committee meeting afterwards, it was decided that the three accidents since last meeting were unavoidable, and it was decided to warn the men not to strain themselves, or take undue risks in their work. W. E. Fittis will have charge of the next meeting.

LEGION DELEGATES GO TO STATE CONVENTION

C. A. Swarts and Ray McPherson, commander and adjutant of the local post of the American Legion left Wednesday morning for Prineville to attend the state convention there today, Friday and Saturday. Mrs. C. A. Swarts, who was to represent the Auxiliary, could not go because of illness.

Many cars full of Legionnaires passed through Springfield Wednesday morning headed for the McKenzie pass, and the convention.

Attend Eugene Party

Mrs. W. H. Adrian, Mrs. Maude Bryan, Mrs. Eugene Kester, Mrs. C. E. Wheaton and Mrs. M. M. Peery were Springfield members of the Kill Kare Club who attended a meeting last evening at the home of Mrs. Frank Poindexter in Eugene.

Mrs. Darwin Yorlan and Mrs. Frank Hill were special guests for the evening, and Eugene members of the club attending were Mrs. George Blair, Mrs. Bert Vincent, Mrs. J. M. Dumphries and Mrs. Fred Chess. The evening was spent playing bridge.

Meat Market for West Springfield

W. W. Waite, stock buyer of Springfield, has leased a shop in the new building built by O. F. Bever in West Springfield, near the junction of the Pacific and McKenzie highways, and will operate a meat market there. The shop will be opened in the near future.

Call Off Veneta Game

The game with Veneta which the Springfield baseball team was to have played Sunday was called off today by the Veneta manager. T. H. Hulbert, manager of the local nine, is attempting to schedule a game with one of the Twilight League teams of Eugene. If possible, the game will be played here.

McBee took his parents to Newport to spend their vacation this morning. He will return immediately.

Will Go to Coburg—Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Turner intend to spend the week-end at Coburg visiting acquaintances.

Return From California—Mrs. B. E. Courtright and daughter Pauline have returned from Compton, California where they have been for the past year.

Playing The Pirate

(Salem Capital Journal)

Defending Eugene's effort to steal the proposed Southern Pacific shops from the little sister city of Springfield, the Eugene Guard says:

In their effort to secure location of the Southern Pacific carshops and terminals, in accordance with plans launched a number of years ago, the people of Springfield are well within their rights. In their efforts to obtain the shops and terminals for this city, the people of Eugene are on equally sound ground of right. It is, or should be, purely and solely a question of competition between the two cities for a highly desired prize. There is no occasion for ill feeling in the matter or for charges of ulterior motives or bad faith on either side. We of Eugene and Springfield have to live neighbors to each other. We ought to keep on neighborly terms. Each side to the present competition ought to concede to the other fairness of thought and of motive. The effort is not in the hands of unworthy men on either side.

This logic might be good if the Southern Pacific had not only promised to locate the shops at Springfield, but had already purchased the site. For years it has been regarded as a settled issue, when along comes a bunch of Eugene boomers seeking to grab the prize without cost to themselves at \$175,000 public expense, simply because Eugene, being a large community, assumes she can exert more influence with the railroad and hog all improvements.

No occasion for hard-feeling on Springfield's part? There is every occasion for it. Naturally Springfield objects to being robbed of her principal asset, especially as any development in Springfield will react to the benefit of Eugene.

"We ought to live on neighborly terms," says the Guard. Then Eugene should practice the golden rule in her relations with adjoining cities and cease attempting to play pirate for her own aggrandizement through the ruin of her neighbors.

EUGENE ASK PIPELINE CROSS CITY STREETS

New McKenzie Line Will Cross North City Limits; Work to Start in Few Weeks

A request for a franchise to cross streets and alleys in north Springfield with a pipe line was made by the Eugene Water board at the meeting of the city council Wednesday evening. J. W. McArthur, water board engineer, made the request to cross the end of Fifth street and other streets and alleys on the plat.

The new pipe line being put in from above Hendricks bridge to furnish Eugene with water will run along the county road on the south side. It will be a 30-inch line. The total cost of the improvement will be about \$350,000. Work will start as soon as the bids can be opened and the contract let says Mr. McArthur. The council promised action on the franchise as soon as the proper ordinances could be drawn by the city attorney.

The council instructed the street commission to see that all weeds were cut on the vacant lots and streets. If property owners do not comply the weeds will be cut by the city and assessed to the property.

Fred Hinson, who has worked as a patronman for the last six years, was granted a 10 days leave of absence with pay.

Hurts Hand

Archie Gould, employed with the Stewart Fuel company, had the end of one of his fingers smashed yesterday while handling some wood. The finger had already been partially amputated, making the injury very painful.

Injured at Mill

John Lenhart was injured at the mill yesterday afternoon when a piece of lumber going through the planer struck him in the abdomen. He was taken to the Eugene hospital where x-rays were taken to determine if the hip bone was fractured, but the results from them have not yet been learned.

Go To Lodge Convention

Eighteen members of the Neighbors of the Woodcraft drill team under Mrs. Wilbur Lloyd, Captain, leave tomorrow morning for Portland to attend a convention of the lodge there. They will return Sunday. Three states, Oregon, Washington and California will be represented there.

Visit From Boise—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Machen of Boise visited friends here Wednesday. They are former residents of Springfield.

Shipped Lambs to Portland—W. W. Waite, local stock buyer, shipped a double decked car of lambs to Portland Wednesday.

Jasper Visitor Here—Mrs. L. H. Moorehouse of Jasper was in town shopping today.

MASS MEETING FRIDAY TO TALK SHOP SITES

Railroad Committee Welcomes Suggestions and Criticisms of Methods Used in Campaign

To discuss the shop site situation a general mass meeting has been called for Friday night along with the regular meeting of the Springfield Chamber of Commerce in Morrison hall. The railroad committee will welcome all suggestions and criticisms in regard to the campaign being waged against Eugene men in attempting to steal the shops from Springfield.

New information on the shop site situation will be given out for the first time. The conduct of certain Eugene men in their relations with the railroad company will be discussed.

The railroad committee is thankful for the 100 per cent support it has had from the community since the fight developed. It promises the fight for Springfield's rights will be waged relentlessly to the last ditch.

OTHER RAILROADS HAVE EYES ON SPRINGFIELD

Other railroads as well as the Southern Pacific have their eyes on Springfield. Representatives of two roads were in the city during the week, subscribed for the Springfield News and requested their names not be mentioned in the paper.

"We are deeply interested in the Springfield situation and wish to keep our people informed as to all the developments," said one. Both expressed themselves vigorously that Springfield was in the right and that Eugene would profit little even if she won the shops and lost the respect of the rest of the state.

Surprise Little Girl

Several little friends of Miss Pearl Hildebrand gathered at her home Tuesday afternoon at a surprise party in honor of her seventh birthday.

Those attending the party were: Hazel Nesbit, Ludell Williams, Margaret Jarrett, Mildred Morgan, Patty Dippel, Jewell Hildebrand, Harlan Duncan, Robert McLagan, Billie Burnett and Billie Nesbit.

Move to New Location—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Will moved Monday from 116 Main street to 638 8th street.

Visit Winzreids—Mr. and Mrs. John Knighton and son of Los Angeles visited at the John Winzreid home Wednesday on their way home from Portland.

Visit From Hollywood—Mr. and Mrs. Warren Ranney of Hollywood, California are visiting at the home of Mr. Ranney's uncle, T. W. Carney, at Waltherville. The Ranneys are driving through Oregon, Washington and British Columbia.

Mrs. I. L. Steels of Marshfield is visiting here with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Dan Zimmermann of Route 2. She will return to her home this week.

Movement is Started For County Division

SHOPS AND TERMINALS MAY GO TO KLAMATH

Vice President Shoup and General Manager Dyer Intimate That May be Division Point

Klamath Falls, Ore., June 19.—(Special)—Paul Shoup, vice-president of the Southern Pacific, was interviewing business men here yesterday with reference to the rail situation, it became known today.

Mr. Shoup, in company with General Manager Dyer and other Southern Pacific officials, conferred with several of the leading bankers and business men.

It was reported that members of the party let it be known that Klamath Falls stood a good chance of getting railroad shops as well as a division point of the Southern Pacific in the event the northern lines are blocked in their attempt to invade the Klamath territory.

Although the Southern Pacific vice-president did not make any such promise, business men who met the party said that this was the general impression left with them.

It is believed here that the visit of Mr. Shoup was another of the strategic moves of the Southern Pacific, coming as it did on the eve of the public reception to be held here tomorrow night by the high officials of the northern lines.

We have repeatedly warned of the danger in Eugene working against Springfield and the Southern Pacific plans to locate the shops and terminals in this city. The shortsightedness of certain Eugene men prevents the towns working in harmony for the location of the shops here where Eugene would profit as much as in that city. This attitude on the part of these Eugene men is a very dangerous one for Lane county and the upper Willamette Valley.

NEEWLYWEDS ENTERTAINED BY AMERICAN LEGION

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gossler, who were married last week were entertained at a surprise party in their honor at the home of Mrs. A. B. Van Valzah Friday evening. A party of their friends, including many American Legion and Legion Auxiliary members, met at the C. A. Swarts home and proceeded to the party in a body.

A mahogany rocker, guaranteed to hold two, was a present to the newly married couple. Games were played by the guests, and refreshments of ice cream, cake and coffee served. Those attending the party were: Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Swarts, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Freeland, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Westerfield, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rewey, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Larson, Mrs. Trubert Henderson, Miss Maurine Lombard, J. B. Helderbrand, Walter J. Scott, Paul Myers, Arnold Tomseth, Oswald Olson and F. B. Hamlin.

QUINTET ENTERTAIN AT BAND CONCERT FRIDAY

A quintet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Murphy, Mrs. R. E. Moshier, D. W. McKinnon and O. B. Kessey entertained the crowd with special music at the band concert Friday night. This was the first concert for several weeks, since they had been discontinued during bad weather.

Ladies of the Civic Club treated the band members with cake and ice cream, and sold these refreshments to the crowd.

Residents of Willamette heights, south of town declare they could hear the concert from their homes, and could distinguish the words of the vocal numbers, due to the extremely quiet weather that evening.

Buys Ford Coupe

Herbert Clark, of the Commercial State Bank has purchased a coupe from the Anderson Motor company, and J. A. Daley has bought a sedan. Other purchasers this week were A. B. Mathews of Thurston, a tractor, D. O. Beers of Reed a touring car, and D. Warfield of Kitzes Springs a truck.

Moves Back to Leaburg—Mr. and Mrs. Homer Craft have moved back to their home in Leaburg from Hebo.

Cottage Grove Revives Old Fight in Retaliation to Eugene Men's Effort to Move Tie Plant, Shop and Terminals.

A county division movement which would split Lane County three ways is on foot in Cottage Grove as a result of Eugene men's action in "Butting into" the Southern Pacific shops and terminal location. Cottage Grove men say that this would be a proper move in retaliation to the attempt to move the S. P. tie plant to Eugene. They also suggest to Western Lane county that now is the time to strike for their rights.

The movement is a revival of the one started several years ago when Cottage Grove and the south end of the county attempted to form Nesmith county. The Cottage Grove Sentinel has the following to say editorially on the county division:

"Might Be Good Joke on Eugene" "We are informed that Eugene wants our tie plant. She also wants the car shops of the Southern Pacific which Springfield believes have been promised to her."

"We are informed that Eugene also wants the Southern Pacific division point moved from Junction City to Eugene."

"Why the county seat overlooked asking for the general offices of the road is yet a mystery."

"The result of this action by Eugene is that for the first time in years Nesmith county, with Cottage Grove as the county seat, has been seriously mentioned."

"The Springfield delegation which visited here Thursday suggested that if Cottage Grove ever wants a new county now is the time to go after it."

"It could be said with equal force that if the western end of the county wishes to be set aside in a new county now is the time for the effort."

"If the south end and the west end should join forces, they would have a good chance to get the necessary 35 per cent of the vote in the old part of the county."

"Votes cast in the part that would be laid off for Nesmith county would count as coming from the old part of the county so far as a proposed western county would be concerned. Votes cast in the west end upon Nesmith county would count as coming from the old part of the county so far as Nesmith county would be concerned."

"If these two portions of the county are serious about wishing to be set off into counties by themselves, and there is plenty of territory and wealth in both sections to warrant such action, the feeling against Eugene is such at this time that there is quite a likelihood that such propositions could be put over."

"It would be something of a joke if Eugene's attempts to get all of the Southern Pacific's pay rolls centered in Eugene should result in the loss of half of the county."

"And it might fall to get the pay rolls and yet lose half the county. That would be almost too much of a joke."

There need be no hard feelings on the part of Eugene in case a county division movement should be started. Let it be such a friendly competition as that of Eugene with Springfield."

Going East July 2

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Kessey will leave here by train July 2 for Chicago, where they will visit for several weeks before going on to Indiana, where they plan to buy a Studebaker coach. After a visit with Mr. Kessey's father in Iowa, they plan to drive their new car back to Springfield, by way of Salt Lake, arriving here some time in August.

Return From Newport—Mrs. Al Montgomery returned Sunday evening from Newport, where she spent a week. Mrs. Montgomery made the trip with her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Speed of Eugene. She said the weather was fine all during her stay.