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CUTTING SCRAPE MONDAY NOON.

The quiet of our little city was turned into chaos a little after 1 o'clock Monday, when screams were heard at the Brautlacht residence, and men running in that direction toward Louie Brautlacht, brewer for Ayres & Schlagel, and J. S. Fuller, of Mammoth Livery Stables, in deadly combat, and Fuller bleeding from more than a dozen ghastly knife wounds. Jim Partin, Wm. Gunther and Warner Snider were the first upon the scene and separated the two men.

The fight commenced in an upstairs room in the Brautlacht house. Fuller had gone there a few minutes before, it is alleged, to see about getting some light buggy robes washed. Shortly after Fuller entered the house, Brautlacht came in and went up stairs and, he alleges, upon trying to enter a room, found the door locked. And he further says that he kicked the door open, and saw his wife and Fuller in the room. Then there, it is said, the cutting commenced. Brautlacht had a pocket knife and Fuller, being unarmed, when he felt the cold steel plunging into his body, grasped Brautlacht by the wrist and struggled to escape. He struggled the two men down the stairs and out in the yard. Mr. Brautlacht is a very strong man and Fuller was unable to ward off the knife, and by the time men reached the spot to separate them, Fuller was too weak, from loss of blood, to offer further resistance. Had the knife blade been a half inch longer, Fuller would probably been killed on the spot.

Mrs. Brautlacht was also stabbed in the breast, said to have been done while she was trying to separate the two men. Her wound is not thought to be dangerous.

Fuller was taken to Ahlstroms dress shop, a couple of blocks distant, where Dr. Hall saw him and ordered him taken to the hotel.

About 20 cuts in all were inflicted, sixteen of which were ghastly and had to be sewed up. The flesh wounds on the arms were deep slashes, one or two being about 6 inches long. There were three stabs in the lower part of the back; two in the left breast which went through the chest; one just under the left breast and ranged toward the heart, and missing that vital spot by only half an inch; and one, a most serious stab, in the back, between the neck and right shoulder, which went through into the lungs.

Fuller's wounds are of a very serious nature, and the warm weather makes recovery more difficult. However, when he goes to press he is resting easy and hopes are entertained that his young vitality will aid him through.

Brautlacht gave himself up to the sheriff, and the same evening waived examination and bonds were placed on him, the charge being "assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill." Bail was furnished Monday evening, and Brautlacht resumed work at the brewery.

Death of S. A. D. Porter.

The sad news of the death of one of Lake County's best citizens reached here last Sunday. S. A. D. Porter of Silver Lake, Mr. Porter was an old and respected citizen of Lake County, and his death will be a sad blow to not only his relatives, but to his intimate friends. Following

is the account of the death as appeared in the Ashland Tidings:

S. A. D. Porter, a stockman of Silver Lake, Lake county, died at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. M. J. Krittridge, near the Bellview school house, near Ashland, Tuesday evening, of a complication of diseases following an attack of the measles. The deceased accompanied by his brother, C. D. Porter, and their families, arrived here by team a few days ago from Silver Lake, and was ill on his arrival, having contracted in gripe enroute, which with the measles, and heart trouble with which he had been afflicted for several years, caused his demise. He was aged 45 years, and is survived by his wife, who is in delicate health, and two young children, making the rather sudden and unexpected death of the father at this time particularly sad.

The deceased was a member of the Masonic fraternity and also of the Woodmen of the World. The funeral was conducted last evening, the services being in charge of Ashland lodge, No. 25, A. F. & A. M., and the interment in the new City View cemetery.

Williamson's Trial

Congressman Williamson's trial is next on the docket in the federal court. A venire of 90 jurymen was drawn from which to select the 12 men to hear the trial. The venire for the Mitchell case was relieved, and all new ones drawn. There were none from Lake county for the second trial. The case went to trial Friday.

The following jury was secured the first day and one witness put on the stand:

The Jury

- August Binns, grocer, Heppner, Morrow County.
- August Carlson, manufacturer, Portland, Multnomah County.
- Webb Mast, farmer, Coos County.
- Barney May, merchant, Harrisburg, Linn County.
- M. V. Thomas, farmer, Bull Run, Clackamas County.
- G. O. Walker, farmer, Walker, Lane County.
- J. E. Henkle, merchant, Philomath, Benton County.
- W. P. George, restaurant keeper, Salem, Marion County.
- J. W. Williams, farmer, Junction City, Lane County.
- S. L. Burnaugh, farmer, Elgin, Union County.
- O. P. Flook, farmer, Olalla, Douglas County.
- W. O. Cook, bricklayer, Eugene, Lane County.

Two Hottest Days.

The two hottest days of this year, so far, were Saturday and Sunday. On these days the Government thermometer at The Examiner office registered 104 and 105, respectively. This is where the weather record, published every week by The Examiner, comes in handy. One can keep a yearly weather record at no expense and the question of the hottest or coldest day frequently comes up. Last year the hottest day was on the 7th day of August, when the thermometer registered 101.

New Secretary of State.

Elihu Root has been appointed by President Roosevelt to succeed the late John Hay as Secretary of State. Elihu Root was appointed secretary of war by President McKinley and severed way into Roosevelt's term of office, when he resigned. Root has frequently been spoken of for president in 1908.

WILL BE ASKED TO PLEDGE VOTE.

Candidates for United States Senator will be expected to announce their candidacy before a state legislature is nominated, in order to give candidates for the legislature an opportunity to state to the voter their position on the Senatorial contest, and in turn give the voter an equal show with his rights as who shall represent the state in congress. It is true, a few aspirants for the U. S. Senate announced their candidacy at the state election preceding the last Senatorial election in 1901, when the choice of the people was not heeded, but times have changed, John H. Mitchell was in power then and now his influence counts for nothing, and as a consequence of his lost prestige the people are proclaiming they have learned a lesson.

The following is taken from the Oregonian:

The end of the trial of Senator John H. Mitchell gives fresh impetus to political discussion, and men who take an interest in public affairs are trying to size up the situation as it will exist when the campaign opens about six months hence.

Under the plan of the direct primary law, the next United States Senator from Oregon may be, in effect, chosen by the people. The law provides that candidates for the Senate may be voted for in the primaries and that candidates for the Legislature may state on the ballot whether or not they will be guided by the voice of the people when they vote for United States Senator. Inquiry made among prominent men here shows that the opinion is practically unanimous that candidates for a seat in the United States Senate will make the run in the primaries and that nearly all the candidates for the Legislature will pledge themselves on the ballot to support the man who wins in the primaries.

There are a few who do not take a favorable view of the idea of pledging a candidate for the Legislature to vote for the man who receives the largest popular vote. Prominent residents of Salem, sitting in a group discussed the direct-primary law a few days since.

"If I were a candidate for the Legislature," said one, "I would not pledge myself on the ballot, but would tell the people that I would act on my best judgement when the time comes."

"Then you would not go to the Legislature," declared another, who has a state-wide reputation for political sagacity. "When any man asks the people to vote for him for the Legislature and says he is not willing to pledge himself to vote for the people's choice for Senator, he will be left at home. The people will say to him; 'If you are not willing to trust us we will not trust you.' The man who asks for the support of the people must give the people credit for having enough intelligence to elect a Senator."

The Last Ball Game.

The last game of the tournament, played Thursday afternoon between Silver Lake and Lakeview was about the most interesting game of the week. It was not the best played game, but as much interest was shown and as large a crowd witnessed it as any game played. At the end, which was at the end of the 11th inning, the score stood 15 to 11

in favor of Silver Lake. Sellers pitched for Silver Lake and Schroder caught the first few innings. In the first they made two runs and Lakeview one, in the second both sides failed to score and in the third Silver Lake made one and from that to the seventh they could not make a tally, when Bailey went into the box. Three runs were made and in the 8th they failed again. Then with Lakeview 11 to Silver Lake's 6, the situation began to look shaky and Bilyeu went to the pitcher's box and Bailey behind the bat. Two men were out and a confusion occurred and they run in five men. This tied the score with Lakeview to have the last. However, they failed to tally and a 10th inning had to be played, which resulted a goose egg for both sides. Silver Lake went to the bat for the 11th inning and run in 4 men and Lakeview failed to tally. The score by innings was as follows:

Silver Lake—2-0-1-0-0-0-3-0-5-0-4-15
Lakeview—1-0-2-0-1-0-2-5-0-0-0-11

Pine Creek and Lakeview were to play on Friday, but the Pine Creek boys were anxious to get home and the game was called off.

Alturas won first money \$500, Silver Lake second, \$150 and Lakeview third \$50.

There was one other game, but it was so one sided that the result was hardly worth mentioning, that between Bidwell and Pine Creek Thursday morning. The score was something like 15 to nothing.

Hay Crop Short.

Assessor W. D. West stated to an Examiner reporter this week that the hay crop, in the Silver Lake country this season would be light. It is to be hoped, however, that owing to good range, which will enable stockmen to keep their stock out till late and bring them to the feeding grounds fat and strong, and a good supply of hay left over from last year, there will be plenty of feed to winter all stock. Conditions are not at all alarming. Stockmen understand their business, and will not undertake to hold over more stock than they have hay for, when they can be made fat on the range and can be put on the market at prices that prevail throughout the buying season. It is a little early yet to say just what the price of beef will be, but the price of mutton has been established, and it is good. And we are told by men who are qualified to state, that good beef will command a fair price, also that the Lake county beef will be fat this fall. Men have also told us that with the surplus of hay left over from last year, even with a light crop this year, there would be the usual amount of hay on the feeding grounds this winter. Then let us say again, that there is no cause for alarm.

Moore's Comedians.

Moore's Comedians, also known as Eastern Oregon's Favorites, have gone on down the line, after playing in Lakeview seven nights to big houses. The last play, the best on their list, was given for the benefit of one of Lakeview's most deserving charitable institutions, the Public Reading Room. An account of this grand affair will be seen in another article.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore always have a good troupe, and this time was no exception. They are better equipped this year than ever before, and are giving the best of satisfaction. The Moore company are always welcomed to a town and leave a good impression.

JOHN MITCHELL IS CONVICTED.

On almost the stroke of 11 o'clock on the night of July 3d, the jury in the case of United States Senator John H. Mitchell returned a verdict of guilty as charged.

The jury recommends the defendant to the mercy of the court.

The charge is that Mitchell, while occupying a high position, accepted pecuniary compensation for practicing before the federal departments at Washington.

There was little belief that a speedy verdict would be reached.

A few minutes before 11 o'clock the bailiff, as he had been a number of times before, was summoned to the jury room. A moment later he reappeared and communicated to those in waiting that the jury had agreed.

Judge De Haven, the attorneys, and the aged senator, whose last days were to be crowned with disgrace, were summoned, and in an incredibly short time they appeared. Judge De Haven, ascending the bench without removing his overcoat, directed that the jury be brought in. They filed in and took their places in the jury box. Captain J. A. Sladen, clerk of the court, was handed the verdict by the foreman, and, opening it, proceeded to read it amid the crash and the rattle of fire-works exploded in the streets on all four sides of the court house.

Captian Sladen spoke low, and, with the din without, but two sentences of the verdict were audible, "guilty as charged," and "recommended to the mercy of the court."

The aged senator received the verdict with fortitude. Severe and evidently unexpected as was the blow, he showed no outward sign save by a ghastly palor and a nervous stroking of his beard that he felt the blow.

As Captain Sladen concluded, Judge De Haven said: "Gentlemen, is this your verdict?"

"It is," responded the foreman.

Clerk Sladen polled the jury, and Judge De Haven directed that it be discharged. When these proceedings were complete, Judge Bennett arose and, on the part of Senator Mitchell, moved for a new trial.

Judge De Haven directed that the motion be continued till next Monday and declared the court adjourned.

All morning and a portion of the afternoon was consumed by Heney in fishing the last argument of the prosecution. He devoted a large part of the time in demonstrating to the jury that Mitchell must have known where the alleged illegal fees came from. In alluding to Mitchell's age and long service, he compared him to Lord Bacon, who in his old age, notwithstanding his services to his country, greater far than Mitchell's, was tried and convicted by the house of lords, and sentenced to be imposed.

Judge De Haven delivered the charge to the jury immediately on the conclusion of Heney's speech. The charge was fair and satisfactory to both parties. He told the jury it was its duty to convict if there was no reasonable doubt as to his guilt, otherwise the verdict should be for acquittal. The gist of the matter was whether Mitchell knew at the time the money was paid what and wherefor it was paid, and whether he had done work before the department expecting compensation. This fact was for the jury to decide.

The case went to the jury at 3:30 o'clock.