

## JOHN AUTEN OF LAKEVIEW SHOTS AND KILLS CURTIS

### FIRES FIVE SHOTS INTO MAN WHILE IN CHAIR

Former Business Man of This City Shot and Killed Roy Curtis of Lakeview Last Night—Fired Five Bullets into Curtis While He Was Sitting in Chair—Victim Never Moved—Domestic Trouble Cause.

(Special to The Herald)

LAKEVIEW, July 12.—John B. Auten, formerly of Klamath Falls, shot and killed Roy Curtis, an electrician for the telephone company of this city, about 7 o'clock last night, while he was sitting in a chair, pouring five bullets into his body before he could move.

It is said that the shooting is the result of domestic troubles caused by Curtis. Auten is under arrest here, and Judge H. D. Gale of Klamath Falls was telephoned for last night to defend him.

The shooting took place in the residence of William Wallace of this city, where Curtis roomed. Curtis and Mrs. Auten were in the room, and Auten had evidently followed them or knew that they were together. As he stepped into the room and drew his revolver, firing on Curtis sitting in the chair. Mrs. Auten grabbed for the gun in an effort to wrest it from him, and in so doing secured bad powder burns on one arm from the flame of the discharges.

Curtis did not move from the chair where he was sitting, several of the first bullets hitting vital spots.

Trouble between Mr. and Mrs. Auten has been rumored for some time, and it is said that Auten has accused Curtis of breaking up his home. Divorce proceedings by Auten are supposed to be pending in court here.

Auten is well known in Klamath Falls by people who resided here a few years ago. Auten was in the city recently, spending about two weeks here. It is stated by some that Mrs. Auten, formerly Miss Ruby Craddock of this city, was with him at this time. He returned to Lakeview Sunday.

At one time Auten was in business here with W. B. Barnes, and operated the American hotel and bar. They were the owners of that property up until a year or two ago.

A report was circulated here this morning that Curtis was recently married in Lakeview.

It is said that Auten told several friends while here that he was going to start divorce proceedings soon.

Judge Gale and Luke Walker left at 11 o'clock last night for Lakeview, Walker driving the car.

## 7,000 ACRES MORE IRRIGATED

### PRIVATE OWNERS ARE INSTALLING PLANTS WHICH MEAN PROSPERITY TO FARMERS IN THE KENO DISTRICT

Klamath county's irrigated land area is to be increased about 7,000 acres this year as a result of activities in the neighborhood of Keno and Worden, where several progressive farmers are installing, or have installed, pumping plants. Power for these projects is being furnished by the Kerns brothers electric plant at

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## COUNCIL BUYS FURNITURE AND POLICE SIGNAL

### PATROLMAN RESIGNS POSITION AND ANOTHER CHOSEN

Willis-Johnstone Furniture House Has Lowest Bid on New Furniture and Baldwin Hardware Company Gets Bid on Steel—Mason Building Affair Laid Over Another Meeting. No Bids on Awnings or Screens.

All four bids for the new furniture for the city hall were within \$40 of each other, and the contract to supply the hall with furniture, including tables, chairs, typewriter desks, filing cabinets and other furniture went to the Willis-Johnstone Furniture company of this city on the bid of \$903.30, the lowest bid, according to specifications. The Baldwin Hardware company submitted the lowest bid for the steel work, cabinets for the vaults at \$588.25, there being but two bidders.

The bids as submitted were: Willis-Johnstone, \$903.30; Baldwin Hardware Co., (1) \$919.63, (2) \$998.63 (higher grade); Virgil & Son, (1) \$928.15 (2) \$734.75 (lower grade); McMillan Furniture house, \$946.70. Steel, Baldwin, \$588.25; Virgil & Son, \$750. An ordinance providing for the installation passed the first and second readings unanimously.

A peculiar state of affairs was discovered when Judge Leavitt stated that no bids had been received for the supplying of the hall with awnings and screens.

The installation of a signal light and the providing of a switch at the fire chief's headquarters and one at the telephone office was favorably acted upon by the council, and one light will be installed as an experiment at one of the corners on Main street. This will give practically every portion of the city police protection. When a policeman is wanted a telephone call is turned into the telephone office, the operator turns on the switch, which flashes the light, and the first policeman seeing the light will ascertain where he is wanted from the operator, and will answer the call. The power company has agreed to furnish the power free of charge.

The following bills were allowed: E. Sharp, \$25.59; J. C. Rutenic, \$4.99; Willis-Johnstone Furniture company, balance, \$70.70.

J. H. Collman tendered his resignation as patrolman, and John Pugh was appointed by President Mathews in his place. Permission for the improvement of the Mrs. W. H. Mason building on Main street was laid over one meeting for further consideration. E. M. Chilcote's request for possession of his 1914 \$15,000 city depositary bond was refused.

Bids for the awnings and screens will be called for one more week.

The advertisement for a horse will also be continued, and a horse from 8 to 12 years old, and weighing between 1,400 and 1,600 pounds is wanted by the council.

### May British Pay for Recruits

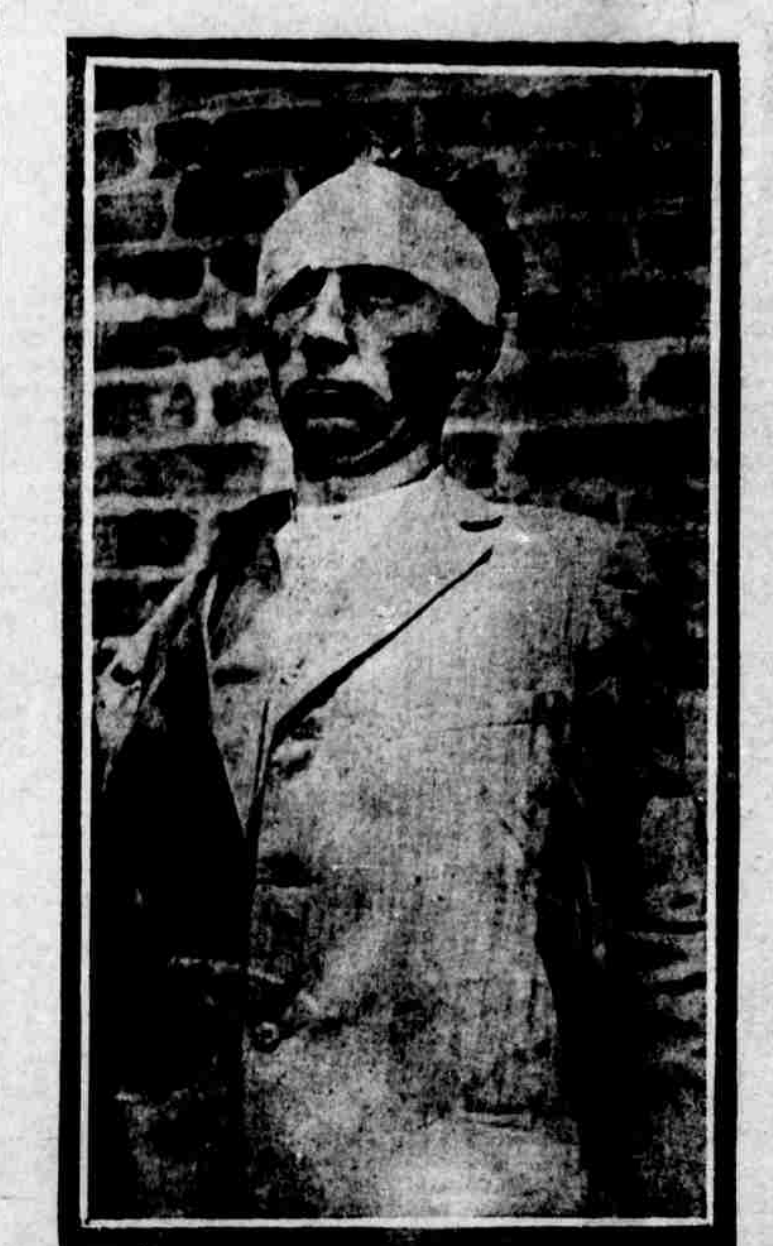
United Press Service  
LOS ANGELES, July 12.—Kenneth Croft arrested here today, the alleged British recruiter, admitted that rich Brits are paying for the transportation of compatriots. He denied that he had been recruiting.

### Just Heard of War

United Press Service  
BUREKA, July 12.—Here is a man who did not know up to a day or two ago that there was war in Europe.

In Angus Olafson, a homesteader of southern Humboldt, C. E. Hill, a local real estate man, claims to have discovered a man who was unaware of the great world war. On a recent trip Hill encountered Olafson, who had just wended his way out of a lonely mountain home, where due to his isolation, he received no newspapers. He appeared rather startled by the news.

## Man Who Shot J. P. Morgan



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This photograph of the assailant of J. P. Morgan was taken within a few hours of the time he was locked up in the Glencove jail. The bandage was placed on his head to stop the flow of blood caused by the blow the Morgan butler struck him after he had fired two shots.

## O. A. C. FACULTY WILL VISIT HERE

### COMMITTEE OF BOARD OF REGENTS TO TOUR EXPERIMENT STATIONS—IN KLAMATH JULY 22 FROM LAKEVIEW

A committee of the Board of Regents of the Oregon Agricultural College is making a tour of the state, visiting the branch experiment stations and county agriculturists, and will arrive in Klamath Falls Wednesday night, July 22, coming from Lakeview, according to a letter received by County Agriculturist H. R. Glaseyer from President W. J. Kerr. They will remain over Thursday, and will go over the county with H. R. Glaseyer, visiting the experiments under way, and looking the situation over generally. In a letter from President Kerr of the college, he expressed a desire to meet the people and officials of the county and city. There are six or seven in the party.

They expect to leave here Friday morning, and may go north by way of Fort Klamath, Crater Lake and Medford. The trip is for the purpose of acquainting the regents with conditions in the state, status and progress of the work that is being done in the various sections, according to Glaseyer.

### Installation Tonight

United Press Service  
District Deputy Grand Patriarch O. H. Brennehan will install the recently elected officers of Swana Encampment No. 46 in their respective offices at the meeting tonight. All Patriarchs are requested to attend.

### Withycombe Meets Bell at Baker

United Press Service  
BAKER, Ore., July 12.—Governor Withycombe welcomed the Liberty Bell here today. Twenty thousand people saw the bell at Boise, Idaho, where it stopped one hour.

## SHIPPERS MUST REGISTER STOCK

### CATTLE AND HORSES GOING OUT OF STATE MUST BE REGISTERED FOR IDENTIFICATION, ACCORDING TO A. L. MARSHALL

Shippers of cattle and horses and other stock out of the county must see that they are properly registered before shipping them, according to A. L. Marshall, newly appointed inspector for this county by Governor Withycombe. Blanks for this purpose have been provided, according to Marshall, at the depot.

Marshall has just received a copy of the new laws, which went into effect May 23. While each animal need not necessarily be described and registered, according to Marshall, when a bunch is shipped out, sufficient description must be given for identification so that if later developments should require a record of that shipment, the animals could be traced.

In shipping from one county in the state to another, it is not necessary to register each animal, but the inspector should be notified of the shipment, says Marshall. A heavy fine is provided for violations of the law, and owing to rabies, and other diseases, it is important that shippers take heed.

### Argument for College

United Press Service  
LOS ANGELES, July 12.—Lucy Basura, aged 8, aspiring to be a lady barber, lathered the head of her little brother Nick, aged 4, and tried to shave him with her father's razor. The child was scalped.

### Neutrality Witness Released

United Press Service  
SAN FRANCISCO, July 12.—John Fairbairn indicted in connection with the Steamer Sacramento neutrality violation case was released today on \$2,000 bail.

## ESPEE TO PAY TAXES COMING TO KLAMATH CO.

### SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS VERDICT OF CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Benson's Verdict Here in Favor of Southern Pacific in Permitting Them to Pay Taxes With County Warrants Previously Issued, But in Suit Upheld by Supreme Court. Decision Handed Down Today

(Special to The Herald)

SALEM, July 12.—The supreme court handed down a decision today holding that warrants totaling \$17,454.99, issued by Klamath county a number of years ago and tendered by the Southern Pacific Railroad company in payment of their taxes, are valid, and that the county treasurer can receive the warrants in payment of their taxes. The court held that they are valid, and do not represent the character of indebtedness which is prohibited by the state constitution.

J. W. Siemens, as county treasurer, refused to accept these warrants when they were tendered by the railroad company, as they were in suit. The railroad company took the case to the circuit court, where they were given a verdict. The supreme court has upheld the decision given by Judge Henry L. Benson while sitting on the bench here.

The Southern Pacific company will now be obliged to pay a tax bill to Klamath county amounting to about \$23,000, which have not been paid since this case has been in court.

About \$13,000 of this will be in cash and the remainder in county warrants.

## TWO ANSWERS BEING PREPARED

### PRESIDENT AND LANSING TO COMPARE REPLIES TO GERMAN WHEN COMPLETED. WILSON BACK AT WEEK END

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—Secretary Tumulty stated today that President Wilson was expected to return to this city by the end of this week. Secretary of State Lansing is reticent regarding his answer to Germany.

The indications are that when the president returns the two messages will be prepared, one by himself and the other by Lansing. They will then be compared and discussed previous to the drawing of a final note, which will then be presented to the cabinet for consultation.

### Leave on Camping Trip

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Shive, Mrs. Will Immel, Miss Josie Low, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. White and Mr. and Mrs. Kirk White left this morning in automobiles for a two weeks camping trip in the mountains. They expect to stay at Spring Creek and may go to Crater Lake later.

### Freer is in City

Superintendent Freer of the Klamath Indian reservation is in the city today on business. He expects to return tonight or in the morning.

### Dynamite on Railroad Track

United Press Service  
Hundred sticks of dynamite were found today scattered on the tracks of the Reading railroad at Flat Rock, a suburb of this city. No clue has been found yet.

## EDISON AND WRIGHT TO WORK FOR UNCLE SAM

### NEW INVENTIONS FOR USE IN DEFENSE

Secretary of Navy Daniels Secures Aid of Edison and Orville Wright on New Bureau—Edison Has Accepted, as Has Wright—Will Handle Submarines and Aeroplanes.—The Greatest Combination in World.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—Secretary of Navy Daniels recently wrote to Thomas Edison, the world famous genius and inventor, asking him to serve on a proposed bureau to devote its efforts to new inventions for the defense of the United States in the future, should it be necessary. Edison has accepted.

It was also suggested that the government should establish a bureau of experimentation, where new inventions can be tried out. It is also understood that Orville Wright, greatest aeroplane expert in the world, will join with Edison and other members of the Navy invention bureau.

Edison will devote his attention to submarines, and Wright to aeroplanes and neither will be limited to any particular field. Wright and Edison are considered the greatest combination in the world. Other names have been suggested for membership on the bureau, and among them are Henry Ford, Nikola Tesla, Cooper Hewitt and Professor Lemos Johnson.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 12.—Secretary Daniels has predicted that the activity of Edison and Wright would result in a revolution of naval methods as important as the invention of the Monitor. Admirals Griffin, Straus and Taylor have endorsed the invitation to Edison.

M. R. Hutchinson in presenting Edison's acceptance, said that he considered it as his "sacred duty."

## \$15,000 WORTH WARRANTS CALLED

### COUNTY TREASURER MAKES THE LARGEST CALL IN YEARS, AND ONLY ONE FOR PAST TWO YEARS—GOOD INDICATION

County Treasurer Geo. A. Haydon has issued a call for protested county warrants amounting to \$15,000 which is the largest amount in protested warrants called for in four or five years, and the only call that has been issued for the past two or three years.

The dispensing of this amount of money in the county at this time indicates prosperity, according to Haydon, and will aid local people who hold warrants protested up until May 6, 1911 by turning the money loose.

County Court Adjourns

The county court, which was in session last week and Monday of this week, has adjourned until a latter date, after passing on a great of bills. Preparations will be made for the visit of the advisory board of the state highway commission as soon as word is received from them as to the route and time of their arrival. They are expected to be here Thursday of this week.

### Have Leased Former Merryman Home

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Conner of this city have leased the former Merryman home on Pine street of this city, and will reside there. Conner is an engineer on the Southern Pacific railroad, and was recently placed on this run from the Ashland terminal.

## BATTLE PROCEEDS TOWARDS CAPITAL CITY OF FRANCE

### HAND TO HAND STRUGGLES IN UNDERGROUND PASSAGES

Frightful Fire and Heavy Explosives Did Not Drive French From Labyrinth Districts Around Paris, Says Report—Asphyxiating Bombs Used Before Onslaught—French Aeroplanes Bomb German Camps.

United Press Service

PARIS, July 12.—A frightful and horrible attack was made on the forts out from this city last night, heavy explosives being used by the Germans, but they were unable to drive the French from the labyrinth districts where they are entrenched, but the Germans were decimated, says the announcement.

Hand to hand struggles took place in the underground passageways, which are being used by the French for protection. Cannon and guns of all classes have been placed in these historic underground tunnels, and they are proving valuable for protection.

Thirty-five French aeroplanes raided a German station last night at Los Hatonhatel, and dropped 111 bombs. Many fires were started, and huge quantities of munitions were destroyed by the French.

## BOOTLEGGER IS TAKEN AT FORT

### CAUGHT IN ACT OF TRANSFERRING WHISKEY TO INDIAN—HE WAS BROUGHT HERE TO AWAIT U. S. COMMISSIONER

Dan Connor, roustabout and floater over the county, was arrested last night by Joe Vose, deputy sheriff at Fort Klamath after two residents of Fort Klamath had watched him transfer two quarts of whiskey to Joseph Wilson, a Klamath Indian.

Connor was seen going down the street with the whiskey, closely followed by two Indians. D. H. Wilmer and Bob Fleming noticed them, and followed the pair. After turning a corner and crossing a lot near the ball field and when the followers were not more than eight feet behind them, the transfer of the whiskey took place. They notified Vose, and he made the arrest.

J. H. Hessig, accompanied by the witnesses and the prisoner, drove them down this morning. Superintendent Freer issued a statement protecting the sheriff's office, in which he stated that much bootlegging had been taking place at the Fort, and Connor was jailed to await the arrival of U. S. Commissioner Hamaker of Bonanza, and a U. S. marshal from Portland. The whiskey has been retained as evidence.

### Loomis Suffers Fire Loss

United Press Service  
SACRAMENTO, July 12.—The business section of Loomis was burned today with a loss of \$100,000. In the conflagration nineteen buildings were destroyed. The postoffice officials have been notified that the postoffice and rodeo were burned last night, with a \$2,500 loss.

### Constantinople Reports Differ

United Press Service  
CONSTANTINOULE, July 12.—It was announced here today that the British ships Agamemnon and Nelson had been shelled and forced to withdraw, several shells exploding on the decks of the vessels. A week ago it was claimed that these two ships had been destroyed.