

DR. MITCHELL SHOT BY MRS. T. F. NICHOLAS

Whipping of Dog Given as Reason for Shooting

RECOVERY DOUBTFUL

Shooting Is the Culmination of Days of Brooding Over the Alleged Beating of a Dog That Had Been the Companion of the Woman for Years, and on Which She Lavished a Great Deal of Attention.

This city was startled last evening by the announcement that George C. Mitchell, the well known veterinary surgeon was shot by Mrs. T. F. Nicholas, who resides at Seventh and Walnut streets. The prominence of the parties and the well known retiring disposition of Mrs. Nicholas made it almost impossible to believe, and when the facts were gradually developed it became apparent that the act was the climax of days of brooding over an accident that occurred on June 16 and must have temporarily unbalanced a mind that had theretofore been controlled solely by acts of kindness to those with whom she came in contact.

The shooting occurred in front of the City Front livery stable shortly after six o'clock. Doctor Mitchell was standing in front of the building when approached by Mrs. Nicholas. She raised a revolver which she was carrying and pointed it at him. Instantly realizing from the expression on the woman's face that she intended using the weapon, he cried out to her "Don't shoot." The reply came back, "But you whipped my dog," followed by one shot. The bullet hit the doctor on the left side of the abdomen, taking a diagonal course and lodging just under the skin on the right side near the back. The bowels were torn at five different places, and the wounds are such as to leave little hope of recovery, the injuries being severe lacerations instead of clean-cut punctures, making it impossible to follow the customary use of the Murphy button. It will take three or four days before any marked change will appear in the condition of the patient. Drs. Massey and Johnson are the attending physicians.

It has been most difficult to gather the real facts leading up to the shooting. There are as many stories afloat as there are people telling them. The principals in the case absolutely refuse to make any statement concerning the affair.

Piecing together the fragmentary stories told, the trouble dates back sometime, being due to the alleged stealing of eggs by the dog. A week ago last Monday it is alleged, Dr. Mitchell caught the dog in the barn and proceeded to whip him. Mrs. Nicholas asked him to stop, but it is claimed her request was unheeded. The dog did not return home and the next day Mr. Nicholas made a search for the animal, without success. Wednesday it returned, showing evidence of having been subject to a terrible beating. One eye was destroyed, the head bruised and cut and the body bore marks indicating that a club or a whip had been used.

The attachment existing between Mrs. Nicholas and the dog was unusually close. Being childless she lavished a great deal of affection on the animal. In past years Mr. Nicholas has been absent from home a great deal, and lately, due to his employment with the Big Lakes Box company, he has been absent at night. During all of these times the dog has been the only companion of the woman. Naturally of an eccentric disposition she made the animal the object of unusual care and attention, and when he returned in the mutilated condition he did, the shock is believed to have been more than her highly strung nervous condition could stand. For the days that followed she

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GERMAN SAILORS SINK THEIR SHIPS

WEIMAR, June 24.—German warships which were not surrendered to the Allies and which have been anchored off Kiel, Wilhelmshaven and other points, have been sunk by the German sailors manning them, according to reports. Twelve ships and a number of destroyers were still in German hands.

WILL ASK VOTE ON RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Senator Knox announced today that after the appropriation bills had been passed he would attempt to obtain a vote on L's resolution expressing unwillingness to accept the League of Nations as an inseparable part of the Peace Treaty.

WILSON WILL START FOR HOME THURSDAY

BREST, June 24.—The Steamer George Washington, on which President Wilson will return home, has been ordered to be ready to sail next Thursday.

ANOTHER NEW CITY LOOMING FOR FACTORIES

High Prices of Factory Sites Threaten Future of City.

NOW SEEMS CERTAIN

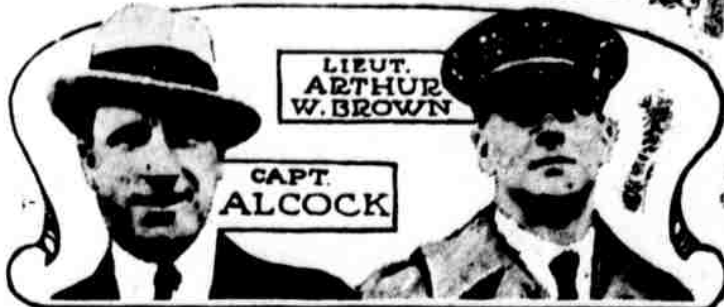
Urgent Need of a Live Commercial Organization That Would Be in a Position to Furnish All Data Needed by Prospective Manufacturers Pointed Out by Man Seeking Location Here.

The article made by The Herald that the high prices being charged for mill sites were driving manufacturing establishments from this city seems to have stirred up a hornet's nest. The eyes of the business interests of Klamath Falls are turned on this subject, and unless something is done to save this city the tremendous loss it stands liable to suffer, things are going to happen. There are factories enough on the verge of selecting their location which, if placed here in Klamath Falls, will double its population. In discussing this subject one of the gentlemen interested in the location of a mill said:

"What would the people of this city think if by some slight of hand it were possible to lift out or remove from this city the Chelsea, Big Lakes and Ewanna Box companies, the Pelican Bay and Klamath Manufacturing plants? They would be filled with consternation and panic. Well, right now that very thing is being done, only instead of it being done by the removal of the plants, it concerns the removal of the plants with payrolls equal to, if not considerably exceeding, the concerns already here are being shut out. Personally, I want to locate in Klamath Falls, for such a location has many advantages. We are willing to pay to get them, but when it comes to expecting us to pay the prices now being asked for sites, it is out of the question. The project of locating all these mills in a new city is no dream. It is nearer a reality than anyone here suspects, and the location will be such as to afford the mill every advantage now available in Klamath Falls. I am not making this as a threat. That is the last thing in my mind. It is simply a case of the owners of the land wanting to make all they can and our people trying to get a location at a figure that we consider reasonable. The people of this city are overlooking a big opportunity.

"Another thing that this city should have is a live commercial organization that would make it possible for a prospective manufacturing concern to find out where suitable sites can be secured. I know

JINGLING \$50,000 AIR PRIZE MONEY



With the \$50,000 London Daily Mail prize in their pockets for the first non-stop flight across the Atlantic, these two Britishers, Captain Jack Alcock of the Royal Air Force and Navigator Lieutenant Arthur Brown, are now looking for other feats to perform, maybe a flight from England to Australia or a flight across the Pacific. Alcock and Brown drove a big Vickers-Vimy bombing biplane from Newfoundland to Ireland in 16 hours.

of an instance where the representative of such a prospect had located a site, secured an option on a piece of property, anticipating no difficulty in securing enough land adjoining. This he was unable to do. If you had a good, live organization it would have all of this property listed; it would know all of the circumstances connected with it and instead of a man having to chase around, he could do business thru the club. It may cost a few dollars a year to keep such an organization going, but let me tell you that the lack of it is costing individuals hundreds of dollars annually. It would pay the city to defray the entire cost itself, provided competent men were in charge.

The Herald has been calling attention to the necessity for a Commercial club for several months past. Never was it more urgent than right now that this city have one. The business men of the city should drop everything else until a smashing progressive Commercial club is under full swing and then they should keep right back of it every day—no so far back that they will be of no assistance, but right up with every movement it will inaugurate. The questions the live, progressive citizens of Klamath Falls have to face now are: Do you want a city here, or do you want a temporary boom that is going to flatten out as it flattened out before? Do you want another town established within a few miles of Klamath Falls, close enough to kill the future of this city, far enough away so that it can be of no possible benefit? The Herald will tell you tomorrow the plans for the new town, and then you can think over what action you want to take. It is no dream. It is nearing an actual reality.

PRIZE WINNERS GO TO CORVALLIS

Klamath County is always getting in the limelight in one way or another, and now we are sending two prize winners in the school children's Industrial Club work, to Corvallis for the summer term of school. All their expenses are paid for the two weeks, and the children are given a thorough training in stock judging, bread-making, sewing and other Industrial Club work.

The lucky ones for 1917-18 are Ruby Schreiner of Spring Lake district No. 25, and Charles Shulmitre, from the Miller Hill district.

BELGIAN KING AND QUEEN COMING

BRUSSELS, June 24.—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth of Belgium have accepted the invitation of President Wilson to visit the United States. They will probably come here sometime during next September.

LIBRARY OPEN DAILY.

The county library is open daily from one to six o'clock in the afternoon, and the public is cordially invited to visit it and make use of the public reading room.

DAYLIGHT SAVING RIDER IS APPROVED

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The House and Senate conferees have approved the rider on the appropriation bill repealing the Daylight saving law, October 26 next. Its adoption is regarded as certain.

PAVING AWARD MADE LAST NIGHT

WARREN CONSTRUCTION COMPANY SECURES CONTRACT FOR \$128,000 WORTH OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

At the meeting of the city council last night the following business was transacted:

Permits were granted to: J. C. Retcher to erect on lot C, block 59, Nichols addition, a five room bungalow, costing \$1100. First Presbyterian church to erect a church on lot 4, block 19, at a cost of \$15,000.

J. A. Lemon to build a carpenter shop in Hot Springs Addition; Cofer Brothers to erect a business building on the corner of Main and Seventh streets, for Mrs. Sarah B. Jones, to cost \$18,000; Conrad C. Jalo to erect a six room bungalow in Nichols addition at cost of \$4,000; S. W. Martin to conduct a shooting gallery on lot 6, block 28.

W. W. Winingham was given a permit to install a gasoline pump on the side walk at the Sixth street garage.

Proposals were submitted by J. H. Garrett and the Warren Construction company on Oil Macadam and Bituminous pavement on the following units: Tenth street, from Main to Lincoln; Market, two blocks northerly from Sixth; Lincoln street, from Ninth to Eleventh streets; Eighth, from High to Prospect, including Jefferson and Lincoln; Esplanade, Pacific Terrace and Portland streets.

It appeared to be the prevailing sentiment among property owners present, that the best pavement was none to good, and the council, accordingly accepted the bid of the Warren Construction company on all five units, at a total cost of \$128,003.57.

The question of the city acquiring a city park was brought before the council by Mayor Struble, who urged that the time was at hand when some definite action should be taken looking to the consummation of such an improvement. The demand for a park is constantly becoming more pressing and the sentiment in favor of the city launching out on such an enterprise is reaching a point where there is to be an insistent demand for it. The question rests in the hands of a Park Commission, which for years has been more or less dormant, but it is not at all improbable that there will be a stir in its direction one of these days, either voluntary or compulsory.

STILTS' RETURN.

After a visit of several months with relatives in Omaha, Nebraska and with their sister, Mrs. J. V. Carter, in Blair, Nebraska, Miss Fliza Stilts, Mrs. Anna Leach and their brother, Phil, have returned to this city. The sisters had operated a dry goods store here previous to their departure last fall and are very well known in the county.

The family made the trip home in their car and they report an enjoyable trip, altho the roads were far from good in all states with the exception of California. The engine in the car was "working better when they arrived than when they left Blair," Miss Stilts said.

They enjoyed their winter, but they were also very glad to get home once more and have decided to live in Klamath Falls in the future.

FEARFUL TORNADO SWEEPS ILLINOIS.

EVANSVILLE, June 24.—Forty seven people are known dead, and 160 injured, are in hospitals and property valued at six millions were destroyed as result of a tornado, which swept thru Fergus Falls late yesterday.

ANOTHER BOLSHEVIK CRUISER IS SUNK

HELSINGFORS, June 24.—British warships Wednesday evening torpedoed the Bolshevik cruiser Slava, which sank almost immediately.

OUT IN COUNTRY FOR LUNCHEON.

The members of the Women's Improvement Club will meet at the Winlock store at 1:15 tomorrow afternoon and will motor out to the home of Mrs. Martin Greene, where they will partake of one of the well known luncheons served by Mrs. Greene. Every member is urged to be on hand promptly at the hour named.

BUTCHERS OUT ON SYMPATHETIC STRIKE

VICTORIA, B. C., June 24.—The Union meat workers, said by labor leaders to number 5000, struck here today in sympathy with the Winnipeg strikers.

COUNTY FAIR BOARD BUSY

TRACTOR DEMONSTRATION AND ATHLETIC FIELD MEET TO BE FEATURE OF BIG EVENT IN OCTOBER

Premier lists and posters will soon be out for the big Klamath County fair, which is to be held at the Kilgore Lane early in October, according to announcement of members of the Klamath County Fair Board.

At a recent meeting of this board, Fred Peterson of Merrill was elected chairman, F. W. Sexton of Klamath Falls secretary, and Ross Sutton of Dairy treasurer.

One of the interesting features of the fair as now being planned is a tractor demonstration, at which the various machines which are now used in the county, will participate. During the last few months farm tractors have been purchased in ever increasing quantities by the ranchers of the county, and it is expected that the tests which will be made at this time will be a great drawing card.

There are also to be a number of horse races if the present plans of the board materialize, and a field meet at which athletic contests of all kinds will be staged.

Nearly all of these features are something out of the ordinary for this district, and will arouse wide interest.

The County Fair Board has appointed a large number of assistants, who will take charge of different parts of the work, and it is expected that preparations will go ahead rapidly from this time on.

BARN DANCE NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT.

Next Saturday night there will be given an old fashioned barn dance at the Louis Schmitz ranch, formerly known as the Sisters' farm, on the Midland road. Unusual preparations are being made for it and it is anticipated that those attending will spend a most enjoyable evening. The dance is given prior to the filling of the barn with hay. It is an annual affair and has always been much enjoyed. The floor was constructed especially for dancing and is said to be the finest in the county. The jazz orchestra has been engaged for the occasion.

PEACE TERMS TO BE SIGNED ON THURSDAY

Wilson Prepares to Start for America

CLEMENCEAU TO QUIT

German Delegated to Sign the Terms Resigns His Office Rather Than Affix his Signature to the Document. Work has been Resumed on Treaty with Austria.

Dateless Dispatch by Associated Press.—The signing of the Peace treaty with Germany probably will take place on Thursday. There is some doubt as to the date, because of the lack of word from Germany regarding her new representation at Versailles. Haniel Von Haimhausen who was named plenipotentiary to sign the treaty, has telegraphed his resignation to Weimar rather than attach his name to the document. President Wilson has ordered the steamer George Washington in readiness at Brest for his departure, but will remain until the Treaty is signed.

Work on Austrian treaty was resumed by representatives of the great powers in Paris today.

PARIS, June 24.—Premier Clemenceau has expressed intention to resign as soon as the Peace Treaty is promulgated, feeling that he has accomplished the task for which he assumed the premiership, says the "Echo de Paris". It is expected Parliament will ratify the treaty late in July.

ARMY DRIVE STARTED AT FORT

The Salvation Army drive in the Fort Klamath district was started off with a will by C. H. Underwood, Fred M. Houston, Austin Hayden, Horace M. Manning and the Peerless Orchestra, who drove to the Fort in cars last night. The speech of the evening was given by Mr. Manning, before a large gathering of Fort Klamath citizens.

After the business of the evening was over the company danced until early this morning, when the Klamath people returned home, with the feeling that the meeting had been a success, if enthusiast counts for anything.

POE VALLEY FLUME IS DOWN

HEAVY WIND OF SATURDAY AFTERNOON DESTROYED VIADUCT THAT CARRIES WATER ACROSS LOST RIVER

The big flume that carries the water for the irrigation of Poe valley across Lost River, near Olene, was blown Saturday afternoon, resulting in its almost complete destruction. Work was immediately started by the Reclamation Service to replace it temporarily so as to save the crops of the valley this year. It is believed that this can be done.

CONSTRUCTION HEAD HERE

H. B. Warren, vice president of the Warren Construction company, is here from Portland on business connected with the proposed paving that Klamath Falls is to do in the near future.

AIRMEN KILLED

MINEOLA, N. Y. June 24.—Lieut. Shelly M. Watson and M. Reland, a civilian mechanic were killed at Rye Beach today by the fall of their airplane.