

JEALOUSY NO DOUBT CAUSE OF TRAGEDY

Officer Tells of Butler Being Invited to Ride That Ended in His Death

San Antonio, Texas, July 22.—Colonel J. A. Gaston was instructed by the southern department of the army today to go to Alpine from his headquarters at Marfa to investigate the shooting of Col. M. C. Butler.

Gaston will decide whether Butler was killed in "the line of duty," which will determine whether his widow will get a pension. If Butler is shown to have had a moral right to be with Mrs. Spannell, he will be considered to have been shot while in "the line of duty."

Col. Butler was sitting with other officers, citizens and me in front of the hotel about 8:45 p. m., July 20, when Mr. and Mrs. Spannell drove up in their car, Spannell called Col. Butler to the car, reached back and opened the rear door and asked Col. Butler to take the seat with Mrs. Spannell. Col. Butler did so and Spannell immediately drove off around the corner of the hotel.

After the car had proceeded about 600 yards into the residence district, Spannell shot and killed both Col. Butler and Mrs. Spannell, firing several shots into each. He then walked to the jail and surrendered to the sheriff.

Just how the killing was done cannot be positively stated as there are no witnesses. Col. and Mrs. Butler lived at the Hotel Holland and both associated freely with Mr. and Mrs. Spannell. Both couples took frequent drives in the Spannell's car in the evening.

Spannell still silent. Alpine, Texas, July 22.—Harry J. Spannell, who shot and killed his wife and lieutenant, Col. M. C. Butler here late Thursday, has been spirited away from Alpine to protect him from possible mob violence, it was learned early today. It is believed he was taken to Marfa, thirty miles west of here.

Up to a late hour last night Spannell had consistently refused to give any explanation of the shooting. He broke down shortly before he was removed from the local jail, bemoaning what he termed his "madness" but he would not tell what had transpired in the automobile immediately preceding the alleged murder.

Persons near the scene said they heard Mrs. Spannell begging her husband not to shoot her after Butler had been shot down. This was the only new detail added to the mystery. Mrs. Spannell's funeral will be held at the family residence here today. After a military funeral cortege Butler's body was sent to Washington yesterday to be buried in Arlington national cemetery. His widow accompanied the body.

Taken to El Paso. El Paso, Texas, July 22.—Apparently dazed and frightened, Harry J. Spannell, charged with the murder of his wife and lieutenant, Col. M. C. Butler at Alpine, was brought here today by Sheriff Walton of Brewster county. Spannell still refuses to discuss his reasons for shooting Butler after inviting him on an automobile ride. Spannell was driven in an automobile to the El Paso county jail. Sheriff Walton was accompanied by two armed guards who were handcuffed to Spannell on either side. Walton intimated that Spannell would be held here until feeling over the shooting subsided in Alpine.

Wants Autos to Bear Heaviest Cost of Roads

Resolutions

C. C. Chapman, publisher of the Oregon Voter, at Portland, is submitting the following resolution for the consideration of Granges, Farmers' Unions and Commercial clubs:

Whereas, the wear on Oregon roads is caused principally by automobile traffic, and Whereas, the improvement of through highways is of direct benefit to automobile owners, in saving time and other expense, and Whereas, automobile owners as a class are liberally disposed toward road improvement and will endure an increase of auto license fees if the proceeds are to be expended by the state for permanent improvement of through roads, therefore be it

Resolved, that we recommend to the 1917 General Assembly of the state of Oregon the enactment of such legislation as will bring an increased revenue from automobile license fees, same to be the basis for providing interest and sinking-fund payments for bond issues for permanent highway improvement by the state.

Spring Valley (Capital Journal Special Service.) Spring Valley, Ore., July 22.—Miss Moore, of Portland, is the guest of Mrs. Fred Purvine.

Mrs. French has returned to her home in Salem, after a fortnight's visit with her son, James French, and family. Mrs. John Phillips is visiting in Portland with relatives.

Misses Esther and Eva Newberry are spending a few weeks in Portland. Mrs. Alice Simpson, of Lincoln, was a week-end visitor with her daughter, Mrs. W. N. Crawford.

Mrs. Daniel Crawford went to Oregon City Monday, returning home Thursday. Byron Cornelius, of Astoria, is at Taylor's helping with the harvest work. The annual meeting of the baby band of the Baptist missionary society, being postponed from June to July, was held Wednesday at the school house grounds, a number of guests being present, besides the members.

Only a short business meeting was held, the remainder of the time being devoted to the children, who favored those present with an enjoyable program. Games were played and the all gathered in the cool basement of the school house, where a long table was spread, decorated with beautiful flowers, ice cream, cake, lemonade, nuts and candies were served.

The affair was in charge of Mrs. Roland Stafford, the president of the baby band. Clovayne Matthews, of Silverton, is enjoying a few weeks here with her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Matthews.

Woodland Team Is No Longer Member of Inter-City League

Camas, Wash., late yesterday afternoon took over the franchise of the Woodland team of the Inter-City Baseball league.

No longer will the clubs of the Inter-City circuit have an oasis where they can rest up and doctor up their wounds. The deal has been brewing for the past fortnight, although President Fred Norman Bay, of the semi-professional organization, has kept it to himself. Late yesterday afternoon Manager Archibald Blair, of Camas; Owner E. E. Dale, of Woodland, and President Bay held a secret conference in the latter's office, 270 Fourth street, upon the conclusion of which it was announced that the franchise officially had been transferred.

Manager Blair, of Camas, was offered all of the players belonging to Woodland, but accepted only the sensational young deaf mute chucker, Louie Kotula. Other clubs sign players. Following are the players, who were the property of Woodland, who were declared free agents late yesterday afternoon by President Bay: Pitcher, Griffith; catcher, "Speck" Brackett; infielders, Bateman, Porter Yett, Conrad Nelson, Fred Garner; outfielders, Shoots, "Wiggy" Phillips, Erickson and Harry Geare.

Deals already have been completed whereby Bateman goes to the Mountsilla Wildcats, Nelson to Woodburn, Shoots to the Baby Beavers and Yett and Garner to the Bradfords. The rest of the tossers are at liberty to sign with whom they please. President E. E. Dale, of the former Woodland club, who owns the franchise, will remain as president of the Camas aggregation and is still the owner of the club. Archie Blair, star shortstop of Camas, will be the leader of the new club.

Playing the best amateur teams in Portland and vicinity, the Camas team has won 12 and lost but one game this season. With Kotula added to its staff, the team should be a hard one to down and will endeavor to get off to a good start by walloping the Kirkpatrick Stars tomorrow.

Following is the Inter-City league schedule for tomorrow afternoon: Beavers v. Woodburn at Vaughn street; Kirkpatrick at Camas; Bradfords at Salem; Mountsilla at St. Helens.

Clarence Mikelson, catcher; Irving Niles, third base; Hughie McKenna, shortstop, and Chet Brooks, outfielder, were signed by Mountsilla, and will play with that club at St. Helens tomorrow. Niles will take the place of Howard Nielsen, who will play with the Crane company nine of the Commercial league on its picnic. McKenna will fill the shoes of Llewellyn Pritchard, who cut the top off one of his fingers this week. Mikelson will catch in the place of Johnny Newman, who is at the beach.

Standardization Key To Motor Car Success. "Standardization is the basis of all great success in the motor car industry," said Mr. Halvorsen, Maxwell distributor, in discussing the remarkable price reduction announced this month by the Maxwell Motor company.

"The manufacturer today who wants to produce the very best quality, the utmost in service and quality for a certain price must standardize every possible process of the work. There must be exact precision of workmanship, standards of quality must be maintained to the highest degree.

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THE CHERRIANS WILL MAKE GREAT SHOWING

Arrange for Excursion to Marshfield, and Everybody's Going

The Cherrians are to have a real bon-oi-to-goodness revival in spirit. At the meeting last evening, called to consider the Marshfield excursion, the feeling was manifest. King Bing Deekbeach said he was not especially proud of his cohorts, known as the liveliest boosters in the valley had made such a poor showing Cherry fair day.

Charles L. Dick, one of the exhorters for a new spirit, wanted to know if the Cherrians were dead or just sleeping. For the great baby parade on Cherry fair day, all he could muster as guards for the baby parade was eight Cherrians out of the hundred or more in the city.

"I think a lot of ginger is necessary," said Mr. Dick. "Let's get busy and have a great picnic at Marshfield and advertise it."

Hal D. Patton, another exhorter for more ginger and get-up among the Cherrians, thought the members should show more interest in everything. "Let's make this excursion a howling success, or just quit," he said.

Some Preliminaries. With these few preliminary remarks tending to arouse the spirit of the members, everybody at once showed a wonderful revival of the days when the Cherrians did things. The excursion to Marshfield is not only to be a Cherrian excursion, but the spirit was present to make it one of the biggest events of the year. With other excursionists at Marshfield, it was evident that Salem would have to make a big showing. With the governor and his party, there was a feeling that Salem should be well represented and do things up right during the one day and two nights spent at Marshfield.

Leave Friday, August 25. The excursion to Marshfield will leave Salem Friday morning, August 25, about 9 o'clock, stopping at Dallas 15 minutes, Independence 15 minutes, Corvallis 15 minutes and Eugene 30 minutes. The special will arrive in Marshfield Friday evening about 6 o'clock. The return will be made by the main line, leaving Marshfield Sunday morning, giving the excursionists the benefit of two daylight trips through the wonderful scenic country between Coos Bay and Eugene.

The Marshfield Commercial club promises the excursionists things to eat about like this: clams, crabs, razor clams, rock oysters, mussels, halibut, ling cod, tom cod, red snapper, sturgeon, salmon and whale. The club also proposes to do the right thing in entertaining the governor and Cherrians on their first visit to the Coos Bay country.

From now on, with the prospects of the big three day excursion and the picnic at the fair grounds, with the going-up meeting of last evening, the spirit has been expressed that Chas. L. Dick will not feel called on to ask whether the Cherrians are dead or sleeping. Beginning next Wednesday evening, regular drills will be held to bring the organization once more into shape for a public appearance.

Committees are already working and the indications are that the Cherrians will properly represent the Capital City on Marshfield day, August 26.

VALLEY LOOP FROM PORTLAND TO SALEM

Club Takes Steps to Perfect This—Other Work of the Board

The Dallas and McMinnville Commercial clubs will be asked to confer with the Commercial club of Salem regarding the proper way to advertise the proposed valley loop from Portland to Salem and return. Benjamin Brick, director of the publicity department, was instructed at the meeting of the board of directors last evening to ask members of these clubs to come to Salem and discuss the matter.

A hearing of the rate between Coos Bay points and Eugene will be held at Eugene July 27, and in order that the club might be represented, a committee was appointed consisting of C. K. Spaulding, Charles H. Fisher, Charles V. Galloway and T. B. Kay. The hearing will be held for the purpose of discussing with the Southern Pacific rates from the Coos Bay country to Salem and Portland and is of such interest to shippers from this city.

The Rev. James Elvin presented a plan for a Salem Summer festival as part of the regular Salem Chautauquus. The proposal was referred to a committee consisting of D. I. Howard, Theodore Roth and Charles V. Galloway.

The board instructed the payment of \$42 to F. A. Sutton, caretaker of the fair grounds camping grounds. Hereafter, all expenses of maintaining the grounds will be paid by the state fair board. The directors agreed to pay one-half the expense of erecting signs on all the leading roads into Salem, provided the state fair board would maintain the grounds.

John Siegmund, T. K. Ford and Dr. H. W. Walton renewed their memberships in the Commercial club and the following new members were received: H. W. Reinhardt, W. R. Cline, C. A. Eldridge, C. M. Wilcox applied for membership in the agricultural department.

At the September meeting of the Commercial club, the seven directors will each present a program of activities for the coming year.

Bathing Beach Will Be Opened Wednesday. Since so many men and women responded to the call to clean up the park and bathing beach yesterday afternoon, everything is in readiness for the great opening evening, next Wednesday, July 26.

The opening of the beach will be something in the way of a city affair in which everybody will be invited to come and see what a fine park and beach has been prepared for everybody, through the efforts of the civic department of the Commercial Club.

Besides the four swimming contests, in which bathing suits are offered as prizes by the Meyers department store, the canoe club will take part, and last but not least, will be the first appearance of the many styles of the 1916 bathing suits which have been rather sub rosa lately on account of the chilly weather.

THE MARKETS

The following prices for fruits and vegetables are those asked by the wholesaler of the retailer, and not what is paid to the producer. All other prices are those paid the producer. Corrections are made daily.

New hay will not be on the market for a week or two. The recent rains did considerable damage and even when it is baled and put in marketable condition, the price will vary considerably. This is the opinion of one of the oldest commission men in the city. Hay cut within the last few days is up to standard, but it will be two weeks before this is baled and put on the market. Until then, there will hardly be any established hay market.

Table with columns for Wheat, Oats, Rolled barley, Corn, Cracked corn, Bran, Shorts, per ton, Alfalfa, California, ton, Butter, Eggs and Poultry, Pork, Veal and Mutton, Vegetables, and Cabbage.

Table for BASEBALL AT GERVAIS, listing game details and scores.

Table for THE MARKETS, listing prices for various commodities like Flour, Hard wheat, Flour, valley, etc.

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Plenty of Amusements On Tap for Next Week

There is no need of feeling lonesome about sun down next week, at least not on the evenings of the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth days of the week. The schedule for those four evenings is about as follows:

Monday evening, Salem Floral Society picnic at the fair grounds. If not already a member, send 25 cents to the president, J. W. Maroney, get in line and attend the picnic.

Tuesday evening: Band concert at Willson park and at the same time, on Court street, the dance given by the Salem Patriotic League. It costs nothing to listen but the dance is one jitney per member.

Wednesday evening: Grand opening at the beach. There will be swimming contests, plenty of new bathing suits, and the Salem Canoe club will mobilize, all for the benefit of everybody.

Thursday night: Cherrian dinner and dance at the Fair Grounds to which everybody is invited, whether they eat or dance. The dancing is on the jitney plan.

Friday evening: The Wisconsin association will hold its annual picnic at the fair grounds. If not a member of the Wisconsin crowd, a slight acquaintance will entitle one to attend.

ceasing trip so far, encountering bad roads only through the mountains where much mud and rain hampered his way.

C. S. Piper, of the firm of Scott & Piper, local distributors of the Harley-Davidson and Cleveland motorcycles, returned last night from a three days' trip through the valley on a Cleveland lightweight.

He reports the roads between Albany and Portland in first class condition excepting two or three places where grading is being done. He says his trip was very successful both from pleasure and business standpoints.

Tuberculosis among the miners in the South Africa gold fields has been reduced by the use of electricity for light.

Advertisement for Harley Davidson motorcycles, featuring an image of a motorcycle and the text 'The Big Powerful, Silent Gray Fellow' and 'Harley Davidson'.

Advertisement for AUTO LAMPS, ALL SIZES SEE LOCKWOOD, 216 N. Commercial St.

Advertisement for GRAIN BAGS FIRMER, Portland, Ore., July 22.—The grain bag market is becoming more active and at the same time appears to be gaining in strength.

Advertisement for Gool Buys In Real Estate, Five acres of good soil all under cultivation, new house, family orchard, good road, 5 miles from Salem; good back soil. Price \$1,000.

Advertisement for SOME TOUR, Rather a unique trip is being made by Mr. S. H. Brunner, of Los Angeles, Cal., who passed through Salem yesterday riding a Cleveland lightweight motorcycle.

Advertisement for W. H. Grabenhorst & Co., 275 STATE STREET.