

SHOT INTO FLEEING AUTO BRINGS SERGEANT REPRIMAND

Commission Dismisses Proceedings Against Police Officer but Finds He Lacked Judgment and Discretion.

A severe reprimand by the mayor and the chief of police will be the punishment imposed upon Sergeant of Police D. T. McElliott for his "lack of judgment and discretion" in firing into an automobile driven by L. S. Broxson January 27, 1921. With this recommendation, two members of the police commission filed with the city council Tuesday night a report on McElliott's trial in which the charges preferred by Broxson and Ralph Chilson were dismissed.

Officers William Murray and Ernest Goings, charged jointly with Sergeant McElliott, were exonerated by the commission because of their having been under the direction and control of a superior officer when the act complained of was committed. The commission found that it was not conducive to good service to punish officers for obeying a superior officer.

Justified in Stopping Car

"As to Sergeant D. T. McElliott," read the report in part, "we hold, find and decide that while in the discharge of his duty and acting upon a most reasonable assumption that a crime was about to be committed, he did attempt to prevent such crime and stop the automobile of the complainants. That the facts before him and the conduct of the complainants was such as to justify him in stopping them. We, therefore, hold that the complaint as to him should also be dismissed. We do find, however, that his handling of the situation and the manner in which he made the arrest was such as to indicate lack of judgement and discretion upon his part and under such manner and under such circumstances as to entitle him to severe reprimand.

"A police officer should always be entitled to prevent crime as well as to arrest for the commission of crime, but in the present case he should use care and discretion and should not unnecessarily jeopardize life and property and we cannot permit such conduct to pass without criticism.

"We recommend that the entire proceeding be dismissed and the officers returned to their respective beats and positions and that Sergeant D. T. McElliott be given a severe reprimand by the chief of police and mayor."

"J. S. Kirwan."
"F. R. Vandeputte."

Mayor Louis Newman stated that the report had been handed to him with the request that he obtain the signature of W. F. O'Leary, the other member of the commission, but that he has no opportunity to see him. He was sure, he said, that Mr. O'Leary had concurred in the report filed by Mr. Van de Putte and Mr. Kirwan and that he would sign when the opportunity offered. The council took no action beyond that of ordering the report filed.

The charge under which the officers were accused was that of firing into the Broxson car as it approached the Sun River bridge, three miles west of Great Falls. The police had been notified that a stolen car was en route to Great Falls from Helena and the officers went to the bridge to intercept it if possible. Leaving their own car as a block to traffic on the bridge, the officers attempted to signal the Broxson car to a stop when it approached. It was alleged that the car did not stop, and Sergeant McElliott admitted firing into the machine at about the time it passed him.

Bullet Hits Wheel.

Marks on the car indicated that the bullet entered just above the right rear door, passed between Broxson and Chilson as they were sitting in the front seat, struck the steering wheel near Broxson's hand and passed out through the curtain at his left. The Broxson car was damaged in striking the bridge railing as the driver attempted to pass the police car. Broxson and Chilson both testified that they had been in the country on a repair job for their firm when they were stopped by the police. They were both under the influence of liquor and had several bottles of moonshine in their car, according to the officers. No arrests were made and no liquor was seized.

Commenting on the report, Mayor Louis Newman said he did not doubt that Sergeant McElliott made a mistake, but that his principal mistake was evident in his marksmanship. He believed that the sergeant should have fired either higher or lower for a moral effect, but that he should not have fired into the car. The mayor said it must be remembered that the officer was trying to do his duty, and that so long as this was the case he must have encouragement. He did not believe that the city would have full support or protection if the police were not supported. He agreed with the report, but thought that the reprimand recommended would be sufficient punishment for the sergeant.

Mayor Warns Against Speeders.

Mayor Newman closed his tenure as the presiding officer of the council by again urging enforcement of the speed ordinance, which he declared is being defied in reality by cars which travel too fast and in spirit by drivers who do not drive fast enough in the business district. He believed that if the present ordinance does not prevent drivers from giving their machines "the slow test" in the business district when traffic is heavy, it should be amended to cover the fault. It is no pleasant experience, said the mayor, for a string of cars to be compelled to follow one machine that insists on slowing down to three or four miles per hour.

"I have noticed," he continued, "that a number of Great Falls drivers are exceeding the speed limit again, but it may be because they feel that a new and better day is coming." Mr. Newman turned towards Mayor-elect R. M. Armour, a visitor at the session, as he made the remark, and there was a general laugh. The mayor said he was in receipt of a Los Angeles clipping in which it was shown that 27 people were killed and 600 injured in automobile accidents in the city last month.

Tourist Camp Funds Asked.

President W. A. Bertke of the Commercial club, submitted to the council a request for the city's participation to the extent of \$285 in the completion of the tourist camp, located on the east bank of the Missouri river, between First avenue north and the Great Northern passenger station. Mr. Bertke said that last year 9800 was ex-

pendent in securing a part of the needed equipment for the camp, but that there are now \$561 in outstanding bills and that \$208 more is needed to complete the work. An amount equal to that asked of the city will be furnished by the park board and the commercial club, he said. The request was referred to the public improvement committee and a report will be filed next week.

President Bertke said that with the few improvements now needed in place, Great Falls would have the best tourist camp in the state. He gave a complete description of the work done last year and that contemplated for this spring. It is the intention of his company, Mr. Bertke continued, to lay gas mains to the camp free of charge and if permission can be obtained from the public service commission, to make no charge for gas used by tourists, at least, for the first year.

Sidewalk is Voted.

On recommendation of the public improvement committee, the council voted to install concrete walk and curbing on the west side of Twentieth street between Sixth and Eighth avenues, north, lots seven and eight, blocks 117 and 147; on the west side of Twenty-second street between Sixth and Eighth avenues north, lots six and eight, blocks 115 and 149; on both sides of Second avenue, southwest, between Third and Fifth streets, lots one to seven, block 570, lots one to five, block 571, lots eight to 13, block 572, lots eight to 14, block 573.

City Engineer L. B. Evensen's recommendation that 31,500 feet of lumber be purchased for walks, curbing and crossings was referred to the public improvement committee. This committee will report next week on the petition of property owners for a paving district in the alley through block 187. Another block will be probably included in the petition next week, according to Alderman G. T. Boyd.

A six months' leave of absence was voted to Lieutenant Harry Boucher of the fire department, who asked permission to spend this period in the interest of his personal affairs. His petition stated that he would consider himself subject to call at any time in case of emergency. Sanitary Police-
man William Shea was instructed to take prompt action in eliminating an alleged nuisance complained of by property owners who live in the vicinity of a stable maintained by the contracting firm of Nilson & Smith. A verbal complaint was made to the effect that a barn zone was created for the accommodation of this firm, but that horses have since been kept at a location which was once ordered abandoned.

Adjournment was taken until next Monday night, when the old council will meet, turn the reins over to the incoming administration, and retire.

(Advertisements)

DELTA LODGE, NO. 128
A. F. & A. M., this evening at 7:30.
CHAS. DAVIDSON, W. M.

NOTICE
Royal Neighbors are requested to attend the funeral of Miss Ruth Wall which will be held at the home, 1911 Sixth avenue north, at 2 o'clock and at the Swedish Lutheran church, Second avenue and Eighth street north, at 2:30 o'clock.

WANTED
Young man to help in grocery department. Valley Market.

CARD PARTY
Silver Leaf Circle, No. 35, will give a card party Wednesday evening, April 27, at 8:30, K. of P. hall. Admission, 50c. Regular lodge meeting at 7 o'clock. Election of delegates.

CARD OF THANKS
I wish to extend my thanks and gratitude to the friends of my brother, Charles W. Beery, and especially the Elks, for their kindness and sympathy during his illness and death.
GEORGE BEERY.

COMBINATION SALE
Great Falls Livery Barn, Saturday, April 30. List your stuff by Thursday.

MACCABEES NOTICE
Officers, guards and members will meet this afternoon at 2:30 at K. of P. hall to drill.

ELECTRIC CAMP, R. N. OF A.
Meeting tonight, Doswald's hall.

I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by anyone but myself.
F. M. PINKERTON.

DANCE AT ULM, SAT., APR. 30.

BARKMEYER GRAIN & SEED CO.
Retail store, 15 Third street south. Ever-bearing strawberry plants.

HARD TIMES DANCE
Electric Camp, R. N. of A. will give a "Hard Times" dance, Wednesday, April 27, at Lyceum hall, 9 o'clock. Tickets, 25 cents.

SUDDEN SERVICE
Red Boot Shoe Shop, 10 Third street south.
E. K. C. FOSTER.

SEEDS! SEEDS!
Field and garden; highest germination. Graham & Ross.

Fone **STRAITON'S ORCHESTRA** 9625
Mattresses remade; clean, new cover. Prices, \$0.75, \$7.75, \$8.75. Great Falls Mattress Co., Telephone 9675.

PRIVATE AND BUSINESS HOUSES
Will clean your painted walls to look like new. The Wall Cleaner, Citadell Hotel. Phone 6961.

Phone 9767. Garbage and ashes removed on short notice.—Adv.

ROUNDUP AND CARBON COAL
Weideman Coal & Feed. Phone 4619.

AUTOMOBILE TOPS
Recovered and repaired. GREAT FALLS UPHOLSTERING CO., 825 Central avenue.

Now for a Whirlwind Finish

Of the Big New Customer Drive—Extra Economies, Extra New Merchandise, and New Lower Prices than Any Other Store In the State



—Four days of unexcelled value giving, on all fresh new merchandise of the highest quality; four days of real economy for those who will visit this busy store and partake of the unusual offerings that will be featured in all departments.

—Although many requests have come to us asking that we continue the "New Customer Drive" we have attained more than the allotted quota of new customers and will positively close the big drive Saturday at 6 p. m. Buy now and save.



Men's Shirt Sale

50 Dozen Just Received, on Sale Today



\$1.50

Similar Shirts Sold Last Year for \$3.00 and \$5.50

- Shown in the same fine qualities that were offered by The Paris a while back.
- New Shipment that just arrived as this goes to press and will be shown first time today.
- We have had many inquiries about these shirts and we know that all men will be glad to learn that this new shipment is here. There are smart patterns in percales and printed madras of the different stripes and colors.
- The good shirts come from a big manufacturer who specializes on the better grade of men's shirts, and in order for us to get the lowest concessions we have to buy them in large quantities.
- Men, you will be pleased with these shirts, and this store vouches for the quality of every one.

Sale! of Smart Suits

Big New York Shipment of Import Copies of the Most Beautiful Designs Imaginable

\$49.50

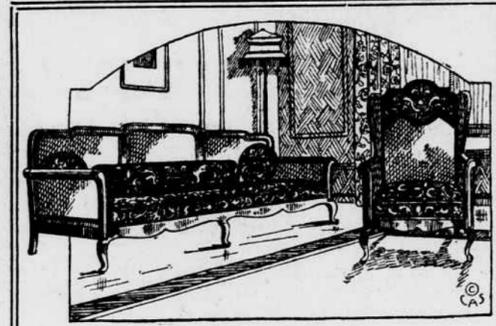
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Special Saving of 33 1-3 per cent to 60 per cent

Suits in Tricotine and Twills richly embroidered or tailored.



- Strikingly exclusive and original in designing are the main features of these high grade models and one may choose from an assortment large enough and varied enough with styles to meet every requirement.
- This group consists of Poiret Twills, Tricotines, Piquetine, and French serge. These models portray the latest fashions, representing copies of real import designs. Notable among these are the panel back, Eton jackets, separate vestes, boxy coats, embroidered effects and beaded suits of the highest character and finest material.
- This is your opportunity to satisfy that desire for a new spring suit that is both distinctive and exclusive. We pronounce these the most wonderful suit values we have offered this season, and at least for the past five years.



Home Craft Week

—Featuring brilliant displays of draperies, cretonnes and home furnishings at remarkable savings.

- CURTAIN GOODS 59c**
Regular Selling Price 85c
—Grenadine, Scotch madras, marquisettes, etc. There practically every color scheme is represented in the group.
- NEW SCRIMS, SPECIAL 15c**
—Pretty cheery scrims in ecru and white, with open work borders. For bedrooms, boudoir or attic and they are extra low priced.
- LOVELY CRETONNES, SPECIAL 39c**
—You can hardly plan on decorating your home without beautiful cretonnes. We have selected a group of cretonnes of many flowered and figured patterns which are offered at remarkably low prices. They are also ideal for making the cretonne aprons.
- HEAVY SCRIMS, SPECIAL 19c**
—Here is a good assortment of scrim in plain centers, with band border or dainty fancy figured designs of blue, rose, yellow.
- SCOTCH MADRAS, SPECIAL 59c**
—These beautiful curtain materials are very popular for the cozy bedroom or boudoir; dots and figures and open mesh.
- FINE QUALITY DOUBLE THREAD MARQUISSETTE, SPECIAL 35c**
—Very strong and durable and a nice mercerized finish. For hotels, rooming houses, bed rooms or any room where long service is required at a modest price, this marquisette should have a strong appeal.
- TERRY CLOTH IN MANY NEW EFFECTS \$1.25**
—The use of this cloth for side drapes produce a wonderful soft effect. This material is reversible, having a different color scheme on both sides, making two sets of draperies in one.
- TUSCON NETS**
For Window Curtains and Bed Spreads
—These nets were created to meet the demand for a virile drapery and make charming curtains for bungalows; they are also being used for delightful bed spreads.
—Material that has been long sought, for just such purposes.
Yard **\$1.50 TO \$1.75**



Footwear

- Offered at big saving advantage to you, oxfords, pumps, ties and straps, all smart new models.
- SOFT MAT KID PUMPS**
One lot of fine soft mat kid pumps, flexible turn soles, beaded buckle over instep, former \$12.50 values. Special for Month-end sale **\$8.50**
- BROGUE PATTERN OXFORDS**
One lot of dark brown calf oxfords; some brogue patterns, some plain; former values to \$14; special for Month-end sale **\$8.50**
- KID AND SATIN PUMPS**
One lot of black kid and black satin one strap pumps, short-amp model, very high arch last, French heels; former values \$11.00. Special for Month-end sale **\$7.50**
- MILITARY HEEL PUMPS**
One lot of military heel pumps and one eye-let ties in patent and black kid; some baby Louis heels in this lot regardless of former price **\$7.50**
- BLACK KID PUMPS**
One lot of fine black kid pumps; flexible turn soles; some plain opera style; others with small tongues; former \$11.00 values; special for Month-end sale **\$6.50**
- COUSINS' THEO TIES**
One lot Cousins' Theo Ties, in brown kid, black kid, brown suede and patent kid; some welted soles, some hand turn; all French heels; former values up to \$18.00. Special for Month-end sale, at **\$12.00**
- CUT OUT STRAP SLIPPERS**
One lot of cut out strap slippers in brown and black suede, very newest pattern, sizes somewhat broken; former values up to \$12.50. Special **\$10.00**
Month-end sale
- COUSINS' PATENT KID PUMPS**
One lot of Cousins' mat kid and patent kid Pumps, welt and turn soles; former \$15.00 values, special for Month-end sale **\$9.00**
- ONE EYELET NEW TIES**
Black kid, brown kid, and patent kid; welt or turn soles; some all leather Louis, some covered Louis heels, very practical, can be converted into strap effects; former \$14.00 values; special for Month-end sale **\$9.00**



Month End Silk Sale

- Which presents some attractive values for a whirlwind finish to the Big New Customer Drive.
- 40 INCH BLACK CHIFFON VELVET \$4.95 YARD.**
—In a beautiful, lustrous and soft pile—splendid for the Tuxedo Sport Coats.
- BLACK SILK MESSALINE \$1.45**
—All silk in a soft supple finish of a brilliant black. Full yard wide and very popular this season.
- HEAVY SILK PONGEE \$1.95**
Correct Fabric for Men's Shirts. Import quality that is all silk and free from dressing.
- COLORED CHIFFON TAFFETA \$1.89**
—Rich brilliant tones that are favored for the smarter frocks. Navy, brown, rose, gray, Belgian and midnight blue, 36 inch.
- HIGH LUSTRE SATIN \$2.20**
—Full yard wide and a very unusual value and an excellent quality of material, shown in black only.
—Big stock of fine dress woollens below current markings, which is proof that a little money goes a long way at The Paris.
- FINE FRENCH SERGE \$1.98**
—54 inches wide, thoroughly sponged and shrunk, 100% wool. Has been selling regularly for \$2.75 yard.
- SEAL BROWN TRICOTINE \$3.75**
—An extra fine quality of tricotine, one of our regular numbers that has been awarded unusual favor.
- WOOL VELOUR PLAIDS \$3.95**
—Twenty-one smart patterns to choose from. These are the \$6.00 and \$7.00 qualities.
- VELOUR CHECKED SUITINGS \$2.65**
—Medium size checks and shown in tan with black, sapphire with black, and black with white.
- MIXED WOOL TWEEDS \$1.89**
—A sound cloth for outdoor wear. Especially good for boys apparel; is fully 58 inches wide.
- CHIFFON BROADCLOTH \$3.65**
—Our best grade of this favored cloth for tailored suits or sport skirts. Shown in black and midnite.