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"CUCKOO" IN COURT

Trial of Andrew Bilant for Murder of 'Hobo Dave' Fixed for Next Monday.

HE'S A SORRY SPECTACLE

'Cuckoo' Lay in a Heap in His Chair While Case Was Disposed of. Forger Pleads Guilty.

Too sick to walk to the court house, "Cuckoo" Bilant was taken there on a dray last Tuesday morning when court convened for the February term, to have the date of his trial set by Judge Henry Davidson. He has wasted away as a result of his refusal to eat and, as one of the officers said in case he shall be hanged for the murder of "Hobo Dave" Davidson, he will have to be weighted in order to be swung off. Bilant was roughly clothed. He wore a pair of blue overalls and an old coat and vest. He took little interest in the progress of his case and after he had faced the judge he leaned over in his chair as if too weak to sit up. When the case was called "Cuckoo" reiterated his old time state-



ANDREW BILANT.
Better known as "Cuckoo," who is to be tried next week for the murder of "Hobo Dave" Davidson.

ment, "Me no kill 'Hobo Dave.'" Judge Henry fixed the time for the trial for next Monday afternoon at 1:30. "Cuckoo's" attorney, George W. Pierson, then stated to the court that the respondent had been sick and that if his condition continued the same to the time set for trial he would at that time ask for a continuance of the case. "Cuckoo" remained in court during much of the time that the calendar was being read through by Judge Henry and endeavored to show the court that he was very bad off, physically, by lying in a heap in his chair until Sheriff Gebu took him back to the jail, loading him again upon a dray for the journey to the lock-up.

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OPPOSITE CARBON COUNTY BANK

The officers still think that "Cuckoo" is putting on a good deal and is playing the sympathy racket strong. Last Friday night it was thought Bilant was going to cheat the ends of



"CUCKOO," As he appeared when first locked up to await trial on the charge of murdering "Hobo Dave" Davidson.

justice by shuffling off this mortal coil. About 9 o'clock in the evening he was taken with a bad spell and Sheriff Potter and the jail physician were speedily summoned. "Cuckoo" was found in a semi-conscious state in his cell. He had again refused food all day and had brought upon himself a complete condition of collapse, bordering upon congestion of the brain. There was a consultation of physicians and attorneys and it was announced that "Cuckoo" could not live until morning. In the morning, however, he was better. Saturday the sheriff had some difficulty in getting the prisoner to partake of any nourishment. "Cuckoo" spitting out the extracts of beef and gruels which were offered him. He seemed to think that the stuff was loaded and would repeat that he was being poisoned. However, by Sunday he was much better and Tuesday he ate quite heartily of the food that was brought to him. The accompanying half-tones of "Cuckoo" are from photographs taken soon after his arrest. They show him with a full beard. Since his incarceration in jail the barber has shaved off the prisoner's whiskers and he now wears a heavy mustache only.

SAMPSON PLEADS GUILTY.

Forger Ready to Take His Medicine Jury Drawn.
The other arraignments before the court Tuesday on criminal charges were those of Andy Sampson, who forged a check on the Carbon County bank, and James McGinnis, who appealed a charge of misdemeanor upon which he had been found guilty in justice court at Joliet. The information was read to Sampson and he pleaded guilty. Judge Henry asked the prisoner if he desired to be sentenced at once or have sentence deferred a week, to which Sampson replied that he would like to wait a week. The court fixed the 24th as date of sentence and Sampson was remanded to jail meanwhile.

When the case of McGinnis was called Judge Henry desired to know if it was an old case or a new one. Amid the smiles of the lawyers, the court was informed that the present was an entirely new case against McGinnis. Trial was set for the 26th.

Judge Henry empanelled the jury for the term as follows:
L. E. Day, F. W. Bostic, Frank Bergman, Adolph Anderson, Mat Brown, Bridger; Nicholas McNalley, Ben Hall, Josiah Griffith, Chester P. Dana, Oliver McKelvy, Charles Southworth, John Mulherin, Absarokee; John Hash, M. H. Lucas, E. A. Baldwin, Red Lodge; Andrew Rickman, George Doran, Carbon; O. S. Chilcott, James Flynn, D. O. Se-right, Rockvale; James Ingall, Roberts; Henry Buffington, Chance; Albert Hobbs, Joliet; P. R. Miller, Gebu.

TELEPHONE CASE SUBMITTED.
Testimony and Arguments in Judge Henry Takes Contention Under Adjudication.
The mandamus case of the State of Montana upon the relation of the Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company vs.

HE SHOT TWICE AT HER

Domestic Trouble Leads Samuel H. Owens of Joliet to Make Attempt Upon His Wife's Life.

URNS GUN ON HIMSELF

Tragedy Averted by Prompt Arrival of an Officer Who Finds Owens With Gun at His Head.

The marital disturbances which have existed off and on for two years between Samuel H. Owens, a ranchman residing a mile and a half south of Joliet, and his wife Sarah, came very close to ending in a double tragedy last Monday about noon, when Owens shot two bullets at his wife and then turned the weapon upon himself. But for Deputy Roger Burr it is likely Carbon county would have furnished the state with details of a tragedy not unlike the one enacted at Helena last Sunday night.

Mrs. Owens recently got out a writ of attachment for the personal effects and household property for which Owens several months ago had given her a bill of sale. When Mrs. Owens went with her two brothers to get the goods last Monday morning Owens refused her possession, whereupon the services of Roger Burr, who had served the writ before upon Owens, being deputized for that purpose by Sheriff Potter, were secured at Joliet, and accompanied by the officer Mrs. Owens and the two Bryan boys, her brothers, returned to the Owens ranch. While the deputy and the other men were busy in the yard and Mr. and Mrs. Owens were in the house the deputy heard Mrs. Owens scream. He rushed into the house and a pistol shot rang out as he entered, and a second report came as he was half way up the stairway that led to the upstairs chamber where the man and his wife were. As Burr dashed into the room he saw Mrs. Owens lying upon the floor and Owens with the revolver at his head, evidently about to pull the trigger and end his own existence, in the belief that the shots he had fired at his wife had taken effect. Burr acted quickly. He struck at the man's uplifted arm and the revolver fell to the floor from the force of the blow. Burr immediately took care of Owens and later took him to Joliet where he was kept in custody until after his hearing before Justice C. P. Oliver on Wednesday.

Mrs. Owens was found to be unhurt. She told the officer that she was in the act of taking some bedding off a bed when Owens came up the stairs. He called her name as he entered the room and when she turned he had the revolver in his hand. He did not speak further but, she says, shot twice at her. She screamed when she saw the revolver and Owens did not fire for an instant after that, which accounted for the officer's hearing the scream while outside the house, while the shots were not fired until he had reached the inside of the house and was on his way to Mrs. Owens' rescue.

The powder from one of the bullets singed the woman's hair. Owens' poor marksmanship seemed to be the only reason for his failure to end his domestic troubles with a tragedy. About two years ago Mrs. Owens began suit for divorce. The bill dragged along in court until the two made up their differences and later went to living together again. Owens claims that at that time his wife inveigled him into turning all the personal and household property over to her. After she had gotten it into her possession there was another row and about four weeks ago Mrs. Owens got out a writ of attachment for the goods and it was while taking possession of them under the writ that the shooting occurred.

Owens has some friends in his trouble. It is stated that his wife got off on a hypnotism tangent and that she has stacks of literature pertaining to the art. Owens did not like the interest manifested in the foolish craze by his wife, it is stated, and the first trouble had its origin over this. On the other hand it is claimed that the last separation from his wife had been occasioned by Owens' drinking, which he had promised to leave off when Mrs. Owens and

he took on the matrimonial burden for the second time.

Mrs. Owens has been making her home recently with her brother, Dan Bryan, four miles south of the Owens ranch. She was accompanied by this brother and a second brother, George, and by Carl Holland the day that the shooting occurred. They had two teams with them and were in the act of carrying away the household goods when Owens was taken with the mad desire to end everything with a double tragedy.

Owens was bound over on the preliminary hearing before Justice Oliver on a charge of assault in the first degree. He was brought here and lodged in jail in default of \$750 bail.

NEW STORE BUILDING.

Golden Rule Company Will Erect Business Place Across From Court House.

A deal was closed this week by which the Golden Rule company purchased the two lots on Billings avenue, across the street and south of the court house, upon which they will build this spring. The store which will be erected will be 50x125 feet in dimensions and the material used will be brick and stone. It will be built one story in height this season, but it is likely that it will be added to before very long. The work of excavation for the new building will begin early in the spring and it is expected that the new place of business will be ready for occupancy by early fall. The cost of the lots and the building to be constructed will total about \$15,000. The purchase of the real estate was made by Messrs. Fisher through J. E. Mushbach.

"Yes, we are going to show our faith in Red Lodge," said Dan Fisher, the local manager of the company, yesterday. "In the six months we have had a store here our trade has increased rapidly and has been more than we anticipated when we opened up. We think we are making no mistakes in investing in a permanent home here, and that Red Lodge is destined to be one of the prominent cities of the state, as it is now one of the best of the smaller business centers of Montana."

THINKS DAVIDSON A RELATIVE.

Sheriff Potter Receives Letter of Inquiry From Spokane.

Sheriff Potter on Monday received a letter from Spokane, Wash., inquiring about "Hobo" Dave Davidson, the man of whose murder "Cuckoo" Bilant is charged. The letter is signed "Bert Haswrouck" and reads as follows: "Sheriff, Carbon County, Mont:

"Dear sir - Having read an account in the papers recently of the killing of a man at Bridger, Mont., by the name of Dave Davidson, could you kindly let me have some information concerning this man, where he lived and what his occupation was? We have a relative by that name and think probably he was living in Montana. Any information that you can give us will be thankfully received. If possible give a general description of the man."

Sheriff Potter sent a description of the murdered man, as requested, together with such facts as he knew about him.

Sheep Industry Thriving.

C. M. McFarland, federal sheep inspector for Montana and Wyoming, reports that sheep have not suffered in Montana from the recent cold, and is emphatic in stating that the sheep industry in Montana is thriving and gives every promise of being largely increased the present year.

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