

SHOT OVER ROAD DISPUTE

Kenneth Weil and E. C. Passche Shot by "Moonshine" Smith

WOUNDS ARE NOT SERIOUS

Refusal to Stop Work on Road Cause of Shooting. Wounded Men are Brought to Glasgow.

Kenneth Weil and E. C. Passche of Oswego were brought here on Train No. 3 Wednesday night, suffering from gunshot wounds, and were taken to the Deaconess Hospital.

Both men are the victims of a rather unfortunate shooting affair that occurred south of Orwego last week, when "Moonshine" Smith took a shot at them while they were repairing a road that crossed his land.

The trouble started when Otto Smith, known in that vicinity as "Moonshine" Smith, objected to Weil and Passche laying out a road through his land. The road was being constructed under the supervision of and with funds supplied by the Commercial Club of Oswego, to enable settlers in the Prairie Elk country to have a good road to market this fall. Passche was working on the road but when Smith objected to having it where it was intended, word was sent to Oswego, asking advice.

Kenneth Weil was sent out to try to adjust the trouble but Smith was obstinate and refused to let the work continue, and when he saw that Weil was determined to go ahead with the work, he stopped them with bullets from a high power rifle. The bullets, fired but a few seconds apart, hit Weil and Passche in the left legs. It was evident that Smith did not shoot to kill but only to cripple the men from the fact that Weil was shot in the knee and Passche a trifle above the knee.

Although Smith was accompanied by one of his hired men, no attempt was made to stop him from carrying out his purpose. Neighbors hearing the shots ran to the scene and took Weil and Passche to a ranch house. Smith's hired man was then sent to Hamblin from where an automobile was dispatched to Wolf Point for a doctor, who arrived the next day and dressed the wounds. A deputy sheriff of Dawson county took Smith to Glendive.

Passche's version of the affair, as related to a Courier reporter follows:

"I had two teams and was working on the road south of Oswego. When we came to "Moonshine" Smith's place we thought we would camp there so we would be able to have water handy. I told Smith we were going to fix the road and he said that he didn't want the road fixed, but wanted it changed, because people using the road were constantly leaving gates open and cattle got into his grain.

"I didn't want any trouble so I sent word to town informing them of what Smith had said and Mr. Weil came out and tried to persuade Smith to let them fix the road, but Smith would not give in, so Weil said we should go ahead and fix the road.

"We went down there with the teams and scrapers and Smith followed us. Weil asked Smith what he thought about it and Smith said, 'By God, boys, I don't want the road there.' Weil said, 'Let me state the facts of the case to you. Any road that was not fenced before the first of March, 1915, is considered a public highway unless it has been changed by written petition.' Smith said, 'All right, go ahead, fix it up, but you will always be sorry for it.' So we went ahead and put in a culvert, and then along came Smith with his gun.

"I did not like the looks of things, so I dropped out and went up on a bank and sat down. Weil tried to handle the team and scraper alone but couldn't do it, so he asked me to help him. I went down and held the team for him and we had just filled the scraper, when "Bang, Bang," Smith winged both of us. He shot Weil first and then he got me in the left leg.

"Smith then walked back to the house. A fellow who had been helping Smith stack was along with him but he must have been too scared to interfere because Smith had a revolver on him besides the gun, and he was afraid that he might get hurt if he did anything."

Smith is married and has a family of eight children and has lived there

about three years and was known by the neighbors to be continuously packing a gun.

Both Weil and Passche are rapidly recovering from their wounds and will be able to move about on crutches in a few days.

COUNTY DIVIDERS LOSE OUT

Those who planned to have the present laws regarding county splitting placed on the ballot for referendum at the next election lacked one county to make their proposition good within the limit which expired Saturday evening.

At the close of business Saturday at the office of the Secretary of State in Helena, there were fourteen counties with petitions bearing the signatures of the requisite percentage of voters on file. Seventeen were necessary. Monday it developed that two more county petitions were at the postoffice, having been mailed in ample time from Hill and Bearhead counties. That brought the number up to within one of the required number of counties. However, the Hill County petition was not properly attested by the county clerk, so it would probably have been thrown out had there been protest. Three other petitions from Madison, Richland and Yellowstone arrived too late to be filed.

EXHIBITS FOR STATE FAIR

Secretary Moore Gathering Corn and Grain Displays.

Since the close of the Valley County Fair, Secretary Moore of the Commercial Club has been busy gathering exhibits of grain and corn to take to Helena for the State Fair. The corn display of the county will be one of the features of the fair and practically all the corn exhibited at the county fair will be taken to Helena.

There are a great many farmers in the county who have fine fields of corn who did not exhibit at the county fair and Secretary Moore wishes to get samples of their corn to take along to Helena. The corn raised in the county this year is the equal of anything raised in the state and should have no trouble in winning a large number of premiums. Every farmer who has any corn should send some in to the Commercial Club at Glasgow. Samples of Dent, Flint, Squaw and Sweet Corn are wanted, at least ten ears of each. The husks can be left on the ears as corn arranged with the husks stripped back makes a very pretty display.

Make Big Winnings

The two champion premium winners at the Valley County Fair were C. A. Collins and Z. J. Foust. Mr. Collins, with the largest one man display in the agricultural hall carried off almost \$200 in premiums and Mr. Foust's winnings on his display amounted to \$125.

The corn display of C. A. Collins was one of the best ever seen here and his prizes on this amounted to almost \$100.

Thirteen blue ribbons, three sweepstakes, four specials and one third was the extent of Mr. Foust's prizes. He won first for the best Driving Stallion and the best Single Driver, the best Jersey Boar under 2 years and the best Jersey sow under two years, the best registered boar, the best sow with litter of sucking pigs, the heaviest hog, best Tom Turkey, Best Hen Turkey, 3rd best Peck non-irrigated Turkey Red wheat, Best Peck non-irrigated Winter rye, Best display of threshed grain, best peck of wheat, any kind or variety, best peck of hull-less barley, best peck of non-irrigated Blue Stem, best peck of non-irrigated Marquis.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Martin Leonard and Mary Johnston both of Hinsdale; H. N. Kent and Anna Simpson of Hinsdale; Artie R. Johnson and Minne Hungerbolt, both of Whalen, Minnesota, Bernard J. Dahlvang of Opheim and Helen Rasmussen of Baylor.

THROWN FROM HORSE

Wayne McRea the 18 year old son of Glenn McRea, living about eight miles south of Frazer, met with a serious accident last week while riding a horse. The animal became frightened and ran away, and going through a gate, Wayne was thrown to the ground, where he was found a few hours later by his father. A doctor was called and it was found his skull was fractured. He was brought to Glasgow and is receiving treatment at the Deaconess Hospital.

PRAISE FOR CLUB'S WORK

Commercial Club Lauded for Efforts in Boosting City

GOOD RESULTS OBTAINED

Vice President W. P. Kenney of G. N. Praises Enterprise and Spirit Shown. Work Complimented.

The hospitality and enterprise shown by the business men of the city and members of the Commercial Club, on the occasion of the visit of the New York Bankers' Association, while en route to the National Convention in Seattle, has won for Glasgow the reputation of being the liveliest town along the entire line of the Great Northern.

It is hard to realize that the short entertainment that was provided the visitors during their short stay here would have such far reaching results, but they carried away with them the impression that Glasgow is "a live town." The short automobile ride on which the Bankers were taken, through the farming section on the north bench gave them a clearer idea of what was being done in agriculture in the county, and that it entirely changed the views of many who thought that this was a semi-arid region, could be gathered from their expressions that they had "never seen anything like it."

The energy displayed by the city on this occasion was reported at the offices of the Great Northern offices in St. Paul, and Mr. W. P. Kenney, Vice President of the Great Northern system wrote a letter to Dr. Hoyt commenting on it. The letter follows: "September 2, 1915.

Mr. M. D. Hoyt, Glasgow, Mont. Dear Doc:

I got hold of a copy of the "Spieler" issued by the Boosters of Glasgow, Montana, for the New York Bankers' Association Automobile ride. That pamphlet certainly displays energy and rapid work on the part of your Commercial Club people and you are all to be congratulated. That is about the slickest piece of enterprise that I have seen put across for a long while—certainly the New York Bankers will know where Glasgow is located and what it produces.

Yours very truly, W. P. Kenney."

The "Spieler" idea was entirely Secretary Moore's and his efforts in having the Bankers get the right impression of this part of the state, bore fruit in a wonderful manner. Not one of the three hundred Easterners who were on the special train and were taken on the ride will forget the treatment they received here and that Glasgow will long be remembered by them as a hustling city in the fastest growing section of the state.

While this is not the only occasion at which the Commercial Club has done excellent service for the city, it is one that attracted a great deal of outside attention. Every opportunity to advertise Glasgow to the outside world has been utilized by Secretary Moore and that his work is getting the desired results is plain to be seen.

The Commercial Club receives hundreds of letters from people all over the country, who have heard of the wonderful advances being made in eastern Montana, and have become interested, asking for information about the country, and what opportunities are offered here. To answer these letters and give the inquirers a clear and correct idea of what is being done in this part of the state is but a small part of the work of the Secretary.

Hundreds of the new settlers who came into the county this year have been induced to locate here through the efforts of the Commercial Club, directly or indirectly. The rapidity with which the homestead land is being taken in the county can be realized from the number of entries that are being made at the Land Office, which in the last three years were as many as had been made prior to that time, since the establishment of the office.

The arrival of new settlers with their families to make their homes here, the increase in the land under cultivation in the county, and the large crops that are being harvested from non-irrigated homestead land all have a tendency to raise the price of land in this county and it will be but a few years before farm property here will be as valuable as in many of the

eastern states. The Commercial Club is doing a noble work along this line and deserves a great deal of credit for the results obtained.

"THE UNAFRAID"

"The Unafraid," in which Rita Jolivet makes her screen debut, is beyond all question one of the most romantic and absorbing photo-dramas ever presented. The situations are as unusual as the setting in which most of the events take place—the castles among the hills of Montenegro.

Delight Warren, the heroine of the story is an American girl who has been fascinated by a dashing Montenegrin nobleman and who daringly goes alone to Montenegro to marry him. She has no sooner arrived in that strange country, however, than she is captured by the brother of her fiancé. This brother, Count Stefan, impersonated by House Peters, takes Delight to his castle and forces her to marry him. He treats her with the greatest respect, but insists upon the performance of the ceremony, so that it shall not be possible for her to wed his brother. The reason is that the brother is a traitor to his country and Count Stefan wants to prevent Delight's wealth from coming into his hands and being used to the injury of the Fatherland.

The succeeding events show the manner in which Delight finally becomes convinced that Count Stefan is right and the love which finally makes a real marriage of the union between Stefan Balsic and his American captive.

At the Orpheum, Sunday, September 21st.

REPORT BIG GRAIN YIELDS

Farmers in County Still Busy Harvesting Crops.

The harvesting of Valley County's bumper crop goes merrily on. Reports come in daily of yields that only go further to prove that this is "the best farming section in the state."

The biggest yield reported to date is that of Charles Tanner of Hinsdale whose wheat averaged between 45 and 60 bushels to the acre. The Hinsdale Tribune verifies the report, stating that the threshers were busy on the Chas. F. Tanner farm about nine miles northwest of Hinsdale this week and reports from there state that on summer following Mr. Tanner got an average of 60 bushels of wheat per acre and another piece went about 45 bushels.

Reports of threshing in this vicinity give yields averaging between twenty and thirty bushels of wheat to the acre while oats is running as high as 100 bushels to the acre.

Pete Breigenzer, who has a farm nine miles northeast of Glasgow threshed 2800 bushels of excellent wheat off 100 acres. This wheat is all high grade and up to the standard of the grain that is being raised on the north bench this fall.

An average of 25 bushels of wheat to the acre from 220 acres was threshed this week on the farm of Nels Dokken near the city. While threshing had not begun as yet in the north country, some extraordinary yields are predicted, as where the grain has been cut the shocks are very thick, and samples brought in show the heads to be large and well filled. A field of oats belonging to N. L. Jennings near Baylor has been estimated by those who have observed it, to yield from 75 to 100 bushels to the acre.

A sample of wheat was brought in Saturday by E. T. Phelps of Baylor, of some wheat raised this season by Dr. Miller. It stands about six feet high and the long heads and large kernels indicate that the yield will be big.

ENGINEER WELDY HURT

Engineer L. A. Weldy was injured Saturday at Williston while assisting in unloading a silo machine from a dray. One of the skids slipped and the machine toppled over on Mr. Weldy, pinning him beneath it. His left leg caught in the worst being badly bruised although no bones were broken. Dr. Van Dyke of Williston was called and temporarily dressed the wound and Mr. Weldy came to Glasgow on No. 3 and is now under the care of Drs. Hoyt and Smith. He is improving as rapidly as can be expected but it will be at least three weeks or a month before he will be able to use his leg freely again, due to a bad crush.

COUNTY FAIR SUCCESSFUL

Agricultural Exhibits Surpassed Anything Ever Shown.

RACE PROGRAM EXCELLENT

Attendance Below Last Year Due to Late Harvest. Motorcycle and Auto Races are Features.

Valley County's fourth annual fair came to a successful close Wednesday evening. In every department, it was the best fair ever held, and while the attendance for the three days fell far below last year's mark, yet there were none who attended but came away well satisfied.

The program of racing events and entertainment features surpassed those of any fair held here previously and it can be said without fear of contradiction that no county fair in the state, or in the entire United States, can boast of such an excellent racing card as that of this year's fair. Every race was for "blood" and the horses that competed were among the best racing stock in the state. No horse had a walk-a-way in any event and the spectator's interest in the races was manifested by the large number that occupied the grandstand every afternoon of the meet. Every race was started with a precision that is commendable and at no time during the racing program did the interest of the spectators lag.

The agricultural exhibits at the fair this year far surpassed those of last year in quality, even though there were many more last year. The latestness of the harvest season is accountable for this, as many farmers were unable to get their displays ready, some not having their grain harvested and others too busy reaping the fruits of a year's labor to attend the fair. Samples of grain and root crops were on display that far exceeded anything ever shown at a county fair here and the many visitors who viewed the exhibits certainly departed from the fair with a good impression of what the farmers in Valley County were doing agriculturally. The corn display was excellent, considering that the corn crop this fall is much later than usual. The samples on exhibition were fully as good as any shown last year and the yields will be much greater.

While the attendance for the fair was far below what was anticipated by the fair management, yet it was all that could be expected under the circumstances. Hundreds of farmers and their families who would have attended were in the midst of harvest, and felt that they would be unable to leave their work. The weather man was also responsible for a shrinkage in the crowds, as a shower Monday night dampened the ardor of many in the country who had planned on coming in for the fair. Another shower Tuesday afternoon threatened to put a damper on the attendance but Wednesday turned out to be a nice, sunny day and a record crowd attended.

Carl H. Peterson, County Agriculturalist of Fergus County, who acted as one of the judges at the fair was greatly pleased with the showing made in the agricultural departments.

"I never saw such an excellent showing of root crops at a county fair as I saw here," said Mr. Peterson.

"That sample of Marquis wheat raised by Mr. Foust is the best wheat I have seen in the state this year, and it should stand a good chance to win first prize at the State Fair at Helena."

The showing made in the other divisions called forth words of praise from Pro. C. D. Arnett, judge of the livestock.

"I was actually surprised at the excellent showing of high grade livestock here," said Prof. Arnett, "in fact I never expected to see such a fine showing of registered stock, both of cattle, horses, and hogs."

"If more farmers in the county would follow the lead taken by those making the showing at the fair, and buy and raise registered stock, it will not be long before Valley County will rank first among the counties in the state as having the best live stock."

The work of preparing for the fair and managing it while in progress was a tremendous task and the bulk of it fell on the shoulders of S. C. Moore, Secretary of the Commercial Club. Few people realize the work

connected with his position, but it has been an undertaking in which he proved his worth.

Speaking of the fair, Mr. Moore said yesterday:

"The Fair Association appreciates the extra effort taken by the farmers to make exhibits at the fair, and everything shown in all departments, agricultural, and others, was of the very highest class. We were very much pleased to see these farmers lay aside their work at home, when they were so busy: These farmers are certainly doing their share to advertise the county, and let outside people know what we are producing here, which will all tend to get the country settled up and raise the price of land.

"While the receipts were not up to what was expected, we know that no one is to blame for this, but that it was owing to the very late harvest season and the many duties at home that kept the people from attending.

"We do not know just what the total expense will be, but we expect that the fair will close with a deficit due to the extra large premiums for the exhibits.

"We suppose that it will be necessary for us to call on the business men and members of the Commercial Club of Glasgow to help us out, but we will wait until all bills are in and premiums paid before we ask for any assistance."

Racing a Feature.

The races at the fair were one of the chief attractions. The horses entered were among the best racing stock in the state and every event was a real live affair. Benny Thompson, owned by Wolf & Culbertson of Malta, was a big winner and Babble, owned by Arlington was in the money several times. The endurance race was won by Choisser who had 19 seconds the best of Archie Henderson for the three days. Choisser won Monday and Tuesday but Wednesday, Henderson cut down the big lead but not enough to win first money. Walter Twitchell, riding Shorty in the Novelty race came in second.

The motorcycle races furnished thrills for the crowd Monday and Wednesday. Lawrence Belzer, riding an Indian won first money with Jess Pierce on a Harley Davidson second and W. E. Bailey of Hinsdale on an Excelsior, third.

No race was held on Tuesday on account of the rain but two were held Wednesday afternoon, William Belzer

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GOOD GOVERNMENT MEETING

On the afternoon of September 4th the Good Government Organization held its first regular meeting of the fiscal year at Odd Fellows' Hall.

Mrs. John Willis reported on the general conference of the State Good Government Organization held at Missoula, outlining the state constitution and by-laws.

On motion the following resolution by Dr. Anna Shaw was adopted:

"WHEREAS, the women of California, appreciating their privileges and opportunities as voters, most earnestly desire to aid their sisters in other states to gain the franchise; and

"WHEREAS, such assistance is being sought by two national suffrage organizations which have opposing policies, namely: on the one hand, the policy of strict non-partisanship, refusing to oppose any political party, or any individual representative of that party, because of the action or non-action of the majority of his party; and, on the other hand, the policy of holding the party in power responsible, by opposing its individual representatives, regardless of their individual records, because of the non-passage of suffrage legislation; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the _____ Club of _____ believes that women voters can best aid the national suffrage movement by refusing to align themselves against any party, or against any representative of that party, because of the non-passage of suffrage legislation."

The annual election of officers took place at this meeting resulting in the following: President, Mrs. John Willis; First Vice President, Mrs. John Lewis; Second Vice President, Mrs. D. S. Williams; Third Vice President, Mrs. Maurice Reuler; recording secretary, Mrs. H. M. McIntyre; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. W. A. Baynham; Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Storing.

After the election of officers the meeting adjourned to meet September 18th at 3:00 p. m., at the Odd Fellows' Hall.