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ONE DOLLAR A YEAR

## SENSED A SENSATION

### That Shot Was Fired at President Roosevelt

## THE HORSEBACK RIDING

Circulated that Shot Came from Bushes, but Believed to Have Been Fired by Some Hunter at Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 9.—A

investigation is being made to determine the circumstances giving rise to the report that a shot was fired from an ambush upon President Roosevelt last Saturday.

A foot of ground in the vicinity of the attempt is alleged to have been made is being gone over and the question is being prosecuted to determine whether or not any person was in the vicinity of Oyster Bay at the time the shots were said to have been fired.

### Was Close at Hand.

Referring to the story in circulation that a shot was fired from a clump of bushes while the president and his party were returning from a horseback ride last Saturday. The report is that it came from close at hand, and, after the first shock of the explosion which caused the president to fall from his horse forward, Mr. Roosevelt sprang abruptly about and pressed forward on foot to the thicket. He was dissuaded by his friend, however, and together they proceeded away to Sagamore Hill. Information at all regarding the shot came from the president's executive offices here, but was from the story as later related by Camille Weldenfeld, a New York member, was driving in the vicinity with his wife, and was a witness to the occurrence. The Weldenfelds were in a public carriage and it is also said to have witnessed the excited actions of the president and his companion which immediately followed.

### Fired by Some Hunter.

It has yet been found, however, whether the man who is said to have fired the shot. The general opinion is that if a shot was fired it was by some hunter who was taking advantage of the presence of the president. Even if the man later named caused it, it is maintained that the likelihood that he would be identified with his version of the shooting at this time because of the noisiness which would follow the disclosure of his identity.

### THEIR PROBABLE ORIGIN.

Reports of an Attempt to Shoot President.

New York, Sept. 9.—Senators report that an attempt had been made to shoot President Roosevelt recently have their origin in the fact that the hunting season has opened on Long Island and there is a shooting party daily in the out-of-door districts. Close investigation shows that there has been any shooting directed against the president is his custom to ride out on horseback, covering various routes in the country, and it is not unusual for the president to meet parties of hunters. There is a shooting club which has its target practice not far from Sagamore Hill.

The secretary to the president, Mr. Clegg, is not believed for a moment that he had tried to do harm to the president. No attention whatsoever is being paid to the matter of the shooting.

### Head Almost Severed.

Florida, Sept. 9.—J. A. ... man whose home was ... was killed on the dredge ... in a horrible manner ... under the great ... came down upon him, ... his head from his ... machinery was started ... struck the young man ... it was in motion.

## REDUCTIONS MADE FOR COMPLAINANTS

### County Commissioners Meet and Adjust Demands of Tax-Payers.

#### VERY FEW WERE PRESENT

Several Road Bills Paid by the Board During This Special Session—Full Board Present—Bonds of Bayer and Carlisle Were Approved.

There was an interesting session of the county commissioners held on Monday, when they met for the purpose of adjusting the complaints of parties whose property had been raised.

Chairman Dampier, and Commissioners W. J. Mathews, C. C. Pedrick, F. F. Paulling and J. F. Townsen, listened to the grievances of all complainants and in every instance adjustments were made satisfactory to the complainants.

Following this part of the business, which took up the greater part of the day, the following bills were ordered paid: Town of Archer, road tax for 1907, \$59.13; Joel W. Malphurs, road work, \$1.75; G. W. Miller & Co., road supplies, \$1; McCormick & Howe, road supplies, \$111.27; A. B. Oliver, road services, \$3; O. N. Sanders & Co., road supplies, \$3.05; W. F. Gay, road supplies, \$3.62.

The bond of J. A. Carlisle as justice of the peace for district No. 25, Alachua county, with F. P. Thomas and P. G. Ramsey as sureties, was approved.

The bond of Ferdinand Bayer as justice of the peace for district No. 7, with W. R. Thomas and J. M. Fennell as sureties, was also approved.

Board adjourned until next regular meeting, first Tuesday in October.

### HAWTHORN NEWS NOTES.

Hawthorn, Sept. 9.—H. C. Barnett, wife and baby, left this morning for Meben, N. C., for some two weeks' visit to Mrs. Barnett's parents.

Miss Ruby Pledger went to Macon, thence to Milledgeville, Ga., where she will graduate next spring. She has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Y. M. Hulme, for two months.

Mrs. F. J. Hammond is still in North Carolina. Miss Myrtle and Mrs. M. A. McFadden are pleasantly located at Moore's Hotel while Mrs. Hammond is away.

W. S. Moore and his force of men returned from Cedar Key, where he put in an acetylene gas plant for W. R. Hodges' new residence and Hodges Brothers' store.

Mr. Chauncey, agent for the Seaboard Air Line railway here, has moved into R. B. Weeks' house on Main street.

The cotton pickers are getting busy and the gins are running. The crop will be very short, as many of the plants have blight and rust. The quality of lint seems good.

The rains have put life into the gardeners.

### ARCHER PERSONALS.

Archer, Sept. 9.—Jas. Skinner and wife, who went to Toledo to the G. A. R. Reunion, have gone on to Wisconsin, where they will spend some time with relatives.

Judge A. D. Chamblin and wife, after spending several weeks at their old home in Woodruff, S. C., are home again.

Mrs. W. L. Jackson is home again, after a visit to relatives in Georgia and South Carolina. She was delayed by the high water several days.

Miss Essie Smith, the capable milliner for the firm of C. W. Booknight, is home again, after a month's vacation visiting Atlanta, Savannah and other points in Georgia.

Mrs. Robt. Heagy was taken quite sick while on a visit to her husband at Ocala. Mrs. D. S. Taylor, her mother, went down and brought her home, where she is improving.

## HARDWOOD MILL TO RESUME OPERATION

### Another Evidence That Business Is Reviving Throughout the County.

#### WILL BE RUNNING BY 22ND INST.

Orders Coming In Faster Than They Anticipated and Present Reserve Supply of Timber Will Have to Be Replenished.

As evidence of the return of better times for this section is the fact that the Brown-Jenings Hardwood Company will be compelled to resume operation of their extensive plant much earlier than they at first anticipated.

Through the kindness of this organization they let E. J. Baird have their plant with which to cut a few orders and also get out the timber to erect his new plant with, but they will be compelled to take charge much earlier than expected, and he will only have the chance of getting out the principal part of his lumber.

The Brown-Jenings Company, as is their custom, always shut down at a certain season of the year for a short while, when they increase their stock very considerably, but the fact is that orders have been coming in so fast for the past few days that it looks as if their stock will be about diminished by the time they get in operation.

They have already sent out recruits to their logging camps to start the felling of trees, and the teams will be dispatched from the city this week to get the logs to the road preparatory for shipping, and they will be in full operation by the 22nd of this month.

In the mean time Mr. Baird will be rushing the plant cutting pine logs for the erection of his plant.

The revival of these two plants will be hailed with delight by the merchants and business men.

### A NEW FIRM.

#### Coles and Son Will Engage in Jewelry Business Here.

Referring to C. H. Coles and son, who will shortly open an extensive jewelry store in this city, The Sandwich (Ill.) Journal of September 4th says:

"This week another well-known business firm on Railroad street sold out. It was that of C. H. Coles, the jeweler. The purchaser of this well-kept and successful business was F. J. Newton & Co.

"For the past fifteen years Mr. Coles has conducted the jewelry business in the brick block, and made many friends by his fair dealing. He enjoyed a healthy trade, and expressed regret that he is obliged to leave our city. On account of the critical condition of the youngest son, Harold, Mr. Coles must take up his residence in Florida, where the climate is most agreeable to the boy's troublesome disease, asthma. This family Sandwich can ill afford to lose.

"Mr. and Mrs. Coles expect in a few days to have sold all their property in Sandwich. Mr. Coles will engage in the jewelry business in Gainesville, Florida, and will take his son, Lawrence, into partnership, he having lately graduated from the Bradley Watch School at Peoria and an optical college in Chicago."

### Examination Ends Friday.

Sept. J. L. Kelley, who is conducting the regular fall examination now being held in this city, states that the work is progressing very favorably. He has some eighteen white applicants and is being assisted with these by Miss Bertha Shannon, and in the colored department there are fourteen taking the examination, and he is assisted here by Prof. H. B. Brooker.

If you have found anything see if it is advertised in the Want column.

## WALKER AND KIRBY ARE BOTH ARRESTED

### Bond Fixed For Each at Very Nominal Sum of Five Hundred Dollars.

#### HEARING SET FOR SEPT. 24TH

Walker Secured Bond and Returns, While Kirby is Waiting on Bond to Be Sent Him from Newberry Parties Today.

As a sequel to the shooting affray between Deputy I. C. Walker of this city and J. H. M. Kirby of Newberry at Worthington Springs a few days since, both parties are now charged with assault with intent to kill.

The deputy sheriff had a warrant taken out for Kirby in Bradford county which was sent to Deputy Sheriff Livingston at Newberry, who telephoned Kirby that he wanted him, when the man readily came in and gave himself up, accompanying the officer to Gainesville, where he secured the services of Attorney Thrasher and proceeded at once to Starke.

Upon reaching the Bradford county capital Kirby proceeded to swear out a warrant for Walker, and both of them are under arrest, charged with assault with intent to kill.

Walker furnished bond, with Bobe Kennard and G. W. Livingston as sureties, while Kirby is awaiting his bond to be forwarded by Deputy Sheriff Livingston, who will get friends in Newberry to sign the same.

Both parties are well known throughout the county and it is expected that a large number of people from this section will attend their preliminary hearing, which is set for September 24th.

### In Honor of Miss Sue Simpson.

Lowryville, S. C., Sept. 9.—One of the most delightful events of the season here was the reception given at the beautiful Colonial home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Darby last Friday evening in honor of Miss Sue Simpson of Gainesville, Fla. The guests were welcomed on the broad veranda by Miss Frances Darby and her mother and then ushered into the parlor, where they were introduced by Miss Mayme Darby to the guest of honor, after which all found comfortable seats upon the beautiful lawn. About 10 o'clock delightful refreshments were served by Misses Margaret Landifer, Mary Banks, Alda Fitzman and Helen Darby. Just about 12 o'clock, when the Japanese lights began to glow dim, the guests once more assembled in the spacious old hall to bid the hostess good night.

### Will Urge Passage of Bill.

Washington, Sept. 9.—U. S. Puckett, traffic manager, of the Fort Worth, Tex., freight bureau, in an interview here, says that the National Industrial Traffic league, with approximately 40,000 members, will urge before the next session of congress the passage of a bill embodying substantially the propositions contained in the Culberson-Smith car and transportation service bill, which was introduced in both houses at the last session. The bill authorizes the interstate commerce commission to enforce the rules regulating interstate commerce, contending that there is no adequate law at this time.

### "A White Australia."

London, Sept. 9.—The London newspapers continue to discuss the question of a "white Australia." The Times in an editorial regards immigration as presenting the crucial problem confronting British statesmen in the twentieth century, as far as concerns Australia. The Times argues that there are no industries in north Australia which can be conducted profitably by white men alone, without support from the state.

Labor contracts for sale at The Sun office. Price, 50 cents per dozen, or \$2 per hundred.

## PANIC AMONG GUESTS

### Fatal Fire Occurs in Hotel at Denver, Colo.

#### ONE KILLED, MANY INJURED

Guests Awakened by Cry of Fire, Rushed from their Rooms in Night Attire—One Man Sprang from Window to His Death.

Denver, Colo., Sept. 9.—One man plunged to his death and half a dozen others threw themselves from windows, sustaining probably fatal injuries in a panic that followed the discovery of fire in the Belmont hotel Tuesday.

Guests awakened from their sleep by the cry of fire rushed into the halls, hemmed in by the flames from all sides and in an effort to escape, battled and struggled while rescuers were forced back by columns of smoke and the mounting flames.

It was estimated by the management that at least one hundred persons were asleep in the building when the fire started. All of them jumped from their beds, dressed only in their night robes.

As soon as the victims reached the street they were taken to other hotels and given shelter.

It is believed that the fire started from defective wiring in the third story.

### THOUGHT THEATER AFIRE.

#### Man's Presence of Mind Saved Labor Day Audience from Panic.

New York, Sept. 9.—An audience of labor day theatergoers, the majority of whom were women, trembled on the verge of a panic at the Lyric theater Monday when steam, used as a stage effect, poured across the footlights, giving every one an impression that a fire had started behind the curtain.

All persons in the densely packed house leaped to their feet. A few women in the front rows started for the doors, frightening the people in the orchestra.

The house was dark and some of the more timid women in the orchestra rushed for the aisles. A man with good sense shouted from the back row that the supposed smoke was only steam and sternly commanded the women to be seated. A few made their way out and the play proceeded without further scares.

### SHO THIS BROTHER-IN-LAW.

#### Cleve Carson Shot John Padgett in the Head.

Brooks, Ga., Sept. 9.—In a difficulty here in front of Boykin Bros.' store Cleve Carson shot John Padgett, his brother in law, with a .35-caliber revolver. The ball penetrated the extreme back of the head and came very near being fatal.

It seems that they had had some previous misunderstanding and renewed the difficulty when they met here. It is not thought Padgett's wound will prove fatal. They are both prominent young men.

### MINIMUM PRICE 12 CENTS.

#### It is Said that Figure Has Been Fixed for Cotton by Union.

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 9.—It is generally understood here that the "secret minimum" act by the National Farmers' union for cotton is 12 cents per pound. This is the price agreed upon by the farmers and which was to have been maintained throughout the season as a strictly confidential matter by the union members.

At union headquarters the officials refused to deny or affirm the rumor, which is believed to be correct.

### Pronounced Insane.

Minola, L. I., Sept. 9.—John Coughlin, the armed man who was arrested while attempting to see the president at Sagamore Hill Monday, was examined by two physicians and pronounced insane. He will be sent to an asylum at King's Park, L. I.