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NEGRO SHOT.

Dee Didell Filled Full of No. 8 Shot Sunday by Lawson George.

Sunday afternoon Lawson George and Dee Didell, both colored, engaged in a quarrel which began near the Chronicle office, the exact cause of which is not definitely known, but it seems from the best news obtainable that Didell had been on intimate terms with George's wife. At any rate, this is the supposed cause of the trouble. After a few words the parties seperated and went to their homes, which are close together, where George procured a shotgun and advanced upon Didell, threatening to shot him. A few more words followed and George requested everybody to get out of the way, as he was going to shoot. His request was promptly complied with and he turned loose his gun, the charge of No. 8 shot striking Didell on the left side, arm, neck and face, making the parts hit look like a sieve. After this George offered to shoot anybody else who wished to be perforated, but by this time everybody had gone into their holes and pulled the holes in after them, leaving him the undisputed master of the situation.

As quickly as possible Dr. Simpson was summoned to attend the wounded man. He found that fully a hundred shot, some of which he could not extract, had entered Didell's body, several in his neck and one in his tongue. The chances are that Didell will recover, though he may not.

Marshal Murdock got to the scene in a short time and arrested George and lodged him in the calaboose. The prisoner, who had been drinking, took his arrest coolly, and in fact seemed to be tickled over it. But he isn't now.

Monday afternoon Justice Cooper gave George a preliminary examination and bound him over to the circuit court in the sum of $800. The bond was too stiff for George, and he is now eating food furnished by the county at Platte City. The state was represented at the preliminary trial by Prosecuting Attorney Berry, and the defendant by Attorney Gabbert.

George will likely be indicted in August, but may not be tried until December.

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