## A QUESTION of COURAGE

The attack did not last long, and about the time the blood began to tingle in his veins again he heard the muffled trampling of horses approaching along the dusty road. At the signal the very recollection of his late discomposure eemed somehow to vanish into the limbo of a remote past; his pulses quickened and his muscles thrilled wiith the vibrations of an accumulating energy that sang joyously as it leaped through the tense nerves and the throbhing arteries. His sharpened senses were unnaturally acute; he heard the woody clink of the rails as the men made a breach in the zigzag fence, then the smothered hoof-beats of the horses coming across the soft turf of the lawn; moment later, in an interval of silence, he fancied he could almost hear the whispered instructions given to Jed. When the two men emerged from the deeper shadows of the grove he saw them quite distinctly in the starlight: they came directly toward his hiding place, and when they paused within a lew feet of the trees he could scarcely restrain the eager ferecity that prompt ed him to rush out upon them. In the instant of hesitation he had time to note that one of them carried an armful of kindling wood; the man gathered it into a firmer hold while they paused. and there was a smothered tinkle of breaking glass, and the pungent odor of kerosene filled the air.

"What was that thar noise?" asked the other.

"Hit's that thar blame' bottle o' coaloil, that's what hit is; hit's done bu'sted an' run all down into my boots.' replied the first; and they moved forward and disappeared behind the corner of the house.

Ringbrand kept them in sight as long as he could, and then ran across to the clump of laurels, going down on his hands and knees and staring intently into the gloom until he found them again, two darker blots of shadow erouching in the angle formed by the bay window in the parlor. While he was straining his eyes to catch the gleam of the match which would be the signal for their return, he did not bear the stealthy steps of a man who was approached him from behind, nor did he know of its presence when the gliding figure came quite close and stood with clubbed gun waiting for him to rise.

The appearance of the third brother upon the scene was due to the fact that Ludlow had chosen his position unfortunately and so was unable to see the men when they dismounted. For this reason, he waited until he was sure that the two incendiaries had started for the house, and the delay gave the holder of horses time to yield to a sudden impulse born of a desire to know if his warning to Hester had accomplished its purpose. Looping the horses' bridles together and throwing them over the branch of a tree, he followed noiselessly in the footsteps of his brothers; and coming out on the open lawn in time to catch a glimpse of Ringbrand as he ran across to the laurels, he crept forward until he stood with uplifted gun behind the unsuspecting sentinel. When Ringbrand rose at the flash of the match, the poised rifle cut a quick circle in the air and descended with a blow that sent him back to his knees with a thousand scintillating motes dancing before his eyes; for a single confused instant he thought the end had come, and then he felt the revivifying breath of the spirit of battle which seemed to inspire him his feet, he fell upon his assailant with irresistible fury; there was a sharp, breathless struggle, a fierce clutching for under-holds, and then Ringbrand swung the slight form of his antagonist over his head and dashed it, limp and helpless, against the bole of the oak.

While this bit of by-play was going on behind the laurels, another incident occured which further disarranged Ringbrand's plans and left Col. Latimer and Henry in doudt as to what they should do. When the elder Bynum stooped to light the pile of kindlings, Bud started back toward the ambush alone; and as the first match went out, the younger brother had time to reach the clump of laurels before Jeff could find and light another. Seeing but one of the men appear, the colonel and his son both hesitated, and Bud confronted Ringbrand just as the latter recovered himself from the grapple with Jed. There was no time for deliberation, and, realizing that the mountaineer could not use his rifle at close quarters, he flung himself upon the newcomer, taking him un-awares and throwing him heavily just as a bright blaze sprang up beside the house and a howl of agony rang out on the still air of the night. A single glance revealed the cause of both. There was a terrible picture of a man wrapped in a winding sheet of flame and running toward him-a yelling human torch blazing from head to foot and swinging its fiery arms frantically as it

At such a crisis, thought and action are one. Shaking himself loose from the grasp of the struggling young brother, Ringbrand quieted him with a single deliberate blow with the butt of the pistol; the next instant he had tripped the shricking firebrand and was rolling it over and over in the damp grass when the colonel and Henry ran up. It was all over quickly, and they were binding Jed and Bud when Ludlow joined them. The colonel sent Henry to arouse the negro servants, with orders to get the horses and the farm wagon ready at once, and then an awed little group gathered around the burned man while Ludlow examined his injuries by the light of the lanterns,

"I guess he's past help," he said, quietly. "How did it happen?"

Ringbrand answered: "It was kerosene. He had a bottle in his pocket, and broke it just as they passed me. He was carrying an armful of wood." Ludlow glanced at the other two: ness.

"I missed my man, but I see you have him. How did you manage it?"

"I didn't manage it; It was managed for me," replied Ringbrand, lowering his voice at the sound of a slight noise at one of the upper windows of the mansion. "When I got upon my feet behind the laurels there, some one knocked me down with a clubbed gun; I tried it again, and threw the fellow just as the other came up. I closed with that one to keep him from using his rifle; and as we fell. I saw the third man in a blaze."

Henry's post had been nearest to the bay window, and he told how Jeff had tried twice to light the kindlings, and how the blaze had enveloped him as he was making the third attempt. While he was telling about it, the front door of the house was opened from within, and the colonel left the group and stood for some minutes talking with some one in the hall. Presently he called out: "You-all didn't get hurt, did you, Mr. Ringbrand?"

"Not worth mentioning," was the reply, and Ringbrand was sufficiently human to give place to the hope that Hester had seen something of the struggle, and to rejoice in the thought that her auxiety had prompted the inquiry.

The door closed again when the wagon was driven up, and the colonel man to the bed of straw in the deep box. When he had been made as comfortable as possible, the two others were swung up behind and tied securely; and the colonel, Ludlow and Ringbrand drove down to Tregarthen with their prison-

The colonel said little until the wagon stopped on its return to "The Laurels" to set the two younger men down at Ludlow's gate; then he rose and held out his hand to Riegbrand. "I reckon you 'preciate how I feel, Mr. Ringbrand, an' I'm mighty proud to acknowledge my obligations, an' the obligations of the whole fam'ly, to you, heah night the longes' day thah's a Latimer livin',"—the colonel's idiom grew stronger under the influence of emotion-"an' I want to say right heah afore Tom Ludlow, seh, that as long as thah is a Latimer livin', he'll be proud to tell his child'en au' his grandchild'en that we-all are beholden to you, seh, for ouh lives an' for ouh property.'

Ringbrand saw through the thin mask of grandiloquence, and hastened to assure the colonel that he was only too glad to have been in time. "Only don't call it an obligation colonel," he added; "the motive was purely selfishin a way that you'd hardly understand if I tried to explain it."

The colonel said much more to the same purpose, and would not leave them until he had extracted a promise from Ringbrand to extend his visit. When they had finally bidden him good-night, and Ludlow was opening the house door with his latch-key, Ringbrand said: "If you love me, Tom, let me sleep all day to-morrow if I can: I'm about dead on my feet."

To be continued.

#### CASCADE PORTAGE

Result of the Attorney-General's Inspection.

gonian, says:

railway at The Dalles, and the conten- and whose candidate he was, and that glowing fornace puts on only one a scar? tion as to the rights on the part of the majority of the judges of election apwith the reckless and invincible courage government contractors engaged in dig-pointed in said county were members of demanded legislation to establish right of his warlike ancestors. Leaping to ging the canal, and of shippers, has de- the Populist party, being appointed by to be; an equation is equation—else is manded the consideration of the state the county court of Cors county, who it a fallacy! portage railway commission for some time. A few weeks ago the matter was referred to the attorney-general with the request that he make a personal inspection of the situation at the locks and report upon the rights of the contending parties.

"The attorney-general has made his report, and finds that the landings and nearly all the switches of the road at this morning. the upper end are on the state's ground. The only part of the road constructed by the government contractors, as reported, extends from a point opposite an old for a two weeks outing at the beach stable, down the river, to the government canal, where landings have been heretofore made. The rest of the road has been constructed at different times, either by the state or government.

"The attorney-general concludes his report with this statement:

"'I will not suggest to your honor able commission further than to say that there are two ways in which the state may operate its road. The first will be to get the consent of the government contractors to run over the line of the road built by themselves, making the landing at the lower end of the government canal. This can be put in condition with small at the Umatilla. outlay in repairing the lower end of the road. The second will be to operate over the upper road, making repairs at the incline, which the superintendent Arlington, came down from Arlington informs me will cost between \$1000 and last night and will return this evening. \$2000. If this upper road is used, in my opinion it may be operated without hindrance from the government contractors, as the entire line was built by the state and the United States government before the contract was entered into between the United States and the their trip to the coast. government contractors now at work."

At the Congregational church of this city on Wednesday afternoon, August 19th, by W. C. Curtis, pastor, John McCorkle and Miss Louisa Beattie, both of Tygh Valley, Wasco county, Or.

Lack of vitality and color-matter in the bulbs causes the hair to fall out and camp for the summer. turn gray. We recommend Hall's Hair Renewer to prevent baldness and gray-

MR. TONGUE ANSWERS.

He Denies the Allegations of Mr. Van

According to a Hillsbore dispatch, Hon. Thomas H. Tongue has served on Mr. Vanderburg and his attorney a copy of his answer to their complaint in the contested election, wherein Mr. Vanderburg expected to become a member of the fifty-fifth congress. The answer is as long as the complaint, containing 32 pages of type written copy, and covers fully every allegation made.

In answer to the principal allegation made in Mr. Vanderburg's complaint Mr. Tongue says:

"I deny that at said election of a mem ber of congress, held on June 1, 1896, in the first congressional district that you received any plurality of all the legal votes cast at such election, or that my friends had control of the election machinery, or that any one by fraudulent methods manipulated the election returns so as to give me an apparent plurality in order to enable me to obtain the certificate of election, or in any other manner, except to fairly count such votes of which I received a plurality. helped the others to lift the injured I deny that my friends, on my behalf or in my interests, resorted to bribery or intimidation, or any other illegal or corrupt methods in said election, either to defeat the will of the people or to give me a seat in the congress of the United States. I deny that in every or any voting precinct in said congressional district, my friends or any one else who served as judges of election, rejected any ballots with your name marked or designated in such a manner as to clearly show the intent of the voter to vote for you, either upon the pretense that such ballots were defective, or sch. We-all ain't gwine to fo'get this otherwise. As to whether two or any of the regular appointed judges in Toledo precinct, in Coos county, were able to read or write the English language intelligently, or whether they took the proper oath of affirmation, Mr. to form a belief. As to whether the they were advertised: provisions of the law touching the exclusion of persons from the polling places were observed or enforced in said precinct, or as to whether ballots were also prepared in a room away from the booths, or whether A. J. Seeley, Hugh McLane, as bosses, and J. L. Parker, as foreman of the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern Railroad Company, or Dan Richards, as town marshal, used threats or coercion to voters in preparing ballots or paid sums of money amounting to \$2 to induce them to vote in accordance to the wishes of either person, Mr. Tongue has no knowledge, and hence denies that intoxicating liquor was freely distributed to the voters or offi-

said precinct should be thrown out." It is alleged by Mr. Tongue that the A dispatch from Salem to the Ore- election machinery of Coos county was entirely in the hands of the political "The delay in operating the portage party of which Mr. Vanderburg belongs, are also of the same political party.

and clerks became intoxicated during

the progress of the election is denied, as

is likewise that the ballots were falsely

the whole or any part of the returns in

PERSONAL MENTION

Wednesday.

Mr. O. Kerns is in the city. Miss Clara Grimes went to Portland

Miss Lena Thompson left for Portland

Mr. Martin Cochran of Moro was in the city this afternoon.

Miss Rose Michell left this afternoon

Mrs. Newman and her uncle, Mr. Kerr, left this morning for Trout lake. Miss Katie Martin, Mrs. Teague, and Miss Phirman left for Astoria today.

Mrs. Levi Chrisman and her mother, Mrs. Martin, left this morning for Hood River.

Harry Liebe left this afternoon for Astoria. Miss Bonn left this morning for Bon

neville. Will Condon returned on the local train today.

Mr. John Weigle returned last night Mr. A. M. Balfour of Lyle is registered

Mrs. W. A. Johnston and children are visiting in Goldendale.

Prosecuting Attorney A. A. Jayne o

Mr. H. S. Cram and wife, who have been visiting relatives in the city, re-turned to their home in Oregon City to-

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Peters and Mrs. E. M. Wilson left on the boat this morning for Portland, and will shortly continue

Capt. McNulty took command of the

Becht and Frank Woods returned last dry, and falls out freely with every

Dr. Doane, who was called out in the country to attend Mr. R. R. Hinton, Vigor. It imparts that silky gloss so who was mixed up in a runaway acci- essential to perfect beauty.

dent, reports that he was not severely hurt, some braises and a scalp wound being the extent of his injuries. Friday:

Mr. Wm. Vogt left for Astoria yester-Mr. F. A. Senfert left for Portland

Dr. Watt of Hood River was in the city this afternoon.

Mr. and Mr. C. L. Phillips left for Astoria this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hobson re-turned from the coast last night. Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Biggs and Miss Ethel Deming arrived last night from

the coast. Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Jewett came un from White Salmon last night. Mrs. Jewett returning this morning.

F. H. McClure, a bicyclist from Butte, ook the boat for Portland this morning. He hasbeen on the road since the 2nd.

Real Estate Transfers.

Anne L. Price and F. C. Price to W H. Howe, sw qr sec 13, tp 2 n r 9 e; \$1. W. E. Walthers and wife to W. D. Jones, lot 3, block 20, Gates Add to

Dalles City; \$400. Western Ins. Co. to Jennie Waterman, sw qr sec 28, tp 1 n r is e; \$500.

Jennie Waterman to Martin M. Waterman, 111/2 acres in sec 28, tp 1 n r 14 e: Gertrade E. Woodward and G. N.

Woodward to Katie C. Clark, parcel of land in sec 35, tp 3 n r 10 e; \$500. Thos. Pollock to Benj. F. Beals, 25 acres in nw qr sw qr sec 1, tp 2 n r 10 e;

Francis Crossen to Joseph Parodi, lot H, block 100, Ft. Dalles Mil. Res: \$100. E. M. Wingate & Co. to Franklin Irvine, lots T and 9, block 1, Baird's Add to Antelope; \$70.

#### Advertised Letters.

Following is the list of letters remaining in the postoffice at The Dalles uncalled for Aug. 21, 1896. Persons call-Tongue has no information upon which ing for the same will give date on which

Allen, Belle Bates, Rosa Chambers, Mary Copeland, Geo Kotzman, And McCarter, C F Montgomery, C E Nerker, Annette Wright, Essie

Bourland, Oliver Coon, J R Ellis, W Jackson, Thos Linder, E C Mannion, M F Mussell, Katie 2 Neff, Ralph Wright, Frank

Allen, GO

J. A. CROSSEN, P. M.

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cers of said election, or that the judges Melt ten dollars-silver dollars-in unbiased melting pot, and the sliver "slug" resulting, only sells for "five the

read at the canvass of the votes, or that Melt gold dollars-melt an eagle in aforesaid melting pot-and the golden 'slug" resulting quickly selle-for "ten

the lot." Will you tell me-kindly tell me-

how these dollars equal are-if a little There was never yet equation that

And I'm thinking-quietly thinkingthat a poor man has poor sense-if he vote to have a dollar that will melt to fifty cents.

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### tion, and was so well satisfied with the result that I have never tried any other kind of dressing. It stopped the hair from falling out, stimulated a new growth of hair, and kept the scalp free from dandruff. Only an occasional application is now needed to keep my hair of good, natural color. I never hesitate to recommend any of Ayer's medicines to my friends."-Mrs. H. M. HAIGHT.

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#### Sheriff's Sale.

By virtue of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon on the 12th duy of August, 1896, in a suit there is pending wherein Stella K. Eddy is pisin iff and O. D. Taylor, Sarah K. Taylor John Barger, State of Oregon, as trustee for the common school fond of Waseo county, Oregon, Joseph A. Johnson and C. W. Cather are defend ants, to me directed and commanding me to sell all of the lands hereinafter described to satisfy the stim of \$27.20 and interest the con at the 4d of ten per cent per annum from the 19th day of June, 1896, and the Inriber sum of 550 at torney sieses and \$20 costs, and disconvenents, 1 of III, on the 19th day of september, 1896, at the hour of 2 o clock p. m. of said day, at the court house door in Dalles City, Oregon, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all of the following described real property situated in said county and state, to-wit: Commencing at a point 100 feet west and 60 feet south from the southeast corner of that tract of land deceded by Mary A. Stephenson and D. D. Stephenson to Geo. W. Rowland, parallel with the western boundary line of Nevec and Gibson's Adoltion to Dalles City, thence southerly 120 feet; thence westerly 100 feet to the castern boundary line of the Dalles Military Reservation: thence north along said reservation line 120 feet; thence easterly on the south line of Eighth street fo the place of beginning.

T. J. DRIVER, alb 51-2

#### Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the understrued has been duly suppointed by the County Court of the State of Orexon for Wasso County executor of the last will and testament of James Medahan, decessed. All persons having claims against the ext.c of said decessed are hereby notified to present the same to me at my office in Dalles City, Orexon, at in the proper vouchers therefor, within six months from the date hereof

Dated August 5, 1896. aug8-5t-ii R. F. GIBONS, Executor.

#### Administrator's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will, on saturday, the 22nd day of August, 1896, at the hour of 20 clock in the afternoon of said day at the front door of the county courthouse in Dalles City, Wasco, Co., Oregon, sell at public suction to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described real estate belonging to the estate of C. V. Lane, late of Wasco County, Oregon, and now deceased, to-wit: Lots one (1) and two (2) and eleven (11) and two: (2) and eleven (14) and tweive (12) and the north half of lots three (3) and ten (10) in block [8] in Bairds Second Addition to the town of Antelope, in Wasco County, Gregom, said real estate will be sold subject to a mortgage thereout in favor of W. Bolton & Co., dated October 3, 1895, for the sum of \$98.55, and interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from said dato.

Dated at Dalles City, Or, this 21st day of July, 1896.

Administrator of the estate of C. V. Laue, eccased. jy25-58-II

#### Notice of Final Account.

To all. Whom it May Concern:

Notice is hereby given that G. J. Farley has filed his final account as administrator of the estate of Joshua W. Reedy, deceased, and that said final account will come on for hearing on Monday, July 18th, 1896, at which time a hearing will be had as to any and all objections to such final account, and the settlement thereof.

This notice is given by order of Hon. George C. Blakeley, county judge. Dated this lith day of June, 1896.

Adm'r of the estate of Joshua W. Reedy, deceased.

#### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the following list of warrants have been issued for more than seven years prior to the first day of July 1896, and are now remaining in the office of the County Clerk of Wasco County Or., uncalled for, and unless said warrants are presented for payment within sixty days from said July 1st, in accordance with section two, Laws of Oregon, page 1805, the same will be cancelled and payment thereof will be refused.

Date of No For what Issued. | Issued. | Issued. | Issued. | Issued. | July 7. ISSS 248 29 Juror | E. A. E. Weber \$1 25 July 9, D 88 303 29 Chnum | W. H. Welst 2 00 Sept. 10, 1888 531 29 Witness Francis White 1 70 Sept. 10, 1888 524 29 Witness Thos. Williams 1 70 Sept. 10, 1888 524 29 Witness Thos. Williams 1 70 Sept. 10, 1888 524 29 Witness James White 1 70

The above is a list of warrants remaining in the Clerk's office for more than seven years. By order of County Court, A. M. KELSAY, County Clerk, jly15-5t

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