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VERY DRAMATIC.

The scene is laid in Salem; at the state house. Many scenes have been laid there.

The hour is midday. See the two men clinging to that ledge of rock. The first is President Malarky of the senate, who may be a candidate some day for United States senator. Notice his determined face, his close set jaw, as he clings to the building's side and risks his very life in the supreme effort he is making.

But the second man. Look, he wobbles just a little and it would seem he is certain of falling. But he is not. That is John Cochran, who has seen more political scraps and knows more real politics than half the legislature. He has sealed too many walls and overheard the plots of too many desperate politicians to let a little thing like climbing the state house wall bother him. He is with Malarky as a sort of a companion. Cochran has seen many a political gladiator enter the ring and before the battle was over chase the circle in an endeavor to find the gate.

But see, they have reached a window. It is the window to the governor's office. They pry it up and enter. "Let all who enter there leave all thoughts of political parties behind." They deposit their bundle, which is a bunch of newly made bills and escape by the same window, while the crowd below cheer President Malarky madly.

The governor was absent; he was dodging, hiding like the small boy which he is, while the two men daringly entered his apartments.

Now comes the question: Did Cochran and Malarky have any right to enter the governor's office? Did they care a rap whether they had any such right? What will the high-minded governor do?

WHEN JUDGE SMITH PLAYED BALL.

One of the decidedly interesting talks at yesterday's banquet when the Baker people were here, was the talk by Judge Smith on the days when he played baseball.

The judge was sure of his dates and made it a matter of record that his first game was played in 1843. Then he traced his career as a "twirler" through the decades to the time he engaged in the national game with the husky Grande Ronders, including J. A. Matott and others who in those days claimed attention and applause for the tactful manner in which they handled the little sphere. The judge admitted baseball is not now what it used to be, and explained the situation by saying he had ten years ago quit playing. His talk filled with humor as it was, recited also many historic incidents that

pleased the ones present who have read here a number of years, and also served as delightful entertainment to those who have lately chosen La Grande as the place to call home.

ADVERTISING—DOES IT PAY?

A few days ago Mrs. Frank Bay lost a lady's handbag that contained \$15 in money. She advertised the loss in the Observer and William Pattison of the American Express company, having found the bag, immediately got in touch with this office. The day following Mrs. Bay called for the bag and the money was just as she had last placed it.

This not only illustrates that it pays to advertise, but it also proves conclusively that honesty is still a strong feature with some people of this world.

ONE OF GEORGE'S DODGES.

Senator Chamberlain is paying the way for his return to Oregon with soft words to those who fall in appointment. Those soft words of George's have been used until they are threadbare. And unless he does something that will show he has taken a stand one way or the other, the dogs of political war will hold such a pow wow over his defeated remains the next time he runs for office, that the echo will be heard from Coos Bay to Imnaha. George is about to start a campaign of "down with the trimmers" in Oregon, and it will be will be one of those non-partisan campaigns at that.

MORE FARMERS NEEDED!

Well, General Passenger Agent William McMurray has issued a statement that more farmers are needed in Central Oregon. Mr. McMurray is late with his statement. More farmers have been needed in Oregon since it was admitted as a state, and even before that time. Multnomah county needs more farmers, Union county needs more farmers and so does every other county in Oregon.

What Mr. McMurray should have told us, is how we can get more farmers. There is a lot of real work in ers. There is a lot of real work about farming, and somehow very few people are headed in a direction where the sign board reads, "Keep to the end of this lane and you will find a place where you can work sixteen hours a day."

Listen to this: Pat Lavey, formerly of La Grande, buffaloes the federal court the other day. Lavey was indicted on a get-rich-quick scheme. He pleaded guilty but assured the court that he was going to make good to the tune of \$20,000 and the court took his word for it. Now, what do you think of that for "getting by?"

Baker proudly announces that her mines are using parcels post for transmission of gold bricks. If history states facts correctly it seems the United States mails in the past have been used by some mines in Baker county to transmit gold bricks. At least some of the stockholders in wildcat mines would so testify.

The produce dealers of Portland paid their fines and continued in business. And in a very short time there will be a way found for them to evade the Sherman law and take up the old practice of cornering food stuffs. A jail sentence would have been a fine thing for those chaps.

You can drink liquor on the dining cars but if you get drunk the train conductor may put you off at the next station and have the sheriff lock you up. That is an Oregon law today and was not passed by the present legislature.

If President Wilson does not save the battleship Oregon this state should send Will R. King and an army of rock ribbed Democrats to Washington and bear down upon His Excellency. Destruction of the first real battleship this nation ever had would be decidedly wrong.

Judge Knowles evidently had few friends in the legislature for the new bill introduced by Representative leaves him with two counties to look after.

Mexico continues to shoot down soldiers, kill ex-presidents and destroy and loot property. President Taft continues to take the stand there is no cause for America to intervene. Who was it said, "God, give us men?"

White slavery is to be punished by the state of Oregon, according to a bill introduced by Representative Mann. Portland will take notice that one of her undesirable industries has been placed under the ban.

An extra session of congress called for April 1st. That is an April fool to those who want the tariff to remain as it is.

Baker has a Socialist janitor who has fallen heir to \$7,000. And he proposes to start a picture show. Fine way to get rid of the money.

MR. BRYCE'S PROPHECY.

In the autumn of 1876 James Bryce, author of "The American Commonwealth," and recent ambassador of Great Britain to the United States, took a vacation tour which resulted in the publication of a book from his pen in 1877 entitled: "Transcaucasia and Ararat; Being Notes of a Vacation Tour in the Autumn of 1876." The book attracted some attention at the time because of the keenness of the observations of the author. But it is more interesting today, 35 years later, because of the predictions which he made in regard to the future of Turkey in Europe at that time and which seem to be about to be substantiated before the present conflict is ended. The defeat of Turkish arms in the Balkan war and the resumption of hostilities by the Balkan states before Adrianople when peace negotiations failed make interesting some of the extracts from Mr. Bryce's book.

Even in 1876 Mr. Bryce was impressed with the belief that the Turkish government was dying. "It has been sick for a long time," he wrote, "and it may have yet a good many years to linger. But it is not the less certain that the sickness is incurable."

He continues: "It is really not so much a government in our sense of the word as no government. Some philosopher impressed by the evils of bureaucratic centralization has defined the perfect government as anarchy plus a street constable. Here you have anarchy plus the tax collector."

His prophecy of the then existing government awakened the spirit of prophecy in Mr. Bryce and he was led to say relative to the proposal that England endeavor to maintain the status quo in Turkey:

"In the moral and political world as in the material world there is in reality no such thing as status quo; all is change and motion. If not from better to worse then from worse to better. England may save the sultan from foreign invaders, she may aid him to suppress internal revolts. But he will not thereby arrest that sure and steady process of decay which make his government more and more powerless for anything but evil. She may delay but she cannot prevent the arrival, after another era of silent oppression varied by insurrections and massacres, of a day when the Turkish empire will fall to



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There seems no reason, under the present circumstances, to dispute the prophecy of 35 years ago by Mr. Bryce.

MR. MEADE EXPLAINS.

Elgin, Oregon, Feb. 26.—To the Editor: Seeing an article is your valuable paper of Feb. 22, entitled "A North Sider Deserts Wife at Death" I wish to inform the readers of your paper and my friends in La Grande, the true state of affairs. I never said at the house: "There she is, bury her." I asked Mrs. Friswold if it would not be better for me to give a note to the undertaker, so if anything happened that I could get the casket without any trouble, as she had already acknowledged that my wife had an interest in the place, besides what money I had put in the place myself. This she refused to do. I then left the house and went down town and on my way back, I met Mr. Francisco, a son-in-law of Mrs. Friswold. He was in an angry mood, and told me not to appear at the house any more. This I did not do. I did not wish to go with a peace officer, so I stayed away to insure peace.

Hoping you will give space to this article, I am, Yours sincerely, SOL S. MEAD.

ENTIRE CHANGE OF PROGRAM. ARCADE TODAY.

- 1—"MYSTERY OF BASCOMBE VALE", TWO REEL FEATURE. 2—"GEOUSE, PEARL OF THE ATLANTIC", SCENIC. 3—"NEARY & MILLER, BLACK FACE COMEDIANS. 4—"SAVING MABEL'S DAD", A FARCE COMEDY. 5—"A NIGHT OF TERROR" COMEDY. 6—"THE DOUBLE WEDDING", A FARCE COMEDY.

JOHN FRENCH RETURNS.

Former La Grande Man Will Be Head Sawyer at Meacham Mill.

John C. French and family who lived many years in La Grande have returned from Portland where they have lived for the past year. Yesterday through the Geo. H. Currey real estate agency they purchased the Adams property on the corner of Fourth and C. streets of A. J. Cancellation, and will again make La Grande their permanent home. Mr. French will be head sawyer at the J. D. Casey mill at Meacham just as soon as the mill begins the spring run.

Mr. Casey who has been living in Portland during the winter is expected to arrive this week to take charge of his large lumbering interests.

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"I don't claim to know ALL the law, but I do claim to be absolutely honest and square." If you have an unjust bill to collect, or a dishonest suit to be brought, do not call around. I wouldn't handle it for a \$10,000.00 fee.

The Test of Time

Time determines whether the policies under which a bank is operated are safe. This bank has been in business twenty-six years. It has grown steadily until it has become one of the strongest and most prosperous financial institutions in the West. The soundness of its policies is attested by the long list of conservative business men who transact their business here; also by an earned surplus of \$130,000.00, the work of time and the result of conservative management. This bank has facilities for taking care of more high grade business and offers its services to those who appreciate the best in banking.

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Cleaning Talks

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Why do woolen garments get "rotten" and tear easily?

What destroys the strength of the fibre? Bacteria, germs! Exhalations from the pores of the skin gather in the fibres and furnish a "culture" for bacteria. New substances formed by the fermentation or bacterial action do the damage.

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