"How so?"
"Well, as rational as he appears while
trring about he's a strange man in bed.
ar families, you know, are well acminted, and I therefore know all about

odd, but what can be done to stop him ufter he begins to grow!"

"Well, his brother told me how he used to work it. He always took a coarse omb to bed with him and would rake he colonel with it when he began to row!. As strange as it may seem, it was the only thing that would quiet him. he family doctor said that a comb was omehow the only thing that would start he blood to circulating."

"Would make him act just like a same. Why, he uster insist that his brother should take the comb to bed with him. He don't like to have any one mention the freakish misfortune, as he always terms it, but it would be doing him a great favor if you would take the comb to bed with you and give him a rake in case he should begin to growl. I am telling you this because I am your friend, and because I know that you are good timber, and espacially because I hope that you may secure his influence if you should ever desire any office. Don't you know that we always respect the man that understands our peouliar-the man that understands our peouliar-the ways really in the property shelter. When Jim unloaded his knapsack and blanket the night after the battle he found that thirty-even bullets had penetrated it.

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a ney timinist out on this sout, felice over and over, and then overtifred a tetering old wardrobe that came down upon them with a crash. The major swore that he was deed, and the colonel yelled for a light, but no light came. Had they listened they might have heard another noise that sounded as if some one were breathing hard. The old man was in the hall shaking the railing of the stairway. The major was the first

"And if I can find my pistol I'll sho he top of your head off!" howled t

colonel.

This threat so frightened the major that he gathered up his clothes as best he could and rushed from the room.

"Why, what's the matter?" the old man saked when the major came down.

"Nothing, only I am going away to get a cannon and then come back and blow that fool into sternity."

"Did he try to bits you?"

"He tried to kill me, that's what he tried to do."

"Why didn't you rake him?"

the major and the colonel fought each other so violently that neither of them could win, and at an opportune time, old John Perdue stepped in and received the nomination.—Opie P. Read in New York World.

A WOUNDED KNAPSACK

trated it.

"Yes, sir," said Jim, looking the reporter straight in the eyes. "Thirty-seven that you understand him he will then know that you have had your eye on him, have held him in your mind."

"All right. You get me the comb, and I will go through with the ceremony when the time comes."

"Here's one, put it in your pocket."

They returned to the colones, and after a while, when the major stepped into the house to get a drink of water, the old man said:

trated it.

"Yes, sir," said Jim, looking the reporter straight in the eyes. "Thirty-seven bullets and knapsack—thirty-seven bullets and two buckshot. If I had that blanket and knapsack now I wouldn't take \$1,000 for it. After the battle I gave them to mother and told her to keep them for me until I came back from the war. But you know how it is when folks is moving around. Things get lost. I don't knapsack."

"Glad you like him, for you and he will have to sleep together to-night, for the fact is I have only one spare bed."
"That will be all right I reckon," said the colonel.

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"In what way?"
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"I never before heard of an affliction so strange," said the colonel.

"I either, but then it is a very seey matter to relieve him. He and a fellow named Buck Johnson were once opporing candidates for proceeding actionrey. Well, they had to alsop together one sight. Buck knew of his peculiar affliction, and shortly after they went to bed Buck began to growl. The major didn't my anything that night, but mant day he withdrew from the race, declaring that he would not run against so good a mass as Buck.

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"You don't say so!" exclaimed the colonel.

"Yes I do, and know it to be a fact. I would advise you to humor him in the same way."

"I'll do so."

"Hash, he's coming back."

"We are going to have more rain, I think," said the mjor, as he resumed his seat.

"Yes," the colonel responded, "but I hope that it will not interfere with the convention. If the attendance is large and the proceedings harmonious, the result will be of great benefit to the county."

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"Neither of the candidates that have been named. We have bester timber than any of those fellers."

"Well, said the major, yawning."

"Rekin we better go to bed, so as to be in trim for the work to-morrow."

"I will show you the room," the old man remarked, arising.

The politicians were shown into an upper room, and the old man, placing candle on the mantelpiece, bade them good-night and went down etairs.

"What noise was that?" the major saked when the old man had quitted the room.

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"What the deuce are you doing?" exclaimed the colonel, springing up in bed.

"What do you mean?" And in his rage he began to grate his teeth.

The major, supposing that he was getting ready to begin biting, reached over and gave him another rake.

"You infernal idiot!" yelled the colonel, feeling for the major's hair, "if I don't wool you I'm a shote!"

"What are you doing?" howled the major. "Let go, or I'll hurt you! Quit, I tell you! Haven't you got any sense?"

The major had found his hair.

"I'll let you know what it is to rake the life out of me with a crossout saw."

"I was doing it to oblige you, you confounded wolf! Let go my hair!"

"Oblige me! Do you take me for a saw log? Look out! If you hit me again I'll pull every hair out of your head?"

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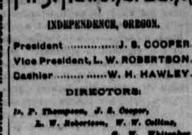
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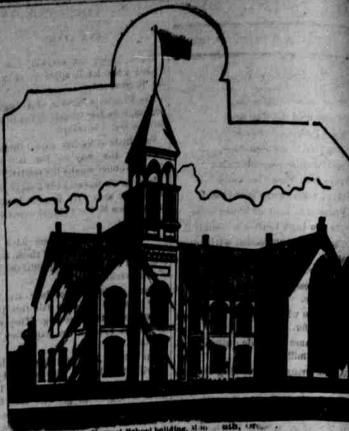
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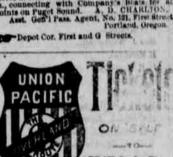
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