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SATIONS OF A MAN'S
BRAINS.**

**Will Make Him a New Forehead—
Whole Town Prostrated With
Typhoid Fever Epidemic—
Woman Stabbed Him
by Mistake.**

New York, Dec. 4.—The medical fraternity of the country is watching with absorbing interest the remarkable case of Asa Paulson, who has a large portion of his brains missing, one eye gouged out and the entire frontal bone fractured and still lives. The patient is rational and is pronounced to be on the road to recovery. The surgeons are able to watch the pulsations of the brain through the orifices of the sightless eyesocket. Marvelous to relate the patient is not aware that one eye is destroyed and does not know that a load of buckshot tore through the brain. He experiences no pain and wonders when the surgeon will permit him to use his eye. The wound was made by a companion who was hunting and who pulled the trigger of his gun by mistake. The surgeons intend to make a new forehead and manufacture a new frontal. They will take a freshly anputed human bone, grind it up, decalcify and mold a new bone and then cover the skin with a flap. In time the calcium salts of the body will permeate this and make a real bone.

Butler, Pa., Dec. 3.—The epidemic of typhoid fever which broke out on September 15 last increases. Nearly 1,500 cases and 18 deaths have been reported. This means that about one out of every seven of the borough's inhabitants has been stricken.

The Rev. Father R. L. Carroll, of whose congregation 125 are ill, says:
"We need girls to work and who know something about nursing. As you love God and your neighbor come to Butler's assistance."

One physician has sixty-five fever patients; four doctors have broken down under the strain, and, weakened, have been easy victims of the scourge; the last of them was Dr. James Grossman today.

The relief committees, clergymen and doctors say that the worst is yet to come; that the epidemic will not subside until April, and that \$1,000 a day will be needed to nurse and feed the sick.

In response to appeals, nurses are arriving on every train, but do-

mestic help to wash the clothes and bedding of the patients is as badly needed as nurses.

The state board of health found that the epidemic was caused by pollution of the water used by most citizens. This pollution is traceable to cases of the fever near Thorn Run Dam, the reservoir of the Butler Water Company.

Portland, Dec. 5.—Suffering from a serious knife wound in the breast, Robert Matteson, an actor, is lying at Good Samaritan hospital. While taking part in an entertainment at Gervais he was accidentally stabbed by the leading woman.

Matteson is 37 years of age and belongs to a lodge of Odd Fellows in Minneapolis. During the entertainment he was a principal in a farce. He was the leading character and a part of the play is the stabbing of the villain by the woman. The actor wore a board covered with tin under his clothing to protect him from injury. However, the actress struck to high and the sharp blade entered Matteson's left breast penetrating the lung and barely missing the heart.

The injured man was somewhat improved yesterday and it was thought best to bring him to Portland for treatment last night. Dr. G. F. Wilson is attending him. While the wound is serious it is believed the actor will recover.

San Francisco, Dec. 4.—As predicted in special news service dispatches 10 days ago, the Santa Fe railroad has acquired the North Shore railroad to finish the link that will connect Eureka with this city. It is announced on good authority that shareholders will receive \$100 per share for their stock. President Ripley has a \$1,200,000 forfeit deposited against the stock now being placed in escrow by local stockholders. The road operates to Cazadero, 105 miles north of here. Surveyors are in the field south and north of Eureka, and the same authority says it is the intention of the Santa Fe to reach Portland by the coast-line routes heretofore rumored. This story the officials say is not correct, but they will give no explanation for the extensive surveys.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 28.—Some ten years ago there stood behind the glove counter of a store here a young woman, Miss Georgia Davids whose unusual beauty won her local fame.

A few days ago press despatches related how Mrs. E. H. Power, the wife of a wealthy American in London, had lost a package containing gems valued at \$40,000. Her husband notified Scotland Yard, and within a few hours a cabman had returned the package and found himself richer by \$8,000, he being entitled, under the English law, to 20 per cent. of the value of the find.

Miss Davids and Mrs. Power are the same, and the change in fortune for the pretty Louisville shopgirl is thus indicated. She now makes her home in London, with everything millions can bring her, and has recently been touring the continent with her husband in their auto car.

The unusual beauty of the woman attracted general attention, and it resulted finally in her acceptance of an offer to go on the stage. After a few seasons before the footlights, her beauty and charms won the love of a Southerner named Power, and their marriage and a life of luxury and wealth is the lot that came to the pretty clerk in the Louisville glove store.

Ontario, Or., Dec. 4.—A terrible accident occurred last night about 9 o'clock on the outskirts of this city. Peter Russel, foreman of the O. S. L. bridge crew, and three of his employees, J. R. Stroup, James Mehan and R. J. Burns, were returning from Washoe, when their handcar was run into by a special train and Russell received injuries which caused death a few hours later. Stroup and Mehan jumped from the car, but Russell and Burns tried their utmost to remove the same to prevent wrecking the train. Before they could accomplish their object, however, the special struck the car, throwing Russell 80 feet and mangling his right leg and head in a frightful manner. Mehan escaped uninjured.

The deceased has been in the employ of the O. S. L. railway for the past 15 years as foreman of the bridge crew.

JAMES K. BURKE

**SELF-CONFESSED FORGER
GOES TO THE PEN FOR
SIX YEARS.**

**Career of the Man Who Obtained
Money From Several Country
Banks—How He Escaped
a Number of Times.**

Hillsboro, Or., Dec. 5.—James H. Burke, whose true name is Hamilton, and who for some time resided in the vicinity of Troutdale, was this morning sentenced to six years in the penitentiary, upon pleading guilty to a charge of forgery. Last August, Burke went into the Holland settlement, north of Forest Grove, and represented himself as an agent of Baker & Hamilton, a San Francisco firm. He said that he was selling farm implements and tools, and went to various farmers, getting them to write their names and addresses on the pretense of having catalogues sent them.

He approached Walter Bernards, a wealthy rancher, and secured his name and address, asking Bernards to write it down himself. This was done, and a day or so later Burke appeared at the Forest Grove Bank and enquired if a note with Mr. Bernards' name as security was good. The bank replied in the affirmative, and, as there were two brothers by the name of Burke residing near the Bernards farm, supposed that it was a neighborly loan.

Cashier Kane happened to drive by the Bernards home that evening and found that no one had approached him to act as surety. This caused alarm and Mr. Bernards went to town the next morning to intercept Burke when he was to apply for the money. He remained in seclusion, and, as Burke passed, identified him as the man to whom he had given the name and address. Burke went to the bank to cash the note, passed the paper into the window, and was immediately covered with revolvers by E. W. Haines, the banker, and Cashier Kane. He was brought here and placed in jail.

A few weeks later he and J. T. McNamara broke jail, and were at large for about three weeks. Burke was located in Skamania county, Washington, was arrested there by Sheriff Totten, broke away from that official while on the way to Stevenson, was later captured by a halfbreed, and made his escape the second time by overpowering his custodian, and went down into Clark county, where he was captured at a brother's house, late one evening, by Sheriff Biessecker, who shot the fugitive in the groin and arm while attempting to break away.

Before operating in Washington county Burke passed forged paper at Medford and at Jefferson. He also planned a second jail break, promising to give Tromley \$100 if he would make keys to open the corridor doors. The keys were completed but were discovered by the sheriff, and Tromley will serve two and one-half years for the conspiracy. Sheriff Sewell will go to Salem Monday with commitments for Burke, Tromley and McNamara, in for two years for larceny.

Portland, Dec. 5.—It took the jury trying Asa B. Thompson, suspended receiver of the La Grande land office, just 38 minutes to bring a verdict of acquittal in Judge Bellinger's court yesterday afternoon. The charge for which Thompson had been indicted by the Federal Grand jury, and tried in the United States district court, was for alleged solicitations of bribes. Chas. Cunningham and Inspector Green, of the interior department, were the principal witnesses against Thompson, and they and Dallas O'Hara, Glen Sailing and Asa Rayburn, came in for a terrific forensic denunciation from T. G. Hailey, assistant attorney for the defense.

The trial of Thompson has attracted wide-spread interest through out Eastern Oregon, where the principals are all well known. The specific charge against him was that he was alleged to have attempted to solicit bribes amounting to \$500. The evidence against Thompson was furnished by Charles Cunningham, "the Oregon sheep king," and Inspector Greene. From the begin-

ning the evidence of any wrong doing on the part of the land receiver was so flimsy that the day's proceedings of the court were little short of a farce. United States District attorney John A. Hall did the best he could with the material he had on hand, but the characters of many of the witnesses were most viciously assailed by the attorneys for the defense. Witness after witness swore away the character of Cunningham and O'Hara. Sailing and Rayburn practically admitted that they had committed perjury, and that they had sworn to false land affidavits. It was the testimony sworn to by O'Hara, Sailing and Rayburn that moved Judge Bellinger, in his charge to the jury, to refer to them as "three shameless characters" who had sworn falsely in a case in which Cunningham was the beneficiary.

Judge Bellinger, in his instructions to the jury, reviewed the case carefully. It was very favorable to Thompson and he intimated that from the evidence there was nothing to warrant the jury finding the defendant guilty. The jury retired at 4:15 and in 38 minutes rendered a verdict not guilty on all three of the counts.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Notwithstanding the fact that a Federal court jury acquitted Asa B. Thompson, suspended receiver of the La Grande land office, of the charge of accepting a bribe, Secretary Hitchcock declares Thompson cannot be reinstated. The secretary informed Senator Fulton that the mere fact of Thompson having been indicted indicated that "something was wrong," and the indictment, regardless of whether Thompson was adjudged innocent, had impaired his usefulness as a government official. He then and there told the senator the delegation must recommend some new man for appointment to this receivership.

When the Oregon senators learned this morning of Thompson's acquittal, they forwarded to Secretary Hitchcock telegrams announcing this fact.

After the Secretary had received the foregoing note, the Oregonian correspondent inquired at his office what, if any, change it had made as to the secretary's determination to dismiss Thompson, and was told the secretary stood firm, and, moreover, that in calling on the Oregon senators to name a new receiver, the secretary acted by specific direction from the president.

Senator Fulton said today, when told of the situation, that no one had been recommended to succeed Thompson, and nothing is likely to be done until Secretary Hitchcock's formal acknowledgment of the letter mentioned is at hand. Both senators are indignant to think that Thompson, in view of his acquittal, is not to be reinstated, but they have not determined whether to engage in a protracted controversy with the secretary over this matter.

At Philomath.
Mr. Scriber shipped a carload of prunes to Salem last week.

There was a large attendance at the basket social given by the band last Thursday evening.

Rev. Bennett is slowly improving.

Dr. Newth went to Albany last Thursday to attend the meeting of the Central Willamette Medical society.

Jess Moser, of the firm of Moser Bros., returned from a business trip to Portland last week.

Eggs have reached 36 cents at the stores and promise to go higher.

S. P. Clark sent the largest shipment of turkeys to Portland for Thanksgiving, that ever was shipped from Philomath.

When the next issue of "The Times" is issued, the result of the city election will be known. To the careful observer it looks at present as though there would be a close race between Mayor Weed, the present incumbent, and Hy Ambler.

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