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Johnny Spangler was in Albany Tuesday night and assisted McLyman's orchestra, of Salem, which provided the music for the grand military ball given in that city on the date mentioned.
The safe in "The Leo" was robbed on Wednesday night. About \$100 in hard cash disappeared.
Wallis Nash went to San Francisco the first of the week on business.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.
Eugene Campbell, aged 33 years, brother of the proprietors of the Eugene Guard and for years a compositor in that office, had been missing since Wednesday morning of last week. He had been making preparations for a much needed rest and arrangements were completed whereby he was to leave for San Francisco on a two months' visit. His habits had been to commence work at his case about 9 o'clock each forenoon. On the morning in question he went to the office shortly after that hour and began work but in a few minutes he resumed his hat and coat and walked out of the office without stating his intentions. Nothing peculiar was anticipated until shortly before 10 o'clock, when, as he did not return, this strange turn in the face of his closely regular habits, surprised his brothers and inquiry as to his whereabouts began and a careful search failed to find any trace of him. Saturday morning news came from thirty-five miles up the Middle Fork river that a man was found dying there, his clothes soaking wet and a bloody knife with a broken blade lying near by. He died before relieved. The body proved to be that of the missing man and the remains were interred at Eugene on Tuesday. Investigations of the coroner showed that death was the result of exposure and of an incision made in the wrist by himself.

LEFT US.
Geo. F. Eglin and family left for Ashland on Monday, taking with him his entire household effects. The primary inducement for this change was the expectation of benefiting his wife's health which has been poor for some time. While we entertain the belief that Mr. Eglin will return to Corvallis in time we bespeak for the family a warm welcome into the business and social circles of their new home, feeling assured that their presence will lend vigor to both. Mr. E. grew to manhood in this city, and while he is a young man his energy has been a strong factor in the later advancement and commercial development of the city and county. He has rendered material aid in all the important enterprises which have been inaugurated here in the past few years, and the more progressive element of Corvallis last year elected him as a councilman from the middle ward. He is a member of Barnum lodge, I. O. O. F., of this city, and withal, has a legion of friends here who wish that his departure will not prove disappointing in any particular.

THAT WIRE FENCE.
A. Hathaway, a property owner of Job's addition, is circulating a petition to be presented at the next meeting of the city council, praying for the opening of certain streets in his vicinity. Mr. H. presents the matter about as follows: It is claimed that Mr. Wilkins sold to Mrs. Murray a strip of land embracing a number of fractional blocks along the line between Job's and Wilkins' additions. Mrs. Murray has placed a wire fence around the tract, enclosing the imaginary streets between the fractional blocks and cutting off free intercourse between the two additions. The trouble has arisen out of the fact that the land here the streets might, could, would, or should be, was not dedicated to the city.

The first copy of the Drain Herald made its appearance on our table the first of the week, bearing at the head of its columns the names of O. Anson Byrd as editor, Julian Byrd local editor and W. T. VanSoy, subscription agent. The paper is well filled with local and miscellaneous news matter, but contains but few advertisements of the business men of that city which looks bad for the future of the venture. The Byrds are no "Jays" and if the good people of Drain will give them proper support, regrets will not follow.
Ed. Dunn is with us again "interviewing our business men in the interest of a Portland wholesale house." This is the story the papers tell but some suspect that his interviews here are not of a business nature and that they are obtained in the interest of the young man himself.
Uncle Billy Henkle, we are sorry to state, is in very poor health. He was attacked some time since with la grippe and it left him with a severe cough. He is confined to his home, but is able to be about the greater portion of the time.
A boom of 60,000 feet of logs broke loose from the Friendly mill Tuesday morning but lodged about two miles this side of Albany. They are a portion of the logs bargained for by Lawrence Bros., mill men of Newberg, and the raft will be delivered to that firm.

THE GAME OF FOOT-BALL.
The Belief in Its Physical Dangers not Sustained by Facts and Scientific Research.
On tomorrow afternoon those of Corvallis who choose to attend may expect to witness a good game of foot-ball. All have read more or less of the game, and the class of comments which meets the eye of those having little interest in the sport has probably been derogatory of the amusement. A scientific exposition of the game as played by college teams does not support the impressions formed by those who possess a superficial knowledge of it or who have given the subject small consideration. Those who see for the first time, or possibly for many times, the desperate struggles which the "wedge" and similar plays involves in a strong game; who hear the suppressed exclamation of the man who goes down beneath a mob of burly fellows who appear intent on crushing the life out of the smaller player who has possession of the ball, are apt to decide the game barbarous. Then, when the participants all arise except one man and there is a hurrying for the medicine grip, the uninitiated will surely vote the game a bad thing. In a recent number of the North American Review there appears an article under the heading "Intercollegiate Football," furnished by authorities from Yale and from the University of Pennsylvania. The gentlemen say:
"The great institutions which this matter most concerns and are its representatives at the bar of public opinion are Princeton, Yale, Harvard and Pennsylvania. About this time last year the question of the occurrence of fatal or permanently disabling injury to any football player at these four institutions for the previous decade was submitted by one of the writers to the special authority on the subject in each faculty. The replies, still in his possession, were sent after careful investigation and established conclusively the fact that no instance of any permanent injury to a player had occurred in all the long series of contests waged during these ten years on the football field. We ask that until contradictory and well sustained evidence be brought forward this statement be accepted on the authority of Dr. Sargent, of Cambridge; Dr. Seaver, of New Haven; Dr. Macdonald, of Princeton, and Dr. White, of Philadelphia."
Aside from the physical dangers of the game which are urged against it there is no serious objection to it; and the above showing would seem to meet this objection conclusively. It at least shows that there is less physical danger attending football than attaches to baseball, shooting, cycling, rowing and other such sports. As for physical development more may be said in favor of football than any other sport. None of them is to be compared with football in the direction of bringing all muscles into play. "And, moreover," says the above authority, "in none of them except rowing is the preliminary straining so valuable in strengthening the great involuntary muscles, those of the heart and diaphragm, observed with anything like equal strictness."
Almost all persons not familiar with football entertain a prejudice against it and are not disposed to encourage the sport by their attendance, but, notwithstanding the vigor of the play when once witnessed there is an attraction in the game which is irresistible. We would therefore urge that our people give the boys a good attendance tomorrow afternoon. They have undergone severe training to do credit to the institution which is our pride, and there is every probability that they will leave the field with the honor of the day.
The & L. Co. of this city company, presenting a society drama at the opera house in the near future. Should the boys undertake it they will undoubtedly have the success they invariably meet with in all their undertakings. They will be able to enlist the assistance of any of our local talent.
M. S. Woodcock has been suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia the past week, and has required the close attention of a physician.

THE STATE TAX LEVY.
It Includes No Appropriation for the Jute Mill, Penitentiary or Fishway.
The state tax levy for 1894 will be 4 3-10 mills.
The state board of tax levy, consisting of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer met yesterday and made the levy of state taxes for the current year upon the equalized assessment for 1893.
The total amount of expenses for the year 1894 as estimated by the board was \$736,230.61, and after deducting the surplus in the state treasury (saved out of the levy of 1893) amounting to \$13,448.32, it was found that the total amount of revenues to be raised the fiscal year ending Dec. 31, 1894, for state purposes was \$722,782.29, which was apportioned among the several counties of the state according to the amount of total taxable property in each. The board ascertained also that the resulting rate of taxation upon each dollar of assessment within the state subject to taxation was four and three-tenths (4 3-10) mills, and the levy was accordingly made for that sum. The total taxable property of Benton after deducting exemptions is \$3,400,431, and the apportionment of her state taxes is \$14,621.85.
The levy was computed from a detailed statement of the expenses to which the state will be subjected for the year 1894, and of the items of deficiencies, payment of which has been authorized by law, and also the running expenses of the state, (which includes the salaries of the state officers, clerks, janitors, etc., teachers and current expenses of the deaf-mute, blind and the reform schools, insane asylum, penitentiary, printing, etc.) and the following specific appropriations:
Blind school improvement, \$6,000.
School record books and blanks, \$3,760.
Buildings state fair grounds, \$3,000.
Portland industrial fair, \$500.
Books for state library, \$2,500.
Support home at Portland, \$2,500.
Support orphans' home Salem, \$2,500.
Support orphans' home Albany, \$2,500.
Support refuge home Portland, \$2,500.
Aid baby home Portland, \$2,000.
Aid Magdalen home Portland, \$2,000.
Aid St. Mary's home, \$1,000.
Electric wiring buildings insane asylum, \$3,750.
Furnishing and finishing new infirmary, additional buildings, equipping shops, machinery and tools, extending fire protection system, improvements, alterations and repairs at and about the insane asylum, \$16,300.
Construction of cottages and congregating dining hall and furnishing therefor, for heating and sewerage systems and water supply therefor; for construction and alteration of outbuildings; for farm and industrial implements and machinery at the asylum cottage farm, \$20,850.
Fencing asylum lands, \$650.
Purchase cottage farm, \$3,000.
A drain from capitol grounds, \$1,800.
Repairs state capitol, \$3,000.
Roof and painting capitol, \$3,500.
Purchase of wood, etc., \$2,700.
Cleaning out Mill creek and constructing levee from reform school land to penitentiary, \$2,500.
Fencing water ditch, etc., penitentiary, \$2,075.
Oregon state weather bureau, \$500.
Boys' and girls' aid society of Portland, \$1,250.
Patton Home, Portland, \$1,000.
Dormitory University of Oregon, \$15,000.
Additional school buildings, work shops, dormitories, laundries and machinery, bakery, engine rooms, for full equipment and furnishing thereof, and for water supply, sewerage and other

improvements at the state reform school, \$39,000.
Support soldiers' home, \$12,000.
Support soldiers' home, deficiency in levy of '93, \$1,015.65.
Oregon national guard \$30,000.
State university, \$30,000.
Uniforming and equipping Oregon national guard, \$20,000.
State agricultural college, \$13,000.
State normal school, Weston, \$12,000.
Purchase of land, erection, furnishing and equipment of buildings, for apparatus, heating, and water supply, sewerage and other improvements for the Oregon school for deaf mutes, \$12,500.
State normal school at Month-mouth, \$9,300.
Cancellation of electric light contract of 1886, and for expenses under new contract, \$10,000.
No additional levies were made for the new wing and improvements at the penitentiary, nor for the jute mill, the fishway at Oregon City, nor for the Eastern Oregon insane asylum, for the reason that the sums levied last year for these purposes are all that can profitably be expended before wet weather in the fall will interfere with building operations. In this view of the case the state officers thought it would be unjust during the present financial stringency to make levies for improvements that would only lie idle in the treasury for possibly a year. The board expects to go forward with all state institutions as fast as the payment of taxes will justify.

FIRE ALARM.
The double-quick pedestrian exercise indulged by the football eleven (or fifteen) early every morning during the past few days resulted in some good, notwithstanding the numerous "kicks" recently registered by the sleep-lovers whose slumbers are disturbed by the heavy tread upon the asphalt (?) pavements. Monday morning at 5 o'clock as they came down Madison street upon their regular run they discovered a heavy flame of fire issuing from the residence of B. T. Taylor. They gave the alarm, passed on to the engine house, manned a hose cart and had it at the scene of the fire before any number of citizens had emerged from their homes. The fire proved to be a burning flue, but the presence of the fire company was necessary to prevent the roof of the building taking fire from the volume of sparks which issued.

A CORRECTION.
In a communication from Mill City, published in last week's GAZETTE, regarding claims against the O. P., an error occurs which we take this opportunity of correcting. The correspondent says: "Fay & Gest have been the accredited attorneys for the road for about eight months last past, and for their services they charged the modest sum of \$48,705, or \$10,000 more for attorneys' fees for eight months than all other expenses combined for thirty months." This claim was not presented for services rendered the receiver or the company. The claim is against the bondholders' committee of the O. P., composed of James A. Blair, Joseph Wharton and Alexander Brown. The correction is made in justice to the management of the road under Mr. Hadley's receivership.
J. W. Langley and wife left Corvallis on Monday last for their former home, Dow City, Iowa. Other members of the family, Misses Ethel and Bessie and Master Jay, preceded their parents two weeks ago. The young folks are missed from the society which they enlivened with their presence, and the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Langley is much regretted by a host of friends and the business community. Mr. L. was quite well satisfied to remain in Oregon but the mother became anxious to join her grown-up children whom she had left behind, and who had decided not to come to this state as was intended when the parents left the east.

OFFICER McLAGAN arrested one Charles Witham for drunk and disorderly conduct yesterday afternoon. He had been put to bed in the Occidental hotel and arrived at the conclusion that he owned the place, whereupon he proceeded to smash things up to his own liking, breaking out the windows and "doing" the door. Landlord Schmidt objected and called on the above officer, who escorted the gentleman to the city bastle where he enjoyed the society of the inmates thereof.
All the money necessary to accommodate visitors desirous of backing the Multnomahs to victory is in readiness and will be wagered by our local sports. It is rumored that in Portland bets are being made that Corvallis will not make a "touch-down." Doubtless there will be numerous surprises in store before the game is over, for our boys propose to win.
Inspection of the O. P. bridge at Albany a short time ago by the railroad commission, dispelled some of the timidity always affecting travelers during high stages of water. Exchanges which argue the uselessness of the board will please make a note of this.
Arthur Moore and Fred Tyler are wintering the Rose de Rui dramatic troupe in Drain, Southern Oregon. We notice by the Drain Herald that they were booked for an appearance there on the 13th.
To the credit of the H. & L. boys it is said that every member of the company, except one, responded to roll call Tuesday morning after the fire, and that the absent member was not in town.

NEW TIME CARD.
Receiver Clark has taken a very important step in the direction of cutting down the expenses of the Oregon Pacific railroad, namely, the reduction of train service. After January 1st the company will run a mixed daily train (freight and passenger combined) from Yaquina through to Halstead, and one westward from Halstead, passing at Albany. Travelers are usually averse to mixed trains, but under the circumstances they cannot reasonably find fault with the management as it is quite as important that employees be paid as it is that the public be furnished strictly first-class accommodations.
Train No. 1, eastbound, will leave Yaquina at 5:25 a. m.; arrives at Corvallis 11:10, Albany, 12:15; leaves Albany for Halstead, 1:15. Train No. 2, westbound, leaves Halstead at 7:00 a. m., arrives at Albany 10:40; leaves Albany 12:35; arrives at Corvallis at 1:20, Yaquina 7:20.

HE IS AN EX-CONVICT.
Lionel Stagge, the bank examiner and receiver of the Oregon national bank of Portland, appointed by Controller Eckels turns out to be an ex-convict of the Oregon penitentiary, and the disclosure has kicked up a great sensation in the metropolis. Stagge was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary under the name of A. L. Waterhouse for a year for passing fraudulent checks.
Upon his release from the penitentiary he sought and procured employment in Portland under an assumed name. He proved himself a man of financial ability, and rose rapidly in the esteem of the commercial world. To make the romance complete he married a worthy young lady of Eugene, who it is said clings to him the closer since his position became known to her and the world. He has tendered his resignation as receiver of the Oregon national bank, but it is understood that his bondsmen will not desert him should Controller Eckels choose to retain him.

SNAG-PULLING.
Lieutenant Taylor, United States engineers, has ordered the snagboat Corvallis to Eugene to clear the snags out of the river between Corvallis and that point. She has been operating between Corvallis and Harrisburg. This is a very favorable time for cleaning the river, as many snags have been brought down by the late flood, and the snagboat will work down the river as the water falls and clean them all out.—Oregonian.

LIQUOR.
M. M. Davis, receiver for the Niagara Mill Co., this week sold to Millard F. Beach the company's lumber yard in this city. The sale includes lumber sheds, side track and about \$250,000 feet of lumber.