

A DASTARDLY ACT.

Louis Johnson Seriously Injured—Suffering From Concussion of the Brain and Spinal Column. Work of the Officers.

Daily Guard, Feb. 17.

Our usually quiet city was thrown into a state of excitement this morning by the rumor that an attempt had been made to rob the First National Bank. Upon investigation, however, it was learned that the work was that of a common thief evidently with no other motive than that of petty robbery.

The facts as gleaned by a reporter of the GUARD are as follows: Louis Johnson, for several years a bookkeeper at the First National Bank has sleeping apartments on the ground floor in the rear of the bank building. He is usually awakened in the early morning by William Coleman, and then proceeds with the work of warming and dusting the bank.

It was nearly 10 o'clock before even partial consciousness was restored and for several hours the injured man was unable to talk but could write what information he possessed regarding the affair. When found an ash pan was on the floor near him, also a stick of round oak stove wood about the size of a billy.

It is claimed the only manner that some, at least, of the miracles could be performed, would be, either to abrogate, or suspend, or control the natural law. Natural law is controlled by the "universal energy of the resident forces" of nature.

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Mr. A. J. Johnson was telegraphed for and arrived on the local train this forenoon. Lewis' mother will come down tomorrow. The patient is recovering consciousness slowly, and at present time is able to sleep some.

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Dr. Driver's Lecture.

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Rev. I. D. Driver, D. D., lectured in Village Hall last evening. His subject was, "Miracles; Their Relation to Science and Religion." He opened his lecture with the statement of Prof. La Cotte's definition of evolution.

Miracle is synonymous with sign or token. Miracles although beyond human power to perform, have been explained by human intellect. These explanations have many times, perhaps always been erroneous.

It has been said that the science of today is only 10 years old. The scientific works published during this period, are comprehensive revisions of all the scientific knowledge recorded during past ages.

Our knowledge of miracles is derived from history written by men who tried to read the thoughts of God. It has been ever thus for nearly 6,000 years. Their conclusions being unverified would not disprove the event from which these conclusions were drawn.

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Carey Martin Hurt.

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The young journalist is well known here, having just graduated from the University of Oregon last year. The sad news has cast a gloom among his many near friends here.

While waiting for the mail to be changed at the Fall Creek postoffice, the carrier's attention was called to a little boy that came to the store to see if he could get a few turnips.

Telegram: Portland and many portions of Oregon are badly over-run with the obnoxious Canadian thistle, and all efforts thus far made to exterminate the weeds have not been attended with much success.

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OLANE COUNTY RECOGNIZED.

The Trans-Mississippi Congress in Favor of Lane County Improvements.

E. J. Frasier, delegate to the trans-Mississippi congress, now in session at San Francisco, telegraphs the GUARD today as follows, which is self-explanatory: SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—After a hard struggle have just got resolutions passed for the permanent improvement of upper Willamette river and completion at once of work on Siuslaw harbor.

JUNCTION CITY ITEMS. Times, Feb. 17. Robt. Bosserman has opened up a fresh stock of groceries in the Harpole building, west of Jackson's store.

Helmet Lodge No. 33, K. of P., of Eugene, has extended an invitation to Lucullus Lodge of this city to attend a special meeting of the lodge next Monday evening, that date being the 30th anniversary of the order.

A change of one cent will be made on each letter given out. Persons calling for letters will please say when advertised. MINNIE WASHBURN, P. M.

PLEASANT PARTY.—A number of friends met at the residence of John S. Gray last evening to help him celebrate his 28th birthday. A pleasant time was indulged in until 10 o'clock when all hands repaired to the dining-room, where a sumptuous lunch was awaiting them.

GEN. APPLIGATE SUE.—Yesterday's Portland Telegram has this concerning a gentleman well known in Eugene and who is one of the leading populists of the state: Suit was filed in the United States court this morning by the United States against Elisha L. Appligate and eight bondsmen, for the recovery of \$2297.75, which amount he is alleged to be short in his accounts as agent of the Indians of the Klamath Indian agency.

RETURNED.—Mr. H. W. Holden has returned from the Myrtle Creek mines. He informs us that the ditch was only slightly injured by the storms, and the same has been placed in good condition. Piping at the mine was closed down a few days ago after a run of 18 days. The piping was done for the purpose of cleaning off the ground so prospecting could be indulged in. However, about \$150 worth of gold was the result, notwithstanding nothing was expected.

IMPORTANT IF TRUE.—Albany Herald: A petition is being circulated and signed by many business men and citizens in this city, asking Judge Fullerton to postpone the sale of the Oregon Pacific railroad until June 1, by which time it is said \$3,000,000 will be forthcoming to purchase the road, pay up its obligations, and place it on a basis that will lead to extension across the mountains, whereby the road will be of great benefit to Oregon.

Wool Gain by Protection.

An examination of the prices of wool at Boston, the controlling market of the United States, will show that the best average prices were obtained when wool was practically free of duty.

These were the best years ever known in the United States, and wool was then virtually on the free list. In 1867, when wool commanded sixty-one cents a pound, Congress determined to "protect" the wool growers, and imposed a duty ranging on different grades of fleece from fifty to sixty per cent with the following results:

Table showing wool prices from 1867 to 1875. Columns include year, price per pound, and percentage change.

In 1883, when wool, after fifteen years of high protection, had reached the lowest price in forty years, congress, at that time republican in both branches, and with a republican president, determined to try a different policy, and reduced the tariff from 1 to 2 cents per pound, according to fleece.

Under our high McKinley tariff today, wool is eighteen cents per pound. A Longer Lease for Mary. The supreme court has decided that Governor Lewelling had no authority to remove Mrs. Mary E. Lease from the state board of charities.

CLAMATH FALLS EXPRESS: State Senator S. B. Huston, of Hillsboro, is mentioned as a candidate for congress from the first district by the democrats. Mr. Huston is a young but profound lawyer, who defeated republican warhorse Hon. Tom Tongue, in the legislative race of 1892.

AN EASTERN DEALER gives the following as the best method for growers to follow in order to get the top price for their fruit: Last fall some apples were shipped to him, which he readily sold for \$5 per barrel, and some others equally as good from the same town which it was hard to dispose of for \$4.

THE CITY OF LONDON grew in population 396,197 souls between 1881 and 1891. This 10 per cent, the present population being 4,211,743. The population of all England increased in the same time 1 1/2 per cent. It is the first time in many years that the population of London has not increased proportionately faster than that of the whole island.

THE SALEM STATESMAN names George Noland as a candidate on the democratic ticket for attorney general. Such a nomination would be an excellent one. He would receive many republican votes in Lane county, his old home.

THE POPULIST SHERIFF.

Salem Statesman: Some time ago G. A. Massie, sheriff of Columbia county, suddenly disappeared from his office and home at St. Helens and upon an investigation of the affairs of his office it was discovered that he was a heavy defaulter.

SIX OF THE present members of the United States senate have served in the cabinet. In the order of their ministerial service Don Cameron is first. He was secretary of war under President Grant.

ASHLAND TIDINGS: Jacksonville wags are having lots of fun over the decision in the Bloomer case. Bloomer is charged with embezzling \$90 0 between the dates of July 6, 1892, and August 5, 1893. The expert testimony advanced from the county records show that Bloomer turned over to the county in that time over \$15,000.

STAYTON TIMES: Capt. Moffett is no longer managing editor of the Portland Telegram, and from the tone of the paper at present it is republican masquerading as democratic. Capt. Moffett is an able writer but he has always been hampered in his management by the Oregonian Publishing Company, the present owners of the Telegram.