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LAST TUESDAY NIGHTS ADVENTURE.

Three of Salem's Colored Gents play the Part of a Detective-They tackle the wrong Man and are forced to "Line Up" and stand Inspection.

Early in the evening last Tuesday, there were sitting arround the stove in a certain back and dray barn, three gentlemen of the African descent and were each narrating the different blood-curdling adventures that they had encountered during their lives with burglars and robbers, and soon their bravery had reached to

THE HIGHEST PITCH.

And they longed to add one more laurel sprig to their already full crown. At last one of them said: "Jes you look a heah, Gworge, de Councilum ob dis city will gibe one hundred dollars to de fust pussen dat will bring dem robbers to de justis; now, dar am three of us heah, sposen we go dis berry night and take dem fellers in, and den claim de 'ward in the mornin', dar will be a few bits ober thirty dollars 'piece, and dat 'mount o' mony you isn't gwine to be pick up ebery day in de week, dis chile feels big nuff to jes take 'bout foh ob dem scamps in before mornin'. The plans were agreed to and they prepared themselves for

THE NIGHT'S CAMPAIGN.

Armed with an old revolver and a dark lantern they loitered around the barn till the dead hour of night, when they salied forth into the blackness of darkness, for the purpose of breaking up the band of robbers that are infesting this city. Thy roan ed about till I o'clock, when the sound of tram; ng in the distance was heard; bright anticipations of shining twenties that they were to receive, flitted through their minds, and what a glowing account the papers would have of the af air, and they would be lions of the day. As the rounds came nearer they secreted them selves at the corner on Commercial street, opposite Capt. Pratt's residence.

NEARER AND NEAREST

Came the sound, and at last was within a few feet of the crouching forms of our heroes, and one of them raised up and confronted his victim. The man stopped, and demanded, "Who Our here, who of course did not want to reveal his true name until at a proper time, said: "My name am Smith, sah." "Yaw," said the victim; "but vitch one uf dem tam Schmidts you vas? Dar vas more as two uf dem in town." Our hero demanded of him if he was a resident of this city. "Vas a resi-dent here?" said the victim; "I vas here more as five years before de first sidewalks vas built mit der town." Just then our other two heroes came up, and the victim began to recode from them. Then the dark lantern was brought into play, and the light thrown upon the vic-

REVOLVER WITHIN RACH HAND, And presented them in anything but an inviting position for our heroes, who at that moment him as Henry Jankosky, when one of them immediately sang out: "Foh God, Marse Henry, don't go foh to shoot dis way. I'se not de burglar; jes put up dem 'volvers and dis chile won't play toctive any moab, foh de Lord, I won't." Henry made them step up in a line, and after satisfying himself that they were honest in their intentions, allowed them to depart in peace. George save he don't hanker after that bundred dollars any more, and if dem udder fool niggahs ebe wants him to play 'tootive again, he will 'broke" dar jaw wid a barn shovel.

RESIST THE DEVIL.

The following aneedote was told by one of our city divines, on Sunday evening last, illustrating the way to be faithful to one's self, by standing fast and resisting temptation:

There was a man who lived in the country, and this young man was one day visited by his pastor and his pastor's wife. They made a very pleasant visit, and were about to depart; the pastor was seated in his buggy, and his wife was seated by his side, and they were all ready to start, when the young man cried out, "Hold hard a bit," and started for the smoke house, and arriving there picked out a nice ham and returned towards the buggy, intending to make the paster a present. But when he had got half way the Devil tempted him, and said: "Oh, you stupid fellow, to give the paster such a good, large ham se that; take it back, and pick out a smaller one; it will please the paster just as well, and you will not be out as much. Then the young man re-turned to the smoke house and hung up that ham, and picked out a larger one, and again proceeded towards the buggy; but when half way the Devil stopped him again, and said: way the Devil stopped him again, and said:
"Oh, you feel. What, go and pick out a larger
ham still? You are a feel, indeed." The
young man went back to the smeke house a
third time, and after having hung up the ham
which he had brought back, proceeded to pick
out the very largest and best ham that was
there, with which he cace more started for the buggy. But the Devil met him again, and this time attacked him with all his might, using every device to make him yield. And the young man stood fast right there, and said to the Devil: "Now, Satan, if you dou't cease tempting me, I will give the parson every ham in that smoke house." And then the Devil left him.

All we have to say is, that if the worthy preacher who told this story is left without a plentiful supply of cured legs of pork, from which to cut good slices for his breakfast, then he is unfortunate in having a congregation thoroughly dead to all moral teaching, and by far too obtuse to see the interpretation of the plainest parable.

The Roseburg post office issued 812 money orders last year and paid 283. Whole amount of orders paid, \$6,651; whole amount of money sent to Portland, \$6,657. ATTEMPTED BURGLARY.

Mart Chamberlin's Residence Entered Last Night by Some Unknown Persons-They Were Discovered in the Room and Chased out-They Secured Nothing for Their Trou-

Mr. M. I. Chamberlin's residence, on the corner of Front and Chemeketa streets, was entered by some unknown person. About two o'clock this morning, some of the family aroused Mart from his sleep and told him that

BURGLARS IN THE HOUSE:

That they beard them down stairs knocking around. Mart crawled into his breeches and slipped down stairs barefooted, and without a light. He stopped at the door of the sitting room, for the purpose of ascertaining in what portion of the house the burglar was. He stood perfectly still for several moments, and feeling a cold draught of air upon his feet, concluded that the sitting room was the place where the depredations were being committed. He then stepped into the room and discovered the door being

THROWN WIDE OPEN.

He immediately struck a match, at the same time keeping an eye upon the open door. As the match blazed up, the burglar, who was standing in the room, just beside the door, sprang out upon the porch and thence out the gate, and made his escape. In a few moments gate, and made his escape. In a rew moments after that a person came along on the walk and stopped at the gate, and Mart, supposing that it was the same individual, coming back to contest the right of the room with him, sang out, "Who's there?" It proved to be Billy Barker, the night watch; he having discovered the the night watch; he, having discovered the gate and door open, had stopped to see the cause of it. He then came into the house and made an examination of the room, but nothing was taken. The thief had raised and entered the room through the window, and

UNLOCKED THE DOOR

And swung it wide open, in order that he could make a hasty retreat if necessary. Tracks were found upon the porch, and they were made by a person with either rubbers on, or else the boots were muffled. Had Mart not struck the match when he did, the burglar, in making his escape, would have run directly into the arms of Billy Barker, as he was not more than fifty yards away, and coming directly to the gate. The burglar obtained nothing for his trouble, but ran a very narrow escape of being caught.

MORE OF THE BURGLARS.

Mr. E. M. Waite's Residence Attempted to be Burglarized-They are Frightened away by the Inmates of the House.

About 3 o'clock this morning, a burglar attempted to enter the residence of Mr. E. M. Waite, on Front street. His wife awoke from a noise at one of the doors, and getting up, walked heavily across the bedroom into the sitting room, in order to alarm him, and give netice that the inmates were awake. The thief, hearing the noise and finding the doors locked, doubtless commenced on the windows in the sitting room. Mrs. W. then awoke Mr. Waite, who got up and went to the sitting room, but hearing nothing, went to bed again. His wife being somewhat frightened, remained in the room for a moment, and then hearing the noise at the window, informed Mr. W. that he was be said. We write to induce thought. The getting into the room. Mr. Waite sprung up means we will use are plain English and comand going to the East window, slowly opened mon sense.

Spencer, Monsel, Hamilton, and Kent say a no one, went again to bed. This morning he great deal of a First cause. Spencer says: "The one of his wife were discovered that the sus correct, for the burglar had raised the North than the phenomena of our own conciousness, to remove the heavy flower pots, which entirely fill the base of the window, had made the neise resemblium the opening of the front blinds. the locality of the thief had been discovered at the Great Artificer, etc., etc., be properly term infeating the city.

Since the above was in type, Mr. Waite in forms us that the South door of the kitchen Uning named, but the action of the thing named? and the casings, had been considerably bruised Again, Mansel says: "The Absolute exists from some heavy iron in the hands of the thieves, during their attempt to force an entrance through it.

THE GUNSMITHSHOP

was the next place they endeavored to "tap" by trying to raise the back window, but in this attempt the failed, for Mr. Forstner heard them at the window and went out to give them a re-ception, but they evidently had heard Mr. F. coming and they "skeedadled" from there.

MR. J. W. SELLWOOD'S

Residence on Commercial street was the next place that they paid respects to. They entered the house but the noise the created in getting into the building woke the occupants and the thieves were frightened away. They then went to the residence of

MR. D. F. WAGNER.

on Commercial street and succeeded in effecting an entrance, but they were again frightened away befor they could secure anything for their trouble.

Oregon to be Represented.

Mr. E. W. Ryan, agent of the Centennial mmigration Bureau, located in Machinery Hall, Phuadelphia, is in Portland, and will soon visit Salem, and will furnish all desired information concerning the objects and advantages of the bureau. To those desiring to represent the mineral and productive interests of Oregon, this is an excellent oppor-tunity, and should be improved. All articles and specimens will be exhibited free, and without partiality. It is the intention of the bureau to establish a permanent and efficient depot of information for immigrants in the United States. Mr. Ryan says Oregon is attracting considerable attention and can secure a valuable representation if the citizens will only interest themselves in this direction.

Large Eagle Killed. Yesterday one of our resident Nimrods named Drake, while out gunning, came across one of the proud birds of freedom, an American bald eagle, and succeeded in killing it. He brought it to the city, and it measured from the point of the beak to the tip of the tail three feet and a half, and eight feet across to the tip of the wings. This we call a pretty good sized eagle.

Dr. Miller, of Slate creek, Jackson county, has killed sixty-four bear in the last ten

SKETCHES - NO. 1.

"A FIRST CAUSE." Now, what is a first cause? We answer, there could not have been a first cause, for a first cause predicates a last cause. What is the implication of first? Evidently, last. How, then, does a first cause become a last cause? It is impossible for a first cause to become a last cause without having its original state in a first cause. If a first cause merges into a second, third, or last cause, how, then, is it to remain a first cause? A first cause cannot be a first cause and at the same time a last cause. It is absurd to call any state of being a first cause. We know, if we know anything, that force, matter, motion, with time and space, are ultimates. These symbolize the orders through which an "unknown power" acts. We see matter, in its indestructible force, ever persistent; motion, continuous. We must, then, legitimately, from the premises, infer that back of these, there must be an Eternal source, or

power. What is back of this power we can never know, for it is impossible for effects to get back of their causes. All phenomena around us are but effects of causes. We, ourselves, are effects of causes, or we are phenomena produced by the environment, or co-existences and sequences. Hence, then, and necessarily, if we are effects of co-existences and sequences, it must follow, deductively, that we can never get back of that which causes us. We cannot lift ourselves, chair and all, without holding to anything. If we assert a power back of us, and all other phenomena, and our experience bears us out in this assertion, surely, then, we must rest satisfied-if our experience is of any validity at all—that there is a power. But it were suicidal, if, admitting a power, to call that admitted power a first cause. Numerically, we cannot number a cause, for it is simply a cause not first nor last. Hence, it is a misnomer to call an existing-ontologically in being-eum, or whole, a first cause. A subject cannot act unless caused to do so. Then, what causes subjects to act? Objects-or the external relations, co-existences and sequences-

A vigorous logic, then, compels us to admit a power-external of us-acting on us. Hence, then, there is nothing of which we are more certain than an external force. This force, being the ensemble, in all phenomena, induces mo tion or action. The order of its action we term a cause. Now, the order in which any action is presented to us is always a causal one. Therefore, when certain orders of action are presented to us as causes, they are repre-sented in us only as effects. It is vigorously impossible for us to think, unless through presented representation; and presented representation is purely a causal one from cause to effect. Our ideas of cause and effect are fundamentally grounded in the ontological orders, which we term objectively and subjectively. No action can be produced except through an active agency—the cause—and a passive one-

cause subjects, or internal relations, to act.

the effect.

Theologically we can never know the ultimate nature of things. All we can do, is to deal with them as they appear to us. Whether real or simply the appearance, it matters not, so they answer our purpose. All our knowledge is rel-ative, and relates to a Real.

In these "sketches" we have, and may in future, leave out much that should be said, and

objects and actions surrounding us, not less window about four inches, and in attempting compels us to ask a cause; in our search for a cause, we discover no resting place until we ar rive at the hypothesis of a First Canse. we ask, can the Infinite, the Absolute, the Unleast one "good" burglar out of the crowd now ed a cause, or the First Cause? Can we apply the term cause to any of these? Is not causa tion, as we know it a mode of action? not the first by itself, and afterwards becomes a cause. We deny this. The Absolute can never become a cause. Electricity is a "mode of motion;" the motion is a cause producing an effect. Clearly, this cause is not the Absolute. The Absolute is infinite; a cause is finite. To make the Absolute a cause is to make it finite. See, then, the absurdity of calling the Unknowable, or the Unconditioned, a cause, much less a first The ultimate nature of causation, like сапие. all ultimate truths, we cannot thoroughly comprehend in its substance and genesis. But, as we observed before, as we are phenomena, and deal only with the phenominal, the phenominal becomes to us, the relatively real; and that which transcends the relatively real, must be the Real or the Absolute. "PLAIN TALK."

At the Recorder's Court.

An individual who bears the cognomen of Louis O. Gibbs was snatched up Tuesday evening from the "mire and the clay" while under the influence of spirituous liquors and brought before his Honor this morning and fined five dollars and costs for breaking the good resolution formed on New Year's day and for dam-aging the peace and dignity of the city. In default of which he was placed in the "lock up" for five days, where he will have ample time to ponder over the divine injunction "that the way of the transgressor is hard."

For the Gas Company.

The Salem Gas Light Company received last evening per steamer City of Salem, ten tonslong measure of an article known as shale, and was obtained in Sidney, Australia. This shale is found just beneath the Sidney coal beds and is composed of the "scapings" from the coal; it is said to be very combustible. The gas company will use it in connection with coal, to manufac-ture gas, say in quantities of about five pounds to two hundred pounds of coal. It is said that this will make a very brilliant light.

The Work of Joslovay. The murder of Daniel Ochiltree, at Comstock's mill, Pass creek, Friday of last week was the result of jealousy on the part of G. W. Graham, the murderer. It does not appear that Graham had any real ground for jealousy. Graham has a wife and two children. He now rests in the Roseburg jail, and says he thinks he was justified in the shooting. A Mysterious Affair.

On last Saturday morning Mr. D. G. Leonard, the proprietor of the bridge property in Wasco county, was found lying in bed at his home, in an unconscious condition, with a hole in his head near the right temple, supposed to have been made with a bullet from a small pistol. The house was full of people at the time, and yet no one heard the discharge of firearms or any other nunsual disturbaces. We learn, says the Mountaineer, there is little hope of his re-covery, although our last tidings were that he was some better. At the last term of the District Court, Mr. Leonard commenced suit for a divorce from his wife, and it seems they have not lived happily together for some time. Under these circumstances she has been arrested on suspicion of having committed the deed, and brought to town by Sheriff Crossen, and lodged in jail. Her examination was to have taken places, when probably something more may have been learned in relation to this mysterious affair.

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