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THE FRANCIS MYSTERY.

THE MISSING MAN MEANDERS INTO LEBANON.

A VERY SINGULAR STORY.

On the 3d inst., some gentleman while traveling near Kendalls bridge on the Calapooia in Linn county, about twelve miles east of Corvallis, found a hat with a bullet hole through the crown, a bloody necktie, and some other articles of a mans wearing apparel. There was also considerable blood on the ground and various evidences of a severe struggle having taken place. The articles were taken to Albany and considerable excitement created, and the impression soon gained ground that a murder had been committed. The clothing and other articles were recognized as belonging to W. W. Francis, a shoemaker who resided at Halsey, and who had

Left Albany for his Home

Late on the previous evening with several hundred dollars on his person. Among the articles found was a small canvas sack in which he had been seen to put his money a short time before leaving Albany, and on which were the initial letters W. W. F. A telegram was immediately sent to S. L. Porter at Halsey, inquiring if Mr. Francis was at home, and a reply was received to the effect that he had gone to Albany with the intention of returning on Friday, but he had not so returned, and that his horse had returned riderless with blood on the saddle. All these facts, and some others that we do not deem worthy of repetition, seemed to fix conclusively the fact that Mr. Francis

Had Been Foully Dealt With.

And the deputy sheriff with several other parties went to the place of the supposed murder to search for the body of the missing man, but all efforts were in vain. Since that time it has been ascertained that on the day of the supposed tragedy, Mr. F. had recorded a deed in the clerks office at Albany, transferring all his real property to his wife, that he had also placed several notes in the hands of a collector at Halsey a few days before directing him to pay the money when collected to his wife, that he had also recently taken out an insurance policy on his life in favor of his wife, and that when he left home on the day above mentioned, he took with him two hats and other unnecessary articles, all tending to create the impression that

This Was Just a Little Game

Gotten up by Mr. Francis to account for an unexpected departure. There seemed to be no reason however for such action on his part as he was doing well in business and had accumulated property to the value of perhaps four thousand dollars, and seemed to be happily situated in domestic affairs. Mr. Francis was for a considerable time a resident of Corvallis and was well known both there and at Halsey, and sustained a good reputation.

The Sequel to the Story.

On Wednesday mornings mail from Lebanon, June 15th, the following letter reached the Albany Democrat office:

LEBANON, June 15.—W. W. Francis is here looking very haggard. He cannot give any correct account of where he has been, or how he came to where he first came to himself. The Odd Fellows have him in charge now. I found him sitting on the sidewalk early this morning. He says I am the first man he has spoken to since he encountered the one on the bridge. Respectfully yours,

W. H. REED.

Immediately on receipt of the above the editor telegraphed to T. B. Black of Halsey, that a letter had been received from Lebanon stating that Francis was there, and in bad condition, and suggesting that his friends go to Lebanon and look after him. He also wrote at once to Mr. Reed at Lebanon, requesting him to send full particulars of the matter. In reply he has the following statement sent by him. He says:

Wednesday morning at about five o'clock I saw a man sitting on the sidewalk in front of Domecas grocery store. He had a white handkerchief tied about his head and there seemed to be something the matter with him, so I crossed the street to where he sat and asked him what the trouble was. He said he had been thrown from a horse about ten days ago. I then asked him where he lived and he said at Halsey, and said his name was W. W. Francis. I then told him about the clothing, hat, necktie and scarf pin having been found on Kendall's bridge and brought into Albany, and the circumstances attending the matter. He interrupted me and asked if they found a linen coat; I told him they did. He then said he left home that day to go to collect a note and on his way back he met a man and a woman in a wagon on the bridge. The man he said was of medium size, sandy complexion and red whiskers. They stopped him and asked him numerous questions about farm lands and crop prospects, what land could be bought or rented for and the best sections of the country to look for lands, etc. He said he raised his hat in one hand and was wiping the perspiration from his forehead, when

Someone Shot a Pistol.

He could not see who it was though. His horse became frightened and jumped, throwing him off and the last thing he remembers is the sensation of falling from the horse. The rest is all blank until he came to himself somewhere in the mountains, he does not know where exactly. For several days he wandered about and does not remember to have eaten anything, until one day he found some wild black berries. He ate a few of these and a short time after found some water and got down to it, drinking a good deal. The water made him very sick and he threw up the berries he had eaten. He was bruised up badly and very sore and lame. He managed to kill a bird and a little after that a rabbit. He was so hungry and had no way of cooking them, that he ate them raw. Then he has no memory of what occurred for a time but remembers having found a cabin, though he cannot tell where it was. When I saw him there was a bad bruise on his forehead larger than a half-dollar, and he was very lame in one hip, complained that it almost drove him crazy at times the pain was so great. I took him and put him to bed where he went to sleep at once. He would not eat anything. He had been asleep only a short time when Messrs. Claughton, Houk and Gilbert came in to see him. Prof. Gilbert said he knew him and I went to his room and woke him up, when these gentlemen came in. Prof. Gilbert asked him if he knew who he was, and Francis said: Yes, you are the school superintendent. I asked how he came to be smooth shaved. He said he was shaved but he could not tell how he came so. He had a pistol with him and said the parties at the bridge did not take that away from him. He said he

Had Been Robbed of His Money

And watch. The talk seemed to worry him and he cried for a time, finally saying he was very anxious to go home to his wife and wanted to know if there was not some way of getting there. He spoke of making the transfer of his property to her and said he knew something would happen. He talked of a good many things in a rambling way, and asked to see a livery man, so he could get home, saying he had no money with him but could get it when he got to Halsey. I saw Mr. Bilyeu and he got a team ready and at half past eight o'clock started home with him. It is a mystery to all here where he came from and no one seems to have any satisfactory explanation. Mr. Bilyeu returned from Halsey where he left Francis with his people, and he reports that Halsey people were as much surprised to see Francis as we were here this morning. Mrs. Francis was confined only a few days ago, and is still very weak. The meeting between them was very affecting. It seemed to affect Francis very strangely. He fell down and went into something like a fit, frothing at the mouth like a mad man. Dr. Smith was called at once and had great difficulty in forcing his mouth open to get him to take medicine. When Bilyeu left he was still unconscious and had not spoken. Respectfully yours,

W. H. REED.

The Story is a Strange One.

Another correspondent of the Democrat says a package of money was received from San Francisco amounting to over $400, and consigned to W. W. Francis, by Martin and Smith, or Smith and Martin, of San Francisco. Mr. Henry Habne, of Halsey, states that Francis has recovered partially from his sickness, although still in bed. He says Francis claims the $400 was money due him for work done long ago, when the parties for whom he worked were unable to pay him, and this is now payment of the debt. Some who are familiar with Francis handwriting say there is no doubt but the address on the package is in his writing. Mr. Habne says Francis talks some, part of the time rather incoherently, although most of the time he

Seems to be Rational Enough.

No one has been able to get a satisfactory explanation of his disappearance from him yet, what he says being about as our Lebanon correspondent has given it. The Halsey people are at a loss to find any satisfactory explanation of the mystery. Various theories are advanced, but none of them seem to be very generally accepted. Most believe that he is not in his right mind, and has not been for some time back, even before transferring his property to his wife. All in all, it is a very singular story, and the probabilities are that the true inwardness of the whole affair will never be fully explained. Should anything of further interest transipre, we will endeavor to give our readers full particulars.

News and Notes.

If Depew can now be elected a senator from New York, after the exposure of bribery in his interest, the Alta thinks it will be a new chapter in the history of low-down politics. Vanderbilt has many millions, and Robertson has a thousand appointments; but they cannot elect Depew.

It having been stated that Gen. Rosser had discovered a new route for a portion of the Canadian Pacific railway, which would save at least one hundred and fifty miles in distance, the London Engineer remarks that the General had better look again; perhaps he could save it all.

Whittaker is to be dismissed from his cadetship, but he has cost the country a good deal of money; has brought undeserved blame upon West-point; has caused the removal of the able commander of that institution, and has been a nuisance generally. It is a pity that the colored people had not a better representative.

It is very probable that Badeaus Life of Grant will not take rank as an authority any more than Shermans Memoirs. Badeau is too much of a Boswell to be an impartial historian. He seems to have unjustly belittled Meade and other commanders, and his accounts of the closing campaigns in Virginia will hardly be accepted as entirely reliable. Grant is so great a soldier that he does not need such panegyrists as Badeau. Most Generals win victories by attrition, superior numbers and forced fighting. There is no need of misrepresentation of the Virginia battles and victories. Grants success warranted his policy, and his fame is assured.

The New York Sun frankly admits that it was not justified in publishing the false report that Blaine was mixed up in the Star route scandal. For once the Sun does an honest thing.

Sara Bernhardt, having gone home with a sack full of American money, Patti and her Nicolini now contemplate coming to gather a golden harvest. These people belong to one of the least deserving and best paid classes in the world.

"Ingersolls Infidelity."

Dr. J. L. York, the noted orator of California, will be here about the 20th of this month on his way to eastern Oregon and Washington territory, at which time he will speak on Ingersolls Infidelity and its results.

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So full, so bright, so clear.

Beneath went hurrying the stream
To regions far below,
Like thoughts that from my anxious brain
To the unseen future go.

I watched the dark tide flowing down,
So chill, and deep, and cold;
There trembled on its restless breast
A star, like a gem of gold.

The undulating wavelets tried
To wash its form away;
Yet beautiful as e'er it shone,
Far, farther down than they.

Oft in the silent sky of Past
A tender star looks down,
And smiles upon my weary breast
From memory's bright crown.

And all the changing scenes of life
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For in the deeper fountains low
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—J. F. Kelly.

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