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Is entered as second class matter at the postoffice in KENNEWICK, WASH.

Stanley Coffin has been here the past week, spending a great-portion of his time out on their ranch south east of town.

A man was brought to Kennewick last night on the local freight, and put under the care of Dr. Pallister who took him to the Washington Lodging House where he now occupies a bed, and is receiving medical treatment. He boarded the blind baggage on No. 4 last evening at Kiona. With him on the platform were two hobos. After leaving Kiona he claimed they beat him over the head with a gun, robbed him of \$20 and threw him from the moving train. The wheels cut the rim off a portion of his hat. He was stunned and badly bruised and was picked up by the train crew of the freight coming behind the passenger train. His injuries are not serious.

BRILLIANT AURORAL DISPLAY.

Friday night and until Saturday morning a splendid exhibition of the aurora borealis, or polar lights were visible in the northern skies. The phenomenon was of a magnitude and brilliancy of display seldom witnessed except in the extreme polar regions. During the display telegraph and telephone wires were interfered with to such an extent that business had to be practically suspended. A number of our readers may be interested in the scientific version of the phenomenon and we herewith append an article on the subject taken from the Encyclopedia Americana.

Aurora Boreale (French) Nordlicht, (German) is often observed near the northern horizon, usually a short time after sunset, a dark segment of a circle, surrounded by a brilliant arch of fiery light. This arch is often separated into several concentric arches, leaving the dark segment visible between them. In high latitudes columns of light the most variegated and beautiful colors shoot up towards the zenith, and sometimes masses like sheaves of light are scattered in all directions. A kind of fiery coronet is afterwards formed by the meeting of all the columns of light resembling the knob of a tent. At this moment the spectacle is magnifi-

cent, both from the multiplicity and beauty of the columns which the aurora presents. The light after this grows fainter and more tranquil. This faintness and tranquility, however, are only temporary, for the phenomena are soon repeated, and the oscillations of the columns of light, formations of the corona, and the like, with a thousand variations. At length the motion wholly ceases, the light is collected about the northern horizon, the dark segment vanishes, and nothing is left but a strong brightness in the north, which gradually fades away. These brilliant appearances are attended in, high latitudes, with loud noises, resembling the hissing and crackling of fireworks. This appearance has received the name of

of northern light, on account of our position on the earth we see it chiefly in the North. A similar appearance is witnessed in the south in the southernmost latitudes penetrated by explorers and travelers and these phenomena ought, therefore, properly to be called polar lights.

Various opinions have been advanced as to the causes of the phenomena. It has been satisfactorily ascertained to be within the region of the atmosphere. The general opinion at present is that it is an electrical phenomenon and there is manifestly an intimate connection between it and the magnetism of the earth, as the magnetic needle is always greatly disturbed during a brilliant display of the aurora.

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