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**They Bit.**  
**Oregon City Business Men Invest in Clothing.**  
Now Claim that Goods Were Not as Represented and Want Their Money Back.

Several weeks ago a man sailing under the euphonious title of A. W. Fitzpatrick and claiming to represent the Columbus Tailoring Company of Chicago, arrived in Oregon City. He was a smooth talker and readily gained an audience with all whom he came in contact. He said that he was very desirous of advertising his company in this section of the world, and to that end proposed that he would sell clothing for the actual cost of manufacture for advertising purposes alone. He exhibited samples of cloth and informed the would-be-purchasers that if he, the purchaser, would buy the cloth, paying in advance for it, that he would place the order with the Company and have a suit of clothes made as good as could be purchased anywhere in the land and guaranteed to fit as well as if made by McLarty himself. The price charged was ridiculously low, in fact just about the cost of production. Fitzpatrick also agreed that he would be on hand when the clothes arrived and would see that every suit would fit. That there are a good many "snickers" in Oregon City is evidenced by the fact that more than half a hundred suits were sold here under the terms agreed upon, the purchaser paying in advance for the cloth and agreeing to pay for making the suit when it arrived.

Last week the suits arrived at the express office, and the happy purchasers, thinking they had a bargain, having got a suit worth about \$40 for about half that price, betook themselves to the express office to try on the goods. For a time the express office resembled a haberdashery shop. The agent didn't show up and Tom Cowing was made referee and rendered decisions as to the fit of the garments. It was soon discovered that the clothing had been made from cloth other than the samples shown, and it didn't take very long to discover that the suits were "hand-me-downs" of a very low grade and could be duplicated in local stores at about half the price paid. Then the purchasers began to kick. Some of them positively refused to take the suits and pay the amount due on them, while a few took the suits out and resolved to say no more about the matter.

A committee waited on Mayor G. B. Dimick and explained the matter to him. The Mayor said he could fix the matter if they would give him the case and if he didn't get the money back he would not make the tailoring company pay costs enough to wish they had never heard of Oregon City. This suited the humor of the victims and the case was turned over to the Mayor. Saturday Dimick brought suit in behalf of Dr. M. C. Strickland for ten dollars against said company, alleging that agent Fitzpatrick had misrepresented the clothes, that they were not of the sample shown and were not made in a workmanlike manner as was agreed upon, and that furthermore the agent was not upon the ground when the suits came in, and asked for the return of his ten dollars. An order of garnishment was issued and forty or fifty suits of clothing are now in the hands of Tom Cowing, the express agent, and the express office for the time being bears somewhat the appearance of a second hand clothing junk shop.

Moral—when you buy clothing patronize a home dealer who has judgment enough to advertise and don't get bitten.

Summer complaint is unusually prevalent among children this season. A well developed case in the writer's family was cured last week by the timely use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy—one of the best patent medicines manufactured, and which is always kept on hand at the home of your doctor. This is not intended as free puff for the company, who do not advertise with us, but to benefit little sufferers who may not be within easy access of a physician. No family should be without a bottle of this medicine in the house, especially in summer time.—Lansing, Iowa, Journal. For sale by G. A. Harding.

**Across the Valley.**  
**Beautiful Scenery and Abundant Crops.**  
Thrift, Progress and Plenty on Every Hand.

We have just returned from a "biz" trip in four counties, and knowing your waste basket is always yawning for such literary "efforts" as this, we hasten to send you our copy. One has no idea of the width of the Willametta valley until he makes such a trip, and nothing he can do will so firmly impress on his mind the wonderful fertility and productiveness of our county, as such an "eye opening" trip.

Our route took us from the centre of Clackamas through the northern part of Marion to the centre of Yamhill, thence north to the southern edge of Washington county, and nowhere did we see such fine crops of grain and grass or better hops than we saw in our own county. We passed through Mackburg where a picnic was in full blast. We camped on the side of the road near Mackburg, but came to the conclusion that people in that locality were dishonest. Why? When we searched the neighborhood to find water to wash down our lunch and found a l. the people attending the picnic and their wells looked. Fancy a person who would steal a well if left unlooked.

From Mackburg our trip took us through Aurora, a bustling railroad town where hops form a leading industry, thence to St. Paul on the Willametta river. Here there is a fine Catholic church this being one of the French settlements of long ago. We are now in Yamhill county and having heard such glowing accounts of the wonderful crops of wheat grown in this county, we opened wide our eyes and this is what we saw. The first town we reach is Lafayette, formerly the county seat. Everything here seems to have the dry rot, cattle roam the streets, dog fennel has captured the front yards, gates of the fences tumbling down and a general "gone to seed" look about everything.

If a Clackamas county farmer had such poor crops of grain and grass as we saw here he would feel poor indeed. The country is rolling and the hills have a light thin crop of wild grass which is already dying. Showing a poor light soil the grain crops, which we saw growing were short and light. The principal industry in this locality is selling milk to a creamery located at Carlton but the cattle are handled in the old slipshod way of letting the calf suck its share of the milk, thus losing part of the cream, and by this method the cows pay only about \$2 per month a piece.

The Jersey crazes is in full blast here. Nine tenths of the cattle are Jersey or Jersey grades. Now we go north passing through Chelalem deep into the valley of a nearly dried up lake. Here the grain and grass remind us of Clackamas. They grow so luxuriant on the old lake bottom. Our next town is Gaston just over the line in Washington county. This is a stirring village on the west side railroad, with two stores, a drug store and a good hotel. Stopping here for dinner we start home again and by way of Newburg. As we approach this town we find the leading industry is pruning Prunes to the right of us; prunes to the left of us; prunes all around us. Truly, we are "full of prunes," and if the reports from France are correct, of the failure of the prune crop, the good people of Newburg are "in it" this year.

We reach the town about 8 p. m. but nevertheless we enjoyed a fine hot supper at the Newburg hotel kept by two young ladies whose names we fail to remember. Next morning we are on our way again, being ferried over the Willametta at Butteville. Now we're again in a hop county and can see all around us evidences of the good prices of last year, in the neat appearance of the fences, gates and brightly painted houses. I would say right here that the handsome fences on the trip was right here. Cedar posts, a rod apart, strung with eight galvanized wires and clasped with a vertical wire every four feet. The gate was four pieces of iron pipe joined with elbows and strung with wire; two collars screwed on one side held the hinges in place. No warping or sagging about this gate, no matter how many kids swung on it. Nothing can be prettier than this style of fences as they show the growing crops so plainly from the road.

Something is the matter with the hop vines. In the majority of the yards one-tenth to almost one-half of the vines are missing and no one can tell what ails them. Here is a chance for our government expert to help the hop growers to a solution of this riddle; here is a field which we are assured has had precisely the same care and methods of culture and each vine is growing finely.

From Butteville our route lies through Aurora again and as we pass into Clackamas we are impressed with the fact that we have seen nowhere such fine crops of grain and grass and no finer hops than we have here in our own county. We now pass a field of wheat just heading with grain heads, a 30-bushel crop at least with bright healthy green color; now we pass a field of grass inclosed by an electric fence which looks as though it would spread over into the road if it is not out soon. Our fences are not so neat as those of Marion as timber is so plentiful here, but where rail fences are giving out they are being replaced by board fences that improve the appearance of the farms wonderfully.

Yours Ranger,  
L. P. WILLIAMS.

**Lives Snuffed Out**  
**In Wyoming Mine Explosion Tuesday.**  
Catastrophe Due to Firedamp—Over Two Hundred Lives Lost.

HAVANA, Wyo., June 30.—At 10:30 A. M. today an explosion of fire damp in mine No. 1 of the Union Pacific Coal Company snuffed out the lives of 236 men, injured scores of others, and caused the destruction of a vast amount of property. The mine was not fired, as stated in the early reports, but the explosion was terrific, and completely shattered the timbers of the main shaft and numerous entrances, filled the workings with debris, and those of the miners who were not killed outright by the explosion were buried alive.

The explosion was heard for many miles around and attracted people from the adjoining settlement. Huge timbers and railroad iron were hurled from the mouth of the shaft a distance of 200 and 300 feet. Superintendent E. S. Brooks and a large force of men went to work with a will to remove the debris from the shaft and reach the entombed miners. Their progress into the mine was blocked by the foul gases, and several times they were forced to return to the surface.

All day the rescuing party worked, the force being increased from time to time by the arrival of ranchmen and others from nearby settlements, and by those of a relief train sent out from Rawlins, which arrived about 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

About 1 o'clock this afternoon four men were taken out alive, and half an hour later they were followed by 42 others. Many were unconscious and had to be carried from the workings. Some were injured, but none fatally. Several are in a critical condition, but it is believed all will recover.

Two hundred and eighty-two men went down into the mine at 7 o'clock this morning, and up until a late hour only 48 have been accounted for. Of this number, two are dead. It was some time after the explosion occurred that the first man was brought to the surface. He was followed by others until 1 o'clock, when the last were brought out. The rescuers were unable to penetrate further into the mine until additional openings had been made to permit fresh air to reach the lower levels and clear away the foul gases.

Horses and scrapers were put at work hauling debris away from the shaft, and cars were pushed down the incline, loaded and hauled back up the tippie and dumped. The work is progressing slowly, owing to the narrow space in which the rescuers are compelled to operate, but by daylight the mine should be opened sufficiently to permit of deep explorations and the rescue of the dead bodies.

Last tonight a party of rescuers reached four miles that were alive, and this caused hope to arise in the breasts of the tired workers and the anxious women and children gathered about the shaft. It is a faint hope, however, as experienced mine bosses and miners say that when the imprisoned men are reached all will be found dead. Some of the miners that escaped said that they saw 20 dead bodies in entry No. 17.

They reported that many of the men were crazed by the explosion and ran hither and thither in the mine. Many of these could have escaped, but they laid down, buried their faces in their hands and gave up the fight. Of the 243 dead about 175 were married and leave large families. About 100 were Finlanders, 50 were colored and the remainder were Americans. Among the physicians here, but who can be of no service at present, are Dr. Leavers, of Evanston; Drs. Finney and Reiser, of Rawlins; Dr. Cooper, of Rock Springs; Drs. Miller and Stevens, of Laramie. Superintendent W. L. Park, of the Wyoming division; Assistant W. A. Whitney and Trainmaster Anderson, of the Union Pacific, are on the ground assisting in the work of rescue. The scenes at the mine are heartrending. Wives and children of men who are known to have been inside constantly hang about the shaft, kept only by cooler heads from plunging into the dark abyss.

**A Real Triumph.**

Marian West in Everybody's Magazine. It is told of a well-known English actress that her first step toward fame was by way of a dilemma that would have plunged a weaker character into the deepest valley of humiliation. While she was playing a small part, a serious and mortifying accident happened to her costume, through the treachery of some hook or pin. The house began to shout with laughter, "booming" after the jovial English fashion. The girl simply turned and looked the audience straight in the face, a stern, grave look that seemed to meet every eye there. In less than two minutes utter silence had swept over the house to the highest gallery; she held them by the sheer force of her personality as one might capture dogs with a whip, till every atom of ridicule had been sunk in respect and they were ready to beat their hands. She would have lost; but she had the strength to wrest victory out of defeat.

**Brutally Tortured.**

A case came to light that for persistent and unmerciful torture has perhaps never been equaled. Joe Golobick, of Colton, Calif., writes: "For 15 years I suffered insupportable pain from rheumatism and nothing relieved me though I tried everything known. I came across Electric Bitters and it's the greatest medicine on earth for that trouble. A few bottles of it completely relieved and cured me." Just as good for Liver and Kidney troubles and generally debility. Only 50 cents. Satisfaction guaranteed by Charman & Co.

**Still Missing**  
**Is George T. Howard of the Red Front.**  
Liabilities Will Be Large and Assets Small.

The whereabouts of George T. Howard, the missing Red Front merchant, who disappeared last week, leaving many holders of checks bearing his signature on which the bank refused to pay because he left no funds, is still a mystery. As time passes it develops that Howard's shortage in Oregon City are much greater than were at first supposed. While it is impossible even at this date to give anything like a correct estimate as to his liabilities, it is generally believed by those in a position to know that there are outstanding accounts against him amounting to at least \$10,000 and they will probably amount to more than even that sum. Several wholesale houses in various parts of the country have been caught for amounts ranging from a hundred to a thousand dollars.

Checks outstanding in this city which have not been paid amount to probably more than a thousand dollars. One poor widow is a victim to the extent of three hundred dollars. This widow, whose husband recently died, secured a thousand dollar insurance from the Woodmen of the World. A short time before Howard disappeared he approached her and borrowed three hundred dollars, giving his check dated in advance as were all of his checks. Quite a few good business men in Oregon City have been caught for amounts ranging from five to a hundred and fifty dollars. Probably there are many who will never say anything about the matter. In one instance Howard gave a certain business man a chattel mortgage on a team which he owned. When the mortgagee went to foreclose his mortgage he discovered that the team was described as a pair of horses when in reality they were mares. This furnished a loophole and it was found that the mortgage was worthless.

Whether or not a criminal charge can be preferred against Howard is a mooted question. The only charge that can be preferred is the obtaining of money under false pretenses. It is declared by some legal authorities that Howard's method of obtaining money on checks when there was no funds in the bank might be construed as obtaining money under a system of misrepresentation and that he could be convicted, if caught, of obtaining money under false pretenses. Other authorities, equally able, say that if Howard gave his checks dated in advance, with the explanation that he was short of funds at the time the checks were issued, but that there would be funds in the bank with which to pay them when the date upon which they were made payable came around, that the checks represented no more than any other promissory note and that no criminal case could be brought against Howard. This seems to have been the way in every instance in which he operated and it was very seldom that he gave a check not dated in advance. Many believe that Howard is resting easy in British Columbia and that he has taken away with him enough money to keep him from want a good long time.

An invoice of the goods in the store is being taken and not until it is completed will it be known how much the assets of Howard are. It is generally conceded, however, that they will be remarkably small, considering the amount of the liabilities. The invoice will be concluded this week.

**How's This!**  
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**Cotton.**  
Mrs. R. C. Hunter is quite ill at her home on B Ridge.  
Quite a number from this corner attended the entertainment at Robinson hall last Friday and report a good time.  
Mr. and Mrs. Hugan, of Portland, have come out here to spend the summer in prudence for better health for the former.  
Joe Carison and sister, Christina, are home again after a few month's absence.  
After a two months' visit with her parents here, Mrs. Livingstone, nee Bonney, will take her departure on the second to join her husband in Portland.  
Those of Colton vitally interested in base ball took a spin to Elwood last Sunday to see the experts perform.  
Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Bonney, of Oak Point, were visiting here the fore part of the week with Mrs. Bonney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dix.  
Fred and Janie Graves, Walter and Grace Gorbett were the guests of yesterday and better half last Sunday evening.  
Mr. Gorbett's hands on the new frame barn are nearing its completion.  
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