

MAJOR CHARMAN PROMINENT EARLY PIONEER CITIZEN

OLDEST LOCAL MASON AND PRES-
IDENT OF FIRST BANK IN
OREGON CITY.

DIED WEDNESDAY MORNING

Many Years Oldest Merchant and Pro-
moter of Several Industries
Established Here.

Major Thomas Charman, oldest Mason in Oregon City and past worshipful master of first Masonic lodge organized west of the Mississippi river, pioneer of 1852, for many years pioneer merchant of Oregon City, several times mayor, first president of Bank of Oregon City, active promoter of development of electric power at the falls of the Willamette, member of first Republican convention held in state and prominently identified with growth and progress of his home town, died at his home at 6 o'clock Wednesday morning, aged 77 years.

Major Charman was born in England, parish of Walking, county of Surrey, September 8, 1830, his father being the owner of a large farm in that country. He was one of 15 children, and his father lived to be 85 years old. All his ancestors belonged to the upper class and were church of England people. The Major was educated in England, but came to New York in 1848, where he began his career as a clerk in a store. He was in Buffalo, N. Y., for a time and from there went to Waynesville, Ind., where he had charge of a large store. He came to Oregon City in 1852, and in 1853 the firm of Charman & Warner purchased the stock of general merchandise belonging to the Hudson Bay company, then in charge of Dr. John McLoughlin, and the first mercantile store established in Oregon City. A large business was built up, but in 1865 Mr. Warner sold his interest in the establishment to Major Charman, and later Frederick Ross Charman was admitted as a partner in the concern, and business carried on under name of Charman & Son.

Mr. Charman was an active promoter in securing the establishment of the woolen mills here, and an active factor in the development of the Willamette falls water power. He was one of the heaviest stockholders in the Willamette Falls Electric company, the first concern that turned the power of the falls to account by generating electricity. He also was a heavy stockholder in the Willamette Falls Locks company that at one time owned the locks. Later the Portland General Electric company absorbed the stock of these two companies, and Major Charman was the holder of several blocks of stock in the P. G. E. Co.

In 1862 he was one of the organizers of the Bank of Oregon City, and for many years was its president.

On September 27, 1854, he was married to Miss Sophia Diller, who survives him. Besides the widow three children survive him, Frederick Ross Charman, of Ritzville, Wash.; Nellie Vanner, wife of J. H. Walker, Oregon City; and Mary Jane, wife of J. P. Lovett, Oregon City.

The Major was a past master of Multnomah lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M., and a prominent member of the local Odd Fellows lodge. In the earlier days he was prominent in politics and filled the positions of county and city treasurer. Governor Gibbs appointed him on the staff of Major-General Palmer of enrolled and volunteer militia with a commission as major.

Although the details of the funeral have not been completed, it will probably be held next Sunday under the auspices of the Masons.

JACK CHRISTENSEN DIED TUESDAY

Jack Christensen, the man who was horsewhipped by his sister-in-law, Miss DeFord, the affair taking place a couple of weeks ago on a Main street sidewalk, died yesterday afternoon from the effects of alcoholism. Christensen who had been drinking heavily evidently did not have the heart to return to his family at Clackamas Heights, and continued to drink to excess. Two or three days ago he was attacked with delirium tremens, and remained in a room over the Ross saloon at the corner of Eighth and

Main streets, where he died. The family is probably left in destitute circumstances at the Clackamas Heights home.

PROMISING ONE BEING TAKEN OUT

The property of the Crown Boys Mining and Milling company is keeping up its reputation and the last of the samples received by the president of the company indicates good ore. Some of these samples along with others taken out of the first ledge that was crossed will be sent to one of the government assay offices to be tested. The last 100 feet of the tunnel work, which will be completed some time during the first part of March, is expected to bring to view one of the best ledges of that mining district. As soon as this work is completed the president of the company, G. F. Anderson, with several other members will go to the mine to inspect the work. The Great Northern which is located near the Crown Boys will begin operations at once.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY

MAY INSTALL ANOTHER PUBLIC
DRINKING FOUNTAIN DUR-
ING SUMMER.

BEEN IN EXISTENCE 8 1-2 YEARS

Has Been Instrumental in Accomplish-
ing Much in Corrective and
Charitable Ways.

The Clackamas county humane society may install another drinking fountain at some convenient place in the city during the coming summer. At least an effort will be made in that direction. During its eight and a half years of existence the Clackamas County humane society has accomplished much good, and its work shows practical results. In addition to the establishment of a public drinking fountain at the corner of Eighth and Main streets, it has accomplished much in the way of preventing cruelty to animals, and has been instrumental in having neglected children placed in the care and custody of the Children's Aid society.

Miss Nellie McCarver, virtually the promoter and founder of the institution, first and present president of the society, is pleased to note that Governor Chamberlain vetoed the bill passed by the legislature giving farmers and others the privilege of killing song birds. Miss McCarver has championed the cause of protecting the song birds and has been instrumental in enlisting the school children along the same lines.

When the work of the Humane society was begun over eight years ago, it was largely educational, and prizes were given to the public school children for essays written on the different phases of the work, while all cases of cruelty to animals were promptly prosecuted. Through the work of the Humane society the public school children have been educated to the importance of kindness to dumb animals as well as birds, and it has become a sort of second nature in their makeup.

Although the officers of the society have been known to do numerous acts of charity as individuals, the matter is never mentioned except as it comes to the knowledge of outsiders in an accidental way.

The officers of the society have given much valuable time gratis to the work, and should have the support of the community. Since the formation of the society there has been a marked improvement for the better in a social and moral way in Oregon City.

The officers of the Clackamas County Humane society are, president, Miss Nellie McCarver; vice-president, Geo. A. Harding; secretary, Mrs. E. G. Canfield; treasurer, E. G. Canfield.

A Grand Ball.

The I. O. O. F. ball was an orderly affair, called a prohibition dance by some, have not heard from any "prescription bottles," yet the small boys have not reported—Molalla now having demonstrated the fact that just as much real pleasure can be had by conducting dances decently, dance drinking here in the future, will probably be indulged in at longer range.

UNDER POP- ULIST RULE

A LANDSLIDE THAT ASTONISHED
OLD SETTLERS.

IT WAS A BIG CLEAN SWEEP

The Hodcarriers and Bricklayers Ball
Great Event—Soon be Clean-
ing Up Time.

When the people of Oregon City arose from their beds on the morning of June 2, 1896, they could not have been more astonished if an earthquake had laid low a number of buildings. Notwithstanding the normal Republican majority of 400 in the county the Populists had carried every elective office by majorities ranging from 200 to upwards of 1000. George C. Brownell was a hold over state senator, and the further fact that County Judge G. E. Hayes and County Commissioner Frank Jagger were holdovers prevented every office in the court house from being filled by Populists and left the Republicans in control of the county court. The populists had made a house to house canvass kept their counsel and planned a campaign that in results astonished the natives. The returns indicated that several hundred Republicans had voted the Populist ticket or at least a part of it. The Populist ticket elected consisted of the following: Representatives, W. S. U'Ren, George Ogle and G. Kruse; county commissioner, S. F. Marks of Marks Prairie; sheriff, G. W. Grace of Clarkes; clerk, Elmer Dixon of Oregon City; assessor, Luciene Street of Clarkes; recorder, Alfred Luelling of Milwaukee; treasurer, Jacob Shade of Oregon City; surveyor, John Wright of Meadowbrook; coroner, Mr. Godfrey. Several of the principal officers were re-elected on a fusion ticket at the following election.

The bricklayers' and hodcarriers' ball was an event that attracted considerable attention in Oregon City about 18 years ago. A new brick structure had been practically completed for the woolen mills, and the bricklayers and hod carriers employed on the building conceived the idea of giving a ball that would be an event long to be remembered. Two Irishmen came to the Enterprise office and ordered large posters advertising the event, and headed in large type, the "Bricklayers' and Hodcarriers' Ball." Before the event came off objection was made to certain working girls being permitted to dance on the floor, complaint being made that they wore dirty stockings. One of the Irish promoters of the affair, said "Be Jesus the girls could come even if their stockings were greasy." The bricklayers and hodcarriers' ball was a great success and was largely attended. It was a pleasure to note the satisfaction that permeated the features of the hardy hodcarriers and bricklayers when the immense crowd entered thoroughly into the spirit of the occasion and took part in swinging the lasses right and left.

Within a few weeks when the sunshiny spring days get a little warmer and hundreds of excursionists from Portland will be visiting the city daily. These will be joined by numerous eastern tourists, and their first impression will be lasting ones. In view of these things the city authorities should see that there is a thorough cleaning up of the streets, alleys and back yards.

TO FURTHER PROBE OREGON LAND FRAUDS.

Thomas B. Neuhausen, special inspector of the Interior Department, and several of his assistants arrived in Portland yesterday morning from San Francisco, where they have been for some time past investigating land fraud cases. Mr. Neuhausen will now give his attention to the Oregon cases, of which there are several to be probed further. With Attorney Bristol on the ground, Inspector Neuhausen and his assistants here, and Special Prosecutor Heney soon to come, interest in the land fraud cases will once more be aroused and the various departments of the Federal building will wear a busy air.

Horace T. Jones, one of Mr. Neuhausen's assistants, arrived in Portland several days ago.

POWDER TRUST RECEIVES JOLT

CLACKAMAS STATION PEOPLE
REBEL AGAINST STORAGE
OF EXPLOSIVES.

Assert That Presence of Three Pow-
der Vaults is Menace to Life
and Property.

Menaced by the location of a powder magazine opposite the public school building, and only a short distance alongside the railroad track from the depot, postoffice and A. Mather's general store, the people of Clackamas station will make a determined effort to rid the town of the three powder magazines that they assert are preventing the establishment of new lines of industry and retarding the growth of the place.

While only one of the magazines is situated in the center of the business section, the others are contiguous to the suburban residence sections of a village surrounded by the garden spot of Clackamas county.

Clackamas people will try the plan of incorporating the town and when this is accomplished it is expected stringent ordinance regulations will be passed prohibiting the existence of powder magazines within the city limits.

The fact that the DuPont-DeNe-mours powder trust has acquired the holdings of the California Powder works may mean the storage of still greater quantities of powder as well as construction of more and larger magazines. The people of Clackamas realize the predicament in which they are placed, and they will make a desperate effort to free themselves of possible dangers in their midst.

A few years ago a move was made to incorporate Clackamas station, with a view of getting rid of the powder magazine, but it was defeated by a strong lobby move, and another powder magazine was added to the list. It is asserted that some Clackamas people championed the cause of the powder companies and were partially responsible for the defeat of the incorporation movement.

GRANGERS VISIT.

Twilight, Feb. 28.—Twilight school is progressing nicely under the able management of Miss Smith.

Mrs. William McCord was called to Maple Lane on account of illness of her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence Mautz. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Lazelle, James Hylton, Tom Kelland, Emma Wilehart, and Eva Smith attended Grange at New Era, Saturday.

SCHUEBEL RESIGNS DEPUTY ATTORNEYSHIP

MAY BE FOLLOWED BY DISTRICT
ATTORNEY HARRISON
ALLEN.

DECLARES PLACE UNPROFITABLE

In Event Latter Resigns Democrats
Will be it in Several Counties—
Who Will be Fortunate
Local Man.

Chris Schuebel, who has been deputy district attorney for Clackamas county for several years past, tendered his resignation to District Attorney Harrison Allen Friday, and it was accepted. Mr. Schuebel gave up the position so he asserts for the reason that it took up too much of his time from other law business as the salary is only \$500 per annum.

It also is the expressed opinion in certain circles that District Attorney Allen will shortly tender his resignation to Governor Chamberlain with the intention of devoting his entire time to the practice of law in Portland. In fact, he has already established himself in C. H. Carey's law office in Portland, and a sign on the door is said to read, Harrison Allen, attorney-at-law. Mr. Allen's second 4-year term will not expire until July, 1908, but it is said that he has expressed a desire for some months past to give up the office.

In the event should Mr. Allen resign his office it is possible that Governor Chamberlain will appoint a Democrat as his successor, and might result in a change in the personnel of the deputy district attorneys in the other counties of this district, Clatsop, Columbia and Washington. Since his election to the office of district attorney, Mr. Allen has been resident of Astoria, but now has ambitions to succeed in a larger field.

There were rumors afloat that Mr. Allen intended to resign as district attorney about the time the legislature convened, but the possibility that a county attorney bill would pass the legislature may have had something to do with postponing the matter.

Just who will be appointed Mr. Schuebel's successor is not known, but in the event that Mr. Allen resigns and the governor appoints a Democrat it is probable that a Democrat will be appointed as deputy for Clackamas county. There is plenty of available timber here for a Democrat deputy, including O. D. Eby, J. E. Hedges, Gilbert Hedges, Howard F. Latourette and J. W. Loder, and there is C. D. Latourette the lawyer-

banker who would not think of neglecting his business to accept a deputy district attorneyship. Those mentioned are all Democrats of the stalwart stripe and were never known to desert the party standards and wander off after strange gods.

If there was ever a Democrat district attorney of this judicial district it was so far back that it has become a forgotten epoch of history. Nearly 20 years ago T. A. McBride who had been district attorney for a term of years was elected district judge, a position that he has since continually filled. He was succeeded as district attorney by W. N. Barrett of Hillsboro, then followed the terms of Thos. J. Cleeton of St. Helens and Harrison Allen of Astoria. Cleeton is now a practicing attorney in Portland, and Harrison Allen evidently thinks that it is time that he is getting a foothold in the metropolis; in fact has already connected himself with one of the most widely known attorneys in the state.

It is possible that when it comes to a show down, in the event of the probable resignation, that Governor Chamberlain will name an Oregon City attorney for the place of district attorney.

MOLALLA NEWS

Molalla, Feb. 26.—If there be any significance in "M's" regarding South Clackamas' future, with our Meadowbrook, Molalla, Macksburg, Marquam and Needy right in line with similarity of appearance and interests, we can form a union of "many men of many minds."

Lost, a watch, between Molalla and Oregon City or the pantaloons and overalls, found later on, in wagon bed, W. A. Shaver owner.

One day last week the proprietor of the Shaver Lumbering company incidentally reported that he had lost his watch, the foreman went to give him the time of day, and behold! his watch was gone. The double loss so pleased one of the hands, (that wanted to rest,) that in dancing around in a jubilant way he lost his purse containing some thirty odd dollars—a little boy soon found the purse which so delighted the owner that he promised the child some candy when he got older.

Molalla grange No. 310 will hold a special meeting March 15, 10:30 a. m., at which time all members are requested to be present. Worthy state master Austin T. Buxton will be present for special interest to all Patrons of Husbandry.



When the Children come home from School.

They usually want something from the pantry

You remember the hunger you had—Home cooking counts for much in the child's health; do not imperil it with *alum* food by the use of poor baking powder.

Have a delicious, pure, home-made muffin, cake or biscuit ready when they come in. To be sure of the purity, you must use

ROYAL BAKING POWDER

Royal makes a difference in your home—a difference in your health—a difference in your cooking.

ROYAL is absolutely Pure.