James S. Dixson Is Trampled to Death Under Hoofs of Frightened Animals.

ACCIDENT FOLLOWS BLAST

Explosion Causes Panie Among the Horses Working on Lafe Pence Ditch - Attempt to Stop Runaway Is Fatal.

During a stampode of a dezen horses attached to scrapers that were at work on the Lafe Pence ditch, which is in course of construction back of Willamette Heights, James S. Dixson, a farmer tiving at Cedar Mills, was so horribly trampled under the hoofs of his own team that he died at the Good Samaritan Hospital at 4 o'clock. The stampede of the workhorses was caused by a piece of root weighing about 15 pounds, that him been huried lie yards by an explosion, striking one of the teams. The noise of the exploding blast and the piece of root the exploding blast and the piece of root the special trains were planned to come over the Burlington lines, but another route will have to be chosen.

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stump, and, as customary, he gave the warning to all of the men employed on the ditch. It is the custom to give two warnings, one when the charge has been placed and another before the fuse is touched off. This was done, and the teamsters and others employed on the ditch took refuge about 159 yards from where the blast was discharged. There where the olast was discharged. In the are about eight teams employed on the ditch and these, still attached to plows, scrapers and wagons, were driven to an embankment beyond what everyone thought was the danger zone. The stump which was to be blasted out was an extraordinarily large one with huge roots.

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The noise of the explosion startled the horses but it was not until the big piece of root fell and struck one of the horses driven by A. R. Hausworth that the stamoccurred. The teams were standing in a line and Dixson's was the third. When Hausworth's horses, on being struck struck by the root, began plunging and morting, they plunged into the team driven by Dixson, and in an instant all of the horses were trying to run away. Dixson was driving his own team. His Dixson was driving his own team. mare Nellie, a nervous animal, began plunging, and Dixson, in order to hold her, ran and grasped her by the bridie, Plunging like mad animals, the horses crowded Dixson against the embankment before he could let go. Nellie, with Dix-son ellinging to her bridle, dashed against the earthen wall. She reared and, as she did, her from feet struck Dixson down. He fell under the marc's feet and was horribly trampied. A dozen willing hands rushed to Dixson's rescue, but before the thoroughly frightened team could be backed from the unfortunate man, both bils legs were broken and the mare's iron-shed hoofs had crushed into his chest and stomach.

Dies at Hospital.

When he was finally taken out from undermenth the horses' feet it was thought be was dead. He regained con-sciousness, and an ambulance was at once called by Mr. Pence. Dixson was taken to the hospital and his wife was summoned to his bedside. Mrs. Dixson arrived shortly before her husband died and in a feeble voice he told how Neille, his favorite mare, had trampled him to death. Dixson leaves, beside his wife, eight children, the oldest being 15 years old and the youngest 16 months. body was taken to the Finley undertak-ing establishment, and today it will be taken to Cedar Mills for interment. Dix-son was a member of the M. E. Church at Cedar Mills, where the funeral will be IS STILL FIGHTING JAMES

was notified. He at once went to the scene of the accident and, after making a careful inquiry, decided that no blame sitached to anyone and that it was not necessary to hold an inquest. Mr. Pence, as soon as he was notified of the section, immediately had Pixson sent to the hospital and later, when he learned that he was dead, informed Mrs. Dixson would assume the

WATER BOARD HAS MEETING

large Amount of Business Trans acted by Its Members.

The Water Board transacted a lot of routine work at its regular mouthly meet-ing yesterday afternoon, some of which will prove of considerable interest to taxpayers. Claims against the Board to the extent of \$14,351.50 were allowed, \$19.-80.50 of which relate to the construction account, and the balance of \$1,355.50 to

operating expenses.

The following petitions for water mains were granted: From Rodney avonue to Union avenue, 750 feet of 8-inch pipe: East Eighth, from Holladay to Multnomah street, 530 feet of 6-inch pipe: East Eighth was recommended instead of East Seventh because it rescaled scales. it would make a better division of the district now willout mains, and accom-modate the petitioners equally well; also, for East Morrison street, between Thirty-fith and Thirty-ninth; East Ash from Sixteenth to Twenty-second, 1500 feet of Physician in Attendance Reports 5-inch pipe; on Twentieth street, from Jackson to Carter, it was recommended

Jackson to Carter, it was recommended that i-inch pipe be laid in order to relieve the operation of the pump at the station on Portland Heights.

The petition for a main on Montgomery frive on Portland Heights was denied because the revenue in sight would not pay the interest on the estimated cost. rding to the report of Superintendent Dodge, who suggested that by extending a private pipe about 29 feet, the com-pany owning the tract of land affected pany owning the tract of land absences by the petition could obtain water. In all probability no more 4-inch mains will be laid, as the Executive Board submitted a request to that effect, and

will be laid, as the Executive Board submitted a request to that effect, and it will probably be granted.

Out of about 6000 consumers on the East Side, only 165 signed the polition asking for a removal of the office there, hence the Board decided to let it remain where it is. Ladd offered a suggestion that as a matter of general convenience, all the outside offices should be abandoned and reverthing connected with the affairs of the water company concentrated at the central office. Dr. Josephi agreed with this idea, and it is quite likely that it will eventually be adopted.

The Board decided that for the improvement of the service the 4-inch main on Fifth street, from Morrison to Jefferson, should be replaced with a 13-inch main as soon as possible, and that the offices of property, fronting on that today.

Mallen a Millen and fancy lawn waisis secured for sec on the 31.00 on sale today.

street should at once connect their service pipes with the large main.

A change in grade on Vancouver avenue, between Morris and Fremont streets, will make it necessary to remove the present pipe, which is considerably worn, and lay a new one.

It was ordered that bids for hauling between 100e and 2000 tons of castiron pipe to the different streets of the city be advertised.

A request from the Civic Improvement.

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A request from the Civic Improvement Society for extra drinking fountains throughout the city during the Fair, and which had been referred to the superintendent and engineer at the last meeting, will not be acted upon until the superintendent and engineer have had further time to investigate the matter. Chief Engineer Campbell's request for larger mains in the North End District was also referred to the Superintendent and Engineer. L. Therekelsen, and others presented a petition for a 2t-inch main on Second street, between Morrison and Gilsan, and it likewise went the way of the others for further consideration. It Glisan and it likewise went the way of the others for further consideration. It was recommended, though, that the 2-inch was recommended, though, that the purpose on Hartford street should be extended from Endicott to Chase.

RAILROAD CAUSES TROUBLE

Declares Good Roads Committee Did Not Keep Faith.

and that it has been taxing the cities \$150 each for holding the conventions and that it was inclined to advence the merits of certain steam rollers, graders and other implements employed in the improvement of highways.
"The Good Roads Association has never

day afternoon. "I don't quite under-stand the \$150 proposition: It might be that this amount was solicited to defray the expenses resulting from the holding of the conventions.

whether the Burlington is on friendly terms, as the special trains will comby some other routes. We would not let a little thing like that stop us. Besides, the special trains are only features of the convention. They were simply chartered for the convenience of those who

BELASCO PLAYERS COMING Members of New Company on Way to Portland.

Within a few days practically all the members of the Belasco Theater Stock Company will be in Portland prepared to begin rehearsals. Mr. Belasco yesterday received word that
John Sainpolis, who is to be stage
manager; Morgan Wallace, juvenile;
Frank Levy, who will be treasurer of
the theater; Walter Belasco, a brother of the famous Belascos; George
Davis, of the Belasco-Mayer business
force who will manage the house until force, who will manage the house until the arrival of E. L. Sackett; Laura Adams, who will play grand dames; Christie MacLein, character woman, and Eleanor Haber, second juvenile woman, have all left San Francisco for Portland.

Engene Ormode, the Isaling man.

Eugene Ormode, the leading man, has closed his season with Blanche Bates recently and left on Monday for Portland, Lucia Moore, one of the best Portland Lucia Moore, one of the best of the Eastern leading women, is also on her way here from New York Clar-ence Montaigne, the well-known char-acter actor, will leave Buffalo, where he has been with William Farnham, next Saturday, When the White Whit-tlesey season closes May 14, Virginia Brissac, Erle Williams, Reginald Mason and Manager' E. I. Sackett will come at once to Portland.

and carpenter shop, which is being erected at the corner of Fourteenth and Couch streets, is well under way and will be ready in ample time for the work of mounting the opening at-

When Dixson died Coroner J. P. Finley superintendent of Penlicentlary Not was notified. He at once went to the

L. H. McMahan, the Salem attorney, who preferred charges against C. W. James, superintendent of the state penitentiary, which were investigated by a special committee appointed at the last session of the Oregan Legisin his fight against Superintendent James. He is the attorney for James K. Sears in the case of Sears vs. James, which has been filed in the Supreme Court. This case embraces practically all the charges preferred against James by McMahan during the ses-

sion of the Legislature.
"We are bound to win this case; there is no other way out of it that I can see." said Mr. McMahan last night. This will put an end to Superintendent James using the convicts for coach-men and servants in his house. Those convicts came in handy for the James family. There is one convict that is an excellent tailor and they have him make the clothes for the son of Su perintendent James, who is about 17 years of age. The convict makes for him dress suits, Tuxedos and nearly everything he wears. Of course this may be all right for the James family, but it is not in accordance with the

JUDGE BELLINGER BETTER

Favorable Symptoms.

Judge Bellinger's condition is proby the physicians in charge of the case. Yesterday the patient was able to take a little liquid nourishment, the first in several days. His temperature is still very high, however, and his pulse rapid, so that the change in the symptoms is not as encouraging as could be hoped for. If the Judge should still continue to rally, and is able to fight the disease without further relarge, there may be some hope of his ultimate recovery, but his condition is still very grave.

Dr. E. H. Parker made the following by the physicians in charge of the case.

Thursday Bargains at Meier @ Frank's

An unusual array of extra special values for Thursday shoppers-Grand bargains in just the merchandise you want most-in every department will be found money-saving opportunities not presented by any other store in the city--Seasonable wearing apparel for women, men and children-Housekeeping effects of every description are included-Limited space permits listing only a few of the more important offerings-You will do well to take advantage of them-We are principal agents for Butterick Patterns and Publications

\$11.00 Silk Waists at \$3.98

Great lot of 200 Crepe de Chine, Peau de Cygne and Taffeta Silk Waists; plain tailored and fancy styles in white, black, brown, navy, lavender and plaids; a very handsome lot in all sizes; \$7.50, \$8.00, \$9.00, \$10.00 and \$11.00 values, while they last your choice at the low price of \$3.98

All-Over Laces Low Priced

Five lines of all-over laces in Valenciennes, Pt. de Paris, figured nets, Nottinghams and Venise; very best patterns for waists and trimming purposes; values \$1.50 yard for, yard......98c

Cooper's Underwear for Men

Two cases of "Cooper's" famous underwear for men; best summer weight; all sizes in shirts and drawers; the most satisfactory underwear money can buy; every garment nicely made and finished; sup-

50c Impt'd Wash Goods 32c

For today we offer 2500 yards of beautiful French net, a dainty material for summer and evening gowns and waists: all new colors and figures; 30 inches wide; one of the prettiest wash fabries shown this season; regular 50e value; your choice today only at the special low 32c

Thursday's Basement Specials

500 adjustable window screens, size 24x42 27c inches; wonderful value; today at, each.... Two-burner gas cook stoves; steel oven with boiler attachment; our regular \$7.75 value; \$6.65 Two-burner gas cook stoves; steel oven; our regular \$6.25 value; on sale today at \$4.98

4000 Damask Towels at 13c

For today we offer a great special purchase of 4000 fine Damask Towels with knotted fringe; blue and red borders; size 21x46 inches; the quality of towel you would expect to pay 25 cents Boarding-house keepers should anticipate their needs

\$6.98 "Kismet" Hats \$3.98

100 of the popular new "Kismet" Hats for women; made of fine Milan braid and laces, trimmed with rainbow silk, white grounds; blue, brown and green trimming; every hat in the lot \$3.98 \$6.98 value; your choice today at.... New shipment of children's Bo-Peep . Hat's just received; attractive styles,

\$2.00 French Chemise \$1.29

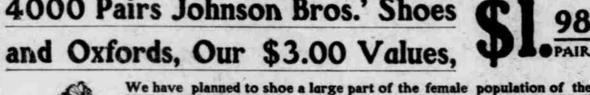
For today only we offer 500 beautiful unlaundered imported French Chemises; hand-embroidered; a variety of handsome designs; all sizes; extraordinary value for today only at the ex-traordinary low price of, each.......\$1.29 Muslin underwear department, 2d floor,

Center Pieces and Scaris 43c

Great special lot of hemstitched linen center pieces and bureau scarfs, with one row of drawnwork; pretty styles, remarkable values; sizes are 18x18 inches, 24x24 inches, 30x30 inches, 36x36 inches,

.See Fifth-street window display.

The Meier & Frank Store's 804th Friday Surprise Sale 4000 Pairs Johnson Bros.' Shoes





city tomorrow-We mean of course, those having footwear needs-We think that investigation will prove that the major part of the population can always find good use for an extra pair-Tomorrow's Surprise Sale comprises 4000 pairs of Johnson Bros. famous \$3.00 shoes, superior in style and quality to most \$3.50 advertised lines, all new this season's goods in high and low shoes, the very best styles, all sizes and widths - The details: 2000 pairs of Johnson Bros.' \$3.00 shoes in patent colt, lace shoes, Cuban heels,

medium weight soles; vici kid, patent tip, lace or Blucher style, Cuban heels, extension soles; vici kid, patent tip, light soles; box calf and velour calf lace shoes, heavy extension soles-2000 pairs of low shoes, patent colt oxfords light and medium weight soles; vici kid, patent tip, lace and Blucher, welt sole, Cuban heel; oxblood Bluchers, welt sole, all sizes and

town should supply her Summer footwear needs @ 1 0 0 at this big saving-See Fifth-street window display-\$3.00 values, pair

May Sale of Drug Sundries

25c bars of White Castile Soap, on sale for, cake16e Fairy Soap, "It floats," buy all you want at, dozen cakes ... 35e
Eastman's Sachet Envelopes, great
value at, each ... Se
Pure Glycerine Soap; long bars;
great value, each ... 7e
5te Tollet Waters; all odors; on sale
for, bottle ... 33e
Purity Olive Soap, 3 cakes in a box,
sale price, box ... 19e
Coke's famous Dandruff Cure; on
sale at, bottle ... 33e

Hosiery Sale

pairs of women's silk and lisle Hose, in new changeable effects, also Russian green, wine color, beaver, gray, etc.; all sizes. This season's Women's outsize opera length Home in cotton and lisle; all sizes; values up to 75c a pair; on sale for, pair. 25c Misses' fine-rib medium-weight Hose all sizes; best 25c values on sale for Tan Hosiery for women and children; all the new effects in plain

and lace styles; all prices.

\$1 Silk Shirtwaist Suitings 73c Yd

You will find on sale here the best value in fancy silks for shirtwaist suits to be found in the city-Thousands of yds. in all the neatest designs, checks, stripes and figures in the most serviceable and stylish colorings-Silks that are being offered at other stores at \$1

a yard you will find here at 73c Great special lot of fancy silk shirtwaist suitings; extraor-dinary value at, yard..... 59c We call attention to our magnificent

display of new fancy silks for shirt waist suits; over 100 patterns and exceptional value at, \$1.00

Bargains in the Picture Department

Round and square gilt metal photo frames; regular 75c 39c values, on sale for..... Passepartout frames and pictures, big variety of 25e on the Columbia," Indian Madonna, etc., on sale at 50¢ Artistic picture framing to your order at the lowest prices. Copley prints, new subjects, just received.

Women's Neckwear Specials Today

Four grand special values in women's Neckwear on sale today, tomorrow and Saturday-All the newest and pret-

tiest pieces in unequaled assortment White linen slot turnovers, embroidered in colored Fleur de Lis; best 35c 19c values, on sale for....... Sheer white linen cuff and collar sets, with deep cuffs; embroidered in light blue and white; 75c values at 49¢ Large heavy lace cape collars in beautiful designs; cream, white and eeru; reg-

sortment of styles; white, cream and ecru; regular 35c values, on 14c



Men's and Young Men's Fine Clothing

No man or young man can afford to miss the Clothing values offering all this week-The very best styles, materials and makes that we have in our immense stock are presented for your choosing at a saving of more than one-third-The least you can do is to look here before buying elsewhere

Men's \$20.00 Suits \$14.15

Our entire stock of Men's \$20.00 fancy mixed Spring and Summer Suits, in tweeds, fancy cheviots and fancy worsteds. This season's leading fashions, splendidly made and trimmed; marvelous values for this sale at the low price

Men's \$25.00 Suits \$18.85

Our finest \$25.00 Suits for men. The celebrated Stein-Block and 'Washington' makes, in browns, mixed overplaids, unfinished worsteds; finest grade fancy cheviots and overplaids and fancy at......\$18.85 worsteds; magnificent values for this sale

Men's \$10.00 Suits \$6.85

Men's All-Wool \$10.00 Suits, in cheviots, cassimeres and worsted; well made, good trimmings, excellent fitting garments; wonderful values at the remarkably low price

Young Men's Clothing Greatly Reduced

500 Young men's Suits in all-wool cheviots, serges and unfinished worsteds, black and navy blue, in ages 14 to 20 years, single or double-breasted coat—This season's styles

\$1.25 Swiss Curtains 89c

300 pairs of ruffled Swiss curtains, plain ruffles; 36 inches wide, 3 yards long; every pair regular \$1.25 value; best 89c Ruffled net curtains with Cluny patterns; 40 inches wide, 3 yards long; every pair \$2.00 value; sale price, per \$1.29 54-inch brass extension rods; 15c values at......9¢ Cross-stripe Madras Curtains, five styles to choose from; 50 inches 100 more Silkoline-filled 3-fold Sereens, oak, cherry or white enamel frames; regular \$1.25 values, on sale, ea... 98c

SALE OF NICKEL GOODS IN BASEMENT

6-pint \$1.25 Niekel Coffee Pots 98c 3-pint \$1.00 Nickel Coffee Pots 82c 5-pint \$1.25 Niekel Tea Pots 98¢ 2-pint 90c Nickel Tea Pots 72c No. 8 Nickel Tea Kettles...... 13-inch round Nickel Trays, each . 32¢ 30-inch Nickel Towel Racks; 89c \$8.50 Nickel Chafing Dishes; most im-

eial value.....\$2.87 \$3.75 Nickel Baking Dishes; grand value.....\$2.99 Nickel Bathroom Supplies at the very lowest prices. Basement.

"MAY SALE" OF STATIONERY

Crepe Paper, O. R. C. colors: roll. Se
Oregon Wood Souvenir Postais... Se
Novelty Postai Cards by the thousand All prices.
View Books of Portland, Oregon,
Northwest, Exposition Grounds,
Washington, etc.
Mount Hood Photos.
Lewis and Clark Stationery, in
fancy boxes. Many styles.

OF STATIONER.

Lewis and Clark Envelopes, pkg. Se
Lewis and Clark oregon, 12e
Paper Lunch Sets: all new designs,
great variety; special ... 13e
Guaranteed Fountain Pens. ... 80e
Celluloid Eye Shades ... 8e
Chambard Lines Paper; bite, white
or gray, quire ... 8c