Ex-Councilman Masters Says Present System Permits Discrimination.

QUESTIONS ITS LEGALITY

Intends to Enjoin Board With View of Showing Injustice of Meter and Flat-Rate Plan of Charging.

On the ground that water rates in Portland are discriminative, W. Y. Mas-ters, ex-Councilman, will today file in the Court a sult against the Water Board. By petitioning for an injunction to restrain the Water Board from shu ting off the water at his residence, 675 East Madison street, Mr. Masters will open up the question of the legality of the present water rates, which may result in important changes in the manner

Two objections will be urged by Mr. Masters. He will allege that the system discriminates between patrons in that some are charged a flat rate while others pay on a meter basis. As to the latter, Mr. Masters holds that the charges are not fair because those who have meters must pay the flat rate even if they use only a few gallons of water a month, whereas, they have to pay more than the flat rate whatever consumption exceeds the amount of water due under the flat rate on a meter basis. Supporting his contention Mr. Masters said last night;

"I am required by the Water Board to pay a flat monthly rate of \$1.75 for my house and \$2 for sprinkling privileges. My pipes are equipped with a meter, however, and whenever I use more water than would be sold for \$2.75 under the meter rate, i must pay an excess. My position is that if I am required to pay this excess I should also be given the benefit of a deduction when, under the meter rate, my consumption does not reach \$3.75.

Charges Are the Same.

"During the month of June only a small quantity of water was used at my residence, but I was charged \$3.75 just the It would not have reached this as the basis of my bill. Last month I used more than the amount of water allowed me, on the flat rate, and received a bill for \$4.75. 'I refused to pay the excess and received notice that my water will be turned off next Monday. My ac-tion in court tomorrow will seek to re-strain the Water Board from this action.

"About 20 per cent of the present water users are paying on a meter basis, as I am required to do. The remaining 50 per cent have no meters and are charged simply the flat rate no matter how much they use. This is certainly discrimination regularly bear and the property of the control of th tion against those who have meters. Every consumer should be placed on a meter basis or none should."

Complaints similar to that of Mr. Masters have been made in the past, but this will be the first time that the matter has been taken into the courts, if he should win his suit the evident result would be that the Water Board would have to provide every consumer in Portland with a meter or take out the meters now in use. The suit is, therefore, of great importance to every citizen of the city.

faucet, whether there is a meter or not and the meter rate of 12 cents per 100 cubic feet is applied to all excess. The provision of the regulations which governs this follows:

"The minimum charge for water furnished by meters to any please shall be meters."

"The Girl From Albany."

nished by meter to any place shall be the schedule rate at which it is listed." Members of the Water Board declare that the meters are used only where it is necessary to check waste and they have no funds available to equip the remainder of the residences and other buildings. If the suit of Mr. Masters be won they say that it would be a serious matter, as certain classes of consumers would be sure to waste much water if they did not have to pay for the excess.

"I am not ready to discuss the legal phases of the matter," said Dr. C. H. Haffety, 'but the board is certainly acting for the best interests of the city in placing the meters where it is possible. We have put meters in lodging-houses, livery stables and other places where there is most likely to be waste. We also install meters wherever we have reason to believe that private citizens are careless in

GRASS FIRE ON EAST SIDE

Area Five Blocks Long Burns, Giving Firemen Hard Fight.

A grass fire that threatened to work great damage along the waterfront on the East Side, occurred late yesterday afternoon and a large number of firemen were required to fight the flames for 45 minutes. No property was destroyed, but this was only because of the effective work of the firemen.

A large area, covered with tall grass, was burning, making an extremely hard blaze to handle from the firemen's standpoint, and it required much apparatus and a lot of hard work to keep the flames confined to the grass. A strip five blocks long, between the railroad and the hill and from Montgomery Gulch to Weidler street, was burned over. A house came near being destroyed when the roof caught fire, but the blaze was quickly ex-tinguished. Sparks from a locomotive started the fire.

WORTHLESS BILLS PASSED

William Johnson Arrested on Suspicion, and May Be Prosecuted.

William Johnson was arrested late vesterday afternoon by Patrol Sergeant Goltz on suspicion of passing worthless \$5 and \$10 bills on the defunct Merchants' & Planters' Bank. He was booked at police headquarters on a charge of drunken-ness, but if there is an ordinance or any law that can be called into requisition to punish a person for passing these valueless bits of paper, it will be invoked in this case and the prisoner will be prosecuted on another count.

Sergeant Goltz arrested Johnson after an investigation that revealed his conjection with the passing of one 35 and one

nection with the passing of one \$5 and one \$10 bill at the Aeme Reception and Sur-prise saloons, in the North End district. The \$5 bill was held as evidence against Washington streethe secused. The police have had a great city ticket agent.

deal of trouble with these bills for a long time, and they are inclined to the belief that Johnson may have passed others.

LOGUS BUILDING IS SOLD East Side Quarter Block Transferred

for \$75,000.

A local syndicate composed of J. D. Hart, J. H. Gibson, Carlos A. Mann, E. W. Ring and Lewis Montgomery, has purchased the Logus building at the northwest corner of Grand avenue and East Washington street. The price given was \$75,000. This is a three-story brick building covering a quarter

story brick building covering a quarter block. It was purchased three years ago by J. M. Healy for \$10,000. D. McKinnon has sold a residence property on Tillamook street, near East Fifteenth, to Mr. Carpentar for \$4500. The house is leased and was bought as an investment. W. T. Moore has sold to E. B. Hyatt a lot at East Thirty-third and East Market streets for \$900. The purchaser will erect a residence. Both of these sales were made by Hartman & Thompson.

At the Theaters

What the Press Agents Say.

"ARE YOU A MASON?" MATINEE

Stockwell-MacGregor Company Will Repeat Their Success Today.

This afternoon will be afforded the public a splendid opportunity to see the famous Stockwell-MacGregor Company in their splendid performance of that hilarious farce-comedy. "Are You a Manon?" which has been creating something of a sensation during the week at the Marquam. It is one of the funniest plays ever seen on a Portland stage and everybody who see it goes away with a feeling that he has laughed himself into a good humor for the rest of the week. Now, if you want to enjoy a rattling good time and feel on friendly torms with yourself for the balance of the Summer, you should see "Are You a Mason?" before the engagement closes Sunday night.

"The Scout's Revenge."

At the Star Theater this week "The Scout's Revenge" is being offered. It is a four-act drawn with the scenes laid in the West. There are scores of plays treating of the Western country at present, but "The Scout's Revenge" is considered the hest example and reflection of life in that section. The stock company has never appeared to better advantage than in the current attraction, and Stage Director DeCamp has given the drama several especially notable settings. There will be a matines this afternoon and a matinee tomorrow. The last performance is Sunday night. Seats can be reserved by telephone.

"The Two Orphans" Matince.

This afternoon and tonight the Alica Stock Company will repeat its former suc-cesses in the greatest melodrama of the age. "The Two Orphans" is surely entitled age. "The Two Orphans" is surely entitled to this distinction, having been a popular favorite all over the world for a number of years. It has never been seen to better advantage in Portland than by the Allen Stock Company this week. Verna Felton in the role of Louise, the bilind girl, is making one of her biggest hits and is receiving ovations at every performance. There will be matinees this afternoon and topperson afternoon and temerrow afternoon, with performances to night and temerrow night.

"THE SECOND IN COMMAND"

Next Marquam Attraction Will Be English Military Drama.

The next offering which the Stockwell-McGregor Company will make will be that beautiful English comedy-drama, "The Second in Command." It is not, as might be supposed, a war play, but the gentle, beautiful story of a love affair in an English garrison town. Few prettier plays have ever heen written, and as presented next week, commencing Monday night, it will be delicious.

Not Forced to Use Meters.

The use of meters is not voluntary the part of consumers but the use is placed where the board bevere there is most likely to be waste, regular charge is made for each uset, whether there is a meter or used, whether there is a meter or used, whether there is a meter or used. The cents of the biggest accounts was had by Miss alice Mortlock, who comes to Portland for the first time as the headline act at the Grand next week. She is supported by walter Harmon, in a charming domestic difficulty entitled, "How the Fixs Fixed It." Besides the above, the Famous Fremont Zouaves, a company of 17 young men, given actions with the company of the compan

"The Girl From Albany."

Commencing Monday night, the Allen Commencing Monday night, the Allen Stock Company will present for the first time on the Pacific Coast the latest Eastern farce-comedy success, entitled "The Girl From Albany." It is a play that contains nothing but laughs and will keep an audience in an uproar of laughter all the time. It suits the Eastern critics thoroughly and should be greatly liked here. Tickets are new on sale for the first performance Monday night. It is an ideal bill, which, is to follow "The Two Orphans," which will be presented until Monday.

"The Tie That Binds."

Beginning Monday night, the stock company at the Star Theater will present the latest. Hal Reid drama, "The Tie That Binda." This will be its first appearance in stock and at bargain prices. Mr. Reid has written a score of dramas, but "The Tie That Binds" bids fare to outlive sil the others. There will be the customary matinees. Seats can be ordered now by telephone.

AT THE VAUDEVILLE THEATERS

Sunday Vaudeville at the Grand.

At the Grand tomorrow the final performances of the present all-feature programme will be given. There will be the usual Sunday performances. Patrons of the house, who watch the bills from week to week, declare this to be one of the red-letter entertainments in the career of the theater. Harlan and Rollison are European artists, who were secured as soon as they arrived in this country from England by the booking agents of Sullivan & Considine. Mr. and Mrs. John T. Powers, the special added attraction, present "The Players." one of the best-known sketches in America.

Big Acts at Pantages.

Today and tomorrow are the last chances you have to see the best show ever seen in this city. Pantages offers three big feature acts, a number of other good acts, and a cool place to enjoy them in. If you have not seen this theater's offering, come before it is too late.

Kills Wildcat.

NEWPORT, Or., Aug. 16 .- (Special.) -With the skin of a big wildcat, which he killed in the Coast Range while en route to Yaquina, H. F. McIlwain, a Albany man, Newport today. His dog treed the ani-mal on Pioneer Mountain, east of To-ledo, and McIlwain shot it in the head. He then kept the dog away from it as it fell and thus has a splendid skin for mounting. This is the first wildcat killed in that vicinity in several years.

Enters Plea of Not Guilty.

William J. Bulger, arraigned on Wednesday on the charge of tampering with the mails and who was given until Friday to enter his piea, yesterday pleaded not guilty and will be tried at the October term of the United States Court.

Potter Schedule for Beach.

The steamer Potter will sail from Portland, Ash-street dock, Saturday, 1 P. M. Got tickets and make reserva-tions at city ticket office, Third and Washington streets, C. W. Stinger, PORTLAND INVESTMENT OF EUGENE CAPITALIST.



GORDON BUILDING, UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT PARK AND YAMBILL STREETS.

THEATER MAY BE CLOSED

FRED FRITZ IS ORDERED TO MAKE MANY CHANGES.

North End Playhouse Fails in Many Particulars to Comply With Fire Law.

In its crusade against unsafe public buildings, the Executive Board yesterday ordered that Fred Fritz must close his North End theater and cafe unless the requirements of the ordinance regulating playhouses are complied with within 14 days. A report was submitted to the board by Chief Campbell to the effect that Fritz' Theater, which is on Burnside that Fritz Theater, which is on Burnshe street, between Second and Third, lacks much of coming up to the law. The arrangement of seats, it was reported, is not right, the aisles are too narrow, there are no exit lights, standpipes or automatic sprinklers and the wiring is not safe. If these defects are not remedied within two weeks the resort will be

the building occupied by the Crane Botthe building occupied by the Crane Bottling Works, at the northwest corner, of Fourteenth and Couch streets, were turned over to Chief Campbell, Building Inspector Spencer and Fire Marshal Roberts. It is a frame building with a tower that is said to be leaning at a tower that is said to be leaning at a pound of the street dangerous angle, and the structure may be condemned. There is a Swedish church on the lot adjoining, the congregation of which has complained of the building as a menace to their safety. Several months ago the Building Inspector had the building braced, but it may now be necessary to have it torn down.

Williams appeared before the board to ask that only one fire escape be required on the Beck Building, now under construction at Seventh and Oak streets. The Fire Chief and Marshal and Build-ing Inspector had recommended that two fire escapes be required, but this Mr. Williams contends is not necessary. He building, on which only one fire escape was installed. The Beck building is six stories high. ferred to the fire committee.

Spokane avenue - Keenan Brothers, East Thirteenth street-Bechill Broth-

ers, \$3069.14. Bancroft avenue—O'Neill & Co., \$22,

GIRL DRINKS FATAL POTION

Takes Her Life Because Mental Derangement Prevents Marriage.

Miss Pitra Louritz, 29 years of age, drank a large quantity of strychnine sulphate from a coffee cup at 6:30 o'clock yesterday morning at the home of her friend, Mrs. C. Elle, 772 Grand avenue. and died in the latter's presence before medical aid could be secured. Despondency over a mental derangement that she realized would preclude her marriage to Hans Broten, a workman in the Enterprise Lumber Yards, brought on the

Broten for several months, but recently became afflicted mentally, and in spite of special treatment at two sanatoriums, she grew worse and the realization that she could not wed seemed to drive her wild. She had been acting strangely for a number of weeks. She lived at the Elle

young woman wrote the following letter to Hans Broten: "Good-bye, Hans, and don't blame me for doing this. You've and I love you with all the love a woman can give, but you are better off with-out me. Please don't grieve over me,

Miss Louritz is survived by two brothers and one sister, the latter and one brothers living in Portland. Finley took charge of the body.

Sea Lion Caught in Net.

EDMONDS, Wash., Aug. 16.-A monster sea lion weighing about 1400 pounds was killed in a fish trap at North Edmonds affireproof, like the Wells-Fargo 12-story ter a desperate struggle lasting three building, on which only one fire escape hours yesterday. The loud barking of the deep-sea monster in its struggle to un-The controversy was re- tangle itself from the meshes of the salerred to the fire committee. mon trap attracted the fishermen from the board authorized the police com-

Corner in the Public Library Of Interest to Boys and Girls

the Public Library there is a fascinating collection of books of special interest to young people, although enjoyed by older folks as well. When a boy or girl is first transferred from the chadren's room to the main library, the first impression of the wealth of books and diverse treatment of subjects is apt to be rather overwhelming. But here is a corner where one may feel at home at once, and where one may be sure of finding books neither too dry nor too

There are tales of adventure, college tories, readable history, biographies of interesting people, books on how to do things, books dealing with such prac-tical matters as electricity and boatbuilding, and very attractive illustrated editions of some of the best standard novels, novels that one ought to read "in the golden days" so as to make acquaintance with characters who will prove life-long friends and supply pleasant memories, against the coming busy age when one has "so little time for gen-

Miss Derickson, head of the circulation department, always tries to meet the boys and girls who come in for the first time. She helps them to use the catalogue and to find the books they par-ticularly want, and is always ready with suggestions and tactful advice. During past six months she has taken a special interest in this intermediate de-partment, and finds it much appreciated. It is interesting to note the thorough-

ness with which some of these younger readers pursue a subject which interests The classification number on any book gives a clew to the place of simi-lar books in the larger collection, and these are usually explored later. Books of travel and adventure are always in demand, not only by boys, but by girls, too. Indeed, it is a matter, of general and personal observation that the most womanly women are those who in girl-hood loved this sort of reading rather than milk and water "books for girls" and flimsy romances.

A list of the most popular adventure oxen and wood bison books may be of interest to parents and White, S. E., "The

BY LILIAN TINGLE.

Note the main circulation department of list is arranged alphabetically, not in any special order of merit: Le E. A. F., "True Tales of Mountain Adventure." Gives many experiences of Swiss mountain climbing. Brooks. Noah, "Story of Marco Polo." Brooks, Noah, "First Across the Continent." Bullen, F. T., "Cruise of the Cachelot." An pression of the wealth of books and English sallor's cruise in a New Bedford

whaler.
Burnaby, F. G., "A Ride to Khiva; Travels and Adventures in Central Asia. A capital account—before the construc-tion of the Trans-Casplan railway. Dana, R. H., "Two Years Before the Mast." The best book of its kind ever written. Describes two years spent as a common sailor in the American mer-

chant service. De Challiu, Paul, "African Forest and Jungle." Adventur of a European naturalist in the darker parts of the dark continent. Lummis, Charles, "Some Strange Corners of Our Country; the Wonderland of the Southwest." Contains descriptions of the American Sahara and the great can-

yon of the Colorado, besides vivid char-acterization of the Indian.

Martin, Mrs. Annie, "Home Life on an Ostrich Farm." Description of a South-African home by a writer of keen ob-serving powers and great love of nature. Nansen, Triditiof, "Farthest North." Nansen, Tridtjof, "Farthest North." Outram, James, "In the Heart of the Rockies." The writer made many of the first ascents of some of the highest

Parkman, Francis, "The Oregon Trail." Describing his actual wanderings in 1846 with a company of Sloux Indians across the regions of the Platte River, buffalo hunting in the Black Hills, and return through the Rocky Mountains.

Stockton, F. R., "Buccaneers and Pirates of Our Coast." Sketches portraying redoubtable heroes, chiefly West Indies and the Spanish Main.

Thompson, A. R., "Gold Seeking on the Dalton Trail." Two boys' Summer in Alaska. Full of genuine adventure, information and interest. Steedman, C. J., "Bucking the Sage-brush." Whitney, Caspar, "On Snowshoes to the Barren Grounds." Twenty-eight hundred miles after musk White, S. E., "The Forest."

mittee to revise and reprint the manual now used by the police department. The following bids on street improvements were received: Nehalem avenue — Miller & Bauer, 82559.30; Scott & Brown, 82069.10. Prothers

GUS HUBER DISCHARGED FOR INSUBORDINATION.

He Files Complaint That Member of Executive Board Interfered

With Work.

A complaint that W. G. McPherson member of the Executive Board, had interfered with him while he was at work cleaning streets, was filed with the Executive Board vesterday by Gus Huber, an employe of the street-cleaning department. Together with this complaint was submitted a report from Superintendent Donaldson notifying the board that he had suspended Huber for unsatisfactory services and asking that his discharge be made permanent. Huber allieges that while he was at work on the street McPherson, whom he did not know at the time, ordered him to do the work differently than he had been instructed to do it by

to look into the matter, as he is a the subject is that the holders of fran-poor man with a family to support and chises must "make stated quarterly re-

needs the employment Superintendent Donaldson declares has had trouble with Huber reshift him from one position to an-other and in none did he give satis-faction. He had been known repeatedly to loaf while on duty and on one occasion, at least, had impudently re-plied to the foreman when he was found resting on the Plaza during a shower. Once when asked by a citi-zen why he did not go to work Huber had replied and acted in a way not becoming a city employe.

Donaldson reported that he had laid

off Huber for 15 days. For the good of the service he asked that Huber be permanently dismissed. The matter will be taken up by the street cleaning committee at a meeting Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

MUST REVISE SCHEDULE Railway Commission Acts on Gro-

cery Rates of Coos Bay Road.

In a decision rendered yesterday the Oregon Railroad Commission has in-structed the Coos Bay, Roseburg & East-ern railroad to revise its schedule of tar-iffs as to groceries. The complaint on which the decision was made had been preferred by the Davis-Schultz Company, a wholesale house at North Bend. This firm charged that the railroad company had practiced gross discrimination against it and in favor of San Francisco and Portland shippers.

it was found by the Commission that
the through rates from Portland or San

Francisco to Coquille and Myrtle Point were compelled by water compelltion and for that reason it dismissed the complaint as to the charge of discrimination. This left the question as to the reasonable-ness of the tariffs, and in investigating this phase of the case, the Commission found that the railroad had not been applying class rates, but on the contrary, applying class rates, but on the contrary, had used only a commodity tariff on all groceries which were placed under one classification. Taking the present rates as a basis for first-class charges, the Commission will require the defendant company to adjust their rates to conform what is known as the "Western classification." fixing the relationship between the classes the same as on the Oregon Railroad & Navigation and the Northern Pacific systems in their distance tariffs and the same as fixed by the Washington

Shasta Express Late, as Usual. Not to deviate from the path of ir-regularity in which it has been traveling

for several weeks, the north-bound Shasta express, due in Portland at 7:30 o'clock last night, did not arrive until about 11 P. M. The train is reported to have been delayed in California and was unable to make up the time on the Ore-

SUPERIOR TO LEMONADE. Horsford's Acid Phosphate.

A teaspoonful added to a glass of cold water, with sugar, makes a delicious summer tonic.

GAS REPORT IS A CHINESE PUZZLE

Quarterly Statement of Local Company Is Full of Confusion.

EVASIVE AND DECEPTIVE

Careful Study of It Leads to the Conclusion It Was Prepared for the Sole Purpose of Thwarting the Law's Demands

The quarterly report of the Portland Gas Company, published in The Oregonian yesterday, was a very good example of figures that tell little or nothing. From a perusal of this statement, which was submitted to the city under a provision of the charter, skilled accountants yester-day found it absolutely impossible to as-certain what the earnings of the company

were—a fact that is of first importance in considering the affairs of a public-service corporation.

At first glance the report of the gas company might appear to be a complete statement, but the more it is studied the more confused one becomes. There is more confused one becomes. There is every indication that the statement was complled with the direct object of telling the public just as little as possible about the affairs of this company, which is op-erating under a franchise from the city. As an instance of this, the following table of receipts of the company during the quarter is of interest:

Gas bills
Arrears
Consumers deposits Stock products

Rents of property

Bills receivable

Bills payable

Horses and wagons

In this table is an item of bills rereivable for \$34,800, which doubtless stands for money due on loans and notes. That there should also be included in the receipts an item of "bills payable" is a fact not easily under-stood. This item of \$179,414.47 is entirely unintelligible so far as could be found from anyone who tried to interpret the report yesterday. It may stand for one thing or it may for another, but whatever it is it only serves to confuse

It will be noticed that gas blils for

tirree montas are given as amounting to \$57,021.81. That this is the total in-come of the company from this source will be hard to believe, in view of the great number of consumers that the company is known to serve. That in some way a large portion of the receipts from the sale of gas is covered up in the mysterious "bills payable" item might be the correct explanation Another thing noticeable about the report is that the receipts and disbusements exactly balance, although cash on hand is not given. That the balance should be exact without the cash on hand being included indicates either that there was exactly the same amount of cash on hand at the begin-ning of the three months as at the end or that there was no cash on hand either time. Either explanation seems unreasonable and leads to the belief that the company has simply given the

Foreman Jenkins and that when he did not obey. McPherson took his sweeper away from him. He also declares that that the people care about knowing. McPherson tried to strike him but was prevented by a patrolman. Huber declares that McPherson discharged him. The following day, Huber says, he was suspended by Donaldson, who would give no reason for his action. He says that he did not believe that he should take orders from any one except his foreman and asks the board to look into the matter, as he is a earnings is not required appears to be an important shortcoming of the charter and may have been carefully planned by those who prepared that document. The charter provision on the subject is that the holders of franchises must "make stated quarterly reports in writing to the Auditor, which shall contain an accurate statement in summarized form, as well as in detail, of all receipts from all sources and all expenditures for all purposes, together with a full statement of all assets and debts, as well as such other information as to the costs and profits of said servants. as to the costs and profits of said serv-

A Pacan to the Farmers. Weston (Umatilla) Leader.

This year's crop but emphasizes the truth that the farmer is the best goods prize-winner at a Hard Times party, but literature for the reference library, he is all the bologna when it comes to reckoning his bank account in four or more figures. And all of us are glad that this is so. We admire the farmer and re-

SPECIALS

-DRESSER'S-

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and Broadway.

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IN MEMORIAM.

At a special meeting of the directors and officers of the American Mining Syndicate, held at the offices of said corporation, it was resolved that suitable resolutions expressive of the high egard of the American Mining Syndicate for its late secretary and treasurer. R. V. Pratt, be drafted and spread on the minutes of this cor-poration, and a copy thereof be pre-sented to the daughter, Mrs. Mason, of Seattle, Wash, it was further re-colved that Judge J. J. Hirshheimer, the attorney for the corporation, be equested to draft the resolution;

Whereas, by the inscrutable decree of Providence, to which we bow in humility, there has been removed from our midst our late friend and co-laborer, our secretary and treasurer. Whilst in the official discharge of his duties, suddenly and without premonition, our friend was struck and summoned from the sphere of his terrestial duties to the life eternal; a sleep fell upon him which gave him rest from his labors from a life of righteousness and from duties faithfully performed. We deeply deplore his loss and mourn his sudden dehe rest in peace.

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be given for publication in the columns of the

Portland, Or., August 15, 1907.

Repairing Public Library.

This year's crop but emphasizes the truth that the farmer is the best goods on the shelf. He may depend upon a rusty shingle nall and one frazzled suspender to prevent disassociation from his blue denim overalls; he may resemble the

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