

KILLED BY ELECTRICITY

JOSEPH BARTHOLOMEW, A LINEMAN, MEETS INSTANT DEATH.

Was Employed by Portland General Electric Company and Was Working on High Pole.

While working among electric wires, and seated on the cross-arm of a pole 30 feet from the ground, yesterday morning, at Sellwood, Joseph Bartholomew, about 35 years old, a lineman employed by the Portland General Electric Company, and residing at 44 East Seventh street, was instantly killed by grasping a live wire carrying 600 volts of electricity, standing at



Joseph Bartholomew, lineman, who was instantly killed by electricity yesterday.

the same time on a 600-volt feed wire of the Oregon Water Power & Railway Company. He had unconsciously formed a circle of death.

Isaac Ennis, one of the dead man's fellow-workmen, climbed up the pole and brought the body down. It was taken to the Sellwood fire station, and in the hope that some life remained, Dr. Sellwood worked over the body for upward of half an hour, but it was demonstrated beyond all doubt that life was extinct. The body was brought to Coroner Finley's undertaking parlors. There will not be an inquest, as it is considered that Bartholomew met his death by injuries accidentally received.

Along with Linemen Sanders, Isaac Ennis and John Anderson, Bartholomew was sent to Sellwood yesterday morning by the Portland General Electric Company to alter part of the electrical plant necessary for the better lighting of the suburb. The workmen desired to take down a box known in electrical parlance as a transformer, the purpose of which is to alter the voltage from a greater to a lesser quantity. This transformer stood almost at the top of the electric light pole, where the lineman afterward met his death. It was dangerous work, unless one were very careful, but Bartholomew was known as an experienced workman, having worked at his trade in Seattle before he came to Portland about three months ago.

"Be careful and don't get too near that 600-volt wire," advised Ennis, as Bartholomew started to climb the pole.

"All right," sang out the lineman, little dreaming that these were the last words he was to utter on this earth. He had his body belt around him, but Coroner Finley's investigation shows that Bartholomew did not fasten his body with this belt to the pole, as linemen usually do when working any considerable distance from the ground. Bartholomew got hold of the block and tackle with which to lower the transformer to the ground, where his mates would receive the electrical appliance, and at this time he stepped on one of the crossbeams, with his right foot resting on the trolley feed wire. In a forgetful moment, or probably when he was attacked by a dizzy spell, Bartholomew grasped with his left hand the live wire carrying 600 volts of electricity. He had formed an electrical circle, and immediately a bluish flame burst from under his right foot. His left hand fell to his side, and his body swayed on the cross-beam.

The horror-stricken linemen below realized what had happened, and Ennis, being the nearest to the pole, climbed to the place where the disaster was suspended, and took down the body by means of the block and tackle which had been raised to lower the transformer. The body was hurried to the Sellwood fire station, and Dr. Sellwood worked the case, but became satisfied that life was extinct. Examination of the middle finger of Bartholomew's left hand showed a deep scar about one inch long and a quarter of an inch deep, where the current had burned him. On his right foot were three small scars, two of them probably made by nails in the boot being forced from their places. His face was peaceful, and gave no indication of pain.

In one of Bartholomew's pockets was found a letter with five cents in stamps on the envelope ready for postage, the address being: "Mr. Bartholomew, Dunsmuir, Emilscothy, County Wexford, Ireland." It is presumed that this is a letter written by Bartholomew to a relative in the Old Country. The sum of 50 cents was found in his clothing. Bartholomew, it is understood, was born in New Jersey, and he followed the sea in early life. On his left arm are tattooed representations of a shield and stars, with the words "True Love." He leaves a widow and one little girl. At the time of the accident Mrs. Bartholomew was visiting friends who live near Gresham, and she did not hear of her husband's death until a messenger from the city arrived late yesterday afternoon and told her of her loss. Bartholomew was a member of the Electrical Workers' Union, and a man of splendid physique.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Among the Home-Builders in Portland.

Nearly every one knows—certainly all home-builders do—that the fine line of mantels, grates, tiling, gas, electric and combination chandeliers carried by M. J. Walsh Co. is unequalled in the Northwest. It is quite common to hear people making favorable remarks.

MONDAY WE WILL

Introduce and place on sale the finest collection of new Spring dress goods ever shown in Portland. All the new weaves, in Voles, London Twines, Armures, Velvins, Albatross and Persian Cord in black and colors. Expansion sale prices, 50c, 75c, 85c and 95c. Great values and bargains. McAllen & McDonnell.

Seeks News of Her Brother.

FORT MADISON, Ia., March 8.—(To the Editor.)—I am trying to locate my brother, John W. Thrasher. He was a miner. The last I heard of him, June, 1893, he was near Baker City.

MRS. T. H. MOFFETT.

No route across the continent offers so many attractions as does the Denver & Rio Grande. Write the Portland Agency, 224 Third street, for illustrated booklets.

Meier & Frank's Monday Store News

The season is a bit tardy this year, and the certainty of always getting the things they want the moment they want them has taught Portland shoppers to wait until the thermometer goes up to buy their Spring and Summer necessities. The mercury will go up with a bound some morning and thousands will come on a jump for lighter weight clothing and the multitude of Easter things. This store will be ready of course—is splendidly ready today, and will give you the best merchandise the market affords and the most prompt and satisfying service.

Many Exquisite Garments



We doubt if there is a single store outside of New York and Chicago where so much can be seen in fine ready-to-wear apparel for women and children. You know what the display was a year ago; it is double that now and is better for the most part. The coats, the suits, the skirts, are marvels of the tailor's art. So much cunning has been devised in novelties that add so much to display, yet free from ostentation.

Prettiness is the word—Prettiness with simplicity; no matter how difficult you may be to please, we'll take the risk.

Suits Dress Suits in etamines, twines, chevots, fancy mixtures. The very newest fashions—an unequalled assortment. Prices from \$15.00 running up to \$100.00.

Coats In superb styles—Evening and street shades—A variety so large in style and quality that everyone can be easily pleased. \$7.50 to \$75.00.

High-class imported Costumes and Wraps—A showing equal to any in the land—magnificent creations.

Dress Skirts Walking Suits and Skirts—All sizes—all the best materials.

Children's Section

Filled to overflowing with pretty things—Coats, suits, dresses—Pongees, wool goods, wash fabrics, "Peter Thompson" Coats, etc., etc. The leading children's department in the Far West.

Sole Portland Agents for the famous "Ostermoor" Patent Elastic Felt Mattresses. "Easy Riding" Baby Carriages and Go-Carts—50 new models \$3.75 to \$50.00—3d Floor. Artistic Picture Framing to your order—Best line of Moldings, very lowest prices.

April 1st, 'Moving Day'



Moving day almost here—No doubt moving or cleaning house will bring many wants, big and little, not keenly felt until the general "shaking out" discloses the household needs. Here's news that no one can afford to miss who in buying for the furnishing of the home cares to make one dollar do the work of two. A story of timely, reliable merchandise that carries its own moral.

Art Squares

500 Art Squares to close out—Pretty designs and colorings. 2x3 yards for \$3.00. 2 1/2x3 yards for \$3.75. 3x3 yards for \$4.50. 3x3 1/2 yards for \$5.25.

New lot of 9x12 Brussels Rugs, new patterns and colorings, special values at, each \$15.

Just received Body Brussels Rugs in Delft blue, light green and Oriental colorings, beauties, suitable for dining or bedroom—Very serviceable—Reasonably priced.

Brass and Iron Beds, Springs, Pillows, Mattresses, Shades, etc. New Couch Covers, Lace Curtains, Carpets and Curtain Materials. New Linoleums, Mattings, Rugs, Ingrains, etc.—Third Floor.

Waists



This Spring and Summer Waist display is an unequalled one—New arrivals almost every day in the very latest and best styles.

Handsome Novelty Waists in Laces, Silk and India Silk—The All-over Lace Waists in particular are deserving of your attention.

High-class Wash Waists in superb assortment.

Petticoats

Plaid Silk Petticoats. New Morean Petticoats. White, black and tan Alpaca petticoats. New Dressing Gowns. New Percale and Lawn Wrappers—all prices. Full line of Golf Sweaters—second floor.

Easter Basement



Easter table articles should receive thought today, for we herald a sale of necessities at very special prices that no housewife who takes pride in the appearance of her table can afford to pass by—Every item a money-saver.

"1847" Rogers A 1 Platedware

Teaspoons, per set of 6 98c. Tablespoons, per set of 6 \$1.96. Butterknives, each 42c. Sugarshells, each 42c. Bon bon Spoons, each 63c.

Gravyladle, each 77c. Pieknives \$1.35. Berryspoons, each 99c. Plain and satin shell Knives and Forks, set \$3.50, \$3.60. 3-Piece Tea Set—Sugarbowl, Creamer, Spoonholder \$8.72. Cakestands, each \$3.22. Water Set—Pitcher, Tray, Cup \$7.35. Brilliant Cut Glass—Special prices this week. Carving Sets reduced to \$3.82, \$4.68 and \$6.49. 5-o'Clock Nickel Teakettles, each \$3.00. Haviland China Dinner Sets \$20.70, \$31.05. Semi-vitreous Dinner Sets \$7.20, \$10.80.

Venetian Vases—Jardiniere—Beer Steins—Etc

Baby Things Reduced



The new Infants' Department announces for the coming week a sale of unusual importance. Included are all the little garments necessary to make baby comfortable. Every article from an untrimmed baby basket to the most elaborate hand-trimmed outfit will be found marked at most tempting prices. The garments will be found of correct styles, shapes, materials, and, while varying degrees of elaborateness have been provided for, each price represents the highest possible value. Competent woman who knows all about "Baby Things" to serve you.—2d Floor.

- Infants' Cambric Slips, plain hemstitched trimming 29c. Infants' Cambric Slips, embroidery trimmed, only 69c. Infants' Cambric and Nainsook Dresses, val. lace and embroidery trimmed, great values at, each 89c. Infants' Fine Nainsook Dresses, embroidery and lace trimmed, plain and trimmed bottoms, only \$1.39. Infants' Hemstitched Flannel Skirts with cambric waists 79c. Infants' Knitted Bootees, pretty styles at, pair 12c. Children's Corsetwaists, 1 to 6 years, 25c values, each 15c. Children's Drawers and Nightdresses, ages 1 to 12 years, great values. Baby Baskets, Infants' outfits, christening robes, etc., etc.—2d Floor

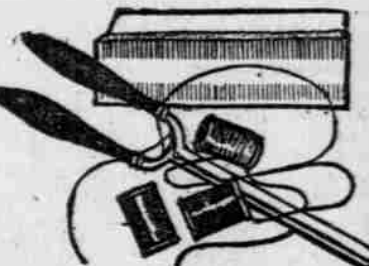
- Infants' White Flannel Wrappers, special value at \$1.22. Infants' Outing Flannel Gowns, pink or blue, only 39c. Infants' Eiderdown Carriage Robes, embroidered centers 83c. Infants' Quilted Bibs with lace edging only, each 6c.

Ladies' Neckwear, a mammoth showing of all the newest and best styles—all prices. Spring styles in "Onyx" Hosiery for women—plain black, lace effects, fancies—50c to \$3.00 pr. White Wool Fabrics and heavy White Wash Fabrics—New arrivals in both lines.

Notions, Sewing Requisites



Notions, notions, notions again—Another notion sale. Its magnitude and importance will impress you. One hundred representative items are printed merely to indicate the diversity and economies of the offerings. Everything for the work basket. Big and little things for big and little buyers—make out your lists, and come early.



- Glove mending cotton 10c. Wire hair pins, package 1c. Assorted card safety pins 3c. Assorted tape, 4c and 7c. Straight front hose supporters, pair, 18c and 38c. Venus straight front, pair, 40c. Pin-on supporters, pair, 18c and 40c. Velvet grip supporters, pair, 35c. Hook-on supporters, pair, 35c. 200 yd. spool basting cotton, each 1c. 100 yd. spool linen thread 4c. Horn bones, 8, 9 and 10 in., doz 8c. Genuine whale bones, 8, 9 and 10 in., doz 12c. Whale bone casing, assorted colors, piece 5c. Same, better grade, piece 10c. Beeswax, piece 3c. Laundry wax, piece 3c. Pins, asst. colors, box 3c. Assorted ribbon pins, box, 3c. Buttonhole cutters, each 14c. Seam rippers, each 14c. French darning cotton, piece 3c. Darning cotton 6c. American pins, paper 4c. Puritan pins, paper 8c. Pin book, black or white, 4c and 8c. Washington pins, paper 4c. Desk pins, box 4c. Curling irons, 4c, 8c, 12c, and 15c. Binding ribbon, asst. colors, piece 5c. Ball and socket garment fasteners, black, doz 4c. Snapper garment fasteners, black and white, doz 7c. Hump hook and eyes, card, 2c. Fitted waist linings, each 39c. Hair wavers, 12c and 15c. Black and white hair pins, card 7c. Darning eggs, each 7c. Dressmaker pins, box 17c. Aluminum thimbles, each, 1c. Steel thimbles, each 2c. Tracing wheels, 4c, 5c and 12c. Rubber cuffs, pair 17c. Aluminum hair pins 4c. Ass'd wire hairpins, 4c, 5c, 7c. Adjustable shirt waist shield, Nos. 2, 3, 4, pair 25c. Black percaline covered shield, Nos. 2, 3, 4, pair 15c. Double faced shield, Nos. 3 and 4, pair 15c. Colored skirt braids, 2 for 5c. Brush braid colors, yd 3c. Hook and eyes on tape, yd. 12c.



(From the Trade Authority)

Manufacturers of cotton dress goods and shirtings will turn their looms on to fall lines much earlier than usual. The increased use of heavy cotton fabrics for waists and costumes forces this action. The moral is plain. The "hat-iron" turban, named after the new building of peculiar form at Broadway and Twenty-third street, New York, is a medium shape, coming to a decided point in front. Brim and crown of these turbans are of different materials. Cream white mohairs are still scarce and the Bradford market shows an advance owing to the strong position of the raw material. White, cream and ivory taffetas are scarce and colored taffetas are none too plentiful. In addition to perxaline braids, which are shown in a great variety of styles, there are knotted-ribbon braids and the chrysantheum braid in a narrow width, which is nothing more than a cord. Colored taffetas are gaining in popularity and creams and ivory whites are becoming scarce in the general market. Modifications of the Russian and the Spanish turban are very attractive. The chief novelty in their trimming is the pendant ornamentation.

Easter Bible Sale



Easter sale in the bookstore—Bibles, Prayer Books, Hymnals at special low prices, and either one makes as fitting an Easter remembrance as you could decide upon.

Prayer and Hymnals, size 3x4 inches, bound in French seal, gold edges, with markers, 95c value, the set for 67c.

Prayer and Hymnals 3x4 inches in black, brown or red cloth, leather or seal, at prices 75c to \$4.75 ranging from which is below value.

20 per cent off on all 3 1/2x5 in. sets—All bindings and leathers, regular \$1.00 to \$3.00 values 20 per cent off.

20 per cent off on Prayer Books 3 1/2x5, reg. prices from 65c to \$1.50—Best bindings. 3 1/2x5 1/2 Prayer Books, cloth binding, 17c each. 68c Prayer Books, size 5 1/2x7 1/2, for 35c each.

The New Testament Size 3 1/2x5 1/2 cloth binding at 13c ea. Size 4 1/2x6 1/2 cloth binding at 29c ea. Size 6 1/2x8 1/2 cloth binding 59c ea. 4x5 1/2 in. Bibles, ruby type, great value 35c ea. 5x7 1/2 at 29c. 3 1/2x5 1/2 at 29c ea. 4x6 in. leather binding at 58c \$1.50 grade, 99c. Teachers' reference Bibles all greatly reduced in price.