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Prominent among the musical organizations of Salem is the Orioles, an orchestra which has just completed a successful season in this city and is now filling engagements in various towns in this part of the valley. If demand may be taken as an indication of musical excellence the Orioles seem fairly entitled to be termed Salem's leading orchestra. The personnel of the organization includes: Thelma Blessing Andreasen, W. H. Mills, I. A. Wroten, Fred Mills and David H. Talmadge,

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Attorney General George H. Wil- cnce to but one of them will sufwhom he had ever lis- of the contestants has received ator to tened.

How many of you remember the of the state, due to the fact that fleod of 1861, when water four he left Oregon permanently just feet deep surrounded Salem's at the close of the civil war in could have made its way up Ferry a boy in 1864, as I sat in the gal-Pease made his perilous trip up side of Henry H. Gilfrey, who has lem, rescuing the people from the the last 46 years. It was a contree tops and from floating flot- test in which the two leading consam of every description?

How many of you ever in the Pearne and George H. Williams, old days manned the brakes of United States. Williams, who was Capital No. 1 and Tiger No. 2 elected, led on the first ballot by when we pumped water from the the narrow margin of only seven and State streets?

nded, time after time, to editor of the Pacific Christian the fire alarms coming in from the Advocate then published in Salem. outer districts of the town?

ord trip of 53 minutes on a flat sound to southern Oregon. He be-

MEMORIES OF OLD SALEM exciting memories of the days that lies of the war were at a whiteare gone were the hard-fought heat he was named to fill a pulsenatorial battles that seldom pit in Knovxille, Tenn. So bitter ended until after midnight of the was the feeling that he was waywe now stand by Col. E. D. Baker, day set for final adjournment of laid, shot at, beaten by roughs who was once pronounced by ex- the legislative session. A refer- and notified that he would be killed if he held any any services liams to be the most eloquent or- fice, and it is selected because one in his church. He replied that he

but minor mention in the annals American citizen. He went to his church, he knelt in prayer, he course house, when a steamboat 1865. This contest I witnessed as and he delivered his message to his pastorate, and during all his street, and when Captain Geo. A. ery of the convention hall by the remaining years continued to fight the Williamette on the Steamer been an attache of the United militant until he passed away at Onward from Oregon City to Sa- States senate in Washington for the ripe old age of 81 years. Fond Memories

Two full generations have gone over the long trail since the testants were Rev. Thomas H. little kid from Uncle Joe Cannon's town stepped off at the steamboat landing at the foot of Trade street in Salem in March, city cisterns at the junctions of votes. It was a race between two 1853, and trudging up that street State and Commercial and Liberty of the greatest stalwats of our turned north for the first time at the junction of Trade and Compioneer days. Pearne was a fearmercial. The field of reminis-How many of you ever manned less, virile, aggressive, and most the ropes of these two engines as ambitious man. He was the first cence is too great and the time is too limited to review all of the interesting experiences of the intervening days. Thirty days instead He was at one time presiding elder

How many of you made the rec- of a district extending from Puget of thirty minutes would hardly suffice. For more than the scripcar to Portland in 1873, with Cap- longed to the church militant and tural limit of time I have been a Ital engine, and how many of you was an uncompromising foe of witness of all the various phases were on the roof of the St. Charles human slavery. He was chair- of Salem's development. I have on her expand from only a few d there successfully bat- man of the Oregon delegation in

60 years ago, should now reap- dinner of chicken, smothered in pear his first inquiries would not gravy,' in Henry's Stringtown be about the pioneer statesmen cabin, just after the chicken had and ministers, and actors and been purloined from the coop of journalists of the early days. Con- Elder Royal, who lived "just over cerning them he could refresh his the way." Most of the survivors memory, and review their accom- of the old school are scattered plishments, in the standard histor- about in distant fields, but Oliver ies of the state. He would be in- lieers and Dick Carey and Abner terested in hearing of the men and Lewis and Ed Croisan and Taylor women whom he had met in the Rigdon and Enos O'Flyng are every-day walks of life, and who still sticking around. The girls' had shared with him in the daily dormitory in Beers hall, and the tasks and daily pleasures of a bachelor quarters in the third common companionship. Their story of the Oregon Institute, and station or their occupation in life in the cabins of Stringtown and and their morals or lack of mor- Hangtown, furnished in later als would not greatly concern years a galaxy of men and women him, but he would display a con- who made their mark in the hissuming interest in a discussion of tory of the state, but a recital of their social qualities, their es- their names and exploits would be capades, their eccentricities, and a revelation of no special interest their outstanding relationships to to this strange community of more "Auld Lang Syne." What, he would ask, has become of the old '60s there appeared on the camtime local political bosses? How pus an erratic character whose did the Jones boys "come out," later life record was not spotless. and whom did the Smith girls He was known as the Huckleberry marry? What has become of Bill Finn of Salem's ploneer days. He Chambers and Eph Olinger and has since developed into one of the "Frosty" Price and the rest of the leading Hibernian barristers of drivers of horse-propelled taxicabs the northwest, and he has demonof the past. Only Eph Olinger of strated his affection for his old Hood River now remains. How home town by a continuous residence of about 75 years on lot 1, are our old friends of the colored block 1, ward 1 and precinct 1 of contingent? What has become of Sulem. In his boyhood he was the Painter Johnson, and Dan Jones, central figure in a scandalous afthe barber, and Old Man Bayless, fair that has discredited him ever and "Nigger Jack," and Johnny since. He was caught red-handed Jones, and Jack Bonter and Sam one Sunday afternoon in the Brooks and those two old stal- melon patch of Elder Adair on the warts, Tom Davis and Hi Gorman, Garden road. He assumed the who used to constitute the motive name of a highly respected young power that made the wheels go man named Billy Wicks, and

of The Oregon Statesman? All of boy who had been misled by Pate was ready to maintain his rights them, except Tom Davis, who, at and Ed Hatch. The credulous and as a Methodist minister and an 86, is now a resident of Nan- unsuspecting Elder Adair could refer to incidents relating to the great majority of those who would couver, and Johnny Jones, who, as only exclaim with uplifted hands, unseemly side of pioneer life in enjoy a discussion of the primeval of old, still ranks as the leading "Payson and Edward Hatch, two Salem, and to detail the short- days are sleeping on the hillsides laid his trusty pistol on his pulpit caterer of Salem. And where are sons of a Congregational deacon, the old-time dispensers of the bev- stealing melons on a Sunday afterages warranted to both cheer ernoon!" The next day he spent and inebriate-P. D. Palmer, in a fruitless search for Billy as a faithful soldier of the church "Patch Eye Byrne," E. M. Plam- Wicks and in rounding up the real ondon, Wash Stimpson, Bud Wa- culprits for a prayer meeting at Let it pass.

terman, Sandy Burns, and Bill An- the home of Rev. O. Dickinson. derson? All gone over the road, George Washington could not tell their business properly under the a lie; Mark Twain could but ban of the law, but still being ex- wouldn't. Neither of them had ploited by a school of criminals anything in common with Ananias compared with whom the old-time or Peter H. D'Arcy. In marked

barkeeper was a Christian gentlecontrast with the conduct of the man of the finest type. leading culprit in this scandalous Salem's city directory for 1874 affair was the upright character of furnishes the evidence that there other young men in Salem, conwere 300 men engaged in busi- spicuous among whom were Chas. ness here 50 years ago. Only an B. Moores, John W. Minto, exeven dozen of them survive and chief of police and ex-postmaster they are scattered to the four of Portland, and ex-Senator Ed winds. At least three of these are M. Croisan of Salem. These still with us. One is our afflicted three, when Elder Adair's melon friend, A. T. Yeaten. The other patch was being raided on that two are Joseph A Baker, 85, and Sunday afternoon, were, as was George P. Litchfield, 84, both still their continuous habit, attending cheery and optimistic and almost Sunday school in the First M. E. as active as when in their prime. church, the old pioneer church SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 4, 1924

and habits when the intimacies Comfort and Convenience Combined as Baby Travels from Vienna to New York in Suit-Case personal relationships hu



When customs inspectors opened | Vienna where his daddy was taksuit-case among the baggage of ing a post graduate course. "It Dr. and Mrs. Charles H. Lewis of was the best way we could think Los Angeles, Cal., on their arrival of to carry the little fellow about," in New York, they found a happy, said Mrs. Lewis. "Before we insmiling baby. The parents ex- vented the suit-case cradle we had plained that Charles Herman, Jr., all kinds of trouble getting about Was born four months ago in in trains and taxis." around in the old printing press claimed that he was a poor orphan

> comings of a gifted citizen, who the other side of Fairmount. should have been an exemplar of There is a community to whom the highest ideals, and who might pioneer memories would appeal. have been a substantial pillar in That sleeping city, made up, as it the political structure of the state. is, of our old-time community and state builders, once constituted

Memories and reminiscenses are the pioneer city of Salem. Their substantial food only for those surviving friends hold them in who have crossed the meridian precious and undying memory. and are walking in the afternoon They were the friends of * the and sundown shadows of life. The wholesome days of simpler tastes

them together in closer h han do the widespread relation ships of modern days. It has h well said that "buman fellow is more precious than all the po and circumstance of power." time goes on generation will f low generation, and each in tu will be called upon to pay tril to its predecessors. There will a continuous succession of plon groups, but none of them of more sincerely utter their tribu of love and of praise than we w are immediate successors of pioneer builders of Oregon. W keeping our eyes constantly to front, let us cast an occa backward giance, and continu nourish the influences that perpetuate the past and n closely knit the bonds of our neer friendships. The living that has obliterated the old l marks, and grown up on the fo dations of the Salem of 70 y ago, has fallen heir to a sp heritage. When the Almighty out the landscapes of the Wi ette valley he laid out one of loveliest of all his creations, the prescience and the insta Salem's earlier builders who here her wide streets and center, added to her scenic tage points, have made he crowning diadem of the Will ette valley and the most beau of all the beautiful cities of whole Pacific slope. Surely who are the inheritors of her mantic history and who the light of her varied 1 are so blessed as to warrant i the most extravagant expre of our satisfaction,

Another thing that puzzle is how a very fat man manag keep up appearances without penders.

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