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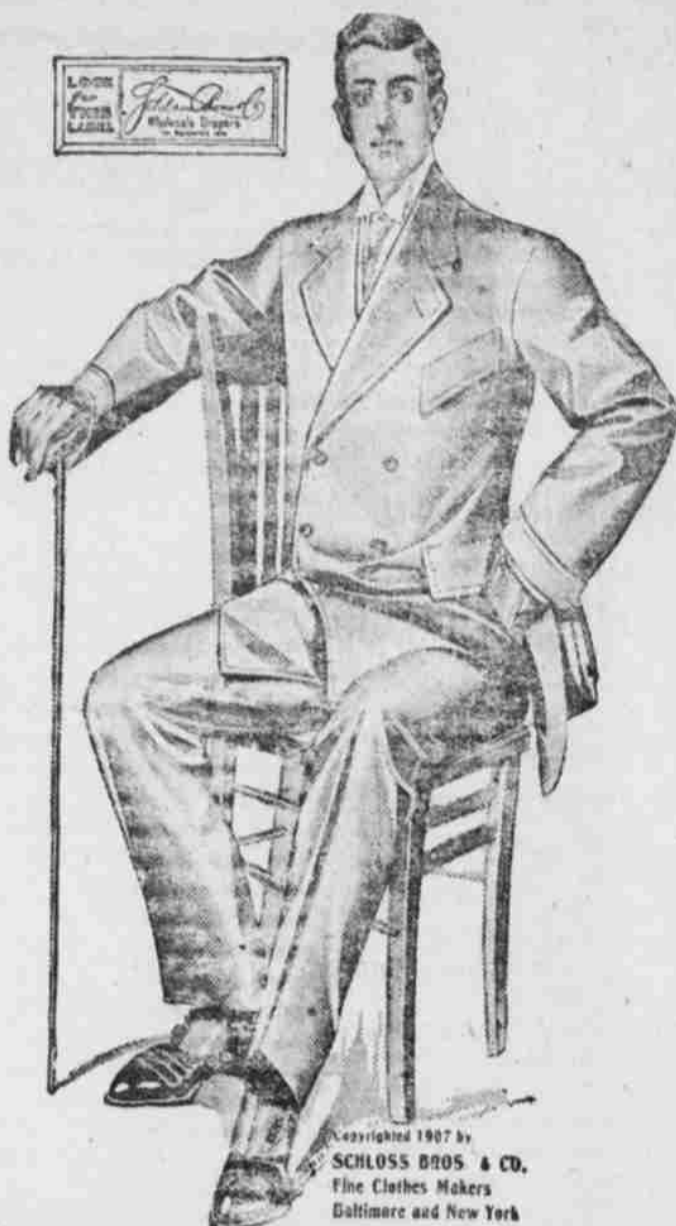
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TRACTION COMPANY IS ASKED TO PAY DAMAGES

Mrs. Herman Schnassee of Walla Walla Whose Husband Was Recently Struck and Killed by Electric Car, Seeks Compensation for Her Loss—First Damage Suit Against Electric Line.

Damages in the sum of \$15,000 together with the costs and disbursements of the action are asked by Minnie Schnassee, widow of the late Herman Schnassee, who was killed by being struck by an interurban car, August 5, a complaint having been filed by Mrs. Schnassee, through her attorneys, yesterday in the superior court, says the Walla Walla Union.

The complaint alleges that for a long time past the Walla Walla Valley Traction company, against whom the action has been started, has knowingly permitted pedestrians to use the track and the right of way; that on August 5, about 6:50 p. m., Herman Schnassee was walking in a southerly direction along the track, as was the custom, when he was run down and struck by a car going in a southerly direction, which was traveling at a speed of fully 20 miles an hour; that the track was unobstructed and the agents of the company in charge of the car could see the man, but that no attempt was made to stop the car, no signal was given, warning him of the approach of the car, and that he was run down and killed instantly in utter disregard of human life.

The complaint further alleges that Mr. Schnassee was a sober, industrious and competent farmer, capable of earning \$600 per annum; that by reason of the carelessness of the company or its agents the plaintiffs have lost the earnings and accumulations and are deprived of his advice and counsel. On this account plaintiffs ask \$15,000 damages and the costs and disbursements of the action.

The complaint was made by Minnie Schnassee, who has been appointed guardian ad litem of the three minor children, Lydia, aged 16; Edison, aged 14, and Arthur, aged 12 years.

The filing of the complaint yesterday morning came as a surprise, as the coroner's jury exonerated the motorman from blame of the accident.

BUMPER FRUIT CROP.

Washington Boasts of Better Crop Than Last Year.

"Washington's fruit crop will not only be above the average, but larger than that of last year." Such was the statement made today by State Commissioner of Horticulture F. A. Huntley of North Yakima, who was in Walla Walla consulting with C. L. Whitney, county fruit inspector, regarding measures to be taken for keeping the local fruit market clean

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and discussing plans for combatting the various pests, says the Bulletin.

"For several years fruit growing was on the decline throughout the state," Mr. Huntley went on to say, "but this year I find that the industry is on the boom, due, no doubt, to the conscientious efforts which the fruit-growers of Washington are putting forth in combatting pests so deadly destructive to the various fruits."

"Walla Walla fruitgrowers are to be found among the leaders in this work, and I think that they will be amply repaid for their trouble by the increase in crops which they will secure, not only this year, but in future years."

TESTING SALMON'S SPEED.
Marked Fish Are Turned Loose in the Columbia River Channel.

Whenever a tagged salmon is caught the fisherman who makes the catch is requested to detach the tag and send it to Henry O'Malley, United States superintendent of fisheries for Oregon, at Oregon City, or to Master Fish Warden H. C. McAllister at Portland. Professor Charles W. Greene at Olwaco ar to The Journal, says the Oregon Daily Journal. With each of these tags it is urgently requested that the sender give the date of the catch, the condition of the fish and any other information he may be able to impart.

The result of these experiments are

of importance not only to the fisheries bureau from the viewpoint of science, but to every fisherman in the country as well, and it is desirable that the reports by the various fishermen who catch the tagged fish be forwarded as soon as possible in order that more experiments may be made before the end of the season.

To determine the rapidity with which the salmon travel up the river and their rate of deterioration on the way to the spawning grounds is the object of experiments now being made by Professor Charles W. Greene of the United States bureau of fisheries, who is now in Ilwaco.

The method of the department in trying to find out about the habits and physiology of the salmon is new. Each fish to be studied is tagged with a small aluminum disc on one side of which are the letters "U. S." and on the other side a serial number. The disc is attached to the caudal fin or tail of the salmon. The fish is then liberated at the Washington trap near the mouth of the Columbia. It is expected that the tagged salmon will be caught at different points all the way up the river.

Governor Chamberlain has accepted the invitation of E. H. Harriman to be the guest of the latter at his summer lodge at Pelican bay. It is believed that the railroad wizard desires to discuss some phase of Oregon development with the state's executive.

FORESTRY IS INVITING TO YOUNG MEN

Thirty-nine young graduates of nine American forest schools have lately received appointments as forest assistants in the forest service and have been assigned to positions for the present field season.

The new appointees are drawn from the various forest schools as follows: Yale, 18; Baltimore, 5; University of Michigan, 4; Michigan agricultural college, 3; Harvard, 2; Cornell, 1; University of Iowa, 1, and University of Nebraska, 1.

They have secured their appointments as a result of passing the regular civil service examination, which is the only avenue to employment as a forester under the government. In addition to these graduates of forest schools, 15 other candidates passed the examination.

Twenty-two of the new appointees are already at work on various national forests, taking part in their administration, and 17 have been assigned to different projects connected with the technical study of silviculture.

All Have Training.

Forest assistants are men who have completed their preliminary training for the profession of forestry, as the graduates of a law or medical school have completed theirs, and are ready to enter on practical work. Until they have gained experience in their work, however, their positions are necessarily subordinate. They are at the foot of the ladder, and must prove their fitness in order to mount higher. The government pays them \$1000 a year at the start.

On the national forests the forest assistant often acts as adviser to the supervisors in charge, who are western men experienced in all practical matters, but usually without school training in the science of forestry.

Or they may be assigned to the study of some particular problem which needs to be investigated in the interest of good forest management. As forestry means knowing how to get the most out of any given piece of land, it calls for studies and experiments, both scientific and practical, much like those which have to be made in the interest of good farm management, and the forest assistant is prepared to do valuable work along this line.

There is a growing interest in the profession of forestry now, and many young men are asking how to get into it and what it promises. Clifford Pinchot, the government forester, has lately written on this subject:

"To be a good forester a man should combine something of the naturalist with a good deal of the business man. To know how to use the forest he must be able to study it. He must have, therefore, the power of observation, a fondness for nature, and the ability to penetrate her se-

crets. But if he is to succeed he must also have good practical judgment and the ability to meet and handle men.

"He must be resourceful, able to stand by himself, willing to undergo the privations of rough life, and capable of commanding the respect of rough men, who quickly recognize virility and genuineness of character, but will not tolerate pretense or the assumption of superiority."

A forester needs a vigorous mind in a vigorous body. He must be of the kind that likes to get things done and does not give up when things are not going his way. He will have to face difficulties and work out problems far from outside help, relying solely upon himself. He ought to be hard to whip.

Work of the Forester.

"The professional forester cannot hope for big fees and certain pleasant surroundings of life which crown distinguished success in some other profession. The first prizes which are bestowed upon the great lawyer, the eminent physician, are not yet open to him.

"He must be content without much luxury; he will have to spend a good deal of time out of reach of the ordinary comforts. He must be able and willing to rough it without complaint—to sleep on hard beds, eat homely fare, endure prolonged exertion and get along with plain people.

"On the other hand, if he is at all fitted to his profession—and a few weeks of actual forest work or good summer school work will tell him whether he is or not—there is open to him a very rich reward—life in the open, in the midst of beautiful, healthful and congenial surroundings, creative work of unmatched usefulness in any material field, a place of large responsibility and dignity, and with it all a fair living.

"If the forester's temperament is scientific he will have the joy of the discoverer and organizer of knowledge, a rich and almost virgin field, while if it be practical he will have the chance of sharing in a national work of prime importance to our people both now and hereafter."

LITTLE CHILD DROWNED.

Sixteen-Months-Old Daughter of President Homan of Willamette University Lost in Mill Race.

While playing in the grandstand on the ball field of Willamette university Tuesday morning, the little 16-months-old child of President Homan, of the Willamette University, fell through and into the mill race which runs underneath and was drowned, says a Salem dispatch.

The body was found floating upon the surface of the water three blocks below by pedestrians who chanced to

be crossing the foot bridge. The child was with her elder brother, 12 years old, and another boy, who were playing upon the ball ground, and the last seen of her she was in the grandstand. The first the parents knew of the accident was when the dead body of the child was brought home to them and the shock thus occasioned can scarcely be realized.

President Homan resides temporarily with his family in Ladies' Hall of the university, which is near the mill race. He has only been president of the university about three months, having succeeded President J. H. Coleman. He has three children besides the deceased child, two boys, aged 17 and 12, respectively, and an infant in arms.

LIVES WITH RATTILERS.

Bachelor of The Dalles Keeps Rattlesnakes for Pets.

Jake Binns, who has a homestead 19 miles southeast of The Dalles, is a lover of snakes, was once a sheepherder and has been in the Philippines as a United States soldier, says an item from The Dalles.

At present he has between six and 10 rattlers in his lonely shack on his homestead, and amuses himself by training the reptiles. Binns says he has not the least particle of fear of rattlers, "for they never seem to care to hurt me," he said.

"I capture them," he continued, "handle them carefully and make friends with them and they appear to like me. I never pull their fangs, for it spoils the looks of their pretty jaws and heads. Then, too, it must hurt them like sin to have these little hair-like attachments torn out. I do not think a man who really loves the brute creation would do such a thing. They use the fangs only in offensive warfare, and if they do not dislike you they have no desire to use them."

Jake Binns is a bachelor and spends most of his time alone on his homestead or with his snakes. His neighbors are careful about coming to the cabin, for usually they find one or more well-fed likenesses of his Satanic majesty coiled up restfully on the doorstep or stretched at full length after having consumed a fine fresh mouse, lizard or toad.

Binns was once a sheepherder, and that is where he got his training as a snake lover. Later he enlisted and went to the Philippines, but while en route was struck by a piece of deck furniture during a violent storm and sustained a broken leg. He was once considered one of the best pistol shots in the country, and was also an amateur pugilist of some note.

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