

## SOME INSIDE INFORMATION ABOUT PSEUDO JIM PATTEN, WHEAT KING

A short time ago the East Oregonian received a letter from a Mr. J. R. Rundell of Kelso, Washington, asking for information concerning a runaway accident near Pendleton in which a man by the name of Patten was supposed to have been injured. He was told that no such accident had occurred in this vicinity and in reply a letter and newspaper clipping has been received, which explains the cause of the inquiry.

The clipping is as follows: Who and where is James A. Patten, the alleged "wheat king" whose swindling operations were called to the attention of the police last night?

Through his bold effrontery and suave mannerisms the venerable old man is said to have succeeded in bilking various persons out of sums of money on the pretense of purchasing market stocks at a profit. The extent of his operations are unknown. He is believed to have fled from the city since the announcement was made Monday through telegraphic dispatches that James A. Patten, stock manipulator, whose earnings in that regard are well up in seven figures, was to retire from active business life.

The alleged "Patten" according to himself, recently came to Portland from California. He sought out the real estate office of R. Peterson & Co., 226 1-2 Morrison street, where he made his headquarters. To the members of the firm and their customers he posed as "James A. Patten, the wheat king, incognito." As a reason for wearing shabby clothes, "Patten" averred that he was "endeavoring to keep away from the newspapermen so that he might get a little rest."

For several days he quartered in the real estate offices, conversing and becoming acquainted with customers. To these only did "Patten" confide his "real identity." Each one he approached was willing to take a fling at the stock market, and, at his solicitation, several gave him money with which to purchase blocks of marketable stocks on Wall street. From one unsuspecting individual, "Patten" was seen to take a "handful of gold coins" with which he promised to "put him on the inside of the stock market."

Following this transaction, "Patten" abandoned his haunts in the real estate office and has not been seen since. Conscience-stricken after he had fathomed the apparent game of "high finance" foisted upon one of his customers, Peterson hid himself to police headquarters and told what he knew of "Patten."

Rundell's Experiences. Rundell's letter of explanation follows:

Newburg, Ore., March 13, 19-0. Editor East Oregonian: Pendleton, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—Your kind favor of the 7th received. In reply would say that my inquiry regarding an accident to a brother of Patten the wheat king, has to do with the enclosed clipping from the Portland Oregonian.

Since you were so kind to reply to my letter if the story isn't too tiresome will say we, Mrs. Rundell and I, made the acquaintance of the alleged Patten spoken of in the Portland paper. (No it didn't cost us a cent.) We had come from Kelso, Wash., to Portland to visit real estate sharks. Passing the Portland chamber of commerce, not the big building on Stark street, we dropped in and inquired of the clerk for the address of a man we wished to meet. He told us to go to the chamber of commerce building on Stark street.

Within the enclosure was a man of rather striking appearance. He stepped out and said: "My friends, come with me, do not go to those big office buildings I know some poor but honest boys up here who will treat you right."

The clerk said, "You are in good hands. Go with him."

Well, we went, and on the way the chap modestly informed us that he was Jim Patten of the big wheat deal fame and that a brother was in a runaway at Pendleton. Horses frightened by an auto ran over a cliff and killed themselves and badly injured the driver. So our friend, "Jim Patten" received a message at his home in Los Angeles. Had 17 minutes to catch a train and had come for the brother whom he brought to Portland and placed in a hospital. He was avoiding the reporters (modest and much honored man).

Well, at 226 1-2 Morrison street we went and were introduced to Messrs. Taylor & Peterson.

"Now," said "Jim Patten," "you treat these poor people, looking for a home, right or darn you, I'll see to you."

Well, we were to go with Taylor to McMinnville. Also, Patten was to meet us at the Lennox at 11:30. He was there on time and in his pocket a description of some property. Bless the dear old Santa Claus. If it was beyond our means he would help us. He was willing to aid those who appreciated it. And further, if we would invest our money and in a week our "Golden Argoes" would come sailing in, laden with gold beyond the dreams of Midas.

The doctor, that's what he was called, was arranging to lecture at the city hall on the subjects of astronomy, geology, etc. Really he was entertaining on those subjects. He would take us to dinner but he was to meet some friends to arrange for a lecture (strange how he forgot the reporters would not learn of it) And too, that dear old brother injured in the runaway.

We went with Taylor. I questioned him regarding the wheat king. Taylor only knew of him by his coming frequently to their office. We parted company with Taylor the next day and felt that if Patten was a crook, Taylor was a dupe. When we returned to Portland the king was at the office, 226 1-2 Morrison.

We had bought a farm on our own

hook after parting with Taylor. Patten was delighted.

Next morning we went to the office of the city editor and reporters. They did not know of Patten being in Portland and knew less of the runaway and didn't appear to care. I then went to the hospital. No dear old brother there. Again I saw the doctor at 226 1-2 Morrison street. Then I went to the chamber of commerce where we met the king first. The clerk knew little of him but said he appeared to be on good terms with Colonel Miller, head of the Portland chamber of commerce.

I was obliged to return to Kelso, but met the doctor again that evening at the same old place. Brother was better and the price of wheat soaring.

"Of course," said the king, "you wouldn't know but you might have made a small fortune had you let me invest your money."

His nephew looked after things at Chicago and each evening the king looked at his wired gains. "Strange," said the doctor, "how we came to meet." I agreed to it, besides, I added, you will pardon me if I choose to be just a bit doubtful, for it is not usual for men of great wealth to be so generous and kind to strangers.

We talked of public men and of the personal magnetism of such men as Blaine. Said I, "You, Mr. Patten, have that assistance and here are your features: A strong face, good color, large, dark and deep eyes, nose inclined to Roman, a well formed mouth, a strong chin and good, well modulated mellow voice.

The man wore a suit of blue cloth, a dark slouch hat, double lense glasses and a faded brown cravat with the right side of the collar usually slightly rolled up.

When I went to Kelso, Wash., that night I intended to return this way and would look up Mr. Patten, but the papers gave the news of the real Patten having sailed for Europe and published a cur of Jim. It flushed the game. The doctor "folded his tent like the Arab and silently stole away." I have talked to the captain of the city detectives about this. He said no one seems anxious to push the case. Those who lost on a story as old as "East Lynn" don't care to come in the lime light.

Perhaps it might pay the editors of the big city papers to thaw out a bit. I might have given them a good story with a bit of encouragement and it might have been one of their smart boys could have tripped the old lad up.

For myself, I am sorry I did not call on the detectives at the outset.

But as Carleton said of the farmer who was swindled by the lightning rod man: "I rather liked the fellow as I fear I always must."

For the gold of my own doctoring is in a fellow's heap o' dust."

Perhaps I have bored you with too long a story. But you were so kind to answer so promptly and do you know that somewhere on "memory's cluttered shelf" I find the story of a runaway somewhere over there actually taking place.

But the doctor said it was February 19, while it seems to me I read of it last fall.

Very truly yours,  
E. R. RUNDELL.

Saved a Soldier's Life. Facing death from shot and shell in the civil war was more agreeable to J. A. Stone of Kemp, Tex., than facing it from what doctors said was consumption. "I contracted a stubborn cold," he writes, "that developed a cough that stuck to me in spite of all remedies for years. My weight ran down to 130 pounds. Then I began to use Dr. King's New Discovery, which completely cured me. I now weigh 175 pounds." For coughs, colds, la grippe, asthma, hemorrhage, hoarseness, croup, whooping cough and lung trouble, it is supreme. 50c, \$1. Trial bottle free. Guaranteed by Tallman & Co.

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### AUSTRALIA DECIDES TO HAVE A WEST POINT

West Point, N. Y.—An Australian West Point, which will be in all essentials practically a copy of the famous institution here, is to be established in the commonwealth. Colonel Bridges, representative of Australia on the imperial general staff of the British army, has just left here on his return to Australia, by way of Great Britain, carrying plans, documents and syllabi of study which are expected to aid Australia to realize her dreams of possessing a great army school. The idea of such a school for the training of Australian officers was originally urged by Lord Kitchener, and it was he who regarding West Point as a model of its kind, suggested that a capable officer be sent to America to obtain data for the proposed

military instruction. Colonel Bridges came here last Wednesday and completed his work yesterday. Every opportunity was given him for studying the working of the institution and the system of training. Before his departure he expressed great praise for the school, its officers and cadets.

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Of Cincinnati, in the state of Ohio, on the 31st day of December, 1909, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

CAPITAL.	
Amount of capital paid up .....	\$ 500,000.00
INCOME.	
Premiums received during the year .....	9,838,798.92
Interest, dividends and rents received during the year .....	4,212,217.05
Income from other sources received during year .....	593,859.70
Total income .....	\$14,654,875.67
DISBURSEMENTS.	
Paid for losses, endowments, annuities and surrendered values .....	4,186,422.60
Dividends paid to policy holders during the year .....	1,504,633.60
Dividends paid on capital stock during the year .....	50,000.00
Commissions and salaries paid during the year .....	1,711,338.79
Taxes, licenses and fees paid during the year .....	400,259.56
Amount of all other expenditures .....	500,516.87
Total expenditures .....	\$8,353,162.42
ASSETS.	
Market value of real estate owned .....	458,756.70
Market value of stocks and bonds owned .....	25,406.25
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc. ....	57,720,829.15
Premium notes and policy loans .....	12,357,859.54
Cash in banks and on hand .....	894,627.95
Net uncollected and deferred premiums .....	515,578.90
Other assets (net), interest and rents due and accrued .....	2,603,620.31
Total assets .....	\$74,576,670.80
Less special deposits in any state (if any there be) .....	25,000.00
Total assets admitted in Oregon .....	\$74,551,670.80
LIABILITIES.	
Net reserve .....	\$59,853,596.00
Total policy claims .....	887,109.00
All other liabilities .....	612,682.95
Dividends due or apportioned to policy holders .....	11,045,214.35
Total liabilities .....	\$72,378,602.30
Total insurance in force December 31, 1909 .....	\$286,617,987.00
BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR	
Total risks written during the year .....	29,500.00
Gross premiums received during the year .....	17,396.00
Losses paid during the year .....	3,096.00
Losses incurred during the year .....	3,000.00
Total amount of risks outstanding in Oregon Dec. 31, 1909 .....	343,729.00

THE UNION CENTRAL LIFE INSURANCE CO.  
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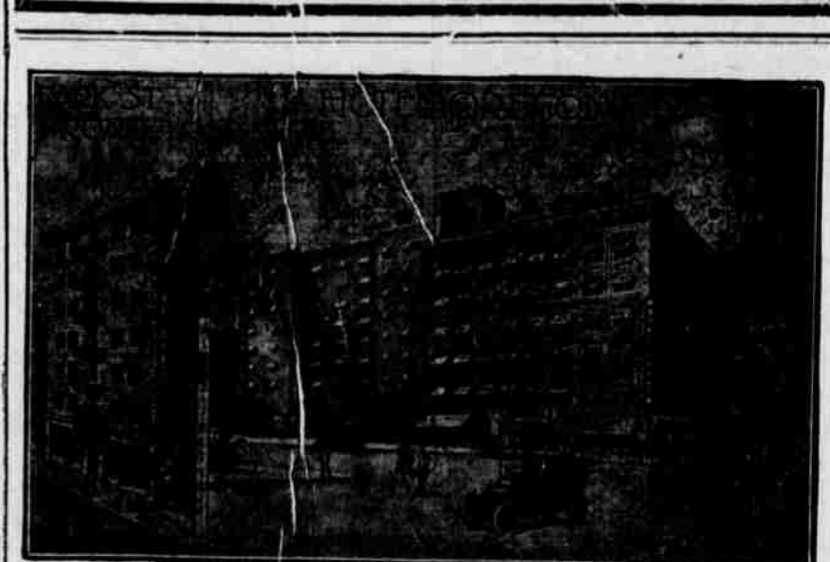
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