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## OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. A Fine Volunteer Corps of "Protectionists"

#### AGAINST THE FIEREY ELEMENT.

# Something About the Different Com-panies—Their Organization, and Present Equipment.

One of the most emential adjuncts of a well regulated municipal government is a well organized and thoroughly equipped fire department, its existence in any unity assuring protection of life and property from the ravages of fire, sing the confidence of its citizens and enhancing the value of real and personal property in our midst. The fire department of this city is second to none on the coast, the services of which are voluntary. It is not our intention at this time to dwell at any great length upon the past history of the organization, space not permitting a review of many of the most important incidents connected with it since its infancy. It has been of slow, but none the less steady growth, and is even now but entering the full vigor of the growth of a quarter of a century. It has successfully coped with the ailments of infancy and childhood, has energetically kicked off its swaddling clothes, and donned the habiliments of early manhood. The time, however, is not far distant when the volunteer fire department of to-day will be compelled to yield to the stern demands of metropolitan life. and be replaced with the paid fire department of the near future. But, when this long looked for millenium shall have arrived, and the volunteer service of to-day gives way to the paid department of the future, will not many of us yearn for the return of a huppy and exciting past, when "running with the masheen" was not a mere matter of business, but was entered into with the laudable ambition only of saving life and property without other recompense than the consciousness of having done our duty as firemen, augmented, perhaps, by the satisfaction of having secured "first water. Does this recompense prompt less active or efficient service, the improved apparatus being taken into consideration, than does the mere mercenary motives that prompt the paid departments of to-day? We think not; and while we would not detract one iota from the proficiency of the paid de partments with their more modern and improved fire apparatus, still we say all honor to the volunteer departments whose places they fill. Their niche in the wall of historic fame is indeed an honored one, and ready and willing were those who occupied it to risk life and limb in the protection of life and propthose who occupied it to risk life and limb in the protection of life and prop-erty in which no pecuniary interest en-tered to prompt their untiring exertions. A glance backward over the vista of years which have intervened, carries the recollections of a few who are still with us to December 1, 1857, when a number of our pioneer citizens were "toasting their shins" and munching big red ap-ples around the stove in Meyer Hinsch's store, which occupied the present site of the Chemekete hotel. The conversation in cidentally turned to the evident neces-sity of some organized protection against fire. Hon. I. R Moores, Meyer Hirsch and Col. Geo. K. Shiels were the moving spirits, and their deliberations resulted in calling a public meeting for such pur-pose, which was held on the evening of December 4, 1857, in the lower room of the then Masonic hall, a building after-ward used by the Sisters of Mercy as their school, and located on the north-east corner of Church and Chemeketa streets. Alert Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 was then and there organized with the following officers und members. I B east corner of Church and Chemeketa streets. Alert Hook and Ladder Co. No. 1 was then and there organized with the following officers and members: I. R. Moores, president; Meyer Hirsch, fore-man, and R. A. Baker, first assistant. Members: Chas. Uzafovage, M. D. Swig-gett, J. M. Pomeroy, A. E. Shumaker, A. J. Brown, J. B. Nichols, C. N. Terry, J. H. Brown, H. C. Sterling, Frank Glea-son, Wiley Kenyon, F. Henschel, Thos. Green, A. J. Relly, N. I Caton, Thos. H. Cox and Louis Westscott. Early in the spring of 1858 the company purchased a piece of ground in the rear of the Hol-man block upon which A. S. Kightlinger erected for them a building in which to house their apparatus, consisting of track and isdders, built for them in 1857, by J. M. Pomeroy and J. B. Nichols, the former doing the wood-work and the latter that of iron. The first fire bell was purchased with money raised by the "Hooks," and was broken July 4, 1860, when the lamented and gifted statesman, Col. E. D. Baker was the orator of the day. The first firemen's parade took place February 22, 1858, the display of red shirts firity paralyzing our country cousins on this their first appearance in publie. The company is still an active member of the department, but s feeling of mathes steals over us, zs we realize how few of those who protectected life and property then, could answer "here," to a roll call made to-day. The organization of Capital Engine Co. No. 1 was the outgrowth of a conand property then, could answer "here," to a roll call made to-day. The organization of Capital Engine Co. No. 1 was the outgrowth of a con-versation held in J. G. Wright's grocery store on a rainy day in 1865; its forma-tion as Webtoot Engine Co. No. 1 being completed January 26, 1865, by the elec-tion of the following officers: Chas. H. Bowker, president; S. H. James, secre-tary; Samuel Bass, foreman; George M. Stroud, first assistant, and Sol. Durbin, ecound assistant. The hand engine for-merly used by Multhomah Engine Co. No. 2 of Portland, was purchased by the "Caps" in May, 1865, and has been used by them continuously ever since, until within the hat few weeks, when, upon the arrival of their new LaFrance steamer, the was turned over to Salem Engine Co. No. 8. The company disbanded in Octo-ber, 1866, but was re-organized in May, 1857, under the zame if now bears, with Capt. L. S. Scott as president, A. B. Orosaman, recording secretary; R. H. Dathor, timesure; Samuel Bass, foreman; Revid Cols, faminesia secretary; R. H. Dathor, financial secretary; R. H. Dathor, timesure; Semuel Bass, foreman; Revid Cols, faminesiant; A. C. Schwatka, the state and real to curve and the state of the tocal market, and will always be ready, to await on curvomers, with courtesy and haste. arer; Samuel Bass, foreman; int assistant; A. C. Schwatka, mintual; and Silas Osbarn, stew-

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man; John F. Hamilton, first assistant; J. G. Hotbert, second assistant. Their new hand engine arrived the same moath, but it was not housed until the 29th of the following June, owing to a dispute as to who was authorized to receive it. Their name was changed to Tiger Engine Co. No. 2 during the spring of 1870. As vol-unteer firemen they are a credit to the city, and their record as such, is one of which they may well feel proud. Their new and elegant Silaby steamer was re-ceived by them in 1884, and is housed in comfortable quarters on State street. Salem Engine Co. No. 3, the "babe of the department," was organized in 1884, with headquarters in the northern end of the city, its first officers being as follows: Capt F. J. Babcock, president; Alex, Grant, secretary; W. L. Wade, Treasurer; Clark Churchill, foreman; Geo. Devol, first assistant, and Gus. Kaiser, second assistant. They have small but comfort-able quarters, and are fairly well equipped with a hand engine, hose cart and like ap-paratus. They are active and efficient firemen, and are destined, to become a powerful adjunct to the department. The board of delegates of the Salem Fire Department was organized April 14, 1873, with Hon. R. P. Earhart as presi-dent; Thos. H. Reynolds, secretary; G. W. Jordon, treasurer; and the-following delegates: Hon. J. J. Murphy, Harry Stapleton, G. W. Stimpson, Thos. Harte Cann, B. F. Brown, Chas. Uzafovage, and John Holman. If has been in continu-ous organization since that date. The department now numbers about 250 members, embracing the bone and

each company, aye more, each individual member fills well his allotted sphere and counts one in a fire department of which our citizens may well feel proud. The city government has ever been, not only city government has ever been, not only magnanimous in its treatment of the fire department, but it has shown its appreci-ation by affording the firemen every fa-cility that the exigencies of the case de-manded in the way of apparatus and de-partment supplies. Each company has its own engine house centrally located. The city owns one third-class LaFrance. steamer, recently purchased; one fourth-class Silsby, almost new; two hand en-gines; three service hose carts and a liberal supply of first-class hose. Capitals and Tigers each own handsome and sub-stantial racing carts, and Alert Hook and Ladder Company own their truche which stantial racing carts, and Alert Hook and Ladder Company own their trucks, which are well supplied with ladders, Babcock fire extinguishers, etc. In addition to this we have the city water works, the mains of which traverse our leading thoroughfares. The hydrant system ex-tends in all directions and is a valuable envilopment of configuration the

## R. H. WADE & CO.

Brief Sketch of one of the Oldest Firms in Salem.

This firm is one of the oldest in the ty. It was founded in 1965, when R. M. Wade bought the interest of Chas. M. Cartwright in the business of Smith & Cartwright, dealers in general merchandise, and the firm then became Smith & Wade. They were then in the building now occupied by A. B. Croasman.

In 1867, Wade bought out Smith, and became sole proprietor, and subsequently noved the business to the room now oc-rupied by Gilbert & Patterson. In 1869 and 1870, the building on corner of Com-nercial and Court was built and com-bleted especially for the hardware busi-ness, and in 1870 Mr. Wade divided his pleted especially for the hardware busi-ness, and in 1870 Mr. Wade divided his stock, moving the dry goods and grocer-ies to the room now occupied by J. J. Dalrymple, and the hardware stock to his new building. He now associated with himself in the hardware business, James C. Brown, who was then running a stove and tinware business in the building now occupied by Krausse & Klein, and Mr. Brown moved his stock to the corner of Commercial and Court, and under the firm name of Wade, Brown & Co. in hardware, stoves, and tinware, and R. M. Wade, dealer in dry goods, clothing, etc., did a successful business until 1872, when J. J. Dalrymple and Leo Willis were ad-mitted to partnership, and the two stores became the property of one firm, under the name of R. M. Wade & Co. In this manner the business was con-tinued until 1875, when it was again di-vided, and Dalrymple and Brown took the dry goods, and R. M. Wade the hard-ware, Leo. Willis retiring. In 1879, Geo. J. Pearce, W. H. H. Wade, and Thomas R. Brown were admitted to partnership. In 1880. Thomas R. Brown

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This firm, by fair dealing and strict business integrity, have built up a busi-ness in their line, second to none in the State, outside of Portland.

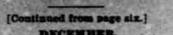
They are agents for the Deering twine binders, reapers and mowers; McCormick twine binders, reapers and mowers; Bain and Olds wagons; Monitor drills and seed-ers; Gale seeders and spring tooth harrows, Oliver, Moline, Peoria, and Garden City plows. They also carry a full stock of shelf and heavy hardware, Perry & Co.'s cook and heating stoves, tin ware, Inbricating oils, binder twines, and a very large stock of extras for their line of ma-

By calling at 282, 284, 286 Commercial street, you can find anything that prop-erly belongs to the hardware business.

#### ADOLPH MAYER.

The Leader of Low Prices---Excellen Dry Goods Stock.

Adolph Mayer, although well and fa vorably known in Salem business circles re that time, opened a fine stock staple and fancy dry goods, notions, millinery, gents' furnishing goods, men's hats and caps, stationery, trunks and valises—in fact general merchandise, at 197 Commercial street, next door to the post office, on Feburary 1st, 1896, and proceeded to dispose of his stock at re-markably low prices. He then employed, beside himself, one salesman in the per-son of his present head salesman, Mr. Amidon. However, his business has so materially increased since that he has found a further addition to his number found a further addition to his number of assistants imperative, and he now em-ploys as head milliner, Miss O'Donald, who is assisted by Miss Hefty, both very pleasing young ladies. All those behind the counter are very courteous, and are always ready and will-ing to show their appreciation of their custom by showing them any line of goods, and giving them every opportu-nity to examine them. Mr. Mayer has a large store room, packed "chuck full" of large store room, packed "chuck fuli" of fine goods, which invite inspection and purchase.



U.S. supreme court in favor of Capitol Mills Co.

died at Stayton.

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uxiliary of con pressure of which can be greatly increased at a moments notice. Taken altogether, the city is well protected against fire, and rates of insurance will compare very favorably with other cities, and which per-haps are better equipped with fire apparatus.

FRANK E. HODGEIN. SALEM, December 28, 1886.

#### GILBERT BROTHERS.

#### An Enterprising and Reliable Financial Firm---Banking.

The firm of Gilbert Brothers, composed of A. T. and F. N. Gilbert, is one of the most reliable financial firms in the state. They began as bankers and brokers, and doing a general agency business in Salem in 1879. In 1885 they changed their business into that of "general banking," and now transact all kinds eral banking," and now transact all kinds of business generally done by banking houses. The firm intends soon to estab-lish a branch house in the great Palouse country of Eastern Washington Terri-tory. They have established a reputation in this city and vicinity for reliability in business, that is second to that of no like institution in the state. They are also agents for the Royal fire insurance com-pany of Liverpool the Norwich-Union of agents for the Royal fire insurance com-pany of Liverpool, the Norwich-Union of Norwich, and the Lancashire of Man-chester, England, and they have done a great deal of underwriting for those old and reliable companies. Their bank is at 207 Commercial street, and it is fitted with all the modern safety fire and burg-lar wants. They are prenared to give lar vaults. They are prepared to give sight exchange on any of the principal cities of the United States and British Columbia.

#### FRANKLIN MEAT MARKET.

#### One of the Leading Business Establishments of the City.

Edward C. Cross is the proprietor of this long established market, and is a young man of such an energetic business capacity, that he is gradually rising

to a stand among the leading business

#### LIVER PILLS.

Use Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills for sal-low complexion, pimples on the face and bil-lousness. Never sickens or gripes. Only one for a dore. Samples free, at Geo. E. Good's.

#### F. LEVY.

One of the Oldest General Merchandise Houses in the City.

Among those of the most substantial and wealthy business men of Salem we find the name of F. Levy, who has occupied the store on the northwest corner of Commercial and State streets since in 1870. Mr. Levy has managed to do his share of the general merchandise trade of the city during that time, in a quiet and unobtrusive way, yet in a manner that has gained for him the respect of his customers, as well as of his business opponents. He is now ably assisted be-hind the counter by Meyer Abraham, one of the most competent retail sales-men in the city. Mr. Levy carries a complete stock of general merchandise including staple and fancy dry goods, staple and fancy groceries, crockery and glassware, men's and boys' clothing and furnishing goods. He also buys wool, and all kinds of produce, paying the highest market prices therefor.

#### KRAUSSE & KLEIN

#### An Enterprising Firm--- A Representative Store, Stocked with Goods.

In September 1884, O. Krausse and A. Klein who had but recently arrived from Illinois, began to conduct a boot and shoe business at 211 Commercial street, since when, by close attention to business, they have increased their stock, and trade, until have increased their stock, and trade, until at the present time, the firm of Krauses & Klein has a standing with any in the city. They deal in all grades and qualities of men's and boys' boots and shoes, and of ladies' and children's shoes, besides a full stock of leather and shoe findings. They have an excellent shoemaker at the head of their custom department and are all ready for work of that kin. In the ladies' fine shoes, in addition to the make of many other well known manufacturers, th-y al-ways have on hand a full line of Laird, Schober, & Mitchell's, and of Bennet & Bernard's.