

EDITORIALS OF PEOPLE

Pioneer's Exposure of Meth- ods of a "Rasca" Book Agent

COMPLAINS THAT THIS SLEEK-
TONGUED INDIVIDUAL PRE-
TENDS TO BE COLLECTING HIS-
TORICAL DATA WHEN HE ONLY
WANTS PAY FOR THE BOOK.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Editor Statesman: We wish to call public attention, through your valuable columns to the somewhat questionable proceedings of an individual professing to be collecting data for a history of the "pioneers of Oregon." This history is to be compiled from reminiscences, personally collected from the pioneers themselves. To secure this end, he has resorted to illegitimate means—in short, to falsehood.

In presenting himself to one pioneer, he represents to have been recommended by some others—which has been proved to be false. Presumptively, this is done to inspire confidence. He then has them to make a few statements about their family—their arrival in Oregon, births, deaths, land holdings, etc.; then adroitly requests their signature to the facts they have adduced. Incidentally, during his questioning, he remarks that the book will cost \$15. In most cases he has procured the signature. But in some instances the pioneer has become alarmed and refused to sign. If the representations that "Ladd and Bush, and Breyman," and other big men have signed, fails to convince the pioneer that all is perfectly straight and above board, he loses his equanimity—that is, he gets huffy—mad, flies into a rage, and declares that the information they have given shall not be made use of, that their names shall not be immortalized in the "History of the Pioneers of Oregon," plainly showing that it is the signature he is after, and not data. To fortify this opinion, he has obtained the signatures of men who are not pioneers by representing that their neighbor—an old pioneer—had recommended him to them for certain information which was necessary to have their autograph affixed to. As nobody read what they signed, upon mature consideration they have arrived at the mortifying conclusion that they have signed an order for an \$15 book. What adds the supposition is, that the data he presumably collects is merely a dry record of births, deaths, land holdings, etc., any facts that would make real history, and interesting reading, such as the Whitman massacre, Indian fights, privations of the pioneers, and other equally important subjects which have never been in print, and which would be a valuable contribution to Oregon's history, he betrays no curiosity to collect, nor cared to know anything about.

What practical value will a history of Oregon pioneers have which ignores such information as an old pioneer like Mrs. Mary Clymer can contribute and which of itself would make any book readable, but which this book-maker declared should not be used, because, suspecting a trick, she refused him her signature?

A book compiled of births, deaths, and marriages, would be as interesting reading as the legends on the monuments of a cemetery or the perusal of the records of the U. S. Land Office.

In view of all these facts, this individual would seem to be a book canvasser who has resorted to sharp practice to obtain subscribers. Whether he can compel them to take his book is another question.

CHAS. JAMIESON.

Answer to Mr. McAtee.

Editor Statesman: After reading Mr. McAtee's truthful article in Daily Statesman of December 31st, the question at once arose as to whether the Republican party had killed the prodigal or the calf, when he returned to its fold. The article indicates that the calf still lives.

The truth of his statement is too well known to require refutation. The mentioning of the "latter" proposition, in advance, is a clincher. And now that he is back in the fold and knows the utility of silver money, he mercifully and don't let him "drift" any more. Give him something, if it is only dog-pelter; anything to stop the blab, and thus dispense with one mendacious bore.

ONE OF THEM.

BURGLARIES AT ALBANY

LINN METROPOLIS ENTERTAIN-
ING GANG THAT RECENTLY
TERRORIZED SALEM.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 2.—Several small burglaries have been committed in Albany the last few nights, and it seems that some of the robbers who have recently been infesting Salem must have drifted southward to this city. With the exception of the robbery of \$30 and considerable clothing from a Corvallis & Eastern Railroad section house, there have been no burglaries of any great consequence. The Last Chance saloon was also broken into and \$9.40 in nickels was taken.

WILL CLAIM THE CHILD

CROWN PRINCE WILL GUARD
AGAINST DECEPTION OF SUB-
STITUTION BY PRINCESS.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The Saxon Court is determined to make an attempt to obtain possession of the expected child of the Crown Princess, according to the Boersum Courier and has instructed its chief of police at Geneva to keep a sharp lookout and avoid deception by the substitution of another child. The intention of the Crown Prince is to claim fatherhood of the child and educate it at the Saxon Court.

HE WON THE EVENT.
CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—The New Year's day games at the Central Young Men's

Christian Association resulted in a broken record, the making of which for a time threatened serious results to the competitor. In the "under water" swim, G. W. Earl swam 198 feet, while submerged, thereby breaking the Y. M. C. A. record for the feat and winning the event, but he did so at considerable cost. As he swam the length of the tank for the third time, his body came to the surface, but it was apparent that the athlete was unconscious.

W. Wachs, a naval reserve swimmer, noticed Earl's plight, jumped into the water and dragged the unconscious man out of the tank. Earl was revived only after being taken to the baths, where he was given a cold shower.

STATE LEVY OF TAXES

The Estimated Amount Re- quired to Pay Expenses for the Year

LEAST AMOUNT, WITH ONE EX-
CEPTION, SINCE 1897—AMOUNTS
OF DEFICIENCIES, STATE IN-
STITUTION EXPENSES AND THE
APPORTIONMENT BY COUNTIES.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

In accordance with the provisions of section 3091 of Beilinger and Catton's Annotated Codes and Statutes of Oregon, Governor Geer, Secretary of State Dunbar and State Treasurer Moore have prepared a statement of the computation and apportionment of the state levy of taxes for the year 1903. It consists of all the items of expense and all items of deficiency, including interest on unpaid warrants, amounting to \$3,084.58; current expenses of the Oregon National Guard, amounting to \$45,000; support of the University of Oregon, \$47,500; State Agricultural College, \$25,000; the estimated expense of one session of the Legislative Assembly, \$50,000, and the estimated total cost of such additional public building and improvement of same for the fiscal year of 1903. The total amount of revenue to be raised by taxation for state purposes for the ensuing year is estimated at \$735,000. With the exception of the year 1900, the levy for which was \$671,478.78, this amount is the lowest levy since 1897. The levy for the year 1902 was \$737,699.04.

The amount levied for the year 1903 is apportioned among the several counties, as follows:

COUNTY.	Per cent. age.	Amount to be raised.	Agricul- tural College.	Total.
Baker	.0195	\$ 14,332 50	\$ 482 50	\$ 14,820 00
Benton	.0202	14,847 00	505 00	15,352 00
Clackamas	.0355	24,622 50	837 50	25,460 00
Clatsop	.0212	15,582 00	530 00	16,112 00
Columbia	.0106	7,791 00	265 00	8,056 00
Coos	.0203	14,920 50	507 50	15,428 00
Crook	.0120	9,555 00	325 00	9,880 00
Curry	.0040	2,940 00	100 00	3,040 00
Douglas	.0045	25,357 50	862 50	26,220 00
Gilliam	.0087	6,394 50	217 50	6,612 00
Grant	.0092	6,762 00	230 00	6,992 00
Harney	.0160	11,760 00	400 00	12,160 00
Jackson	.0214	23,079 00	785 00	23,864 00
Josephine	.0090	6,415 00	225 00	6,640 00
Klamath	.0115	8,452 50	287 50	8,740 00
Lake	.0107	7,864 50	267 50	8,132 00
Lane	.0462	33,957 00	1,155 00	35,112 00
Lincoln	.0055	4,042 50	137 50	4,180 00
Linn	.0520	38,661 00	1,315 00	39,976 00
Malheur	.0094	6,909 00	235 00	7,144 00
Marion	.0613	45,055 50	1,532 50	46,588 00
Morrow	.0095	5,982 50	237 50	6,220 00
Multnomah	.3123	229,540 50	7,807 50	237,348 00
Polk	.0307	22,564 50	767 50	23,332 00
Sherman	.0087	6,394 50	217 50	6,612 00
Tillamook	.0087	6,394 50	217 50	6,612 00
Umatilla	.0490	36,015 00	1,225 00	37,240 00
Union	.0262	19,257 00	655 00	19,912 00
Wallowa	.0073	5,365 50	182 50	5,548 00
Wasco	.0234	17,199 00	585 00	17,784 00
Washington	.0301	22,123 50	752 50	22,876 00
Wheeler	.0067	4,924 50	167 50	5,092 00
Yamhill	.0391	28,738 50	977 50	29,716 00
Totals		1,000 \$ 725,000 00	\$ 25,000 00	\$ 760,000 00

A GREAT EXPENSE

SALEM PEOPLE SHOULD SHOW
APPRECIATION OF GREAT
IMPROVEMENT.

One gets onto the street car and rides through the business part of the city, or out into the residence districts, for miles and miles—there are some twelve miles of street railway lines in Salem and suburbs—and little realizes the expense and painstaking care necessary to keep this service in order.

We are apt to take as a matter of course the conveniences and accommodations that are ready prepared for us, and to show a small appreciation of the things that do not cause us worry or trouble to have for the mere asking, or the paying of the small charges exacted of us.

But the Salem Light, Power & Traction Co. has expended in improvements and betterments within the past few months about five thousand dollars, and most of this has gone into making the road bed of the street railway lines better, and strengthening up this service in innumerable ways. Mr. C. H. Brown, the manager of the company, and H. C. Flannagan, the superintendent, have led strenuous lives since they have taken charge of this property. As they are beginning to breathe easier, as they are moving in better repair and better running order, and the public served in a more satisfactory manner.

Their lighting service, too, has been improved, and they are now giving as clear and steady a light with both their incandescent and arc lamps, as it is possible to secure anywhere. That this fact is appreciated is attested by a rapidly increasing patronage. This is the case both in the residence and business portions of Salem.

INCREASE OF WAGES.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 2.—The locomotive engineers and firemen employed in the local jurisdiction of the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific systems have been granted an increase of wages averaging 10 per cent.

CASITORIA.
The Kind You Know.
Salem, Oregon.

SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER

Officers Arrested a Stranger Suspected of the Maurer Store Robbery

TRIED TO SELL MR. MAURER A
REVOLVER EXACTLY RESEMB-
LING ONE OF STOLEN ARTICLES
AND ASKED MANY QUESTIONS
ABOUT THE ROBBERY.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

A suspicious individual, giving his name as James T. Jeffries, was taken up about 5:30 o'clock last night by Officers Lewis and Murphy, he being suspected of having had something to do with, or some knowledge of, the robbery of John Maurer's store last week.

Jeffries, as he calls himself, as nearly as can be learned, came to Salem on Christmas or the day before, and has been here ever since.

He has not attracted any particular attention until yesterday, when, about 2 o'clock he sauntered into Mr. Maurer's store, and, pulling out a revolver, offered it for sale, saying he would take \$3 for it. He told Mr. Maurer he had been informed that thieves had broken into his store and had stolen several revolvers, and said he had been warned not to attempt to sell this one here, as it might arouse suspicion. He went further and asked the proprietor of the store if his revolver looked like any of the guns he had lost, and Mr. Maurer told him he had one revolver in the lot stolen, exactly like it and demanded of the stranger where and how he came by it. Jeffries said he won the gun in a game of poker at The Dalles, taking it in at \$2.50, and was anxious to sell it.

He stood around a few moments and went out.

Mr. Maurer's suspicions were aroused and he determined to learn more about the stranger and his gun, and went out on the streets to find the fellow, but not being able to locate him, returned to the store. He had been in but a few moments, however, when Jeffries came back and inquired concerning the date of the burglary of the store, and when Mr. Maurer told him it was about a week ago, he said the gun he had could not be one of those stolen, as he got it in The Dalles on Thanksgiving day.

It was thought best to make an in-

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vestigation and the officers took him in charge as stated above, but he had disposed of his gun, saying he had sold it to a farmer who wore a pair of rubber boots, and had a team, and this was all the description he was able to give of the alleged purchaser of his shooting iron.

Jeffries was seen last night at the police station, but was not inclined to talk much. He said he was a stranger in town, and intended to go on down the line to work on the railroad as soon as the officers let him go. He is a nervous appearing fellow, of medium height and build, and about 35 years of age.

When seen last night in regard to the suspect, Chief of Police Gibson said he was not sure of the man's guilt, but felt justified in holding him until the matter could be investigated.

"NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS."

The Oregon-Fire Relief Association has been a success ever since it began business in January, 1902, and is now growing faster than ever before.

Its annual report of December 31, 1902, shows a net gain in amount of insurance in force of \$2,625,787, which is 50 per cent more than the net gain of any previous year. It paid 135 losses during the year amounting to \$23,600. It is strictly a mutual institution which furnishes the best of

Fire Insurance at Cost.

For further particulars, address A. C. Chandler, secretary, McMinnville, Oregon, or if you reside in Marion county, call on or address H. A. Johnson, (agent) Salem, Oregon.

FLAX MILL A SUCCESS

PLANT AT SCIO, IN FORKS OF
SANTIAM ON A FIRM
BASIS.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 2.—Edward Myers, a prominent young stockman of Scio, and a brother of Hon. Jefferson Myers, was in Albany yesterday. Mr. Myers says that the town of Scio, the metropolis of the far famed forks of the Santiam, is in the best condition in its history. The flax mill at Scio is proving to be a big industry for that part of the country. The flax which

supplies the demand of the mill is all raised in that vicinity, and this alone is considerable of an industry for the farmers there. The mill regularly employs from fifteen to twenty men, and when the flax is being harvested about 100 men are employed. The fiber, when prepared, is shipped direct from the mill to Eastern cities.

Mr. Myers says that most of the farmers in that vicinity have almost entirely ceased to raise wheat for the market, and have adopted diversified farming, and more especially stock raising. One man living near Scio has 6,000 sheep, while almost every farmer is raising cattle of some kind for the market.

NEW ROUTE FOR SALEM

Special Agent E. C. Clement Made Inspection of Route Yesterday

AND HAS MATTER UNDER AD-
VISMENT — IF ESTABLISHED
WILL GIVE SALEM BEST RURAL
SERVICE AND MORE ROUTES
THAN ANY OTHER CITY.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

E. C. Clement, Special Agent for the Postoffice Department, working under the Rural Free Delivery arm of this great and important branch of the Government's business, is in Salem. Yesterday Mr. Clement went over the route that is petitioned for in the district south of Salem, leading out to Sidney, and taking in the bottom country in an arm of the Willamette river that is not now enjoying the very much sought-for privilege of having its mail delivered and collected in front of the farm houses.

The proposed new route, if established, will be No. 10, from the Salem postoffice, and it will complete and close up the circuit, so that all the farmers in every direction from this city will be enjoying the benefits of the system.

It is a wonderful thing, when you come to think of it.

It will help Salem. It will aid in filling up the country and dividing the large farms. It will be followed with rural, telephone lines, good roads and conveniences and improvements without number. It will in time practically extend the city limits of Salem for ten miles in every direction. There is no other city on this coast that is so favored in this respect. In this we are especially fortunate.

The Only Obstacle.

The proposed route, No. 10, would serve about eighty families. Some of these would come off of Routes No. 3 and 4, but about fifty new families would be taken in. The number is satisfactory, and the distance, twenty-five miles, which is the limit of the length of rural routes, is not too great unless it is made too great by the carrier being obliged to go around the farms of a couple of men living out in the hills. There is a road leading through these farms, but several gates are to open—and the Government refuses to have its carriers open gates.

It would be too bad if so many people were deprived of the privileges of the Rural Free Delivery on account of the obstinacy of two farmers, who think more of a small strip of side-hill land, wide enough for a road, than they do for the conveniences and accommodation of their neighbors.

A Wonderful Growth.

The new route, if it is established, will for a short distance lap over the one from Jefferson, No. 4 laps over one of the Turner routes.

In fact, there is happening all the way up the valley. A route out of Springfield, touches one out of Eugene, and this is the rule all the way down, including Irving, Junction City, Harrisburg, Halsey, Sheff, Tangent, Albany, Jefferson, Turner, Salem, Gervais, Woodburn and Hubbard, with routes already established or ordered to commence business soon.

There is a route from Shaw, one from Aumsville, one applied for from Stayton, two new ones to commence business from Silverton, making four in all from that town; one soon to start from Mt. Angel.

The east side counties have been steadily favored, and now the people on the west side of the Willamette river are waking up. There are to be two new routes out of Newburg, three out of Sherwood, and routes from Independence and Dallas have been petitioned for. On Monday Mr. Clement will go to inspect a route asked for, to run from McMinnville into one of the rich farming districts of old Yamhill.

And so it goes. Oregon farmers are getting in closer touch with the outside world. Is it any wonder that they are becoming more progressive and preparing to make this one of the richest farming countries the sun shines on, or the rain rains on?

Taken Under Advisement.

Mr. Clement has taken under advisement the matter of recommending the establishment of Rural Free Delivery Route No. 10. The nature of his recommendation will not be made public until he forwards it, which may or may not be soon. Mr. Clement says that, if this route is established, Salem will have the best service, and more routes than any other city in the United States, which is, indeed, quite a distinction.

TO TEST THE CASE

JACOB OWEN WANTS HIS PIC-
TURE OUT OF THE ROGUES'
GALLERY.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The right of the police to keep a man's photograph in the rogues' gallery is to be decided by the courts. Jacob Owen today secured from Justice Scott, in the Supreme Court, an order directing Police Commissioner Greene to show cause why he and the officers of the detective bureau should not be restrained from keeping his photograph in the rogues' gallery and circulating copies among the different police precincts.

New Today

The Statesman Pub. Co. has on hand several hundred copies of the OREGON CONSTITUTION. The price is 10 cents each as long as they last.

ANY ONE WANTING STOCK SHEEP
to buy or take on the shares will
please call at this office.

WANTED—JOB OF FARM WORK!
have team would work for feed. Ad-
dress R. C., care Statesman.

LOST—TWO YEARLING CALVES;
one red, brand P on right hip; other
Jersey color, right ear marked. Ad-
dress, H. H. Vandervort, Salem.

I WANT TO BUY—LIVE HOGS AND
pigs, also ducks, spring chickens, and
hens. I will pay the highest cash
price for same. Quong Hing, 354 Lib-
erty street, Salem, Or.

REPORT CARDS—Our school report
cards are printed to fit the school
register. The prices are: Twelve
cards for 10 cents; twenty-five for 20
cents; one hundred for 75 cents.
Statesman Publishing Co., Salem,
Or.

FOR SALE CHEAP—TEAM, Wagon,
harness, hay, grain, farming tools,
cows, yearlings, chickens, turkeys,
pigs, etc. Also 100 acre farm for
rent, 2 1/2 miles southeast of Turner,
Oregon. Call or address R. O.
Witzel.

MONEY TO LOAN ON IMPROVED
farms and city property at 6 per cent
per annum; no commission. Please
call on or address Eugene Breyman.
Remember the place, 370 Commer-
cial street, one door north of States-
man office.

LEGAL NOTICES.

RECEIVER'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the un-
dersigned has been duly appointed by
the Circuit Court of Marion County,
Oregon, as receiver for the property of
the firm of John C. Hertz & Co., of
Salem, Oregon, and all persons indebted
to said firm are hereby notified to
make immediate payment or settle-
ment with the undersigned, and all
parties having claims against said
firm are hereby required to present
the same duly verified to the un-
dersigned at Salem, Marion county,
Oregon, within 30 days from call.
Dated at Salem, Oregon, this 8th day
of December, A. D., 1902.

P. W. DURBIN,
Receiver.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

To whom it may concern: Notice is
hereby given that Agnes M. Jackson,
administratrix of the estate of Joseph
A. B. Jackson, deceased, has filed her
final account with said estate in the
county court of Marion county, Ore-
gon, and that said court has appointed
Saturday, January 31, 1903, at 10
o'clock a. m. for the hearing of ob-
jections to said final account and the set-
tlement thereof.

Tuesday, Dec. 30, 1902.