

Watches in a Tantrum.

Watches are trying, vexatious things when they get to acting badly. There are few inanimate things that can bother one more when they turn really obstinate and rebellious. But, no matter how balky and stubborn your watch may be, we will engage to put it to sleep, and order once more at very modest cost. Our repairers know their trade. They fix a great many watches in the course of the year, and few, indeed, are the cases where their work does not give absolute satisfaction. They repair jewelry too, broken scarf pins, rings whose settings have worn loose, and all sorts of things of that kind, and do it as well as it could be done, anywhere. Have you work for them?

Barr's Jewelry Store

Corner State and Liberty Streets, Salem, Ore.

Local Social Realm

PERSONALS.

Hon. F. I. Dunbar has gone to Astoria.

Dr. F. E. Smith went to Corvallis today.

Thomas Holman went to Portland this morning.

Geo. L. Rose came up from Portland last night.

B. O. Schucking came up from Portland last evening.

Chas. A. Park was a passenger for Portland this morning.

Miss Claire Holmes returned yesterday from a visit in Portland.

Mrs. W. J. Culver went to Portland yesterday afternoon, for a visit.

E. O. Patton went to Portland this morning for a brief business visit.

Mrs. C. L. Dick and daughter, Dorothy, came up from Portland yesterday.

Rev. J. M. Sweeney, of Brooks, returned home last evening, after a brief visit here.

Carl Duncan, of Turner, came down this morning, having business at the court house.

Mrs. Leo Daly, of Dallas, left last evening for Portland, after a visit with Salem friends.

Hon. John Minto went to Portland last evening for a few days' visit with his son, John W. Minto.

Mrs. G. A. Helms and children returned to their home in Oregon City last evening, after a few days' stay here.

J. E. Lounsbury, of the Southern Pacific general freight office, was in Salem between trains last evening, going to points in Southern Oregon on the late train.

J. M. Haberly The Pill Autocrat

Save yourself the trouble of going from one drug store to another by coming to the Palace Pharmacy where they never [just out] of the article you want. Prescription druggist.

Palace Pharmacy
118 State St. Salem.

GEO. E. WATERS Wholesale Tobacconist and Cigar Dealer

Largest Stock in Willamette Valley
252 COMMERCIAL STREET SALEM, OREGON.

OUR CHAMPION

Not a cheap trust-made article, but the best 5 cent cigar on sale.
AUG. HUCKINSTEIN, Manufacturer, Salem.

MORE TIME THAN MONEY

Some people have to spend, but if you have no time, possibly you might like to have one of our fine 15-jewel timekeepers, as they do not require much money for the investment. Our stock of fine watches for ladies and gentlemen is complete, and embraces everything in Elgin and Waltham watches. Prices lower than ever.

C. T. POMEROY

Watchmaker and Optician.

288 Commercial Street.

BRIDGE BROKE DOWN

And the "Braky" Refused to Stay With the Wreck

It Was Not a Head-end Collision When He Struck the Turbulent Waters of Mill Creek

An accident occurred at the penitentiary yesterday afternoon that, while it was serious and somewhat expensive, caused a good deal of laughter and merriment at the expense of a poor man who was neither an inmate nor an officer of the institution, nor was he one of the numerous newspaper men that haunt the prison this week on account of the legal execution that is to be held there tomorrow, and, while it was not as serious a matter as will be tomorrow's hanging, the principal actor in the little drama found it had enough. One arm of Mill creek runs through the southwest corner of the prison yard, passing under the wall near the railroad switch and gate. Just inside the wall the creek is spanned by a railroad bridge where the switch crosses to the foundry. Yesterday afternoon, while the crew of freight train was switching in a car heavily loaded with pig iron for the foundry the accident occurred. The engine kicked the car into the yard, and a brakeman stood on the roof of the car. The kick was not enough to carry it over the bridge, which here is 100 feet in length, and it stopped when nearly across, the one end having gained a point over the bank, and, as the bridge was not strong enough to bear the weight very long, the car sank with it into the water. The brakeman, when the car went down, made a wild leap for life, and jumped squarely into the middle of the stream, landing in five feet of icy cold water. While describing a graceful curve through the air the arms of the luckless railroad man worked like a windmill, and when he finally landed the expression on his face and the accompanying profanity, almost caused the death of the prison guards who witnessed the accident. The poor brakeman was quickly rescued, and provided with dry clothing, but his happiness will not be restored for several days.

The car that wrecked the bridge weighed, with its load, 116,200 pounds. The bridge was rebuilt last summer, the foundry company furnishing the material, and the prison officials providing the labor, while the work was carried on under the direction of Contractor Royal of this city. The work of unloading the car and getting it out of the creek will require considerable time and expense.

The greatest harm is done in the delay to shipments, which will be suspended for some little time. The creek at this point is about 100 feet in width, and swift as a mill race, and at this time of year the work of construction will be difficult. However, it will be undertaken at once, so as to delay business as little as possible.

EXPERTS IN WOOD.

The Old Violin Makers and the Material They Used.

The great violin makers all lived within the compass of 150 years. They chose their wood from a few great timbered hills in the south Tyrol and floated down in rafts—pine and maple, sycamore, pear and ash. They examined these to find streaks and veins and freckles, valuable superficially when brought out by varnishing.

They learned to tell the dynasty of the pieces of wood by touching them. They weighed them, they struck them and listened to judge how fast or how slow or how resonantly they would vibrate in answer to strings. Some portions of the wood must be porous and soft, some close of fiber. Just the right beam was hard to find. When found, it can be traced all through the violins of some great master and after his death in some of his pupils.

The piece of wood was taken home and seasoned, dried in the hot Brescia and Cremona sun. The house of Stradivarius, the great master of all, is described as having been as hot as an oven. The wood was there soaked through and through with sunshine. In this great heat the oils thinned and simmered slowly and penetrated far into the wood until the varnish became a part of the wood itself.

The old violin makers used to save every bit of the wood when they found what they liked to mend and patch and inlay with it. So vibrant and so resonant is the wood of good old violins that they murmur and echo and sing in answer to any sound where a number of them hang together on the wall, as if rehearsing the old music that they once knew.

WALLACE ELDER REPORTS

Progress at the Roseburg Soldiers Home

One of Governor Chamberlain's Appointments Which Has Met With General Approbation Thus far

Wallace W. Elder, commandant of the Soldiers' Home, has been in the city a few days, and left today for a few days' visit at his old home town of Stayton, in this county, which he has not visited since he went to Roseburg under appointment of Governor Chamberlain on the first day of May last. He succeeded J. W. Shipley in that position, and, with the assistance of Mrs. Elder, has administered the affairs of the institution in Douglas county. There were 89 veterans in the home when he took charge, and there are 99 at present. There has been an average of one death a month the past year. Applicants are taken in their turn, the home being filled to overflowing, and 45 applications for admission on file. There are many cases where veterans pack up their belongings and travel to Roseburg and ask for admission without any notice. Such are put to expense, and have to return and await their turn, so that all intending to seek admission would do better to write the commandant, and await their turn.

Since Mr. Elder took charge a building was completed, and will be finished this summer, and then await action by the legislature for a maintenance fund. This will accommodate 45 inmates when ready, but it is not expected that a deficiency will be created against the state to get it opened for use. The state has also laid 4000 feet of 4-inch main to convey water from the city to the home. Three fire hydrants have also been put in and facilities for fire protection improved. The water supply was a great thing for the home, as prior to this improvement there was no water for the home much of the time. Mr. and Mrs. Elder are pleased with their situation, and are living there very much. There has been little or no friction there under their management, and Mr. Elder is happy to say that, considering he is only a Democrat, he has been able to show a pretty fair record, and must leave the rest to speak for itself. Miss May Tillson, of Salem, has been secured as matron of the hospital, and will take the place in a short time. Miss Tillson is a trained nurse from the Florence Sanatorium, and a very competent young woman for the position.

GREAT GOLD STRIKE

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 28.—Reports reaches here from Alsek, near White Horse, by way of Ashcroft, that a strike has been made in the new diggings surpassing that of bonanza in its best days. On No. 19 below the discovery, on Bullion creek, gravel that gives returns of \$1.20 to the pan has been struck. The depth and width of the pay gravel is not yet known, but it is thought to be extensive.

KEEP THEIR ENGINES

Bakersfield, Cal., Jan. 28.—It is reported here that the Southern Pacific will return to its old method of giving every engineer and fireman individual engines, holding each responsible for its condition. The pooling system, now in use, is unsatisfactory to the men and company both, too many handling the engines. A return to the individual system will be welcomed by the men.

Brief Telegrams.

A house bill increases pensions from \$6 to \$8 per month in many cases.

The Roosevelt Republicans scored a victory at the primaries at St. Louis.

Governor Chamberlain, of Oregon, does not take kindly to the Hearst-Bryan combination.

Damaged Blankets At Greatly Reduced Prices

We have just received from our mill a limited number of White Blankets, slightly damaged in finishing, but otherwise just as good as perfect blankets. Call and examine them.

Prices from \$3.50 to \$4.50

\$18 Suit now \$12.50

Our Suit Sale is still on. Men are availing themselves every day of this opportunity to buy. The best patterns, best materials and the best made clothing to be had in the city at such low prices.

A large number of suits reduced from \$18.00 to \$12.50. You may be looking for something about \$18.00 reduced from \$25, or perhaps a more inexpensive suit, as a \$15 suit for \$10, \$12.50 for \$9, or a \$9 for \$6. We have them here.

Overcoats at Similar Reductions

Underwear

Look in our show window. Underwear reduced from \$1.50 a suit to 45c a garment.

Salem Woolen Mill Store

C. P. Bishop, Proprietor

Watch Our Show Window.

An Exciting Game of Basket Ball will be played tonight at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium between the Malitia team of Albany, and the Y. M. C. A. team. The teams are evenly matched, and the game will be hard fought.

Smith's Fruit Farm No. 2

100 tracts will be thrown upon the market in a few days.

\$5.00 a month and no interest.

Salem Abstract and Land Co.

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is thinning them out. Better come in while there is yet time and a good assortment. Those who have bought know the values we are offering. It is not a sale of shopworn and out of style stickers but the newest and choicest chairs of the day. Look out for our SALE beginning next Monday.

BUREN & HAMILTON.