

Do You Know These Oldest Employes of City's Oldest Firms?

W. H. Seibold
W. H. Seibold, 612 South J st., is believed to be the oldest authority on hats in Tacoma. He is manager of the hat department of the Jackson Bros. Clothing Co. and has been with the concern 17 years.
Dickson Bros. started with a small one-story building on the present site at 1120 Pacific avenue with a stock of rubber boots, hacco, workshirts and overalls. The total stock was valued at \$500. The company, which is the oldest of its kind in the city, was started in March, 1883. The firm is a co-operative institution and is incorporated at \$100,000.

W. H. Crumb
W. H. Crumb has fixed more watches than any other jeweler in the city.
He has had charge of the Richard Vaeth Co.'s watch department since 1898 and is the oldest employe of the firm, which is located at 924 Pacific ave.
The Richard Vaeth Co. is the oldest jewelry firm in the city, being established in 1883.
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Raymond R. Mattison
The National Bank of Tacoma is the outgrowth, after a series of consolidations, of Tacoma's oldest bank.
The Pacific National bank was chartered Oct. 20, 1885.
In 1905 it was consolidated with the Citizens National bank and later again with the Lumbermen's National. In 1913 a final consolidation was made with the National Bank of Commerce and the present name of the National Bank of Tacoma was taken.
Raymond R. Mattison, assistant cashier, is the oldest man in point of service.

John T. Bibb
John T. Bibb, president of the Tacoma Grain Co., began the first grain business in the city in 1889 when he built an elevator on the north waterfront.
He was a broker at first and did not erect the flour mill until 1902.
R. B. Shoemaker, wheat foreman of the company, is the oldest employe with the exception of Mr. Bibb. He began working in 1890.
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H. Rasmussen
H. Rasmussen, superintendent of the Peoples Store, has been with the concern for 14 years and is the oldest man in the establishment.
The Peoples Store is one of the Clafin string of department stores and one of Tacoma's oldest dry goods stores. It has been on the present corner for 23 years.
It was established a few years before by Woodred, Pratt & Garretson at 19th and Pacific.
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Thomas V. Tyler
Thomas V. Tyler, president of the French Drug Co., began rolling his own pills in 1890 in a small store where the Yuell Drug Co. is now located.
He became interested in a corporation which founded the present corporation in 1890. At present he is the oldest man in the firm.
The French Drug Co. is an outgrowth of the F. D. French Drug Store, which was started in the early '80's and is the oldest drug store in continuous operation in Tacoma.
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Charles E. Hill
The Tacoma Mill Co. at Old Town, is the city's pioneer lumber industry and for years, except for the St. Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co. plant, was the only mill in the city.
It was started in 1868 and has been in continuous operation ever since.
Charles E. Hill, the resident manager, is the oldest living employe in point of service.
He has been actively connected with the company for some 30-odd years.
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F. S. Harmon
F. S. Harmon, president of the F. S. Harmon Furniture Co., founded the company in 1882. He occupied a small store near 16th and Pacific, later moving to South 20th and A st. The store grew into a wholesale concern and was incorporated in 1892.
When the N. P. built the new station on the site the company built its present headquarters at 20th and Pacific ave. George L. Harmon, house sales manager, is the oldest employe of the firm with the exception of the founder, having been affiliated since 1892.

A subscriber asks who is was Geraldine Farrar married. Can't say for sure, Subscriber, but it must have been Caruso. We see where Geraldine pulled his hair and bit him.

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WEATHER
Tacoma: Fair tonight and Sunday.
Washington: Fair west, unsettled, probably rain or snow east portion.

GERMANS GAINING; FORTRESS FALLS!

BreakLine of Verdun Defenses—Vast Loss

LONDON, Feb. 26.—The Germans have captured the strong fortress of Douaumont, four miles northeast of Verdun, Berlin headquarters announced today.
Paris did not confirm this claim.
If Douaumont is captured, it means that the first breach has been made in the Verdun forts and indicates the Teuton offensive is seriously threatening the French stronghold.
It is believed the entire French forces defending Verdun from the north and northeast have been backed into the fortress under the most terrific stroke the Germans have made since the offensive started.
Cote Dupuyvre, the key to the city's northern defenses, have been regarded as impregnable, but reports indicate the French front has collapsed from there to Peper heights.
Paris admitted the Germans have assailed the armored trenches and redoubts there.
The communiques said the French have taken up new positions on the Meuse hills, but did not state the definite location.
Most Bloody of War.
From Douaumont the Germans can bombard the forts of Devaur, Detavennes and Debelleville and can sweep the northern plain about the city with a fire that infantry cannot withstand.
The present conflict may prove the most bloody battle of the war. It is accepted here that both sides lost over 100,000 men.
The French estimates that the Germans lost 150,000 men is now considered somewhat high, though nearly two corps probably were wiped out in mass attacks against the strongest field positions the world ever has known.
Undoubtedly the Germans have centered all their resources on the Verdun drive, hoping to make their way to Paris and bring an early end to the war.
French reports indicate the Germans have taken guns from Russian fortifications to supply their needs. Others were brought from Serbia.
The French have been thrown back nearly four miles along the eight mile front before the city.

MONDAY

will be an important day. Why? Because it is going to see the beginning of the solution of this puzzling problem:
Can a confirmed bachelor who has withstood the attacks of famous beauties in the European capitals and who has determined that he is immune from love, go on without wilting before the bewitching smile, of Natalie Tremaine?
Natalie is the heroine of John Reed Scott's new novel, "The Red Emerald," which is to be published in The Times' NOVEL-A-WEEK series, opening Monday.
Be sure to read it.

Russians Victorious In Persia

PETROGRAD, Feb. 26.—The Russians have captured Kermansah, Persia, delayed dispatches today stated.
They expect to form an early junction with the British at Kuelamara, 150 miles away.
The Kermansah victory will rank second in importance to the capture of Erzerum.

Germany Counts On Congress

BERLIN, Feb. 26.—Germany counts on congress to force President Wilson to retreat from his position on the German situation, the United Press was informed reliably today.
Officials declined to comment, but it is the general feeling here that if the armed merchantmen decree is referred to congress, it will pass a resolution warning Americans from traveling on armed ships.
Dispatches suggesting the possibility that Wilson will demand the recall of Ambassador von Bernstorff caused great surprise here.
The United Press office was besieged with telephone calls from officials inquiring about the truth of the reports.
Gerard and von Jagow declared they had received no intimations that the United States was considering the recall of von Bernstorff.
The feeling against America is growing daily more intense.
Bitter Against Wilson.
Public officials are frankly bitter in their criticism of the president for refusing to warn Americans to avoid armed ships.
The consensus of opinion is that the recall of diplomats would have the worst possible effect on negotiations.
Gerard, despite his recent accident, is now at his desk.

PLOTTERS PLAN NEW CAMPAIGN

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—That anti-ally plotters plan a new campaign of destruction was believed today following the scuttling of a lighter carrying 150 allied motor trucks, and a fire aboard the British munitions steamer Livingston in the lower bay.
The moorings of the lighter were cut and the vessel was then scuttled in mid-stream. Shortly afterward, the Livingston, anchored in the lower bay, was found to be afire.
Simultaneously District Attorney Cropsey of Kings county received an anonymous letter, recalling the recent \$4,000,000 fire in the Erie basin, and saying it was "only an indication of what is going to happen."

O. W. BEGINNING TO SQUEAL NOW
CENTRALIA, Feb. 26.—A. W. Perley, O. W. railroad representative and former member of the public service commission, told members of the Commercial club yesterday that regulations were gradually forcing railroads into bankruptcy. He claimed the commission is composed of members who know nothing of a railroad.
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Head Is Shoved by Car Wheels

James D. McCabe, 61, wealthy contractor and carpenter, miraculously escaped instant death at 8:35 this morning when an auto knocked him directly in the path of a northbound street car at St. Helens and Sixth avenues.
He was thrown so that his head lay on the track directly under the wheels of the car.
Search for Ford.
But instead of crushing his skull, the wheels pushed his head along the track for a distance of six feet before the motorman brought the car to a stop.
McCabe was knocked unconscious and was rushed to a local hospital in a serious condition. He lives at 614 North Pife street.
Police are searching the city for a Ford delivery car which hit the contractor. Two boys were riding in it at the time.
Crossing St. Helens.
McCabe was attempting to cross St. Helens avenue between two street cars, one northbound, the other southbound, when the accident happened.
Just as he had cleared the second track the auto, without any warning, hit him, knocking him under the wheels of the northbound car.
After the wheels had pushed his head along for some distance, the fender threw his body free of the car.

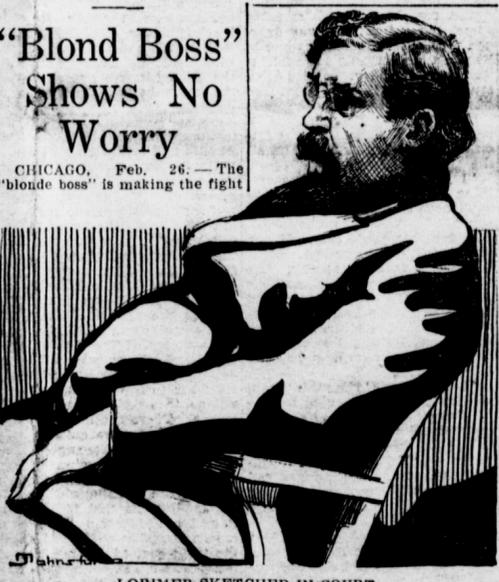
FLASHES
ROME—Italian troops have abandoned the port of Durazzo on the Adriatic, according to a rumor.
PARIS—All of France, with the exception of the extreme southern part is tied up by heavy snows. Military operations have been slowed up.
LONDON—An epidemic of cholera is said to have broken out in Croatia and thousands of persons have perished.
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Senators Poindexter and Jones are lined up against each other on the controversy of warning American citizens against travel on armed ships.
KANSAS CITY—It was announced today by the general manager of the Cudahy Packing Co. that the wages of the strikers of the Armour and Cudahy plants would be raised eight per cent.
LOS ANGELES—Frank H. Hamilton, Pasadena millionaire, arrested on a charge of burning his \$30,000 home to get the insurance, claims he is innocent and can prove it.
LONG BRANCH, Can.—William Navin, Moose Jaw millionaire, was killed and his wife and son seriously injured when his automobile overturned near here today.
LONDON—The English steamers Denaby and Tummel were victims of German submarines today.

Sheriff's Bloodhounds Hunt For WILD MAN

LORIMER, UNSHAKEN, FIGHTS OFF PRISON WITH SMILING FACE

"Blond Boss" Shows No Worry

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—The "blonde boss" is making the fight



LORIMER SKETCHED IN COURT.

of his life—a struggle to retain that which man holds next dearest to life itself: his liberty.
William Lorimer, once powerful in politics of the nation and in finances of the second city of the land, is playing a lone hand against the prosecuting forces of a powerful state to retain his freedom.
Was a Newswit.
Within the short space of five years, this man who was graduated from the ranks of "newsies" into the United States senate, and who was president of a \$1,250,000 metropolitan bank, fell into the clutches of the law—a lone, almost friendless man accused of a penitentiary offense.
Five years ago Lorimer's friends were myriad, his influence powerful, his finances apparently unbounded, his reputation that "his word is as good as his bond."
Today this same man is on trial on a charge of bank-wrecking, in the same building where four gunmen are being tried for holding up a bank.
If he has any friends they have failed to show in his trial. One lone companion sits by his side in the court room—his brother-in-law, "Big Jim" Monaghan, his chief political lieutenant of the old days.
The United States senate de-

Prairie Region People Terrorized By Antics of Strange Individual --Keeps on the Jump

Answering a call from several citizens of Spanaway, Sheriff Longmire, accompanied by Deputy Steno and Frank Longmire, left early today with the bloodhound Torger in search for a wild man reported to have been terrorizing the countryside for two weeks.
The mysterious man is said to be a short, dark complexioned person.
He runs like a deer and lives in the woods.
He has been seen on several occasions at Roy, McKenna, Spanaway and other prairie towns.
Keeps on Move.
He has frightened several young girls and women, and the communities are so stirred up that many persons are living in continual fear.
A large delegation of farmers aided in the hunt.
The wild man will appear suddenly in the open, and after making insane motions, he will dart off into the woods and disappear, say those who have seen him.
He never appears twice in the same place.
One night he will be reported at Spanaway and the next thing he will bob up at Yelm.
He is described as being a short man with a very black mustache. He wears a black suit and occasionally goes without a hat. Men living in the district have been unable to get within hailing distance as he immediately turns and runs.
Children See Him.
Children living near the Vogel ranch about one and three-quarters miles northeast of Spanaway say they saw the man looking around a tree at them last night as they were setting water for a well. They screamed, and he disappeared into the darkness.
A posse of 20 farmers scoured the woods, but could find no traces.
Sheriff Longmire and Torger looked into every vacant house in the district today.
County Speed Officer Chilberg will be stationed near Spanaway during the next few days, patrolling the wooded districts.

Tampering With Trains Charged

Information was filed in the superior court today against John Ross and Sam Kusky, charging them with a felony for disconnecting the air hose Thursday morning on a N. P. train in the yards.
Railroad officials, the only persons who have been allowed to talk to the prisoners, say the disconnection of the hose was not an accident. One of the brakemen of the train says he saw the two men talking and then deliberately reach over and turn the air handle.
Tampering with an appliance of any kind on a moving train is punishable by a penitentiary sentence of from one to 25 years.

WHISKY TO SELL, BUT NOT TO DRINK
WALKERVILLE, Ont., Feb. 26.—"Whisky is made to sell, not to drink." That is the sign prominently displayed throughout the big distillery here, one of the largest in Canada. Most of the employes of the concern are tee-totalers.

÷Talk o' the Times÷

Greetings, man, does she show any symptoms of proposing? Tuesday's the day, you know. And, girls, how about it—feel it coming on?

The lady next door says she made some elegant pea soup of the seeds that Congressman Albert Johnson sent her.

Is Grand Duke Nic after the sultan's harem?

HEROES OF PEACE
No. 1.—The man who asks the woman in front of him at the theater to stop rustling her program so that he may be able to hear what the actors are saying.

And now the Snoozen-lidger has discovered that the arch-plotter, Louis Brandeis, received a \$25,000 fee from a magazine for handling a case! Were there no limits to that man's depravity?

We thought D'Loss Sutherland, office poet and bachelor, wrote "Asleep in the Dream!"

this, when we found it on his desk, but he admits a little reluctantly, that he clipped it out of the L. H. J.

How doth the gentle laundress Search out the weakest joints, And always scrape the buttons off? At the most strategic points?

FLOSSIE FLIM FLAM'S ANSWERS
EMMA SMITH DEVOE—Bob Kraut took the leading part in "Stranded on a Bar." He was the drum major—he prefers suspenders. Thanks for your pleasure.

And, say, let us tip you again: Read "The Red Emerald" Monday. It's JAKE, as our high school brother says (whatever jake is.)

Disease seldom comes in a window that's open for air.

WHY ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY WHEN—
so many innocents still drag "Asleep in the Dream!"

Is the Bank a Useful Asset to the Community?

The Bank is for the benefit of the people—The Store is for the advantage of the people—The service of a Bank is free. The use of money when you borrow it is cheaper than when you get credit any other place.
You cannot obtain cash for an emergency from the Store—if you use the Bank by depositing you have a claim when in need.
See the

PUGET SOUND STATE BANK
Own Building, 1115 Pac. av.

STILL CHANCE FOR FEW OF YOU TO GET IN ON THAT BARGAIN

Did you fail to start "The Rose Garden Husband"? Or miss a few copies because you were not a regular subscriber? Well, if so, we are not going to penalize you.
If you hurry, there is still a chance for you to get this great standard novel at Times prices. Only now it will cost you ten cents instead of six.
Just call at The Times office with a dime.

The circulation manager has a few dozen bundles of this week's issues complete.
For the dime he'll pass out one of those bundles. Beats forking over one-fifty, eh?
Or, for two cents more he'll mail the bundle to any address you order. If you liked the story—and you did, didn't you?—that will be an easy way to pass your enjoyment along.
But you'll have to hurry, for the supply is limited.