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Although Burrier is a licensed druggist in several states, his health did not permit him to continue in the drug business because the work was too confining, so he obtained a job with the Carnation Milk Company after moving to Mount Vernon. He worked there for 15 years and was general foreman when the Burriers moved to Whidby Island. Since coming here, Burrier was a Raleigh retailer for six years and has been with the Fox River Company since the first of this year.

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