

CHIEFS ON GRIDIRON

Civil Service Commissioners Ask Searching Questions.

STAND BY PROPOSED RULES

Heads of Police and Fire Departments Are Asked in Detail About Probable Effect of New Rules on Their Men.

The members of the Civil Service Commission amused themselves yesterday afternoon by cross-examining Chief Hunt, of the Police Department, Chief Campbell, of the Fire Department, and City Engineer Elliott. The latter did not enter into the fun, but sat in a corner, and listened to the emphatic statements of the witnesses.

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Chief Hunt was the first man to undergo the ordeal, and after he was duly sworn by Secretary Potter, the following conversation took place between himself and the Commissioners:

"Mr. Hunt," said Mr. Courtney, "what effect will the application of rule 1 have on your department?"

"As regards height and chest measurement, a number will not come up to the standard," replied the Chief. "Many will not be the prescribed weight. It will affect quite a number."

"How many men, according to your measurement, come under the standard?" asked Mr. Courtney, who wanted facts, and not generalities.

Mr. Hunt did not know, and a list was produced by the Mayor, which showed 23 of the present force under five feet nine and 4 over.

"Will you kindly state what effect all this talk has had on the men?" asked Mr. Courtney.

"I do not think it has had much effect, except to cause a feeling of anxiety among them."

"Has it prevented them from making applications?"

"No."

"Now, Mr. Hunt, if this rule were to be applied irrespective of the members of the present force, would it not be a beneficial rule?"

"I believe it would be of advantage if all members were five feet nine," said the Chief.

"Do you know the men who are below the standard?" asked the Mayor.

The Chief said he had been asked how they compared with the men above the standard.

"Most favorably," affirmed the Chief. "I could name some of those below who are the best men in the force. I could name some who are above the average."

"Have any of your men resigned on account of the rules?" queried Mr. Courtney.

"Not that I know of. Three have given me notice."

On question, there seemed to be good and sufficient reasons why these three should desire to quit the service, as it seemed they had better prospects elsewhere.

Mr. Hodson then took the witness.

"Mr. Hunt, did you ever make a statement that the rules would only leave you 20 men?"

"Not that I recollect."

"Did you ever say that they would take 60 per cent of the men?"

"No, sir," said Mr. Hunt with great force.

The Mayor then interrupted the talk with a remark that Mr. Hunt had said in a committee meeting that it would affect 50 per cent of the force.

"What object," asked Mr. Hodson, "did you have in making that statement?"

Mr. Hunt then took occasion to explain that he had surmised that he would lose 15 men each on the height and chest measurement rules.

"You surmised that it would take 15 men on each part," said Mr. Hodson, with a trace of chilling frost in his voice. "It now appears that you will lose 24 on one rule and five on the other. Now, the fact is, you made these statements without any information."

Mr. Hunt looked warm and uncomfortable. "I said I believe I supposed."

"But did you make this statement without information?" pressed Commissioner Hodson.

Here Mayor Williams took a hand, and said the question was not pertinent. "If the object is to involve the Chief in contradiction, I don't think it is pertinent."

Mr. Hodson thought the question was pertinent, however, and fired at the Chief again.

"The statements were made by me to the best of my ability. I answer now that I was mistaken."

"I never said it would take me two years to whip 60 men in line," continued the Chief, with an explanatory gesture. "Many things have appeared in the papers that I never said."

"If you are glad to hear you say so," said Mr. Hodson.

"Articles have appeared in the papers that have been absolutely without my authorization. I have never been aggressive to the Commission. It has never been to my interest to antagonize," and the Chief looked very meek.

"It was with the purpose of ascertaining your position that we called you here today," remarked Mr. Hodson dryly.

"If you can show me when I have been antagonizing, I wish to know it. I would like to assure you that I have never been antagonistic."

"Have you ever heard of a concentrated movement leading toward preventing the members of the force from making applications?"

"I never heard of it. I never knew of any preconceived action."

"You say that after this rule has been applied it will be beneficial?"

"I think that it would be. Some of the men five feet eight are as good as those five feet nine, both in activity and attention to duty."

bell came on. He was sworn, and then the battery of Commissioners opened up again.

"Do you know how the application of this rule will affect your department?" began Commissioner Courtney.

"Personally I do not," responded the Chief.

"Have you ever made any statements how the rules would affect the department?"

"I have made statements from what I have heard said."

"Of your own knowledge, you know nothing?"

"I have asked the district engineers to take measurements so I can make an intelligent report."

"Have any of your men resigned because of the rules?"

"I know a few men who have resigned because they have said they might not be able to pass the examinations."

The Chief was asked to name some, and did so.

"What reason did he give you?" and the questioner named a man.

"His reason was that he could not pass the examinations."

"Have you any difficulty in getting good-sized extra men?"

"Yes, sir," said Mr. Campbell.

"I have had new men that were big," he continued to explain, "but they were unable to do the work. They couldn't 'eat smoke,' as the men say."

"Are there any other men going to resign?"

"I can tell you of a movement on foot now. The Firemen's Mutual Relief Association, which has been kept going from the fines of the firemen, will have to be discontinued under the new charter, as now the fines will go into a police and firemen's fund. There will be nothing to keep the association going. The men held a meeting last night. The feeling seems that the majority are going to lose their places. They have agreed to divide the funds on hand among themselves, as there will be nothing to go on."

"Have you any idea of how many men will be disqualified?" asked Mr. Courtney.

"Only hearsay. About 20 from what I can learn." It was estimated that there were 12 members of the department.

Chief Campbell also said there was a feeling among the extra men that they would not apply. They did not want to be examined again for six months.

"Your idea then is that the newspaper reports and not the rules themselves have created the dissatisfaction?" suggested Mr. Willis.

"Whether it was the rules or newspapers, I couldn't say."

"There is objection to the law behind the rules, and not to the rules?"

"There's a good deal of truth in that, I guess."

There was a moment's silence, and then Chief Hunt appeared. He wanted to explain.

"I want to make an explanation about the statement that if those rules were applied, they would take 50 per cent of the men. I did say it would affect the force seriously. I will explain. The rules will take many men who are not high enough, or have not the required chest measurement. Then there are many who will not answer the printed questions. Then the Chief explained that there were many members of the force who never would answer some of the required questions, and would never submit an application. This phase of the matter was thoroughly discussed, and then the members returned to Chief Campbell.

"Have you any reason to believe this Commission has interest in having any new men in the positions?" asked Mr. Hodson.

"Well, some of the boys say there is politics in it, but I have told them I knew you personally, and that you were all right."

"Did any one explain how it would be possible for politics to come in?" queried Mr. Willis.

"No. It's just a kind of general feeling."

"Do you know of any persons using influence on the men to prevent them from applying for positions?" asked Mr. Hodson.

"No, sir." This seemed to terminate the proceedings of the inquiry, and it was decided to continue the labors of the Commission to another day.

Rock Quarry Visited.

The rock quarry committee made a complete investigation of the O. R. & N. Co.'s quarry up the Columbia river yesterday, and returned late on the same day. The committee who made the trip were Messrs. Elliott, Rummel, Schuman, Carwell, Gilliam and Industrial Agent Judson. The quarry is situated at mile post 84, a few miles east of Cascade Locks, and the committee reports that the quality of rock to be secured at the place is very good.

HEATING AND VENTILATING

Perfect System Along Scientific Lines at Sunnyside School.

We cannot refrain from expressing our satisfaction at the verdict of the committee appointed by the City Federation of Women's Clubs to visit and examine the sanitary condition of the schools upon the heating and ventilating apparatus of the Sunnyside school, in comparison with all other schools in the city. As reported in yesterday's Oregonian, which verdict is embodied in the portion of their report, reading as follows:

"The Sunnyside School stands as the best example of true improvement in the matter of heating and ventilation. Not only can this be evenly heated and evenly ventilated in a very short time, but also at minimum expense in cost of fuel. Whereas the most flattering thing said of any other schools is relative to the new Holiday and Thompson Schools (in both of which the average cost of installation per room is nearly double, while the cost of fuel is over double that used in the Sunnyside School), of which they report:

"Have both good sanitary conditions, but much of the system of heating and handling the same is still experimental, though these plants have been in operation for three years."

The Sunnyside School heating and ventilating plant was designed and installed by us and was guaranteed to provide 1500 cubic feet air per pupil per hour, and to maintain any temperature desired between 60 and 80 degrees in the coldest of weather without 10 degree variation between the ceiling and floor of the rooms. The bond given to secure the guarantee was the best possible to obtain in the opinion of the school board, and the test was accomplished by actual measurement with air meter and six thermometers in each room at varying heights and positions before the apparatus was accepted in February.

The same system has been installed in Woodlawn School, now nearly ready for occupancy, and also in the Masonic Scottish Rite Temple, and is being installed in several office buildings and stores in this city, as well as in Seattle and neighboring cities by the undersigned.

W. G. McPHERSON, Heating and Ventilating Engineers.

REACTION CO.'S EFFORT.

The Reason There Has Been So Much Delay at Mouth of the Columbia.

Philadelphia Record.

The Oregonian, published in Portland, Or., contains an account of the effort that is being made to improve the mouth of the Columbia River. It seems that the Reaction Jetty Company, which has offices in Philadelphia, submitted to the War Department a plan for a 40-foot channel through the bar which now obstructs the mouth of the river. By erecting a single reaction jetty upon the plan of Professor L. M. Hatfield's plan, it is estimated that the Reaction Jetty Company will make a vigorous protest against the adoption of the report, and will insist upon its right to have the contract if the Secretary be convinced that its plans are less costly and more efficient than those of the Government engineers.

This controversy is of great interest to Philadelphia, and attention is drawn to

Meier & Frank Company "Nancy Brown" the name of a new stylish Dress Hat for women. Ladies' Neckwear—Superb Assortment of new styles arriving daily—The Cloak and Suit Section is at its best. 80,000 Yards of Embroideries for This Sale

A Manufacturer's Entire Stock at Prices Unknown for High-Class Goods From way-off busy little St. Gall, Switzerland, comes this great lot of fine embroideries to be offered at less than cost of manufacturing. An initial offering from a new manufacturer who has established a reputation for the high quality of his product. We are one of his best accounts. He wants to get into our good graces; wrote us about this lot early in the year; guaranteed the goods were right in pattern, style and quality. We couldn't do anything else but take him up. Were greatly enthused over them; know you will be. Here's the facts and figures. They tell the story best. Lot 1 Swiss Nainsook and Cambric Edgings and Sets, 5 to 15 inches wide, imitation hand-embroidered patterns, bow-knots, fleur de lis, French embroidery and hundreds of other beautiful patterns for trimming underwear, Summer dresses, waists, baby clothes, etc. All new desirable goods in immense variety. Values from 40c to \$1.00 yard for 25c Lot 2 Swiss, Nainsook and Cambric Edgings and Insertions to match, 5 to 9 inches wide, hundreds of the very best patterns—bow-knots, imitation hand-embroidered, fleur de lis, French embroidery. Best styles, suitable for baby clothes, children's dresses, waist, dress and underclothing trimming, etc., etc. Values from 25c to 50c yard for 17c Lot 3 Swiss, Nainsook and Cambric Embroideries, edgings and insertions to match, widths 2 to 5 inches, hundreds of the handsomest patterns we have ever shown, suitable for children's dresses, baby clothes, ladies' undermuslins, dresses and waist trimmings, etc. Marvelous values—All new goods, Values from 18c to 35c yard for 14c

Remarkable Bargains in Handkerchiefs An unequalled handkerchief bargain for today's store visitors, 200 dozen included, a great special purchase made at a surprisingly low price and offered you at an unheard-of price. Ladies' pure linen, hand-embroidered, initial, unlaundered Handkerchiefs, hem-stitched, while they last, your choice at, 4c 100 dozen ladies' Handkerchiefs, dainty Swiss embroidered, neatest patterns, fine 22c quality, immense variety, 35c, 40c values, each

Great Shoe Sale This morning only, from 9 to 12. We will offer 500 pairs of ladies' Shoes for dress or serviceable wear at a price the lowest ever quoted on first-class footwear—An emphatic bargain that must interest every woman economically inclined—Latest style lasts and toes, best selected leathers, "vici" kid, dongola and box calf, kid or patent tips, light or heavy soles—This morning only from 9 to 12, regular \$2.50 val. for, pr. \$1.69 Stationery, Drug Sundries Special values that merit the attention of the shrewdest buyers.

700th Surprise Bargains in Every Department The great list boiled down and demonstrating the many money-saving opportunities throughout the entire store—Bargains that have been interesting thousands—Have you secured your share? 12c Embroidery Beading, yard 8c Val. Edges, Insertings, 12-yard piece 19c 75c to 90c Appliques for, yard 59c \$3.00 Axminster Rugs, each \$1.98 1-yd. pieces Ingrain Carpets, piece 25c Great bargains in Muslin, Bobinet and Brussels Curtains, per pair, 79c, 87c, \$1.19 \$2.27 Double Bell Alarm Clocks \$1.19 20 lbs. Western Granulated sugar \$1.00 M. & F. 30c Mocha and Java Coffee, pound 23c Other Grocery Bargains. 15c Percales for, yd. 10c White Piques at, yd. 21c Silk and Linen Tissue, yard 47c 27-inch Dress Ginghams, yard 7c Special bargains in Cut Glass and Silverware, Basement. Bargains in Men's Clothing. Boys' Wash Waists and Blouses, 3 to 14-year sizes, each 18c Great lot of Women's \$3.00 Shoes, the best styles, pair \$2.28 Men's \$3.50 Shoes, per pair \$2.85 Greatest Hosiery Special ever offered—Lace and boot effects, 35c values 22c pr. Great lot of odds and ends in "Perrin's" and other good Gloves, values up to \$2.00 for 89c pr. 36-inch Scotch Flannels, yard 39c 25c Flannel Waistings, yard 13c 15-cent Flannelettes for, yard 10c Great Stationery bargains at, box, 6c, 7c 9c Turkish Towels, each 10c All-Linen Huck Towels 19c Fringed Bedspreads 99c Marselles Bedspreads, \$2.50 values, ea. \$1.92 Cloak Department Great bargains in ladies' Suits at, each \$17.25 Ladies' Silk Monte Carlo coats, special \$10.85 Ladies' \$10.00 Silk Waists \$6.45 Ladies' \$6.00 Silk Waists \$4.55 Ladies' \$7.50 Plaid Silk Petticoats for \$5.95 20-cent Collar and Cuff Sets 13c 75c and 85c Lace Collars, each 59c 2000 Turnovers at, ea. 4c Great lot of Ladies' Dress Hats at, ea. \$2.98 Special lot of Ladies' Trimmed Dress Hats, \$7.50 values at \$4.98 \$1 Dress Goods, yd. 69c \$1 Twine Cloth, yd. 69c Black Taffeta Silk, 83c, 97c, \$1 \$1.19 All Framed Pictures at special prices.

A special board was appointed and a full hearing was had in New York. The operation of a Haupt reaction Jetty at Aransas Pass, in Texas, was personally examined by the board visiting Texas for that purpose—and now the report has been completed. It will go to the Chief of the Bureau of Engineers, and if approved by him, to the Secretary of War for final action. It is intimated that the Reaction Jetty Company will make a vigorous protest against the adoption of the report, and will insist upon its right to have the contract if the Secretary be convinced that its plans are less costly and more efficient than those of the Government engineers. This controversy is of great interest to Philadelphia, and attention is drawn to