Minor Federal Jobs Under Civil Service.

SAD BLOW TO HON, BILL BANKS

He Can't Get That Job and the Battened Barn May After All Rear Its Unsightly Front Before Him.

The new Civil Service rules put in effect the President last Wednesday will shut out many gentlemen who aspire or hunger for office. Recently there has been a fierce scramble between a number of estimable gentlemen for minor jobs in the Federal service, such as those of Deputy District Attorney and Assistant Postmaster in Portland. The new rules will end that scramble and will make the "ins" exceedingly glad and the 'outs' exceedingly sad.

By the new rules Edwin Mays, at present the Deputy District Attorney, will be retained in office whether Brownell By the new rules all pledges made to William Wallace Banks by Senator Fulton are set at nought so far as Mr. Banks' aspirations go for appointment as Deputy District Attorney. Mays was greatly rejolced when he heard the glad tidings yesterday, and jumped so high cone to the depot to return a baggage that he almost struck the celling. When Banks scrambled aboard the Fulton band-wagon at the last minute of the "last part he took in connection with the strike night" of the Legislature be declared that he was determined to go to his heart's choice even though he and his wife ever after should have to live in a barn with battens in it. It was pretty well understood that Fulton had promised something better than battens. But of course since Banks will need some other reward now that the first has gone glimmering. Senator Fulton will feel obliged to save his friend from getting down to the mean existence of struggling for

Among some of the other estimable celwho will be cut out by the new enrites who will be cut out by the new rules are Jim Campbell, of Oregon City, Brownell's right-bower; F. C. Grant, of Portland, who greatly admires the senior Senator "with the long whiskers," and Hedges, of Oregon City, who has im-agined all along that he had a first mort-sure on the job.

gage on the job. new rules prescribe that "the classfied service shall include officers and employes in the Executive Civil Service of the United States heretofore or hereafter appointed or employed, in positions now existing or hereafter to be created, of whatever function or destgnation, whether compensated by a fixed salary or otherwise, except persons employed mere ly as laborers and persons whose appoint

This means that the "big" jobs, such as that of District Attorney, Marshal, Postmaster, Collector of Internal Rev-enue, Collector of Customs, Surveyorenue. Collector of Customs, Surveyor-General and Receiver and Register of the Land Offices will be appointed in the same old way, namely: By confirmation of the Senate. But all the Deputies and clerks in the above named offices will hold office under Civil Service regulations and may not be removed without

CAMPAIGN SOON TO OPEN. Democrats Will Make Vigorous War in First District.

Democrats are going to open their campaign in the First district very soon, perhaps next week. Sam White, chairman of the State Central Committee and of the executive committee of the dis-trict, is expected to arrive from Baker City in a day or two. He will fire the first Democratic gun, probably from the Democratic headquarters at Eugene. Eugene will probably be the citadel of Democracy in the district, partly because of its good hotel accommodations, and

of its good hotel accommodations, partly because of its central location. Hermann into every nook and cranny of the district. Among them will be Gov-ernor Chamberiain, P. H. D'Arcy, of Salem; C. V. Galloway, of McMinnville; Alex Sweek, of Portland; Sam White and their candidate, A. E. Reames. The executive committee has one member from each of the 17 counties, who will manage the campaign in their respective localities. R. W. Montague, of Portland, is secretary of the committee, but J. E. Lathrop, of Portland, has been named by Sam White as assistant secretary and will do the active work of secretary in the dis-

PIM GETS FOUR MONTHS Old Man Sentenced for Theft of

Pim was also a passenger, unknown to Mrs. Smiley, and his baggage consisted of a roll of blankets, the number of his check being No. 148. Pim afterward gave Lottle Underwood, Kate Schneider, Flora his check to an expressman and Mrs. Smiley's trunk was handed to him by mistake. He saw that he had received Andrew Cain and Ed Brennan. some other person's property, but instead of correcting the error, he opened the trunk took from it a child's bank con-taining \$1.30, and sold the trunk to a dealer for \$1.

In the meantime, Mrs. Smiley was anxlously searching for her trunk, and ulti-mately lodged a claim for \$150 damages against the company owning the steamer. against the company owning the steamer. Detectives Kerrigan and Show were placed on the case, and they located the missing trunk in a second-hand store along Front street, where it had been placed by Pim. The latter's arrest followed. "I took the trunk merely to get even," declared Pim, yesterday, "I meant

rowed. I look the trunk merely to get even," declared Pim, yesterday, "I meant no harm by it."
"On account of your age and weakness, your sentence will only be four months in the County Jall," said Municipal Judge Norman

WORK ON FIRST STREET Contract for New Pavement to Be Let Today.

Property owners on First street are pleased to know that the contract for improving that street from Stark to Mad-ison with wood blocks treated with carwood blocks has been down about five years, and is in rather a dilapidated condition. A majority of the property owners are paying in their assessments for the widening of Vanted wood blocks, after seeing how well the treated blocks on Fourth street have stood the wear and tear for the years they have been down, and with the understanding that the city will accept they proved. The widening makes Vancouver are now in the payement as good for ten years. The street railway companies will improve their right of way on the street and replace the present tracks with long.

Paying Their Assessments.

Property owners are paying in their assessments for the widening of Van too buy any of his goods he followed her into her house, and in the struggle that followed, grasped her by the throat Then may be taken to have the street improved. The widening makes Vancouver are uniformly 60 feet wide and puts it in shape for improvement whenever the present tracks with long.

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Mr. Russell, of Russell & Blyth, while on a visit to Great Britain, will investi-gate the various kinds of wood block pavements in use in the large cities there, and the different, methods of treating them and will report to City Engineer. them, and will report to City Engineer Elliott on his return. It is probable that the Executive Board will also let con-tracts today for the improvement of Al-der street from Sixth to Lownsdale with

It is intended that Morrison street and Washington street, as well as Alder, Third street and Seventh, as well as Sixth, shall all have good asphalt pavements before long, and a little improvement on Flith street will make it a fine street.

when all these improvements are com-pleted, there will be a fine system of streets in the center of the city. The public has been looking forward a long time for this, and when it is completed the streets will all wear much longer than when all the heavy traffic is con-fined to two or three of them. fined to two or three of them.

POLICEMEN ON THE CARPET Commissioners Investigate Charges Against Patrolmen.

Complaints have been made against Po-Complaints have been made against Policemen Welsh, Quinton, Johnson and two other policemen whose names are not given at a meeting held yesterday by the police committee of the Executive Board, but no decision was arrived at until the policemen's side of the stories are heard. The whole of the charges may be summarised as neglect of duty. The resignation of Policeman H. H. Parker was accepted and ex-Policeman Parker was accepted, and ex-Policeman G. Mills, proprietor of the Standard Ho-tel, complaining that Policeman Azel C. Welch had forcibly drugged him from the Union Berminal depot and had humili-ated him. Mr. Mills wrote that he had gone to the depot.

The action of Policeman Quinton in the part he took in connection with the strike at the new Weinhard building was con-sidered, and in the opinion of the Commissioners he overstepped his authority. Policeman Johnson was reported suspended, pending the investigation of a charge that he had knocked down a man

Chief of Police Hunt reported that a policeman, name not given, was present on an occasion when a man accused an-other man of robbing him, yet the policeman did not make the arrest. The policeman's excuse was that the victim re-fused to make a charge. The accused man has since been arrested. General Beebe remarked that while he

was on his way home after attending a reception given by General Funston at Vancouver, he stepped into a cigar store early yesterday morning and found a policeman seated on a chair telling yarns with the proprietor of the place, instead of patrolling his beat. On being interro-gated, the policeman admitted that he was then on duty.

J. V. W. MONTAGUE DEAD ments are subject to confirmation by the Senate." Well-Known Business Man Stricken With Heart Failure.

J. V. W. Montague, of the firm of Montague & King, died suddenly last evening of heart failure. Sitting in his chair, talk, ing to the family of his son, R. W. Montague, his head fell back, a sign of instant

- Mr. Montague's death was entirely unex-Mr. Montague's death was entirely unex-pected, as he had been in sverage health up to the very moment of his death. He left two sons and two daughters, Mrs. R. B. Lamson and Miss Carrie R. Mon-tague. The sons are James J. Montague, of New York, and R. W. Montague, of Portland. Mrs. Montague died some years

A member of the firm of Montague & King, Mr. Montague has been well known as an insurance man in Portland for the past 12 years. He was born in Keene, N. H., in September, 1833, and came to Port-land from Iowa in the carly '90s. Mr. Montague was a trustee of the First

Unitarian Church and a prominent and respected man in business and church af-fairs. His son, James J. Montague, was for several years connected with The Ore-gonian, and is now on the editorial staff of the New York American. A telegram was immediately sent him last night apprissing him of his father's death, but it is not expected that he will be able to come entire test. "The men can't refuse to from New York to attend the funeral. No funeral arrangements have as yet been made, but it is probable that the funeral will be held tomorrow.

QUAINT CHARACTERS.

St. Lawrence Dramatic Club Will Present "Down East" April 21.

Those who have been fortunate enough to have seen that sterling character comedy drama, "Down East," will admit that it made a issting impression. The many quaint characters, brimful of homely humor, keep the audience in a most delightful frame of mind from the Because he appropriated another person's trunk and \$1.20 Penntes,

Because he appropriated another person's trunk and \$1.20 in pennies found in a child's bank, an elderly man named

W. H. Pim will spend the next four months in the County Jail. The case came before Municipal Judge Hogue yesterday, Mrs. Thomas Smiley, of Tacoma, was a passenger from The Dalles when the steamer Regulator arrived in the city last Saturday night, and the trunk check she carried was No. 184. W. H. Pim was also a passenger, unknown to Mrs. Smiley, and his begreen the steamer the steamer and the trunk check she carried was No. 184. W. H. Pim was also a passenger, unknown to Mrs. Smiley, and his begreen the steamer the steamer and the trunk check she carried was No. 184. W. H.

GUS ROUTH UNDER ARREST Charged With Selling Liquor With. out a License.

Gus Routh, who formerly conducted a Gus Routh, who formerly conducted a saloon under the notorious Cosmopolitan on Third street, near Everett, was before Municipal Judge Hogue yesterday charged with selling liquor without a license, on the complaint of Deputy City Attorney Fitzgerald, and was held in \$200 ball for a further hearing April 21.

There is a poculiar story back of the case. J. W. Marshall was recently fined too by Municipal Judge Hogue charged

the by Municipal Judge Hogue charged Court by James Hewitt, who charged her with selling liquor without a license, and pending an appeal to a higher court, he is now out on ball. Mr. Fitsgerald has information showing that Marshall really \$15. information showing that Marshall really had been engaged to run a saloon for Routh on Third street. License inspector McEachern allowed the saloon to run, thinking that the City Council would grant Marshall a license in a few days. But Councilman Flegel happened to be passing just then, and he demanded why the place was allowed to be open for business. In the investigation that followed, Mr. Fitagerald discovered that Routh was behind the scheme and the arrest followed.

For some time past Mrs. Reed has been annoyed by peddlers calling in season and out of season at her house, offering to sell her vegetables, particularly butter and eggs. She could not get her caused a sign to be hung on the outer wall. "No peddlers wanted." Now Hewitt sells butter and eggs, and he called at Mrs. Reed's place and persisted in trying to sell his goods. In giving evidence before Justice of the Peace Reid, hast Wednesday, Mrs. Reed testified that

TO TEST FIREMEN'S NERVE

RUN SPEEDY DASH.

Chief Campbell Will Head His Men in the Physical Examination Under Civil Service.

Not only must the firemen run 80 yards in 15 seconds as did the patrolmen, but they must climb ladders hand over hand, carry a 80-pound weight up another indder, and jump from the diszy heights of a second-story window into a life-net. Chief Campbell is to lead the procession which is to take the athletic tests under the Civil Service regulations. The entire fire department, except the engineers, will participate in the athletic feats which will be held about May 1.

After a lengthy discussion as to marking, relative merits of the different tests, and so forth the Civil Service Commission, at its meeting last evening, decided that the firemen are to pass three of five prescribed tests in order to be eligible to a place in the department. The only part of the examination upon which the Commission insists is that of carrying the Babcock extinguisher to a second-story Babcock extinguisher to a second-story

"If a man can't carry a Babcock that far he has no business being in the de-partment." said Chief Campbell. The members of the Commission relied upon

partment," said Chief Campbell. The members of the Commission relied upon the Chief's word for this and accordingly made this test an absolute one.

The physical feats are as follows: carrying a Baboock extinguisher, weighing 80 pounds, to a second-story window, 30 feet from the ground: ascending and descending the aerial ladder run up to 70 feet; jumping into a life-net from a second-story window; climbing five rungs of a ladder hand over hand, up and down; running 80 yards in 15 seconds.

The Babcock test was made compulsory because it is something which every fireman may be called upon to do at a moment's notice. When a small fire is discovered in the upper floors of a building, the Chief calls to the men below to bring up the Babcock extinguish-

a building, the Chief calls to the men-below to bring up the Babcock extinguish-er, and in many cases this can only be done by climbing a ladder. The extin-tinguisher, which is strapped to the back of the carrier, is a bulky instrument weighing & pounds. The nerve test is that of the aerial ladder. This is a part of the mecha-nism of a hook and ladder truck and is operated from a turntable in the bed of

nism of a hook and ladder truck and is operated from a turntable in the bed of the vehicle. Though supposed to be entirely safe, it is a somewhat hair-raising performance for a greenhorn to feel the ladder sway under him when at a height of 70 feet. The men of the department are seldom called upon to make this climb and the test was placed upon the list simply to try the herve of the applicants.

applicants.
"I think more men will fail on this test than on any other," said Chief Campbell, "When a man is 70 feet up in the air and feels that ladder rocking and swaying under him, he will lose his nerve-if he ever will in any position. It is at the top where the rub comes, for it's a mighty ticklish matter to get over the top and start down the other side. As to the other tests, I think that al-most every man now in the department can pass them."

Much latitude is allowed by the tests as given by the Commission. It was the original intention to allow so many credits for each of the tests, placing that of carrying the Babcock extinguisher at 50. As it was difficult to arrange the other marks so that an applicant might fall on the aerial ladder and still pass, the whole marking system was abandoned. Instead the applicant must take the Babcock test and any two of the other

"We don't want to shut out any man ecause he cannot climb five rungs of a ladder hand over hand, or another man because he caunot run 30 yards in 15 seconds," was the chorus heard at the

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you make the test too hard the boys will say that they are required to do a lot more than the patrolmen. I understand, of course, that a fireman should be more of an athlete than a policeman."

Part of the test will probably be held in the gymnasium of the Multnomah Club. When it will take place is a matter as yet undecided.

"Near the first of May, but perhaps in April." said P. L. Wills.

try them if they see me go first," said the Chief. The Commission appointed Mr. Campbell the chief examiner of the occasion. He asked that at least one member of the Commission be present to

member of the Commission be present to judge of his performance.

The Chief did not think that the speed test would trouble the fire-laddies to any extent. "Why, of course, they can do it; the Mayor said he would be willing to bet he could do it himself," said he. As Mayor Williams was not present to contradict this statement of his speed it remained unquestioned.

The Commission wishes any one who has positive evidence as to the immoral character of any man in either the fire or police departments to come before the Commission and give it openly, or to forever hold his peace.

ever hold his peace, "People meet us privately and tell us of horrible things which policemen and firemen have done, but when it comes to making a sworn statement it is another thing," said C. W. Hodson, "Why, a man thing," said C. W. Hodson, "Why, a man sat in that chair the other day and told me of all kinds of crimes being com-mitted by members of the departments. I tried to get the names of those he indirectly accused but then he backed out. If, however, the men whom, he thinks, are guilty get places under the Commission, he will tell every one what a lot of corrupt men we have in the city's employ. When charges are brought against a man he will be given a chance to make a statement in regard to them. We are also going after those who endorse the application of men of whom they probably already know very little. In one or two cases applicants have already got into trouble and we will aske their vouchers to come before us and tell why they swore to the moral character. sion, he will tell every one what a lot of why they swore to the moral character of such men."

TURNED THE TABLES. Man Who Accused a Woman of As-

Mrs. L. D. Reed, of Ninth street near Couch street, has come off with flying colors in the legal proceedings started against her in Justice of the Peace Reid's

Ladies'

Cambric rately trimmed in wide embroidery and shown in a variety Skirts regular prices being \$1.50 and \$1.75, for today

This warm weather is suggestive of the needs to keep cool and more especially to provide a place for our

We place on sale today 850 ladies' Cambric Skirts, a value

that is by far the best bargain of the kind ever placed before

of patterns. They have the separate dust flounce, full

Meier & Frank Company

Creat Sale of Traveling Bogs and Valises—Today and Tomorrow Only at the Prices Quoted—Third Floor Peninsular Stoves and Ranges—The best heating and cooking stoves made—Basement.

Today--703d Friday Surprise Sale

MUSLIN UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT

width Skirts, an unus-

ual opportunity to pur-

SECOND FLOOR

Croquet Sets In our Outdoor Sports Department may be found many pleasant amusements for the Summer and there's one line, Croquer Sets, that cannot be equaled anywhere on the coast-Ours are the best and prices the lowest.

Children's Jacket Bargains

Children's Department, Second Floor

foods-Our Refrigerators are guaranteed to give the required

Two exceptional values in children's jackets to be placed on sale today, and will continue tomorrow.

The above are much below present values.

Children's Jackets ||

Refrigerators

satisfaction-Basement.

In excellent materials in box and Monte Carlo styles, in the colors: blue, red, tan-Any size 2 to 14 yrs.

\$3.95 Each

Regular \$5.00 and \$5.50 values.

In good, serviceable materials in

Monte Carlo and Box styles with and without cape collars, in blue, red and tan sizes, 2 to 14 years at

Children's Jackets

Shirtwaists

you will find selecting easy-

Specials Today, Tomorrow

Here are a few of the many special offerings to be found on our First Floor.

Neck Ruffs

an excellent assortment of liberty silk Neck Ruffs, plaited ends, reg-ular values \$1.25, special, each 98c

Lace Collars

Venise and Batiste Lace, collars in white or cream, great assortment at 59c the special price, each

Pique Stocks

Ladles' pique stocks with colored tabs in polka dot and stripes, reg-ular value 35c, special, each 23c

Collar, Cuff Sets

A splendid line of Collars and Cuffs in sets, containing many new and pretty designs, special, set ...

Lisle Hose

20 Patterns of ladies' lisle Hose at this special offering, excellent selections and good value, regular 50c 38c

Waist Sets

Pearl button Waist Sets, something new and stylish, containing three large and two small buttons, full set 15c

Summer Goods

Anderson Scotch Ginghams at, yd 18c Galatea Cloth, a wash fabric at, yd 134 Linen Batiste, splendid for sum- 27c mer dresses at, yard.....

Children's Wear An excellent line of fleece lined vests and pants for children, cream color, all sizes, per garment, special

Special Sales Men's and Boys' Clothing

at, each

Second Floor.

All-wool fine fancy Worsted Suit, neat and stylish pat-terns, union-made \$10.85

Extra fine fancy Worsted Suit, made by America's best wholesale tailor, newest patterns, regu-\$18.65 lar \$20.00 suit ...

Men's fancy washable Vests for Spring and Summer, \$2.10 1903 styles, special price

Boys' Boys' all-wool 2-piece Suits, Boys' Sailor Suits in dark blue all-wool dark and medium cheviots, serge with black or red braid trimsizes 8 to 16 yrs., \$3.35

ming, trousers full lined, \$3.85 sizes 3 to 10 years, suit,

Prices Quoted are for Today and Tomorrow Only All-wool fine Worsted Pants in neat strip-

special at the extraordinary low price of,

ings, fashion's latest cut, sizes 29 to 32,

per pair

Second Floor

The cotton ones, the washable kind, daintiness and service are happily blended in the new summer shirtwaists that we are showing in our department-As for variety, no matter what your taste may be, (provided that it's good) Great care and good judgment was and still is exercised in selecting this array of shirtwaists and we invite your inspection. Prices range from 50c up to \$15.

Jewelry Department

Still continues to interest the thrifty owing to the many price reductions offered in Sterling Silver Novelties.

Children's Aprons

Second Floor

250 Gingham Aprons for the little girls—The patterns in this assortment are the brown and blue checked ginghams and well made, sizes ange from 2 to 8 yrs., each 39c

Children's Feeding Aprons something entirely new and very practical-We have them in blue percales -They are great improvements over the old-fashioned bib, each

Veiling Special

Black and colored, plain and dotted Veilings, regular 25c

At 12c per yard

Just received by express a splendid quantity of Chiffon Vells and Veiling for

Important Selling Ladies' Tea Gowns At Reduced Prices

Second Floor

This sale will continue till tomorrow evening, and the prices quoted below are exceptional offerings. Read:

All the \$5.00 value, special \$3.55 All the \$6.00 and \$6.50 values, special \$4.25 All the \$7.50 values, special at\$5.25 All the \$9.00 values, special at \$6.55 All the \$10.50, \$11.00 values, special, \$7.85 All the \$12.00, \$12.50 values, special, \$8.65 All the \$14.00, \$16.00 values, special \$10.45 All the \$20.00 values, special at \$13.55

Received by Express Yesterday

New stylish lines of cloth Monte Carlos in tan, castor, white and blue-Also a line of Silk Blouses in peau de soie.

the place was closed,

Meier & Frank Company

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charge filed by Mrs. Reed that he had assaulted her. He was found guilty and fined.

Ministers Hold Meeting.

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The annual meeting of the West Williamster Association of Congregational Ministers and Churches was held at Sherwood April 16 and 15. The association sermon was preached by Rev. Daniel

N. Smith as scribe.

Most interesting papers were read as follows: "Power From the Word" by Rev. J. M. Barber: "Spiritual Power" by Rev. C. Tincinnati, O. April 16.—The defense by Dr. J. S. Bishop, "The Power of the Lady; "Woman's Work as Power" by Mrs. M. H. Cady; "Woman's Work as Power" by Mrs. C. a turn commissioner, and who is now on Source of Power" by Rev. H. Ne Smith: "The Power of a Christian Education" landicappers for the postofice, showing

Justice. Hewitt started to leave the Staver of Forest Grove. The association by Rev. D. B. Gray. A fine address was that there was such a calling recognized courtroom, scaring an indignant expression, but had to remain and face a charge filed by Mrs. Reed that he had charge filed by Mrs. Reed that he had association by Rev. D. B. Gray. A fine address was that there was such a calling recognized delivered at the closing bession in the evening on "The Power Needed" by Rev. E. L. House, D. D.

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BUSINESS ITEMS.

If Baby is Cutting Teeth, Be sure and use that old and well-tried remed, Mrs. Whallow's Southing Syrap, for childre testing. It souther the child, softens the game