

IT PUZZLES ALL

Courteney's Tenure of Office Questioned.

CHARTER IS AMBIGUOUS

Doubt as to When Short Term Should End.

MAYOR TO DECIDE PROBLEM

He May Reappoint Civil-Service Commissioner or May Name a New Man for the Place This Afternoon.

Is a new Civil Service Commissioner to be appointed by Mayor Williams to succeed A. A. Courteney? In Mr. Courteney's tenure of office the question of the supposedly expired term of the Commissioner to be settled, anyway?

Such is the problem which will come before the meeting of the Civil Service Commission this afternoon. It seems within the possibilities that the Commissioner will soon have a new member.

By the charter, one Commissioner holds office two years; the second, four years, and the third, six years. When the Commission expires, the members draw lots for the terms.

What the Charter Says. The same charter section, after stating the lengths of terms, says: "and between the first and tenth days of July, in 1905, and each second year thereafter, the Mayor shall, in like manner, appoint one person as the successor of the Commissioner whose term of office expires in that year to serve as such Commissioner for six years."

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These affidavits are the same as were presented by representative Bay to the Legislature. One of the affidavits, signed by J. B. Bridges, contractor, who, together with Robert Wakefield, constructed the Portland drydock, states that Thomas received \$200 from the firm of Wakefield & Bridges, \$250 on March 8, 1904, and \$150 on April 16, 1904.

Mr. Harris left that part of Nevada in the early part of December, at the time the sanitary and health conditions in the town of the mining district were very bad, particularly at Goldfield, 30 miles south of Tonopah.

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campaign, and the chairman of these districts were at the gathering. Plans for lecturing public interest in the revival services were discussed, and it was decided to call between 10 and 20 meetings in various portions of the city for each Tuesday evening during the next three months.

TO LEARN THROUGH PLAY

Dr. Johnston's Idea of Cultivating Concentration Given.

Dr. S. R. Johnston, of Portland Academy, yesterday afternoon at the Home Training Association's meeting and so many women were there to hear him that it was necessary to assemble in the Y. W. C. A. dining-room, instead of in the reading-room.

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GREAT FUTURE FOR TONOPAH

John Harris, of Spokane, Predicts It Will Surpass All Other Camps. John Harris, a mining man who has extensive interests in the Tonopah district in Nevada, is in this city on his way to Oakland, Cal.

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New Building to Be Erected at the Poor Farm for Patients. New quarters for patients suffering from tuberculosis, where they can have the advantage of the open-air treatment, are to be provided at the poor farm.

Revival Meetings Planned Cottage Prayer Meetings Will Be Held During Chapman Campaign. The general committee under whose auspices the Chapman and other revival meetings are to be held, was present at a meeting yesterday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. The city has been divided into ten districts for the purpose of furthering the interests of the coming religious

The Meier & Frank Store's Greatest Sale of Women's Hosiery



The most important Hosiery Sale of many months is heralded this morning—Thousands of pairs of women's high-grade Hosiery at prices below manufacturing cost—Three great lots—Desirable styles—All sizes—Economical women will buy liberally of these extraordinary bargains

- \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 Hosiery 79c Pair 2000 pairs of Women's plain black imported German Lisle Hose, with ankles elaborately embroidered, new bouquet designs, Bulgarian cross-stitch and conventional patterns, all sizes; regular \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50 values, on sale at the low price of, pair..... 79c

Basement Specials on Sale for Today

- 100 6-foot Step Ladders on sale for, each..... 92c Mrs. Potts' Sad Irons, \$1.25 value for, set..... 86c 500 Wire Soap Holders on sale at, each..... 3c Silver-plated Teaspoons for, dozen..... 39c Silver-plated Table-Spoons on sale at, dozen..... 79c Silver-plated Table-Forks on sale for, dozen..... 79c Silver-plated Toothpick-Holders at, each..... 48c "Lindsay" Incandescent Gas Lights, with and without by-pass, best light on the market, complete..... 79c-99c

Lewis and Clark Stationery

Lewis and Clark Souvenir Stationery—box paper with a different view on each envelope and sheet of paper, regular \$20 value, box of 4..... 35c Lewis and Clark Envelopes, many designs and sizes, 15c value, package..... 10c Lewis and Clark and Oregon Souvenir Tablets, letter size, great value at only, each..... 10c and 15c

Women's \$3 Shoes \$1.98



300 pairs women's patent leather, vici kid and velour calf Shoes, lace styles, Johnson Bros.' best make in all sizes and widths; unequal Shoe value for today and tomorrow at \$1.98

Men's \$3.50-4 Shoes \$2.92 Men's patent leather, vici kid and box calf Shoes, very best lasts in this season's \$3.50 and \$4.00 footwear; all sizes and widths; economical men will take advantage at the low price of, pair..... \$2.92

Men's \$18 Suits \$10.85



Today's Great 793d Friday Surprise Sale

200 High-Grade Suits for men and young men at about one-half their value, comprises the unusual offering for today's 793d Friday Surprise Sale—A great special purchase from a well-known manufacturer whose product has always given perfect satisfaction in every particular—All new, stylish garments in three and four-button, round-cut sacks—Materials of plain and fancy chevots, fancy worsteds, tweeds, cassimeres, fancy unfinished worsteds and navy blue wool serges—Weights suitable for all-year-round wear—Sizes for men and young men—Every Suit guaranteed desirable in style, perfect in fit and workmanship—Every Suit equal to our best \$18 values—Exclusive clothiers get \$22.50 for similar styles and grades—A chance to buy your Spring Suit at a big saving—2d Floor See Morrison - Street Window Display

Drug Department Specials Today

- 25c Aluminum Dressing Combs, each..... 13c \$1.65 Hair Brushes, black backs, grand values..... \$1.05 \$1.00 Hair Brushes, best values ever offered, each..... 63c Coat Hangers for hanging all sorts of garments..... 5c Combination Coat and Pants Hangers, each..... 15c 10c Tooth Brushes on sale for, each..... 5c

Great Carpet Sale

Hotel Brussels Carpets, in Oriental, floral, Empire designs, bedroom and parlor effects, a carpet of unequal merit, regular \$1.30 yard—yard..... 96c Our famous B.L. Windsor Brussels, high-art designs, dainty effects in greens, Orientals, tans and reds; big assortment of patterns to select from; sale price includes sewing, laying and padding, B.L. Brussels—yard..... \$1.16 High-class Axminster Carpets, in two-toned greens, Persian colorings and designs and Orientals; the greatest variety in the city to choose from—yard, \$1.50, \$1.60, \$1.75 and..... \$2.10 Magnificent Wilton Carpets, in Oriental and self-colored effects, greens, reds and tans, grand values at, yd..... \$1.80 Melrose Ingrains, in handsome designs, extra Super Two-Ply Ingrains, yard..... 90c

Great Sale of Cutlery

- 35c 7-inch Butcher Knives for, each..... 27c Stag-Handle Bread Knives, \$1.15 value..... 92c Cooks' Knives, 10-inch size, 90c values, each..... 72c "Christy" Bread Knives, 25c values, each..... 19c Magnetic Steels, 9-inch, 30c values, each..... 23c Magnetic Steels, 10-inch, 40c values, each..... 31c Pair Carvers, cocobola handles, 90c values..... 75c Steel Knives and Forks, set of six, cocobola handles, \$1.25 values, on sale for, set..... 99c Steel Knives and Forks, bone handles, set of six..... \$1.07 6-inch Boning Knives, 25c value, each..... 21c Kitchen Table-Spoons, 40c value, dozen..... 32c Kitchen Teaspoons, great value, dozen..... 16c

Great February Grocery Sale

Buy your Groceries at wholesale prices—This February Sale offers any number of money-saving opportunities to the housewife, hotel and boarding-housekeeper—Phone Private Exchange 4—Basement

- 35c Oranges at 18c Dozen Thousands of dozens of large-size California Navel Oranges, sweet, delicious fruit; the 35c doz. grade, on sale today and tomorrow at, dozen..... 18c CANNED GOODS Alamo Tomatoes, 2 1/2-lb. cans, for this sale at 7 1/2c 96c DOZEN; \$1.70 CASE. Premium Tomatoes, 2 1/2-lb. cans, for this sale at 10c 85c DOZEN; \$1.80 CASE. All Gold Solid Packed Tomatoes, 2-lb. cans, for this sale..... 12c \$1.30 DOZEN; \$2.50 CASE. "Queen of the West" Corn, great value, for this sale, can..... \$1.08 DOZEN; \$2.10 CASE. Army and Navy Corn, great special value at, can, 8c \$1.08 DOZEN; \$2.10 CASE. Van Camp's Pork and Beans, 1-lb. cans, on sale at..... 8 1/2c Per dozen cans..... 97c Case, four dozen..... \$3.50 Eagle Brand Condensed Milk, 1-lb. cans, for this sale at..... 7c Soppo at, bar..... 5c Pint bottle Ammonia..... 5c Quart C. & B. Pickles..... 30c 2 bars Bon Ami..... 25c 2 packages Knox Gelatine..... 30c 1-lb. can Shrimps..... 10c 2-lb. can Shrimps..... 20c 10-lb. can Rolled Oats..... 25c 2 packages Violet Oats..... 25c 2 packages Scotch Oats..... 25c 2 packages Cream of Wheat..... 25c 2 1/2-lb. cans Mince Clams..... 25c Duchess Table Peaches, unequal value at..... 12c \$1.40 DOZEN; \$2.80 CASE. Duchess Table Apricots, fine quality, great value..... 12c \$1.20 DOZEN; \$2.40 CASE. All Gold Table Peaches, none better, great value..... 12c \$1.20 DOZEN; \$2.40 CASE. All Gold Table Apricots, fine quality, great value..... 12c \$1.20 DOZEN; \$2.40 CASE. All Gold Royal Ann Cherries, finest on the market..... 25c \$1.25 DOZEN; \$2.50 CASE. Van Camp's Pork and Beans, 1-lb. cans, on sale at..... 8 1/2c Per dozen cans..... 97c Case, four dozen..... \$3.50 Eagle Brand Condensed Milk, 1-lb. cans, for this sale at..... 7c Soppo at, bar..... 5c Pint bottle Ammonia..... 5c Quart C. & B. Pickles..... 30c 2 bars Bon Ami..... 25c 2 packages Knox Gelatine..... 30c 1-lb. can Shrimps..... 10c 2-lb. can Shrimps..... 20c 10-lb. can Rolled Oats..... 25c 2 packages Violet Oats..... 25c 2 packages Scotch Oats..... 25c 2 packages Cream of Wheat..... 25c 2 1/2-lb. cans Mince Clams..... 25c Paper Shell Almonds, 2 lbs..... 35c Snider's Catsup, 2 bottles..... 35c Snider's Oyster Cocktail..... 20c 1-lb. cans Poppy Seed..... 25c Van Camp's Plum Pudding..... 25c 4c Edam Holland Cheese..... \$1.00 All Milder Herring, keg..... \$1.10 2 1-lb. pkgs. Graham Crackers..... 35c Fig-Prune or Postum, pkg..... 30c 2 packages Grape Nuts..... 25c 3 cans Van Camp's Soups..... 25c 10-lb. sack Pastry Flour..... 35c Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate..... 35c 1-lb. can Baker's Cocoa..... 40c K. C. Baking Powder..... 40c Schilling's Baking Powder..... 40c Royal Salad Dressing..... 25c, 40c MOCHA AND JAVA COFFEE. M. & F. special brand, equal to the 40c grade the ordinary grocer sells you, at, lb..... 25c H. O. Oats, 2 pkgs. for..... 25c 1/2-lb. cans of Ghirardelli's Cocoa for..... 25c 1-lb. cans of Cream Baking Powder for..... 25c Gives better light and consumes less gas than any other make. We are introducing them complete at low prices of, each..... 75c and 90c

Friday Ribbon Bargains

Two-toned 5-inch Satin Ribbons, newest and prettiest colorings, best 35c values, on sale for..... 20c Fancy Silk and Satin Polka Dot and Striped Ribbons, grand value today at, yard..... 19c

Handkerchief Bargains

Women's new Colored Handkerchiefs, hem-stitched in plaid and striped effects; pink, blue and helio; best 25c values, on sale for, each..... 19c Women's unlaundered hand-embroidered Handkerchiefs, initialed; all pure linen; best 25c values, on sale today, ea..... 12c and tomorrow at this low price, ea.

Boys' Big Clothing Specials

Boys' all-wool 2-piece double-breasted Suits, brown and gray plaids and mixtures, ages 8 to 16 years, great special values..... \$2.80 Boys' fine all-wool 2-piece Suits, in pretty plaids and mixtures, ages 8 to 16 years; best \$5.00 values..... \$3.95 Young Men's fine all-wool fancy Worsteds Suits, in pretty gray plaid effects, 17 to 20 years, \$20 and \$22.50 values, on sale..... \$18.15 With every purchase of Boys' Suit or Overcoat made at regular prices we give one year's subscription to the "American Boy," biggest and brightest of all boys' magazines. Boys' and Young Men's Spring Clothing arriving daily. Second Floor.