

OUR CIVIL SERVICE

City Employes of Seattle Present Plans to Dubious Officials.

YOKE GALLING, THEY SAY

Framers of Constitution Provide for New Rules That Would Render Commission Useless and Helpless.

SEATTLE, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—Civil service employes of Seattle have inaugurated an insurrection. They would reconstruct the civil service rules so that they would be in charge of their own destinies, to the end that the opinions of superior officers and civil service commissioners shall be without avail.

Seriously they have labored to this end, and have brought forth a preamble, articles and a constitution, with accompanying bylaws, by which self-regulation is provided, the means for advancement outlined and the possibility of dismissal safeguarded. The civil service commission is relegated to the gutter, merit promotions frowned upon and the tenure of office alone is to be made the grounds for advancement. If a member of the order should be discharged they would sue for the ground for that discharge duly considered by the executive committee and report made in the general council upon the findings.

All these matters came up at a meeting in the Mayor's office this morning, when the promoters of the scheme appeared to have the official sanction placed on the scheme. Mayor Dilling and the heads of the various departments were called into the conference to hear the proposition explained. All could not attend, but Superintendent Ross, of the light department; Superintendent Valentine, of the utilities department; Dr. Critchton, of the health department; and Superintendent Walters, of the street department, were on hand and endeavored to throw a wet blanket on the scheme.

REGULARS PLAN TO BLOCK

(Continued From First Page.) The plans of wise men do not always work out as their originators expect, and it may be that the proposal to combine all House tariff bills, in the hope of preventing the passage of any, may result differently from what the promoters of the scheme contemplate. One thing is sure; any such plan as this will greatly prolong the session of Congress, possibly light up to December 4. But no matter how long it runs, there is always a possibility that a general tariff revision bill, with or without Canadian reciprocity as a feature, might get through the Senate, and the Senate would be badly fooled if it expected the Democratic House to reject such a bill.

If the finance committee of the Senate should report a general revision bill, it would have to make a revision downward. Not more than three Senators would have the temerity at this time to raise the rates of the existing law. Therefore, from a Democratic standpoint, any general tariff revision which lessened the rate of duty fixed by the Payne-Aldrich law would be a step in the right direction, and while the reductions generally might not be as great as proposed or favored by the House, the Democratic House unquestionably would accept the Senate bill, on the theory that half a loaf is better than none. Therefore there is danger in the plan proposed—provided there is any possibility of getting a vote in the Senate on a bill generally reducing the Payne-Aldrich rates.

Danger in Standpaters' Way.

Of course the object of Senators proposing the combination of House bills is to report to the Senate a bill which will provoke so much opposition as to make its passage impossible. They feel that they can make reductions on Southern products that will force Southern Senators to oppose the bill; can reduce the rates on New England manufactured articles to a point where all New England Senators must vote in the negative; and reduce the rates on farm products so that the Senate from the great agricultural states of the West must oppose the measure. And there is no question but that the finance committee can do this very thing.

But once such a bill gets before the Senate, it will be opened not only to unlimited discussion but to unlimited amendment, and if it should transpire that a majority of the Senate favors a general revision of the tariff and a general lowering of duties, the bill reported might be amended into such form that it would receive the indorsement of a majority of the Senate, and then there would be trouble for the instant that majority had a chance to vote.

Insurgents May Be Mollified.

A number of insurgent Senators are opposed to Canadian reciprocity, who base their objection on the ground that Canadian reciprocity will hurt the American farmer. But if the tariff can be revised generally so as to give the farmer benefits he does not receive under the Payne-Aldrich law, and if these Senators can show that they have helped the farmer in other directions sufficiently to offset any injury he might receive, according to the theory, under the Canadian reciprocity agreement, these insurgent Senators probably would vote, not only for further general revision of the tariff, but for Canadian reciprocity as well.

The old Senate leaders who are talking of bunching the House bills will play with fire if they attempt to carry through the plan they have in contemplation. They may live to see the day when the Democratic minority, combining with the Republican insurgents, constitute a majority of the Senate favorable to tariff revision, and if this situation is brought about, it will be up to the opponents of tariff tinkering to institute a protracted filibuster, and there is some doubt if a filibuster could succeed in a session that has no limit, especially when it might merge with the regular session, which in turn is without limit.

The Senate unquestionably will reject the Cummins suggestion to amend the rules so as to permit revision of the tariff, one schedule at a time, as proposed by the President. Cummins foresaw an attempt on the part of the standpaters to prevent revision in this manner, and proposed to amend the rules so that when a bill proposing to amend a single schedule is brought in, no amendments can be proposed except such as amend that particular schedule. The Senate, however, amendment for Democrats as well as Republicans will oppose it. Therefore it is not likely that any way can be found to confine the Senate to revision schedule by schedule.

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The combination plan, spoken above, may be attempted, or it may be decided to resort to other tactics to kill off the scheme of revision suggested by the Democratic House. But it is very certain that a most interesting situation is going to develop before session closes and it will be difficult to rob the Democratic House of the political capital it seeks to make by its tariff record, no matter what the Senate ultimately may do. The Democratic House managers have played pretty clever politics thus far, and they bid fair to bother the wise ones of the Senate before they get through.

BURIAL FUND MISSING

Employer of Spokane Man Says Another Decamped With Cash.

SPOKANE, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—The unusual story of a man disappearing with funds contributed for a burial fund was told to Judge Henry L. Kennan in the Superior Court this morning.

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SHERIDAN, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—Sheridan's triumphal arch, recently finished, is at the head of the business section on Bridge street, and was placed to welcome colonists, who were attracted by this city. The arch spans the street and is 50 feet wide and 40 high, resting on 20 feet to the arch spring. It is made of white stone with cream trimming. At night the arch is a blaze of electric lights and can be seen for miles from the hills. One side is emblazoned with the word "Welcome," while the opposite side bears four-foot letters spelling "Sheridan." The arch was built by citizens of Sheridan who subscribed to meet the expense.

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ASTORIA CHANGES PLANS

Building of New Bulkhead Will Begin in Business District.

ASTORIA, Or., April 24.—(Special.)—The City Sanitary and Reclamation Board has changed its plan somewhat regarding the building of a bulkhead along the city front and in place of the Scow Bay section, the district in which the first improvement will be made will be in the central business district. The board has adopted a resolution declaring its intention to construct a reinforced concrete bulkhead on a piling foundation to the height of the street grade, with the necessary spurs and braces along the north side of Bond street from Ninth to Fourteenth street, along the east side of Fourteenth street to a point 50 feet south of the line of Duane street, to fill the streets within the district to the established grade between the curbs with a slope to the property line and fill the property to a height of one foot above high water mark. The bulkhead will be made by general tax, while the cost of making the fill will be assessed on the property affected.

The proposed concrete bulkhead will be about 200 feet long and its cost will be in the neighborhood of \$25,000. The board has also adopted a resolution asking the North Bank Railroad Company if it will join with the city in asking the United States Engineers to locate the bulkhead line north of the railroad track the entire length of the city.

WRONG NAME NOT VOIDING

Error Not Sufficient to Free Slayer, Is Opinion.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—In an opinion given to the Prosecuting Attorney of Cowlitz County, George A. Lee, Assistant Attorney General holds that where a case has been started against a defendant on the charge of killing a certain person and it develops that the name of the victim holds in the information, whereupon the original charge is dismissed and a new one filed, that the first case does not constitute a jeopardy. The opinion holds that where the defendant was accused of killing Victor Allen and the state's chief witness testified positively that the name of the dead man was Victor Allen, dismissal of the indictment and alleging that he killed Victor Allen, instead of Victor Olin, is permissible, as the two names are entirely distinct and separate.

"If, on the other hand," it is held, "the state should in the meantime discover that the state's witness was wrong and that the deceased's name was really Victor Olin, then possibly in a subsequent prosecution for the death of Victor Olin the defense of former jeopardy could be pleaded successfully."

St. Petersburg, Russia, has 12 commercial schools, the admission being restricted to boys.

WOMAN WHIPS MAN

Prominent Sara Farmer Is Lashed Before Crowd.

FIGHT IS OVER LAND

Mrs. O. H. Helbing, Accompanied by Son, Wields Horsehide on J. M. Hoff After Attempt to Prosecute Falls.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—With a heavy horsehide, Mrs. O. H. Helbing lashed J. M. Hoff in the presence of several neighbors at Knappa Station, on the Northern Pacific Railroad, Saturday night. It is said the man and woman engaged in dispute over land, Mrs. Helbing alleging that Hoff, a prominent farmer of Sara, had moved

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her fence back from the road without permission. Mrs. Helbing visited the Prosecuting Attorney at Vancouver to file a complaint against Hoff, but she was informed that the evidence was not sufficient to gain conviction. "Very well, if the law will not protect me, I will protect myself, I will horse-whip him," she said. This threat was fulfilled Saturday and witnesses say spectators were slow in staying the whip hand of Mrs. Helbing. "Every person in any way connected with this disgusting affair will be arrested," said Mr. Hoff. "I am not to blame and will ask justice at the hands of the proper authorities. Harvey Helbing, followed by Emmett Bellinger, struck me and knocked me down, and Cal Phinney was attacked at the same time." Mr. Hoff bears a discolored eye as a result of the encounter. He was returning to his home at Sara when he was met at the station by Mrs. Helbing, who was accompanied by her sons, Harvey and Allen Helbing, 22 and 18 years old.

UNION LEAGUE READY

INTERMOUNTAIN CLUBS TO OPEN SEASON TUESDAY.

Lucas' Six-City Baseball Aggregation to Play First Game at Boise—Teams Sound.

BOISE, Idaho, April 24.—(Special.)—The Union League of Baseball Clubs, organized in the inter-mountain country, with W. H. Lucas, formerly coach of the Northwestern League, as president, will open its schedule in three of the six cities of the league next Tuesday afternoon. The league is composed of Boise, Salt Lake, Butte, Helena, Great Falls and Missoula. The first two weeks' series of the league have been arranged as follows: First week—At Boise, Butte and Boise, April 25 to 30 inclusive; at Great Falls, Helena and Great Falls, April 25 to 30 inclusive; at Salt Lake, Missoula and Salt Lake, April 25 to 30 inclusive. Second week—At Boise, Missoula and Boise, May 2 to 7 inclusive; at Helena, Great Falls and Helena, May 2 to 7 inclusive; at Salt Lake, Butte and Salt Lake, May 2 to 7 inclusive.

Unlike the Inter-mountain League of two years ago, which went to the wall in the middle of the season, due to poor management, the Union League starts with a clean record and exceptionally good men behind every club, with President Lucas to guide them. Jack Cooley has charge of the Boise club, Cooley is supporting Salt Lake, "Honorable" John McCloskey has Butte, "Bub" Irby is in charge at Helena. Reed Gulick the Great Falls team and "Bill" Joyce is the Missoula leader.

Official umpires who will hold the indicators on the six clubs are "Rasty" Wright, Ralph Frary and James Torran. They are well-known men in Northwestern fandom. Boise will open what is said to be one of the best minor league parks in the West. It is a short distance from the heart of the business district, within reach of three electric carlines. It will cost \$60,000, and will be valued at \$80,000 when completed for the opening game. It will have a seating capacity of 2,000 in a covered octagon grandstand, the central portion of which is directly behind the battery line.

Chehalis County Has Bank Account.

MONTESANO, Wash., April 24.—(Special.)—The annual report of the Auditor of Chehalis County shows a total of \$20,646 acres of land assessed, which with improvements thereon are valued at \$1,011,203; town and city lots and improvements, \$5,345,122; timber lands, \$5,876,052; personal property, \$2,405,329. Total valuation as returned by

Tull & Gibbs, Inc. Morrison at Seventh. Store Opens at 8:30. Watch Our Windows.

Buying Activity Continues to Mark Portland's Greatest Bargain-Giving Event OUR CLOSING-OUT SALE It began its fourth week yesterday, offering opportunities that thrifty homefurnishers never overlook—and in dependable merchandise. A \$500,000 Stock to Be Disposed of by July 1st

The Greatest Glove Sale Ever Known Is Now Being Held in Our Glove Department

For Quick Disposal, Our Entire Line, (Excepting Silk Gloves) Is Being Offered at 25 Per Cent Below Manufacturer's Price The best makes and all new fresh stock. Many women took advantage yesterday and supplied their glove needs for many months to come. Entire east section of our first floor has been given over to this great event. Remarkable savings to those who buy just one pair. Still more remarkable to those who buy three-pair lots.

Table with columns for Glove Type, Price per Pair, and Price per Lot. Includes items like Regular 25c Gloves, Regular 50c Gloves, Regular \$1.25 Gloves, etc.

The Go-Carts and Perambulators Are going fast at these Close-out reductions. \$8.20 Folding Go-Carts, now \$3.75. \$9.90 Folding Go-Carts, now \$4.25. LATEST MODEL COLLAPSIBLE GO-CARTS, with metal frames and also with hoods. Some of them the Celebrated "Sturgis" Patent.

Carpets, Rugs, Linoleums It's such offerings as these that are attracting hundreds of homefurnishers. Wilton Carpets, Bigelow Axminster and Berlin Carpets—some with borders to match—the standard 82 grades for \$1.50 yard—and no additional charge for sewing, laying and lining.

Bookcases The time to buy one is now. Prices were never so low. \$11.50 Open Front Book Case, mahogany finish, now \$7.90. \$23.50 Book Case, golden oak, now \$14.75. \$38.00 Book Case, golden oak, now \$24.95.

White Salmon Pythians Form. WHITE SALMON, Wash., April 24.—With a charter membership of 20 and a class of 14 candidates, a Knights of Pythias lodge was organized in this place Friday. Thirty Knights from Hood River, 17 from Goldendale, 15 from Camas and ten from Vancouver, attended. Grand Instructor Savidge, of Olympia, had charge of the work, which was not concluded until 5 o'clock the next morning. The officers of Wauna Lodge No. 172 are: Past com-

INVESTIGATE THE ELECTRIC IRON THE ELECTRIC CHAFING DISH THE ELECTRIC COFFEE PERCOLATOR THE ELECTRIC STEEL RANGE THE ELECTRIC TOASTER THE ELECTRIC HAIR DRYER THE ELECTRIC FAN

The upper portion of our old building on Washington street will be entirely vacated by Wednesday night. Every one of the grand pianos, every player piano, making talking machines and numerous other instruments now in that part of the building must find homes. The unforeseen delay in the finishing of our new building at Seventh and Alder makes drastic methods necessary. The incoming tenant of the old store is frantic to get possession. That is why we are vacating a portion at a time. That is why prices on high-grade instruments have been reduced to unheard-of littleness. That is why 22 pianos were sold yesterday, following day after day of ever-increasing selling records. Doesn't this prove conclusively the honesty of our advertising, as well as the confidence of the people in the business integrity of the Eilers Music House? If you intend to buy a piano, a player piano, a baby grand, a talking machine or an organ, all we ask is that you call today or tonight and decide for yourself if this great closing-out sale is not the greatest opportunity you have ever been offered to obtain the right kind of an instrument at a big round saving. Remember, it's Eilers Music House, still at 353 Washington street, but soon at Seventh and Alder.

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