

EMPLOYEES DUBIOUS ABOUT EXAMINATION

New Civil Service Method Arouses Suspicion.

EXECUTIVE WILL INQUIRE

Claim Advanced Real Purpose Is to Enable Some Politicians to Find Berths for Friends.

Employees of the city of Portland are alarmed over the new plan of conducting examinations for city positions as outlined by the civil service board at its last meeting. The entire subject, it is understood, will be studied by the executive committee of the Civil Service Employees association for a report to be submitted at the next meeting of April 12.

But city employees contend that if members of the board, or future members appointed by the mayor, desire to "play politics" the references and experience sheets will be an expedient in placing the favored ones in position, whereas the competitive examinations held in the past gave all applicants an even break.

Method Does Not Apply

City employees claim that modern business methods cannot be applied to selection of city employees. Large corporations need no civil service boards. Private employers select employees for service and if they fail to give satisfaction, discharge follows.

Age Limit is Waived

Circulation of the announcement of

SOCIETY NEWS

MUCH interest is being taken in the visit of Dr. William Allen Neilson, president of Smith college, who will spend today in Portland.

The marriage of Miss Esther Tucker and Robert Livingstone Jr. will be a simple but smart event of Wednesday evening, April 7, at the residence of Miss Tucker's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ernest Tucker on Hoyt street.

Miss Carolyn S. Somon will become the bride of Milton A. Wurzweller, Wednesday, March 31, at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan D. Somon, when the bride will be read by Rabbi Jonah Wise in the presence of the family and a few intimate friends.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Wilson were hosts last night for a delightfully informal dinner, when their guests included Dr. and Mrs. Harry Beal Torrey, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gerlinger Jr., Colonel and Mrs. John Leader, Mr. and Mrs. George Gerlinger, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Burrell and Mrs. J. B. Montgomery.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Beebe have taken the George Collins house on Talbot road, formerly owned by F. A. Greatwood, where they will live until their new residence is completed.

The many friends of Miss Mary F. Failing will be glad to hear that her condition has improved, although she is still confined to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. John Manning and family have sold their Irvington home and have taken an apartment at the Trinity place.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Cook will arrive in Portland this week, after a delightful winter spent in California, where they received much attention socially.

Mrs. Harry Keyes Brooks, who has many friends in town, has been seriously ill in Philadelphia. At present she is convalescing at Atlantic City.

The Psychic club will meet tomorrow at 2:30 P. M. at the church parlors, East Seventh and Hasaslo streets. After a business meeting one hour of psychic development messages will be given.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Halsey Jones are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Sunday morning. He is named after his great-grandfather, John Halsey Jones, one of the early pioneers of Oregon.

HOOD RIVER. March 22.—(Special.)—Members of the crew engaged in paving the Columbia river highway between here and Wythe will give a ball here Saturday night, March 27, in honor of G. E. Kibbe and A. D. Kern, heads of the contracting firm engaged on the work. It is expected that 500 persons will attend the affair. Two of the largest

GOOD NEWS

ARTIFICIAL HUMAN EYES!

For the first time in three years, the well known Artificial Human Eye-maker, is booked for a return engagement in Portland, on—

MAY 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

To avoid disappointment make your appointment now, as his waiting list will be unusually large.

Columbian Optical Company

Marshall 819, 145 Sixth St. Floyd Brower, Mgr.

the first examination to be held under the new method—a promotion examination—has caused the guarded attitude. Notice is given that the age limit which is now 45 years, will be waived to all temporary employees who have been in city service for six months or more. This ruling is held to be unfair to civil service employees.

The requirement of having each applicant file an experience sheet and give five names of residents of the city for whom he is not looked upon as a competitive examination. On the other hand, members of the civil service board contend that as the examination is for promotion, the applicant's experience should be the basic factor in determining his ability.

But city employees contend that if members of the board, or future members appointed by the mayor, desire to "play politics" the references and experience sheets will be an expedient in placing the favored ones in position, whereas the competitive examinations held in the past gave all applicants an even break.

Civil Service Commissioner Mason, who is the author of the new plan, contends that the old way of conducting examinations is obsolete and that modern business methods should be applied to the selection of city employees. The new plan, he says, is one which will bring out the real worth of the applicants and will be a certain test of their efficiency and knowledge.

Method Does Not Apply

City employees claim that modern business methods cannot be applied to selection of city employees. Large corporations need no civil service boards. Private employers select employees for service and if they fail to give satisfaction, discharge follows.

The new plan is certain to result in much investigation and should the will of some of the employees be accepted as fact by the majority, it is possible some concerted effort may be made to either bring about some amendment or a return to the old method.

Women's Activities

A SUCCESSFUL event of yesterday was the luncheon held in the crystal room of the Benson hotel under the auspices of the Portland Woman's Research club.

This was followed by a 125 subscription from members of the club. It was later decided that the Portland Woman's Research club would organize for a community service membership drive, in which it has charge of all other women's organizations in the city.

As there are 250 women's organizations in Portland and approximately 5000 members in these clubs, each woman will be asked to become a member of Community Service at \$1 each, or get some other person to take out a membership. Mrs. D. M. Watson was made chairman for the solicitation of members and Mrs. F. W. Clifford secretary.

Members of the Portland Woman's Research club who pledged \$5 at yesterday's meeting were Mrs. E. F. Weaver, Mrs. F. D. McBride, Mrs. Fred W. Vogler, Mrs. I. G. Fleischman, Mrs. A. Wagner, Mrs. S. T. Catlin, Mrs. E. S. Collins, Mrs. George K. Casady, Mrs. Eldon J. Steele, Mrs. M. H. McLeod, Mrs. W. J. H. Clark, Mrs. J. M. Parker, Mrs. D. F. Swopes, Mrs. J. B. Bridges, Mrs. R. M. Davidson, Mrs. J. Halliday, Mrs. Anna J. Watson, Mrs. Victor Brandt, Mrs. A. W. Belting and Mrs. Elliott Moore.

Eldon J. Watkins gave a splendid address on "The Woman in Politics." In his talk he pointed out that for a woman to be in politics it was necessary for her to run for office, but her moral support was needed by her vote for the morally clean man.

Mrs. L. Waldorf delighted the guests with violin selections, accompanied by Mrs. Evelyn Ewart McNary. Miss Agnew was soloist with Miss Cox at the piano.

Mrs. C. B. Simmons will talk before the members of the Housewives' council in the story-hour room of the Central library this afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Woodstock W. C. T. U. will meet today with Mrs. A. Ferrier, 5605 Forty-sixth street southeast.

Women's Social Service club of Oak Grove and Milwaukie will meet Thursday, March 25, with Louise E. Kennedy as hostess. Rollcall and the members in response will tell their favorite cartoonist and cartoon. A musical programme which will include music numbers and a speaker has been arranged for.

The women's association of the First Presbyterian church will have an all-day meeting today. Officers will be elected and there will be a birthday luncheon at which former presidents will be the guests. The usual all-day meeting will be held Friday, March 26.

A special meeting of the American War mothers has been called by the president, Mrs. Margaret Zubaska, to

Opening Displays of Women's Easter Apparel—All This Week—in the Garment Salons, Second Floor

Middy Cloth, 45c Yard
Main Floor—PLAIN WHITE TWILLED MIDDY CLOTH 36 inches wide; specially 45c priced Tuesday, yard 45c! Ask for your Trading Stamps!

The Standard Store of the Northwest
Olds, Wortman & King
Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods

HOOPER AND SWEEPER-VAC ELECTRIC CLEANERS—\$5 DOWN AND \$5 PER MONTH—3D FLOOR
Center Pieces at 19c
Bargain Circle, First Floor—20-inch stamped Center Pieces with easy to work designs. Linen finish materials. On sale today; only 19c

Tuesday Economy Sales Bring Splendid Savings!

All Underpriced Items in This Advertisement Will Be On Sale Today Only at Prices Quoted

Lisle Hosiery 50c Pair
Main Floor—Women's Lisle Hose in full fashioned and seamless styles. Irregulars of the standard 85c and \$1.00 grades. Slightly imperfect but wonderful values. Black and white. Priced, the pair 50c

Women's Dress Skirts Priced Special \$12.49
Second Floor—Extraordinary values in this lot of Skirts we offer for today. Large selection of new Spring styles, Novelty Wool Plaids in attractive patterns and colorings—Also fancy stripes and plain materials. Box-plaited and accordion-plaited. In the lot there are Wool Serge and Wool Jersey Skirts with panel fronts and side plaits. Priced very special today \$12.49

Women's Crepe Waists \$4.28
Center Circle, Main Floor—This is a special group of high-class Waists selected from our regular stock. Georgette Crepe and Crepe de Chine. Ruffled, beaded, braided and tuck-trimmed styles. Sale \$4.28

Women's Ties and Pumps At \$6.95
Main Floor—329 PAIRS of women's high-grade Pumps and Ties in a sensational one-day sale. All are made on the plain pointed toe last and all have covered full Louis heels. Dainty and dressy footwear from a prominent maker of high-class shoes. A trifle imperfect, but you would not know it without being told, so slight are the imperfections.

Toilet Sets \$1.79
Main Floor—Comb, Brush and Mirror—3 pieces to each set. Ebony finish bevel edge mirror, 5 1/2 inches in diameter; \$1.75 value—59c Ebony Finish Hair Brush and 25c Hard Rubber Comb—on special \$1.79 sale today, the set

New Spring Skirts, \$10 to \$47.50
—New Plaid and Striped Skirts in a great diversity of styles. Gathered, plaited and tailored effects. Priced \$10.00 to \$32.50
—New Silk Skirts of Paulette, Tricolette, Fan-tail, Kumsi-Kumsa, Georgette Crepe, Faille, etc. Prices range \$15.00 to \$47.50
—Outsize Skirts for large women in the leading materials. Priced \$7.95 to \$47.50

Collar Veils Special \$1
Main Floor—Just in by express. Special lot of Women's new Ribbon Collar Veils in black, brown and navy. \$1.00 Priced for today at \$1.00

Eyelet Ties in the Sale
—Eyelet Tie, similar to illustration. These are shown in patent leather and brown kid. Also plain Pumps of patent, black satin and white kid—Oxfords of black kid, and dozens of pairs of samples in various leathers. Some are shown with baby Louis heels. A wonderful opportunity to buy smart Easter Footwear at a great saving. Widths from AA to C. If perfect these would sell at \$12.00 to \$14.00. Priced special, a pair \$6.95

Perle Cotton 29c Box
Notion Dept. First Floor—Elgin Maid Silk-Finish Cotton for crocheting and tatting. One size only. Colors, light, shaded and delft blue, Alice box 29c pink and white; per box

Sale of Curtain Stretchers
Third Floor—Curtain Stretchers with stationary pin. Priced special \$2.48
—Curtain Stretchers with adjustable pin S. & H. Stamps with purchases.

Handkerchiefs 6 for 50c
Main Floor—Men's Handkerchiefs of fine linen finish material. Laundered and put up in sanitary packages, ready for use. Regular 2 for 25c kind. Special 9c, 6 for 50c

Jet Beads 1/2 Price
Main Floor—Black Jet Novelty Beads in the 54-inch length offered at just half regular price for today's selling. Variety of different shapes to select from. Jet Beads formerly selling at \$2.50 to \$8 strand \$1.25 to \$3

Athletic Union Suits—89c
Main Floor—Warm days will soon be here. Get a good supply of this cool, sanitary underwear while you have an opportunity to buy it at a saving. Men's Athletic Union Suits from one of the best makers. Cut in full standard sizes and of good grade material. Special 89c

Kid Gloves Priced Special \$3
Main Floor—Women's Slip-On Gloves of good quality lamb-skin. A splendid glove for service and just the desirable length and weight for spring wear. Made from soft, flexible skins. Plain and embroidered backs. Mode and white only. \$3.00 Priced special a pair \$3.00

Picnic Hams 24c lb. —Model Grocery, 4th Floor.
—Another lot of 200 Picnic Shoulder Hams will go on sale today. Mild cured and well trimmed. Weight 4 to 8 lbs. each. Place your order early in the day, that you may be sure of getting one of these delicious Hams. On sale in Model Grocery. Pound 24c
—Del Monte Hawaiian Sliced Pineapple—50c Cans—Special 40c

Women's Neckwear Sale Extraordinary
—65c Grades at 40c
—\$2.00 Grades at \$1.50
Main Floor—JUST IN BY EXPRESS—Great special purchase of manufacturer's odd dozens of New Neckwear in a vast assortment of beautiful styles. Venice Point Collars—small Imported Organdie Collars—Organdie with ruffled edges—net with ruffled and Val lace edges—net with filet lace edges, and many other popular styles.
—65c Neckwear, special at 40c —\$2.00 Neckwear, special \$1.25
—\$1.50 Neckwear, special 95c —\$2.50 Neckwear, special \$1.75

3 Aluminum Sauce Pans Per \$1.48
Third Floor—Not more than two sets to a customer. High-grade pure Aluminum Sauce Pans in style as illustrated. 240 sets only. 1, 1 1/2 and 2-quart sizes—one each to the set. We are going to close out this small lot at half regular value if purchased in today's market. Set of 3 pans \$1.48
Housewares Dept., Third Floor

Couch Covers \$5.90
Third Floor—Full size Couch Covers of splendid quality tapestry. Beautiful oriental effects. These sell in the regular way at \$7.50 each. On \$5.90 special sale today, at \$5.90

Children's Wash Dresses \$4.98
Second Floor—Odd lines of Children's Wash Dresses offered at a substantial saving. Pretty plaids in many different colors. Attractive Spring models with dainty collars and cuffs. As this is an odd lot, sizes are of course, broken; to \$7.25 values—now \$4.98

Women's Activities
A SUCCESSFUL event of yesterday was the luncheon held in the crystal room of the Benson hotel under the auspices of the Portland Woman's Research club. This was followed by a 125 subscription from members of the club. It was later decided that the Portland Woman's Research club would organize for a community service membership drive, in which it has charge of all other women's organizations in the city.

Women's Sample Vests At HALF PRICE
Main Floor—JUST IN BY EXPRESS—Sample Vests of broadcloth, pongee, linen, tricolette, moire, satin, fancy silk, novelty ribbon and brocades. Light and dark colors. Beautiful styles from one of New York's prominent makers. \$5.00 to \$14.50 Vests at \$2.50 to \$7.25

Window Shades At 68c
Third Floor—Odd lot of Window Shades priced for quick clearance. Slightly imperfect. Shades such as usually sell at \$1.00 and \$1.25, priced 68c special, while they last

Girls' Muslin Slips \$1.79
Second Floor—Girls' Princess Slips of good quality muslin; neatly trimmed with \$1.79 embroidery, ages 6-14

Waist Combinations \$1.79
Second Floor—Girls' Combinations (drawers and waists) in sizes 2 to 10 years. \$1.79 Embroidery trimmed

Extra!—1000 S & H Trading Stamps With Every Electric Washing Machine!


be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock in room 261 courthouse. The object of this meeting is to decide on ways for raising a fund and also to complete plans for a benefit to be given by the war Mothers in the near future. All members are requested to be present.

something of interest to everybody. Good music and a short playlet, entitled "Our Neighbors" will be given.

Margaret Martin, L. M. Horning, Mildred Ruhendorff, Mrs. Ready, Mrs. M. Masey, Mrs. Pratt, Mrs. Merry.

Mrs. Mallett, take the leading parts. Mrs. Siesth, state president, will make a short address.

WHAT ARE The "VITAMINS"?
A little attention to food values will add to your health, happiness and working efficiency. The outer coat of the whole wheat contains a mysterious chemical substance called "vitamine" which is essential to life and health. When you eat Shredded Wheat Biscuit you get all the vitamins, mineral salts and other tissue-building material in the whole wheat grain—all prepared in a digestible form. It is the most real food for the least money.



Butter Nut Bread Makes Such Good Toast!
It cuts evenly, browns quickly and uniformly and retains all the delicious home-like flavor of the fresh loaf.
Ask for **BUTTER NUT**
Phone Your Want Ads to The Oregonian
Main 7070 A 6095