

CHARGES ON FIRING PHONE GIRL HEARD

Married Woman Testifies She Posed as Single.

BOARD DEFERS ACTION

Two Commissioners Against Retaining Employee While Other Eligibles Are on List.

Charges that Mrs. Augusta Fablik, telephone operator in the police bureau, obtained her position through representing herself to be unmarried were considered by the civil service board at its regular session yesterday.

Mrs. Fablik, according to her own statement made to the board yesterday, was married in 1918 and in 1921 took a civil service examination for telephone operator. In filing for this examination she gave her name as "Miss Augusta King," and made a sworn statement that she was single.

Bar to Position Feared. In explaining her reason for failing to tell that she was married, Mrs. Fablik told the board that she feared that the sentiment against married women at work would prevent her from holding the position and that she desired to have the position because she was anxious to aid her husband in paying for their home. Her husband is a foreman in one of the street railway car barns in the city.

Commissioner Mason, who presided at the meeting, said that if Mrs. Fablik had told the board that she was married at the time she filed for the examination there would have been no doubt that the board would have permitted her to take the examination with the others.

Testimony was presented to the board through letters from officials in the police department in which it was said that her work as an operator was proficient and reliable.

Action Is Deferred.

Both Commissioners Mason and Wells took the position that an action on the case should be deferred until the next meeting, when Chairman Logan of the board will be present. The question of the chief clerkship of the park bureau came before the board again when City Commissioner Pier said he had appointed Albert P. Ruffner, a clerk in the water bureau, to the position.

However, Mr. Pier was notified that failure of the council to define the duties of the position leaves none to fill and therefore no appointment can be made until the position is created by the civil service board. As a result, Mr. Pier will ask the council to define the duties and then present the definition to the board. The position will probably be classified and then appointments will be in order.

Legion Takes Hand.

This is the position in which the park bureau sought to appoint Milton R. Hausmann, who has filled the position under the title of clerk for several years. Opposition to his appointment was made by the Portland post, American Legion, on the grounds that several veterans of the world war, including Mr. Ruffner, were higher on the eligible list than Mr. Hausmann.

Commissioner Wells made formal objections to the names given to persons who took the examination for clerk in a recent examination. A total of 12 names were given in examination and 21 passed. Mr. Wells held that his attention had been called to two instances. In one a girl 18 years old obtained a rank of 99 in bookkeeping and 88 in arithmetic, but failed to pass because of her youth. Lack of experience, he said, disqualified her.

The other case cited by Mr. Wells was a woman who, he said, was one of the best bookkeepers in the city and yet who failed to obtain more than 55.5 as a mark in bookkeeping.

The matter of ratings will be given further study by the board.

FIRE FAILS TO DAUNT

Merchant Starts Rebuilding His Store Before Blaze Is Out.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Merchants in Lebam, the little Pacific county mill town that lost most of its business section in a \$45,000 fire yesterday morning, are getting so used to being burned out that it does not seem to cause them great concern any more. C. J. Schaffner, a merchant who lost two store buildings, two warehouses and three dwellings in yesterday's fire, has been burned out twice before. While the embers of his store were still flaming, he was dumping lumber on the street for a new building and meanwhile is continuing business in a shed across the street from the blackened site of his former business establishment.

Several other merchants will also rebuild immediately behind the site of the buildings, while the lack of water left the structures to the mercy of the flames.

\$150,000 BRIDGE RISING

Improvement Work Between South Bend and Raymond Active.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Considerable activity is being evidenced along the Willapa river between South Bend and Raymond. This section is being deepened by a government dredger which has just finished filling in considerable land in Raymond. The county is building a bulkhead along the north bank of the river from Raymond down the stream to a point opposite South Bend and the dredge will fill in behind this to form the grade for a road, which will eventually be extended to Tokeland, on the ocean beach. The state is building a new steel span across the river at Raymond. This structure will cost \$150,000 and approaches and grade will bring the coast up to a much higher figure.

Down Grain to Fatten Hogs.

HAINES, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—On account of much of the spring wheat being down so badly that it is impossible to save it with the binders or other harvesting machinery, the demand for stock hogs and feeders is strong in the agricultural district between LaGrande and Ba-

Moving Picture News

TODAY'S FILM FEATURES.

Columbia—De Mille's "Nice People." Majestic—Curwood's "The Valley of Silent Men." Rivoli—"The Prisoner of Zenda." Liberty—Norma Talmadge in "The Eternal Flame." Biograph—"The Crystal." Hellig—Florence Vidor in "Dusk to Dawn." Hippodrome—Tom Mix in "The Fighting Streak." Circle—Betty Compson and Tom Moore in "Over the Border."

AN air of military order covers a siege of whirlwind activity in the Universal City scenario department.

Raymond Schroek, temporarily in charge of the department under the supervision of Irving G. Thalberg, director-general of the studio, and assisted by Charles F. Bender, is guiding the purchase and preparation of a large number of stories for starring features and all-star specialties that are in line with the policy of Carl Laemmle to make the kind of pictures Will Hays wants.

Bigger and better things are in the air in the deceptive quiet of the readers' rooms. Stories only of the highest caliber are being considered for Universal's future productions.

George Randolph Chester, the famous author of the Wallingford stories, and Charles Kenyon, master of screen technique and author of "Kidding," the play that the Drama League of America called one of the five greatest ever produced, are supervisors in charge of units of readers and writers. Chester probably will start personal work soon on the continuity for a story that Mrs. Chester wrote, "The Hot Head," intended for Frank Mayo.

George C. Hull is scenarizing his own original, "Cashin' In," for Hoot Gibson; Doris Schroeder is preparing Courtney Riley Cooper's "Sawdust" for Gladys Walton; A. P. Younger is preparing "The Abyssal Brute" of London for an all-star special, and Arthur Statter is adapting Richard Harding Davis' "The Scarlet Car" for Herbert Rawlinson.

There is a scarcity of hogs in this section at the present time and many ranchers are shipping in stock from Idaho points. The hogs are being turned into the cut-over fields and will be fattened on the grain left in the fields.

DRIVE ON PESTS URGED

Co-operative Destruction of Pests in Washington Is Desired.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Typing up more closely the co-operative work of the bureau of biological survey, and the extension division of the state college of Washington, the two agencies jointly are issuing a poster bulletin for wide-spread distribution, urging farmers to help free the state from crop-destroying rodent pests. The posters urge organized campaigns in each county where such pests exist, with county, state and federal forces co-operating. Poison campaigns are advised as the best means of destroying the pests. Poison can be used at an average cost of 10 cents an acre, it is said, and thousands of dollars of loss annually averted.

School Districts Re-established.

HAINES, Or., Sept. 14.—(Special.)—Two school districts in Baker county where no school has been held for the past three years, have been re-established this year. The districts are Riverview, in the grand section east of Haines, and Riverdale, across the river in Baker county, near North Powder. Both schools were discontinued on account of insufficient pupils, one term at Riverdale being held with but two pupils.

HOMESEEKERS FROM MANY PLACES VISIT PORTLAND

Motorists With Plenty of Money Stop at Auto Camp While They Look for Business and Residence Locations.

THOMAS B. HUNTER and wife register from Santa Ana, Cal., but for years Mr. Hunter ran a general store at Erie, Colo., which he sold. He went to Santa Ana and then started to take a year's vacation. The year will be up on Nov. 1, and before the time expires he hopes to have a new store, perhaps in Portland.

From Spokane, Wash., came A. P. Nieman and wife, with the mother of Mr. Nieman, Mrs. Marie Nieman. Mr. Nieman is a bottler of soft drinks, and has been about a month and go back from here.

J. H. Combs and wife, with their little daughter Dorothy, arrived from Worcester, Mass. Mr. Combs is in the transportation business. They have been on the road about four weeks and will go from here to Pasadena for the winter.

Two cars arrived from Denver, Colo., one occupied by Ivan Scherrer and his sister, Miss Ella K. Scherrer, and Ivan's brother, Ralph E. Scherrer. The Scherrers have been in the hay and grain business in Denver, but sold out and are in search of a new location. From here they go to Long Beach, Cal. In the second car are S. M. Wiswell and wife, with their little grandson, Lawrence, age 2. Mr. Wiswell was in the stock business, but has retired. They, too, will go down to Long Beach.

H. M. Cunningham, from Seattle, travels all alone, and, of course, in a general way, is in search of a half dozen more. He was in the mercantile business in Seattle, but sold out and is now looking for a likely-looking location for a 10-cent store. He is scanning Portland mightily closely and will more than likely locate here.

A dealer in coal and wood is Mr. I. C. Bryan, and with him is Fred Lazzante, a transfer operator, both of them from Seattle. They left the city on the sound April 1 and have been driving around in the west ever since, fishing and hunting and having a good time generally. From here they go down to New Mexico, and hope to have a new business location selected before their year is up.

The firm of Niedert & North, general contractors and painters, of Great Falls, Montana, has not dissolved, but they sold their business, and I found them scanning the "To Let" and "For Sale" ads in the Oregonian, so they will likely end their trip right here. They travel in two cars. In the first are W. Niedert and wife, with their three children, Marie, age 6, Eleanor 5 and Wilbert, almost 2. In the second car are M. J. North, with his wife and little daughter, Violet, May, age 2. Two fine families, apparently well fixed and of good breeding, ability and having outgrown Great Falls they will more than likely become citizens of Portland. But first they must get homes.

A plumber is Mr. T. E. Maddocks, who comes here from Idaho, where he and his wife went to visit their daughter and family. Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Madison and his wife and two children, Mary, age and was Rosalie, 2 months. The Madisons were farming near Emmett, Idaho,

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