

# TO FIX VALUES OF RAILWAYS

## CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION BEGINS TO RECRUIT ARMY OF EXPERTS FOR STUPENDOUS TASK—EXAMINE APPLICANTS.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)  
 WASHINGTON, D. C., July 5.—The stupendous character of the work involved in the physical valuation of railroads by the Interstate Commerce Commission is emphasized in a statement issued by the Civil Service Commission which is charged with recruiting the vast army of experts and other employees required for the undertaking. The first of the examinations in this new field of civil service employment will be held in all of the states and in the territories of Hawaii and Porto Rico, on July 21 and 23. So great is the interest among those seeking employment that already about 26,000 inquiries have been received at Civil Service headquarters. From all parts of the country, letters have poured in at the rate of from 600 to 1000 daily since the announcement on June 14 of the first examination.

Not only will a large force be required to complete the initial work of appraising the valuation of all the railroads of the country, but after the final figures are obtained it is probable that a considerable number will be required to keep the information up to date. Thus it will be seen that the work about to be undertaken will be permanent for a great number of employees under the Civil Service. Those who are appointed when the work starts and make good, naturally will have the best chance for advancement. As the undertaking is entirely in its infancy, it is impossible to tell how long a task it will be, but it is estimated that it will require about five years. It will be started as soon as the employees can qualify.

While the Civil Service Commission is anxious to receive applications from as many qualified persons as possible, because it believes that there will be no great surplus of such men, it has been found necessary to emphasize the requirement of experience in the different lines of work covered by the 17 examinations to be held. Many of the applications for examination blanks thus far have come from telegraphers, station agents, conductors and others, whose qualifications are not of the kind for the work about to be started.

The character of the work, the salaries and the manner of examinations is explained by the Civil Service Commission as follows:

Junior and minor positions of architect, mechanical engineer, railway signal engineer, electrical engineer and structural engineer will be paid from \$1080 to \$1500 a year; similar grades of civil engineer, inspector of car equipment, and inspector of motive power, from \$1200 to \$1500. Senior inspectors of car equipment and senior inspectors of motive power will receive from \$1500 to \$2000 a year. There will be two grades each of senior structural engineers, senior civil engineers, senior electrical engineers, senior railway signal engineers, senior electrical engineers and senior architects. The first grade will pay salaries ranging from \$2000 to \$4800 a year, and the second grade from \$1800 to \$2700.

There will also be held on July 28 an examination for examiner of accounts in the Interstate Commerce Commission. These accountants will be paid from \$2200 to \$3000 a year for the first grade, and from \$1800 to \$2100 for the second grade. Applicants must have had actual experience in connection with common carrier accounting work in public accounting practice, with state commission engaged in the regulation of affairs of common carriers, or with the Interstate Commerce Commission. Seven years' such experience is required for the first grade, while five years' experience is sufficient for the second grade.

"For the minor positions, paying from \$1080 to \$1500, the examination consists of practical questions on the kind of work to be done, and applicants will be assembled for the purpose of answering these questions."

### SALE OF LAND FRAUDULENT.

Attorney Says No Preferred Rights in Oregon and California Tract.  
 WASHINGTON, July 4.—In order he said, to frustrate schemes of unscrupulous land agents who are selling preferred rights to land within the forfeited California and Oregon Railroad grant, Senator Chamberlain today had read in the Senate and printed in the record, a letter from United States Attorney Reed, stating that no preferred rights exist to these lands in the present status of the suits.

Two years will be required to obtain a final decision of the cases in the United States Supreme Court and if the decision of the lower court is sustained, legislative action will then be necessary for the disposal of the lands. Money for alleged preferred rights, in the opinion of Reed, will be a total loss to purchasers.

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## At the Churches

(Ministers and others are requested to hand in the Sunday church notices not later than Friday evening to insure insertion Saturday.)

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Rev. Gardner, of McMinnville, will preach Sunday. Bible school at 10, with graded classes and competent teachers. Junior Society meets in the church at 2:30. All children are invited. Young People's service at 7 for one hour. A special invitation is extended to all young men and women. Special music by a large chorus choir under Professor George Ayre. A cordial welcome is extended to all. Come with us and we will do you good.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

J. E. Burkhardt, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Young People's meeting at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 8. You will find a cordial welcome at all of these services. Splendid music by choir. Bring a friend and we will do you good.

come. On account of the union services at the Masonic Opera House, this church will hold no Sunday evening services during July and August. This service begins at 8 o'clock.

### NORWEGIAN LUTHERAN.

R. O. Thorpe, Pastor. There will be no services in the Norwegian Lutheran Chapel at North Bend Sunday, July 6, on account of the absence of the pastor. Sunday school at 10. Services will be held in the Norwegian Lutheran Chapel at Marshfield Sunday evening at 7:45. Sunday school at 10.

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Rev. Robt. E. Browning, Rector. 8 a. m. Holy Communion. 9:30 a. m. Sunday School. 11 a. m. Morning Prayer and Sermon. Service and sermon at 8 p. m. every Sunday evening in North Bend and at Empire on Sunday afternoon.

### SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS.

E. R. Henderson, Elder. Seventh Day Adventist services are conducted every Saturday as follows: Sabbath school at 10 a. m. Bible study at 11 a. m. Come and spend an hour with us; we will do you good.

### METHODIST EPISCOPAL

Rev. H. C. Cooley, Pastor. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning services at 11 o'clock. Epworth League at 7. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. J. T. Abbott, District Superintendent of M. E. Church, will preach at the morning service. You are cordially invited to attend these services. Junior League service Thursday afternoon at 2:30.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Rev. A. R. Munro. Mass will be celebrated at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at St. Monica's Catholic Church.

### CATHOLIC CHURCH

North Bend. Rev. Father Springer, Rector. Mass will be celebrated at 8 o'clock Sunday morning by the Rev. Father Springer.

### CHRISTIAN SCIENCE.

Christian Science hall, 237 Third street north. Subject, "God." Service Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school 12 m., Wednesday 8 p. m. Reading room open every day except Sunday from 1 to 4 p. m.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Z. O. Doward, Minister. 10:00 a. m.—Bible school. Preaching by A. M. McCracken, of Westville, Indiana, and communion at 11 o'clock a. m. Prayer meeting and song service at 7 o'clock p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

North Bend. Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Christian Endeavor at 7. Preaching services at 8 p. m. by Rev. D. A. McLeod.

### METHODIST CHURCH

North Bend. The services Sunday will be as follows: Sunday school 10 a. m. Vesper Circle and Epworth League 7 p. m. Sermons by the pastor 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

### UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

North Bend. Mrs. R. N. Lewis, Pastor. Sabbath school, 10 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

## Makers of American Humor

"LEARN ONE THING EVERY DAY"

No. 5. FRANK R. STOCKTON. Copyright, 1913, by The Associated Newspaper School, Inc.

A GENERATION ago our mothers and fathers were asking whether it was the lady or the tiger. The question was illustrated and dramatized, cartooned and parodied. All this excitement arose from a single short story written by a quiet, unassuming man who had already begun to win attention as a story teller. "The



Lady or The Tiger" left its hero in a terrible predicament. A simple choice that faced him would either leave him face to face with a beautiful young lady or place him absolutely at the mercy of a devouring tiger—and there the story stopped. It was a practical joke that found a permanent place in American literature.

It is said that at a dinner once given to Frank R. Stockton, when the dessert was placed before the hostess, the amused guest saw two blocks of ice cream, one modeled as a lady and the other as a tiger. There was tense silence when Stock-

ton was asked which he would have, and he gravely replied, "A little of both, please."

Frank R. Stockton was born in Philadelphia on April 3, 1834, and died in Washington, D. C., April 20, 1902. He attended Philadelphia public schools, and his first vocation was that of wood engraver and designer. He made many illustrations for magazines that afterward sought his contributions as an author. His first employment was on a Philadelphia morning paper, and while he supported himself as an engraver he was constantly contributing short articles to his own and other papers. In 1872 he gave up designing to join the staff of the New York Herald and Home. A year later he went over to Scribner's Monthly (now the Century Magazine) and in a very short time was made assistant editor of a new magazine for children that was then being established—the St. Nicholas Magazine. This position he filled until 1880.

Aside from certain famous novels such as "Rudder Grange," which first brought Stockton into prominence in 1879, and "The Casting Away of Mrs. Leeks and Mrs. Ale-shine," this author is at his best in his stories for children. His humor is no less distinctively American than that of Josh Billings and Artemus Ward and others of the slapstick school, and yet his style is simple and quiet. He deals in an extravagant absurdity of plot. It is as though his whole story was a joke on the reader. One seems to see the man's own gentle delightful personality behind the stories he has written. His death is so recent that it is hard to say how permanent a place many of his writings will occupy in American literature; but some of them are certain to survive. His name is almost as well known in England and Australia as in America, and his novels have nearly all been translated into foreign tongues.

No. 6. MARK TWAIN. (Samuel Langhorne Clemens.)

F ALL of us realized our boyhood dreams, the world would be overcrowded with pirates, treasure hunters and keepers of candy shops. One man who realized his boyhood ambition was our greatest American humorist, Mark Twain. His boyhood was spent in a little Mississippi River town before the war, when river commerce was in its glory, and the Mississippi pilot was a man who ranked very little below the angels in the eyes of small boys. To be a pilot was the dream of small Sam Clemens. After working in a local printing office, and then as an expert compositor in St. Louis, New York and other cities, he came back in 1861 to realize that early dream and be a pilot. The Civil War stopped his piloting, and after a brief service on the Confederate side he went to Nevada with his brother, who had been appointed territorial secretary. There he began the journalistic work that led to his later career as a writer.



Mark Twain, as everyone knows, was a pen name taken from the terminology of river steamboating. But everyone does not know that Clemens was the second writer to make use of it. It was first used

by Captain Isaiah Sellers of the New Orleans Picayune. Just as Mark Twain easily ranks superior to any other American humorous writer, so does he seem to have exceeded them all in the variety of his experiences and the extent of his wanderings into the odd corners of our country. When in Nevada he became a reporter and staff writer. It was there that he first learned his power of expression. For a time he tried mining, going to California and other gold mining districts. In San Francisco he tried his hand at journalism again, and took a trip to the Sandwich Islands, which he wrote up for a local paper. From 1869 to 1871 he was editor of a prominent Buffalo daily.

An experience that undoubtedly had great effect upon Mark Twain's personal character, bringing him friends in great number who until that time had known him simply as a humorous writer of considerable ability, was the failure of his business. In 1884 he became owner, with others, of a publishing house. The business failed ten years later with large liabilities. Mark Twain accepted responsibility for these debts, toured the world in a triumphant lecture tour and paid them entire.

It is hard for us of the present day critics, living still in the memory of Mark Twain's delightful personality, with his mirth provoking after-dinner speeches still ringing in our ears, to say just how he will be measured—as a humorist or as a serious writer; he has written so much of both kinds—all good.

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