

### CITY HALL CLERKS FAIL IN ARITHMETIC

#### CONFESSION OVER QUESTIONS IN CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION—DEPARTMENTS MAY BE LEFT WITH INSUFFICIENT CLERICAL HELP.

The employees of the clerical and deputy auditor's departments at the city hall are up in arms over the examination to which they were submitted yesterday by the civil service commission, and there are already the signs of an impending conflict between the municipal service. Out of the 15 or more who took the examination, about two, it is claimed, will pass, and if that statement is correct the condition it will leave several of the city offices in can easily be surmised.

#### Hot Fight May Be Made.

Any further action is now waiting on the grading of the applicants after the papers are marked by the commission. If the fears of a general failure are found to be true, Mayor Williams will be appealed to and a hot fight will be instituted by the unlucky ones who do not reach the percentage required for the eligible list.

The principal contention is that the examination was too hard and that many of the questions are put in the form of catch phrases. Ten of the questions related to a general knowledge of duties required of the employees, and the remaining six were taken from a standard book on arithmetic. It was in arithmetic that the greatest havoc was raised among the applicants. With one or two exceptions they fell down like chaff before the wind, and the majority simply left blank spaces where the answers should have been.

#### Grammar School Questions.

On behalf of the commission, Secretary Howell contends that the examination was not unusually hard, and that the questions at issue are such as should be familiar to every grammar school graduate. To this the troubling part of the applicants reply that a man in business, after he is away from school for 10 or 20 years, does not usually remember the formulas by which to work out the problems found in the school books, and they feel that their examination should have been more of a practical nature.

#### Clock Problem a Deep One.

"What earthly good would it do me to be able to tell just what minute the two hands of a clock would form a straight line between the hours of 4 o'clock and 5 o'clock?" insisted one of the unfortunates today. "Here I am employed to do a special line of work and my duties never extend beyond that particular field. I do the work satisfactorily, otherwise I would not be retained, and it is just that I should be left out simply because I happen to fall down on a catch problem in fractions or cube root, or something like that?"

#### Employees Are Indignant.

So far the heads of the various departments in which the men who took the examination are employed will not discuss the question for publication, but the employees are outspoken in their indignation. Neither would the commissioners talk, but they will hold a meeting soon to mark the papers and the proposition which he thoroughly read then. The mayor is apprised of the circumstances surrounding the examination, but has not revealed what line of action, if any, he will take.

#### Sympathy in the Corridors.

Whether the examination was just or not, there is an undercurrent of sympathy for the men who took it around the municipal corridors. They have all held their positions during the present administration and several for a number of years previous. The only ones excepted were those who had been employed continuously six years or longer. This let out City Auditor Devlin, Deputy Auditor George, Deputy Auditor Healy and City Treasurer Wright. Of the remainder it is the belief that two or three will pass, although there is a chance that more may work in under the special allotment of 20 credits for hand-writing and time.

#### Says They Got Rattled.

Secretary Stowell of the commission explains that the majority of the men were rattled by the questions which they were given plenty of time in which to complete the tests. Some of the men did not answer any of the last six, or what they term the "catch" questions, and some, it is said further, were so flurried and anxious that they did not answer a question on their official slips that they had really worked right, as was proven in the case of a piece of waste paper that was picked up from the floor afterwards.

#### The Clerks' Examination Included More of the Arithmetic Problems than They Prepared for the Deputy Auditors.

There were four questions touching directly upon their knowledge of present duties, and the remaining 12 included problems in every department of arithmetic, from fractions to interest.

#### Mayor Williams Keeps Silent.

Just what form this will leave the status of the civil service commission is, or whether any protest will hold good, remains to be seen, and in the question of vital interest around the city hall today. A number seem to think that Mayor Williams will take some very decided action after the results are known as he has rather a serious matter for the two departments principally affected to lose the majority of their employees at one fell swoop, so to speak. The mayor, though, remains non-committal, and any course of action may be considered only dependent entirely upon the commission's report and the attitude of the men who failed.

### GOVERNORS FOR COMMERCIAL CLUB

The board of governors of the Commercial club will be elected on Saturday at 8 o'clock. The following have been nominated: H. Thatcher, Ed. Ehrman, E. Kennedy, L. Gerding, W. B. Glafke, Robert L. Stevens and W. H. Wyman. As there is no opposition party, it can safely be said that the foregoing nominees will be elected. R. L. Stevens has served on this board for six years. The coming election will make his third term of service as a governor of the club. Those elected serve for three years.

### RECOVERS WATCH STOLEN A YEAR AGO

Mrs. I. Gratton, residing on Milwaukee street, had her gold watch, which cost \$44, stolen a year ago. A steady-looking man sold it recently at a pawnshop for \$2. The watch was recovered today by Detectives Day and Welmer and returned to Mrs. Gratton.

### ELKS ALMOST READY FOR ENTERTAINMENT

The Elks' entertainment at the Marquam Grand next Friday night is looked forward to as an event where one can have the satisfaction of seeing a clever vaudeville musical, dramatic and performance of musical, dramatic and vaudeville acts and at the same time contribute toward an order that has its fundamental principle love for its fellowman.

Under the direction of Leo Cooper the local artists who will appear at the entertainment are fast perfecting their lines and there is little doubt but that the actors will be ready by next Friday. The box office of the Marquam will be open for the sale of tickets next Wednesday morning.

A feature will be three one-act plays



SIGNOR FERRARI.

each of the highest order. The musical numbers will be sung by Signor and Mme. Ferrari, Mrs. Millie Perkins and S. N. Doughty. Rea Irvin and A. Lincoln Hart who are well and favorably known on the amateur vaudeville stage are perfecting a skit, entitled "At the Stage Door." The renowned McCracken and George Eastman will assist Messrs. Irvin and Hart by appearing as dashing southerners. Eight young men and women in the costumes and dresses of the Second Empire, will dance the minuet from Don Giovanni. Mr. Cooper and Miss Ethel Hepburn will interpret the clever playlet from the French, entitled "On His Devoted Head," in which the woman does all the talking.

### MAKING PROGRESS FOR PACKING HOUSE

#### COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND BOARD OF TRADE TO TAKE SUBSCRIPTIONS IN PORTLAND AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

The chamber of commerce has appointed the committee which is to confer with the board of trade committee on the founding of a packing-house for Portland. The following comprise the committee: R. Livingstone, chairman; J. C. Ainsworth, Jay Smith, Col. R. C. Judson, H. Hahn and I. N. Fieschner. The chamber and board of trade are both hopeful of having the packing-house established here, as it will be of great benefit to Portland.

### COULD NOT FIND WORK AND STOLE

Because he could not find employment and was driven to desperation was the reason advanced by August Bay why he attempted to steal the brass fittings from a packing machine. Municipal Judge Hogue lectured him and then sentenced him to the county jail for 60 days.

Bay is 21 years of age and claims he comes from Michigan. About 10:30 o'clock last night Patrolman John Wendt caught him in the act of removing the whistle, nuts and brass parts of the engine which was standing at East Second and Belmont streets. The policeman had been watching Bay for some time and saw him attempt to unscrew the parts with a monkey wrench, which is supposed to have been stolen.

### MANAGER POWERS SHIFTS THE BLAME

Chicago, Jan. 22.—William J. Powers, one of the managing proprietors of the fatal Iridquo theatre, was on the witness stand before the coroner's jury this morning and threw the blame on his subordinates. He said he believed until the fire that all matters of protection had been complied with. He said he was only advisory manager. Davis, the witness this afternoon, said Powers would have to shoulder his share of the blame as he should have had knowledge of his house. He was given strict examination as to his personal responsibility.

### ELKS ACT IN THE CLALLAM WRECK

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 22.—Impressed with the fact that the Clallam investigation is a farce as conducted by local inspectors, the local lodge of Elks that lost two members in the disaster, has wired Congressman Humphrey, asking him to take the matter up with Secretary Cortelyou and have the department review the whole proceedings of the investigation.

### SEARCHING FOR LOST MAN.

Ventura, Cal., Jan. 22.—The search for Harry Radford, the young hunter, lost in the mountains is still unavailing. Today forest rangers from Pine mountain and Zoon lake forest reservations were pressed into the hunt. Other parties were organized in Ventura. It is believed that Radford will be found alive. Search will be continued until his body is found.

### TRAIN CREWS ARE FOLLOWING RULES

#### SECRET TEST MADE NEAR PORTLAND BY OFFICIAL SHOWED THAT TRAIN MEN NEGLECTED TO OBSERVE ORDERS ON SIGNAL LIGHTS—MUST BE ENFORCED.

In view of the frequent train wrecks throughout the country, which in many cases are due to the violations of rules for the safety of its patrons, the Northern Pacific is making a test to learn whether the precautions provided for in railroading are taken by the employees. An order was some time ago issued that men in the habit of drinking liquor would not be retained, and now it is announced that there has been a minor infraction of the rules which will carry with it the possibility of dismissal.

To test the efficiency of the employees and to see to what extent rules are obeyed a series of secret tests are being made over the entire system. Several nights ago Assistant Train Master Coyle of the Pacific division with headquarters in Tacoma, came to Portland and made a test of the men running out of Portland. He stationed himself at Scappoose, to ascertain what attention the trainmen paid to the signal lights. His investigation resulted in showing that the carelessness that had been demonstrated by similar tests on the eastern roads also existed in the west. While running out of Portland on the Pacific division are some of the oldest and most careful conductors and engineers on the road, the majority of them violated the rules applying to the signals. Where a white light is displayed at a station the track is clear. Where a red light is in sight or where no light shows, it is the duty of the trainmen to await for a clearance. The only train that obeyed the signal was the North Coast Limited in charge of Conductor Nichol and Engineer Foster.

Mr. Coyle's observations resulted as follows: "Passenger train No. 3, due in Portland at 7 o'clock, did not obey standing orders to await clearance when a signal light was shown. While running out of Portland on the division, the train due in Portland at 8:20, and No. 4, leaving Portland at 11:45 and due at Tacoma at 5:20 in the morning, also are said to have violated instructions, as also did No. 54, through freight, which leaves Portland for St. Paul at 8:30. This train was late in starting out. The local freight, which leaves Portland at 1 a. m., for Goble, is also said to have disregarded the signals."

### JURY FINDS NEGRO GUILTY OF LARCENY

Lynn Williams, a negro, explained to a jury in Judge George's court this morning how it was that he was before them for larceny and how it happened that J. Hickman lost \$35. Williams laid all to a bit of string, in which explanation he materially differed from Hickman.

The state has the theory that Williams, on November 5, took from the person of Hickman this money, being aided by another negro named Richardson, who was being done while Hickman was asleep.

Hickman, a shrewd mulatto, was the state's chief witness. He testified that while sick with a fever and partially under the influence of drugs he went to sleep in his room, leaving Williams and Richardson in charge. When Hickman woke up his purse was on the floor, empty, and the two had departed.

Williams testified that while in Hickman's room, Richardson and Hickman had wagered \$10 each on a string puzzle; that Hickman had lost and the \$10 was turned over to Richardson. Williams also testified that he had been asked to Hickman's room and that he received no part of the money, did not bet, and only acted as stake holder. He said he did not know that theft was charged upon him, but he was arrested on the charge, charged, but assaulted him because the officer swore at him and abused him, and that when he drew his gun he immediately dropped it and threw up his hands before the officer had covered him with his own weapon.

Williams stated that he had known Richardson in St. Louis some years before.

"Is it not a fact," asked Prosecutor Spencer, "that you left St. Louis because of a knife scrape and that you are wanted back there?"

Williams grinned expansively and said: "I done left St. Louis 'cause I was broke, I never done nothin' to get pushed for no knife scrape."

Hickman strongly resented the insinuation that he had lost his money gambling. On the witness stand he said:

"I will give \$20 to any man that can swear he ever saw me playing cards for money, or drinks, or gambling any way. I save my money, do, and I don't gamble or drink. Yes, those two were fooling with that string graft in my room that morning, but I was too sick to take any notice of it, and if I had been well I am sure I never would have let 'em gamble."

One circumstance dwelt on at length by the prosecution was the alleged discovery of the keys belonging to Williams in the door of Hickman's room, the prosecution alleging that it was Williams who had taken the keys in his room after robbing him.

### FRED FRITZ FINED; MORRILL WAS NOT

Two saloon-keepers were before Judge Hogue today charged with work in overtime. Scott Morrill, proprietor of the Cactus saloon, was one of the defendants. Judge Hogue continued his case without a fine upon his promise to be good in the future. The complaint was signed by Patrolman H. L. Carlson. The second defendant was Fred Fritz, of Second and Burnside streets. He was complained against by Sergeant Slover, and as he failed to respond to his name his ball of \$25 was declared forfeited.

### OIL BURNERS IN THE FIREBOAT

#### ALTERATION IN ORIGINAL PLANS RECOMMENDED TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD AT ITS SESSION THIS AFTERNOON—COMMITTEE BELIEVES LIQUID FUEL BEST.

Portland's new fireboat, the George H. Williams, will be fitted with oil-burning machinery if the recommendations of the special fireboat committee to the executive board this afternoon are carried out. The question was thoroughly discussed at a special session of the committee yesterday and it was the unanimous verdict that as a medium of supplying power the oil burners were far and away ahead of the ordinary coal burner.

The proposition of substituting oil-burning apparatus in lieu of depending upon the time honored coal-burning fireboxes is not entirely new on this coast, but it will be the first time that a local vessel has been changed in that respect. It is claimed in support of the oil burners that they are much more economical, cleaner to handle, give a greater heating power proportionately than coal, allow more space for cargo purposes and save lots of trouble and worry in the handling of the fuel.

"Yes, we will report favorably on the proposition to the executive board at its session of that body this afternoon," explained Mayor Williams today, "but, of course, as to what disposition they will make of the matter I cannot say. The committee was very much in favor of the proposition and decided from the statements advanced that it would be highly advisable to use it as a fuel instead of coal in our fireboat."

A number of the executive board are also known to be in favor of the oil-burning machinery, their reasons being enumerated among those already mentioned above.

Oil has supplanted coal to a considerable extent as a fuel in the operation of vessels on the Pacific coast, particularly steam schooners.

### BRUISED EACH OTHER IN A FRIENDLY WAY

What appeared to be a fight to the death was said to be only a friendly bout when J. H. Rader and Tom LaFleur explained matters in the police court this morning.

The men room at the Everett lodging house in North Second street. Yesterday afternoon they had a terrific encounter and the police found them somewhat bruised up as a result. J. H. Rader, an employe of the house, said he tried to separate them but they threatened to brain him with chairs, two of which were broken during the fight.

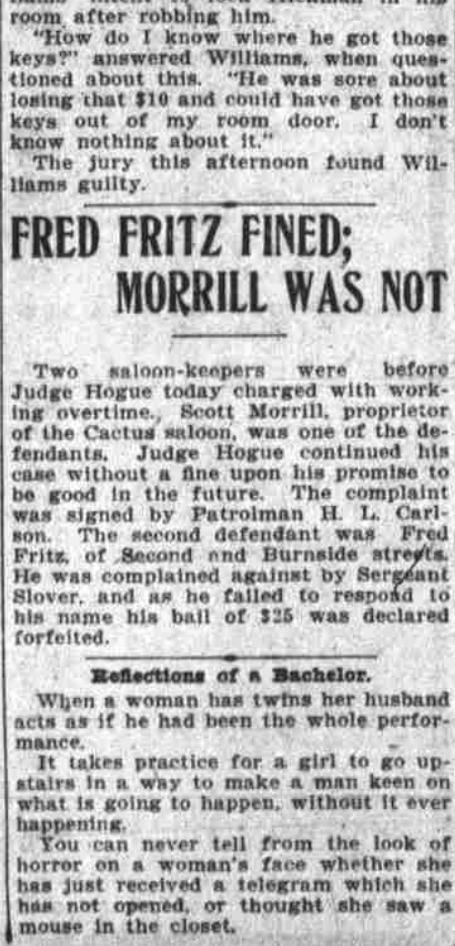
The defendants admitted that "rushing the growler" had been one of their chief pastimes. But they said the scuffle was only a matter of friendship and that Rader was mistaken about their anger.

In spite of their assertions, Judge Hogue found both men guilty and gave them until February 1 to pay a fine of \$5 each.

### DETECTIVES ARREST SUNSET ROBBERS

(Journal Special Service.)  
San Francisco, Jan. 22.—Men believed by detectives to be the Southern Pacific robbers who broke into the Sunset Limited train early yesterday are in jail at San Luis Obispo. So far four suspects have been arrested and detectives are now out along the railroad and in the mountains near San Luis Obispo hunting for two more suspects who are said to have had a part in stealing the money. On one of the men in jail was found money taken from the looted safe. Detectives are positive the right men are arrested.

### DANCING MASTER OF U. S. SERVICE



A picture of Roosevelt's cotillon leader, Major McCawley, of the marine corps. He has been officially designated as cotillon leader to the Roosevelt administration. He has been relieved of all duties in the quartermaster's department and attached permanently to President Roosevelt's staff of social experts. The promotion is in the line of merit. Major McCawley has long been distinguished as the star dancing man of the uniform service. He blazed into national prominence this season as the man who leads the cotillon with Miss Alice Roosevelt. He was the president's selection as her partner.

### ANCAOS HELD BY A SAILOR

#### LIBELED AT ASTORIA BY CHARLES HENRY, ACQUITTED OF ROBBERY THE EAST AFRICAN—HE WAS DISCHARGED WHILE IN JAIL AND DEMANDS REINSTATEMENT.

A private telegram received this morning from Captain Gullison, master of the British ship Ancaos, states that his vessel has been libeled at Astoria by Charles Henry, the sailor who was arrested recently and tried on the charge of stealing a compass from the British ship East African. As a result the Ancaos will probably be unable to proceed to sea for several days. She reached the mouth of the river yesterday and was waiting for favorable weather to cross the bar.

Henry came to Portland during the early part of December on the Ancaos as the captain of a seaman. Shortly after his arrival a compass valued at about \$150 disappeared from the British ship East African. Henry was accused of the theft and his arrest soon followed. He was given a hearing in Judge George's court. The case went to the jury last Wednesday.

When the jury had been closeted but a short time a new witness appeared stating that he had important information bearing on the case. This person was Mr. McLaughlin of the Globe clothing house. He testified that he saw the compass in question in the possession of two men, neither of whom was Henry. These men, he said, inquired of him where they could sell the instrument. Upon hearing this evidence District Attorney Manning moved that the case be dismissed and the court instructed the jury to render a verdict of not guilty. This was done and Henry was released. In the meantime he had been discharged from the Ancaos and his personal belongings gathered up and sent him.

Immediately upon his release, through his attorney, J. F. Watts, Henry demanded that he be reinstated on the ship explaining that he had signed to make the round-trip voyage. When it began to look as though he would be convicted another sailor, for whom \$25 was paid, had been signed to take his place. There was then a full crew and Captain Gullison declined to permit Henry to continue on the payroll of the Ancaos. The libel proceedings were then instituted.

British Consul Laidlaw says there are no grounds for a libel suit. He states the plaintiff has no wages due him and none of his clothing is aboard the ship.

"Henry was discharged," he concluded, "because he was in jail. Another seaman had to be shipped in his place, because the vessel was ready to leave down the river. I advised British Vice-Consul Cherry of that place to allow Henry to ship if he insisted upon making the voyage. There is no cause for a libel suit."

### FLIM-FLAM FORCED ON GROCER HAWKINS

A. G. Hawkins, a grocer in business at Eighteenth and East Morrison streets, was caught by an old trick last Thursday evening and is out of pocket just \$4 in consequence. A stranger came into his store and asked for a box of matches. The price was 5 cents and the stranger handed Hawkins a five-dollar bill.

"Hold on a moment," exclaimed the customer, as Hawkins was about to hand the bill, "you needn't break the bill after all. I think I have a nickel."

The bill was returned to him, he crumpled it up and put it in his pocket and then searched for the nickel, but it was not to be found.

### INDICT THE HANDSHAKERS.

W. D. Nesbit in Chicago Tribune. (Professor Vincent suggests that congress would do an excellent thing if it enacted a law regulating handshaking.)

Some people grab at you;  
Some people jab at you;  
Nab at you; stab at you; dab at you—  
Yes!  
Some people shabbily,  
Limply and flabbily  
Flutter your fingers and cause you distress.  
Some people dash at you;  
Some people smash at you;  
Crash at you, dash at you, splash at you, then  
Spite of resisting it,  
You feel them twisting it,  
Almost unwristing it, time and again.  
Some people fall at you;  
Pull, tug, and haul at you,  
Mangle and maul at you, causing you pain;  
Crushing your knuckles in  
The tight embrace of their hands,  
They throw their chuckles in if you complain.  
Some people stonily,  
Solemnly, hoily,  
Give you a withering sort of a clasp;  
Rather salt-fishly,  
Give you a cut and dried, shadowy grasp.  
Some people tear at you,  
Come like a bear at you—  
Better they swear at you than do that;  
Compress and crush your hand,  
Mold into mush your hand—  
After their rush your hand feebly falls flat.  
Sure, you have heard of them—  
These aren't a third of them—  
There's quite a herd of them roaming the earth;  
Some of them squeeze your hand;  
Some of them freeze your hand—  
When they release your hand, what is it worth?  
Get up a law for them;  
Fix something raw for them;  
Fill it with ease for them—stop them some way.  
Stop all this shaking hands.  
Breaking hands, quaking hands—  
Salve for our aching hands! Mix it today!

### BU THE DOE WAS NOT THERE

#### DISTRICT ATTORNEY MANNING, DETECTIVE WELMER AND CLERK OLSON OF THE POLICE COURT HAVE UNIQUE EXPERIENCE IN TRYING TO ARREST CHINESE.

The somewhat unusual spectacle of three men climbing into the police courtroom on a fire ladder might have been seen about 10 o'clock last night.

It happened in this wise: Wang Hook, living in California, telegraphed to Wong Hook that a Chinese woman had robbed him of a pair of gold earrings worth \$50 and a stickpin worth \$25. He asked his friend to secure a warrant for her arrest, as he understood she was in Portland. Wong Hook immediately went to District Attorney Manning, whom he found rather late in the evening, after some search. The district attorney prepared a warrant charging Jan Doe, a Chinese woman, with the theft. Then he hunted up Detective Welmer, whom he wanted to serve the warrant, and set out to find Police Clerk Olson, to get the warrant issued. Olson was not at home. He was in lodge meeting. So the pair went to the lodge meeting. They found Olson, but Olson did not have the key to the police courtroom. So they had to get a ladder from Chemical wagon No. 1, climb into the courtroom window, issue the warrant, replace the ladder and rush to the Southern Pacific train. They reached the train when it rolled in. But the woman wasn't there.

### FORGER'S MOTHER MAY RESCUE HIM

#### CONVICT T. W. PARKER HAS HOPE THAT HIS MOTHER WILL SETTLE WITH PROSECUTING WITNESSES AND THAT HE WILL ESCAPE THE PENITENTIARY.

T. W. Parker will not go to the penitentiary for forgery, even though he has been found guilty by the circuit court, if his mother can save him.

It was stated by the boy's friends that his parents had come to his rescue before, and some have expressed surprise that no message came from his home at Deer Lodge, Mont., but Parker has not given up hope by any means.

His attorney, E. P. Welch, said this morning that the defense would take an appeal, and so delay the final passing of sentence until Mrs. Parker could arrive in Portland. The boy's father is a man of means and in the past has intervened to save his son, but after the boy's arrest, he sent him to Portland forgers his father refused to have anything further to do with him, it is said.

Mr. Welch stated that the father would, about the end of the month, make a business trip to the East, but Parker's mother would come to Portland and see the case. The prosecution with the prosecuting witnesses, so that they would be content to let the matter drop.

### THINGS JAPANESE.

In a recently published book on Japan Douglas Sladen recounts the things that the Japanese have not. They have no bread, no butter, no cheese, no trousers for the men, no petticoats for the women. This sounds alarming, but both sexes wear instead several dressing gowns, one over the other—the kimono of commerce. In their houses they have no windows, no doors, no walls, no ceilings, no chest of drawers, not even a washing stand, and the wardrobe is only a lot of boxes piled one on top of another. In the kitchens they have no range, no pots, no pans, no flour bins, no flour, no kitchen tables. But then they have a charcoal stove for warming your fingers and the teapot and committing suicide. Japan is full of cherry trees and plum trees, but they do without fruit. The cherries are used for the blossoms, and the plums for hanging.

Japanese ceremoniousness makes it a serious matter going to a Japanese shop, unless you are going to buy silk handkerchiefs—the only things foreigners buy often enough to spoil the manners of the shopkeeper. You get out of your ricksha, and the ricksha boy explains your high-and-mightiness. Then all the attendants in the shop salaam till you wish they would get up and let you catch their eye and explain what you want. When they do get up the Japanese equivalent of the shop-walker and three or four counter-jumpers in rotation ask you to repeat your order while they offer you five cups of tea. It is Japanese tea, and there is no milk or sugar; but you can have salted cherry blossoms if you want, if it is a good shop. This is the Japanese way of offering the customer a drink. Good Japanese shops contain nothing except the attendants. When you have got as far as explaining what you want the proprietor gives orders to attendants. If they get a good servant always run—and bring back the goods tied up in faded green silk handkerchiefs or green cotton cloths.

A Japanese banquet is especially trying for a foreigner. Politeness demands that you should make a separate excuse for each dish that you cannot eat. This is not the slightest use, for as you are getting into your ricksha the mousmee who has waited on you hands you a pile of white wooden boxes in which she has carefully packed everything that you could not eat for you, to take to your family, and etiquette demands that you should take them, though you give them to your ricksha boy as soon as you are out of sight.

### What One Pardon Did.

From the Memphis Commercial-Appeal. The Hon. Captain Wooten, who was pardoned from the penitentiary by Governor Frazier some time ago, on the grounds that he was dying of consumption, had recovered sufficiently to get married and join a movement to improve the morals of the town.