TOWN TOPICS

The United States civil service commission has announced the following examinations to be held under the supervision of the local examining board: April 19—Scientific assistant, bureau of chemistry, salary $840 per annum; electric elevator constructor in the government printing office at Washington, D. C., salary, $4 per diem, age limit 20 years or over; to fill 14 vacancies in the position of meat inspector, bureau of animal industry, department of agriculture, applicants must be graduates of veterinary colleges and 20 years of age or over. April 19-20—Computer in the supervising architect's office, age limit 20 years and over, acting assistant surgeon, public health and marine hospital service, applicants to be competent physicians and surgeons over 20 years of age.

In the suit of Mrs. J. A. McDonald to recover $600 from the Canadian Pacific Railway company, a motion to quash the service of summons was denied this morning by Presiding Judge Cleland in the state circuit court and the company given 40 days in which to prepare its case. The woman alleges that on May 10, 1903, she gave the company furniture valued at $600 at Calgary to deliver at Nanton, but that it was never delivered, and the company has refused to reimburse her. The motion to quash the service of summons was made on the ground that F. R. Johnson, on whom the writ was served, is not the company's attorney, and that the secretary of state was not served.

Three sailors, John Huet, John Doe Gengon and R. Manlah, on the French bark La Fontaine, lying yesterday in the lower Columbia, are wanted here on the charge of larceny. Warrants were issued for them March 18 by Justice Reid and an attempt was made to secure them by Officer Kepper, but when the officer visited the ship, a deputy United States marshal on board refused to deliver them. He said he held the men under a warrant issued from the federal court charging desertion and that his instructions were to turn them over to the captain when the ship was ready to proceed to sea. The men were then out of the jurisdiction of Justice Reid's court, it is stated.

Thomas Ryan was given judgment for damages in the amount of $580 against W. H. Hemsworth, a special policeman, by Judge Sears in the state circuit court yesterday afternoon. Ryan was fined $10 in the justice court for visiting an opium den. He showed he went there merely out of curiosity to see the habitues smoke and that Hemsworth's shooting of him when making the arrest was unnecessary. Hemsworth offered no defense. He has a bond in a surety company, which will be sued on the judgment by Ryan's attorney.

Indictments have been returned by the grand jury charging William Rogers with stealing men's and boys' clothing from W. J. Benjamin's store, at 23 North Sixth street, and Maurice E. Troutman with passing a forged check for $45 on Dr. O. P. S. Plummer. No true bills were returned in the cases of W. J. Brady, charged with attempted burglary, and Della Estes, accused of stealing a diamond ring valued at $135 from A. F. Smith at the New Grand Central hotel. The woman declared Smith gave her the ring.

Argument to show cause why M. Susman of Astoria should be discharged from bankruptcy was submitted in the United States circuit court this morning. Susman was formerly engaged in the second-hand business and in the bankruptcy proceedings it was claimed that Susman concealed part of his property in order to escape payment of his liabilities. Susman, it is said, is unable to read or write and during the 15 years he was engaged in the second-hand business kept no accounts.

At a meeting in Campbell hall, Sellwood, last night, the Bethany Baptist church was reorganized with about 50 members. Election of officers and adoption of rules of faith were the order of business. The remaining plans were laid on the table until Wednesday evening. Rev. D. G. DeLano, who presided, has been conducting services for some time.

The recent windstorm was impartial in its choice of victims, passing from ball grounds and car houses to fine churches. The James Abraham memorial window at the south end of Centenary Methodist church, was blown in, but though the damage is serious to one of the finest windows in the church, it can probably be repaired.

Oakland, Cal.—Alex. Sweek, Supreme Secretary, Independent Order of Lions, Portland, Or.—Please accept thanks for $15, covering my disability claim of two weeks' duration. Thanking the order for the prompt payment of the claim, I remain, fraternally yours, EUNICE V. SCHANER. (This sister had a half-rate policy.)

Bankrupt libraries less than binding cost. Frederic Hebard, representing Chicago bank creditors, at Hotel Perkins. Voltaire complete, histories, cyclopedias, literature, oratory and over 20 others. Call or telephone. Stock nearly gone.

Willie T. Graham, who ran away from the receiving home of the Boys' and Girls' Aid society, was captured yesterday afternoon in Oregon City and was brought back last night by Special Officer Hawley. He was located by the principal of the Oregon City school.

The Haydn Symphony orchestra began the rehearsal last evening of special music under Otto Kleeman. The orchestra will play Farmer's Mass in B flat on Easter Sunday at St. Francis' Catholic church.

Did that clock of yours make you miss your car this morning? If so, there's no reason why a similar thing should occur again. We call for, repair and deliver clocks. John A. Beck, 207 Morrison street, near Front.

Open the coal mines. Invest in founders' shares at 5 cents of Coutlee Coal & Iron Co., 601 Oregonian building, and you will reap a harvest. 3,840 acres; six veins of best coking coal; write quickly.

The Hotel Van Noy, northeast corner Third and Pine, Nettie L. Sloçum, formerly of the Kingston, owner, is receiving guests. Elegantly furnished.

Fine day! Buy Meredith's umbrellas. Repairing and recovering. Two stores—Washington and 6th, Morrison and 5th.

Steamers for The Dalles will leave Alder-street wharf 7 a. m. daily (except Sunday). Phone Main 914.

A gentleman's dinner, two bits, American restaurant, Third and Couch.

S. H. Gruber, lawyer, 611 Com'cl Block.

RAILWAYS SUPPRESS TICKET FORGING

Pinkerton Detectives Run Down Big Ring at Atlanta, Ga.--Many Forms Stolen and Operators Make Big Money--At an End.

The ticket broker will no longer flourish in Atlanta and one of the strongest links in the national scalpers' chain has been broken, acording to confidential information received by head officials of the O. R. & N. passenger department.

The association of railroads formed for protection against the use of counterfeit and forged tickets has employed the aid of the Pinkerton detective agency to assist in securing evidence and in the prosecution of cases against brokers. In the information sent out from the Southeastern Passenger association regarding the Atlanta cases the diary of the operative who worked up the case is included and this gives the inside history of this, the most famous case of the kind in the last 10 years. The diary reads as follows:

January 14—A general passenger agent reported the theft of 40 mileage tickets.

January 16—An "operative" arrives in Atlanta.

January 19—Secures clues and evidence.

January 21—Col. A. H. Cox, former solicitor-general of Georgia, is called into the case and a conference held with him.

January 22—Valuable evidence secured.

Jaunary 23—Colonel Cox is retained for the prosecution of the case.

January 26—Evidences of purchase and a list of the stolen tickets found in the account books of Severance & Weinfield, ticket brokers. S. M. McClerkan, a clerk in the office of the auditor's office, charged with the theft of the tickets.

January 27—Witness is examined who admits purchasing a ticket from Clerk McClerkan. Broker Weinfield is arrested for having in his possession stolen goods and for disposing of these and aiding a forgery.

January 29—McClerkan is bound over to the superior court under $1,000 bond, which is reduced to $500. In default of this amount he is sent to jail.

January 30—Will Edwards, a negro, complicated with McClerkan in the theft of the tickets, is arrested in St. Louis. Attorneys for the broker under arrest make advances for a settlement.

February 6—Operative absent from the city.

February 7—Edwards pleaded guilty to the charge of aiding Clerk McClerkan in the theft of the tickets.

February 8—Conferences with leading citizens who wish prosecution of Broker Weinfield dropped.

February 10—Weinfield bound over to superior court. Leading citizens of Atlanta intercede in his behalf.

February 12—Conferences between railroad officials and attorneys for the defense.

February 13—In a conference with representative business men it is promised by them that Weinfield will plead guilty to the charge, that he will turn over all tickets and quit the brokerage business forever, that the defense will pay all costs of the prosecution, that the city council will pass an ordinance practically prohibiting brokerage business in tickets in Atlanta, and that the political force of the city will endeavor to have such a bill enacted by the state legislature.

February 14—The president of the road from which the tickets were stolen agrees to drop the prosecution if the pledges made the day before were carried out.

February 15—The remaining firm of brokers in the city quits business. The case against Weinfield is dropped and he turns over his tickets and accounts and agrees to leave the brokerage business.

In speaking of the Atlanta case a local passenger agent said:

"It means a great victory for the Ticket Protective association, and shows that by joining with the Pinkerton agency we have accomplished what we before have found difficulty in doing. We have stopped all scalping in Atlanta; we have practically ended it in Georgia, and we have shown that the offense is criminal and one that fair-minded juries must convict on if it is proved. We have several other hard legal battles on in various parts of the country, and in many cases thousands of dollars have been spent to seemingly little avail, but gradually we will gain our point and exclude from business the class of men that has caused the roads and the traveling public more annoyance than any other one thing.

"Not one ticket in ten can be used by other than the purchaser without the person selling it being guilty of either fraud or of holding out inducements to the purchaser to commit a forgery. Any business that rests on deceit, theft and worse should be frowned on instead of defended. Convictions by juries for this crime are rare. Any other business that had suffered as the railroad industry has, would have cried aloud for the city, county, state and federal authorities to prosecute the guilty, but we have had to depend on private detective agencies."

LEVI CLARKE DIES AT THE AGE OF 90

Levi Clarke, aged 90 years, father of Louis G. Clarke of Woodard & Clarke, died last evening at the home of his son at Mount Tabor. Mr. Clarke came to Portland 18 years ago from Somerset county, Pennsylvania, after he had retired from business. He is a grandson of Abraham Clarke, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence from the state of New Jersey.

He had been ailing for three weeks and on account of his advanded age physicians could do little for him. The other survivors besides Louis G. Clarke is a daughter, Mrs. J. H. Acton, wife of the former pastor of the Taylor Street Baptist church of this city.

The funeral will be held tomorrow morning. Services will be held at the home of Louis Clarke at 10 o'clock, after which interment will be made at Riverview cemetery.

AT THE THEATRES

"CARMEN" AT THE MARQUAM.

Bizet's "Carmen" was the offering at the opening night of the Shay Opera company's season at the Marquam last night. It was not exactly what you would call a first-night audience, considering that there was grand opera on the bill, and full-dress costumes were conspicuous by their infrequency. Nevertheless it was in some respects a representative Portland audience, which grew quite demonstrative at the work of Miss Shay and Miss Carrington, and silently reproving when the inadequate orchestra and chorus revealed the holes in the performance.

To one who knows the divine "Carmen," last night's performance in some respects approached a travesty. But Portlanders should not and do not expect metropolitan opera here, and, although Mr. Heilig does charge you $1.50 "per," it is worth the money. It would be worth all kinds of money if there never was any grand opera on the coast at all, and so there is little reason in severe complaint.

Miss Shay is an accomplished Carmen—full of sinuous grace and spicy abandon, coquettish, clingingly affectionate, and tempestuously passionate in her rage and jealousy. All this Carmen should be. Vocally Miss Shay is not altogether satisfactory; her voice is more dramatic than sweet, and the lack of melody at times is made up for by the splendid way in which she handles it. Lyrically, however, the supreme moment of the evening was when Miss Carrington (Michaela) sang the matchless "Prayer" in act 3, which she did with perfect feeling and vocalization and with rare sympathy. Miss Carrington is a picture of Michaela. Her voice is what is commonly termed a "pure" soprano—light but very sweet and flexible, and possessing the quality that gets right to your heart.

The Jose of Mr. Fredericks was fairly good. Vocally he is disappointing; vibrato runs away with him, but he acts well. Mr. Carrier as the toreador is not physically up to standard, and he has no conception of the great song in the second act. Vocally he is entirely inadequate. George Shields, the basso, leads the men in the cast and sings well. The orchestra of about 12 pieces struggled through the score, but did fairly well in the piano passages. Mr. Heilig's cornetist should be suppressed when there is grand opera on the bill.

Tonight "Il Trovatore" will be given, and the company should do much better with it. The company will play "Bohemian Girl" at tomorrow's matinee, and close Wednesday night with "Faust."

SUICIDE CAUSED BY BROKEN HEART

Funeral services over the body of August Biederman, who committed suicide by drinking acetic acid at his home on Siskiyou street yesterday, will be held either tomorrow morning or the day following at 10 o'clock from Coroner Finley's parlors. The suicide was caused by grief over the recent death of his wife. Biederman refused to be consoled after that, and was never known to smile. At the Union laundry, where he was employed as engineer, his fellow-employes knew he was despondent and broken-hearted. He frequently spoke in a disheartened way and intimated that life to him was not worth living.

AUGUST BIEDERMAN.

A son aged 6 years is left an orphan. He is living with William Miller on Gantenbein avenue, Albina.

Satisfied.
From Life.

"Have you asked papa?" "Yes, I telephoned him. He said he didn't know who I was, but it was all right."

FRIENDS REJOICE AT HIS PROMOTION

The appointment of C. H. Markham to the general managership of the Southern Pacific to take the place of Julius Kruttschnitt, who becomes director of transportation of the Harriman lines, is regarded by Mr. Markham's former associates in this city as a fortunate choice. Mr. Markham for four years was assistant general passenger and freight agent of the Southern Pacific here, as Mr. Coman is now, and when he west east three or four years ago to take a higher place his departure was a source of regret to all who had worked under or with him. Mr. Markham is pronounced by local officials as one of the ablest railroad men of the younger generation, and his work in Portland is remembered as unusually successful.

Of Interest to Women.

Suffering women of Portland may well hail with delight the fact of Dr. Jennie N. Bowen combining forces with Dr. Mrs. Carey-Talbott in the treating of diseases of women. Dr. Bowen, recently of Chicago, and a graduate of two eastern medical colleges comes to Portland with a wide experience and a successful record as a practitioner of her sex. Together with Dr. Talbott ailing women are assured of as good medical attention as can be had in the east or west. Dr. Talbott has practiced her profession for 15 years; a fact in itself which needs no further embellishment. Women suffering with illness peculiar to their sex will no doubt bless the day they crossed the threshold of No. 398 Salmon street, the doctors' offices.