

TOWN TOPICS

Marquam Grand Theatre... "Blue Jeans"...

It is believed that Rev. W. G. Elliot, Jr., son of T. L. Elliot of this city, will soon be called to the pastorate of the First Unitarian church of Portland.

President Ben Selling of the People's Power League announces that he has appointed the following executive committee: A. L. Miller, W. M. Ladd, Henry McGinn, Frank Williams, R. Livingston, Jonathan Bourne, Jr., Edgar B. Piper, H. Hahn, J. N. Teal, John H. Smith, Thomas A. McBride, C. S. Jackson, R. P. Boston, E. B. Wood, Thomas G. Greene, C. H. Gram, B. G. Lechy, S. A. Lowell, G. W. Riddle, I. N. Fletschner and D. Hells Cohen.

The Swedish Society Linnea celebrated Christmas last evening with a tree and banquet at Ringler's hall, followed by a musical and literary program and dance. About 200 guests were present.

The work of enrolling all the Sunday schools within the county has been undertaken by J. W. Euston, secretary of the Multnomah County Sunday School association.

At the Sacred Heart church this morning were held funeral services for the late John D'Arcy, who was drowned near the carshops Sunday morning.

For St. Johns, Linton and waypoints, or any ship in harbor, take steamer Glanville, County Survey School, leaves 7:30 a. m. and 2:30 p. m. Leaves St. Johns 9 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. Phone Main 1551. C. J. McLean, master.

Cash or Credit—Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry and Silverware on easy weekly payments. \$1 down, 50c per week; open evenings. Metzger & Co., Jewelers and Opticians, 111 Sixth street.

George McCarey, an employe of the North Pacific Lumber company, fell while at work in the yards last evening and broke a leg. He was taken to Good Samaritan hospital.

Bankrupt Sale—Clothing, trunks, furnishing goods, hats, caps, tents, valises, boots, shoes, etc., at greatly reduced prices. To be sold in 30 days. 223 First street.

Do not neglect nature's warning. If your eyes tire, they call for help. Consult Geo. Rubenstein, the optician, 124 Fourth street, near Yamhill.

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On January 10 there will be a civil service examination in Portland for the position of domestic science teacher in the Indian service at a salary of \$600

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a year, and engineer in the same service at a salary of from \$600 to \$900 a year.

Dr. Wells, Hobart-Curtis, Main 5422. Dr. E. C. Brown, Rye-Ear, Marquam.

The Vegetarian cafe, 105 Sixth. Ask for Fritz's tamales.

PACKERS TURN TABLES (Continued from Page One.)

against that of J. Ogden Armour, the other packers, their lawyers and their innumerable employes in the sworn evidence. The jury must decide who is telling the truth.

On the point of law which has placed the government on the defensive depends the whole fabric of President Roosevelt's prosecution of trusts.

"The decision of this case as to what the laws are and what can be done under them," said President Roosevelt recently, "is of far greater importance than sending the packers to jail."

"Only half of Garfield's report was revealed and that half was the most unimportant. The president himself cut out all facts damaging to the packers and locked them in his private vault at the White House."

"The president withheld Garfield's best facts because to give them out would give away the government's hand in the prosecution of the packers. Garfield's report was a masterpiece of 'whitewashing' the beef trust. Now his time to speak has come."

Milwaukee Country Club. Eastern and Seattle races. Take Sellwood and Oregon City cars at First and Alder.

Building Permits. The following building permits have been issued: Lawson & Hart, repairs to store, corner Sixth and Flanders streets, cost \$400; Lloyd Phillips, cottage, corner Holman and Greeley streets, cost \$100; Elizabeth Wood, cottage, corner East Thirtieth and Failing streets, cost \$850; Willamette Boiler works, shops, corner Front and Hull streets, cost \$3,000; Russell & Blyth, residence, corner Franklin and Rugby streets, cost \$2,000; Dr. J. H. Ball, repairs to residence, Twenty-third, between Washington and Everett streets, cost \$1,500.

FOR RELIGION

These Are Not Inquired Into by City Civil Service Commission.

LANE FIRST MAYOR TO KEEP SUBORDINATES IN

Other City Executives, Who Held Office Before Civil Service Was Effective, Cleaned House—Commission Reports Examinations.

All applicants for positions in the city's service are examined to test their fitness for the positions they wish to occupy, without any reference whatever being made as to their religious faith or political affiliations, according to the annual report of the municipal civil service commission, which was ordered submitted to the mayor today.

Attention was also drawn to the fact that, for the first time, the city of Portland, the subordinates in the various departments of the city service were not discharged and their places filled by friends of the new administration when Mayor Lane and his associates took office July 1. The report follows in part:

"To the Honorable Mayor of the City of Portland: Pursuant to the provisions of section 217 of the charter the civil service commission herewith submits their third annual report:

Most Passed. There were 477 applicants examined during the year 1906. Of these applicants examined, 508 passed and 149 failed. The persons who passed were selected solely according to fitness, and no questions were asked as to their political or religious opinions or affiliations.

On July 1, 1906, the administration of the city changed. Contrary to the custom in vogue before civil service was adopted by the city of Portland, the subordinates in the several departments have not been discharged, but have retained their positions without fear of removal for political reasons.

The examinations prepared have been practical in their character and have been such as to test the relative fitness of the persons examined to discharge the duties of the positions for which they were applicants. These examinations have been fairly conducted and without reference to the political or religious beliefs of the applicants.

Most in Fire Department. The roster of this commission shows that the following number of persons are employed at the present date under civil service rules:

Table with 2 columns: Department and Number of Persons. Includes Police, Fire, Engineering, Harbor, Auditor's, Street cleaning, City hall, Found, Harbor, City treasurer's, and Plumbing departments.

Total. The following is a statement of the number of applications filed, the number of persons examined, the number who passed, the number who failed to pass, the number appointed, the number discharged for cause and the number who have resigned during the year 1906:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Number. Includes Applications (1,024), No. persons examined (677), No. persons passed (508), No. persons failed (149), No. persons appointed (529), No. persons discharged (47), and No. persons resigned (136).

Ten Firemen Discharged. Of the number of persons discharged for cause during the year 1906, six were from the police department, 10 from the fire department and 31 from the labor force of the city."

Recently there has been a hue and cry that patrolmen were being removed for political reasons, but the above shows that out of the 47 persons discharged during the year only six were in the police department.

The commission this morning made a ruling that mechanics and laborers who were citizens of the United States, whether they had remained in the city one year or not, could take examinations and be appointed to positions in the city's service. Heretofore it was thought the charter prohibited laborers and mechanics being appointed unless they had resided in the city one year prior to filing their applications. Close scrutiny of the charter provisions failed to show such requirement.

LEVY IS FIXED (Continued from Page One.)

rousing speeches favoring a 5.3 mill levy. Among others were Judge Rufus Mallory, H. Whittenberg, W. P. Olds, F. W. Mulvey and A. H. Devora, Councilmen Shepherd, Vaughn and Gray, County Assessor Bigler and County Commissioner Lightner. Those who argued for a higher levy were Councilmen Sharkey, Bennett and Russett.

It was announced by Assessor Bigler that in order to keep the levy within 15 mills the county had provisionally reduced its levy two tenths of a mill.

If the council votes a higher levy than 4.2 mills the total will be nearly 16 mills, for the county will then go back to its original proposition of 3 mills and the school district may want more," said the assessor.

Councilman Sharkey accused the county of lavish expenditure of money, to which County Commissioner Lightner took exception. He understood Sharkey to accuse county officials of grafting.

"Mr. Sharkey's remarks are entirely uncalculated for," said Mr. Lightner, jumping to his feet. "What he says about grafting in the management of the county affairs is untrue. I believe the affairs of the county are run just as economically as those of the city."

Sharkey denied that he had said that any county officers had been guilty of grafting and said he believed the county officers were efficient.

The levy made by the city council yesterday together with the reduction made by the county will keep the total levy within the 15 mills for all purposes.

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EX-BUNKO KING IS PETTY THIEF

Chicago Ed Ryan Falls From His High Estate and Steals a Chair.

OPIUM MADE WITS SLOW AND CAUSED DOWNFALL

Felt Craving Last Night, Had No Money and Took Common Wooden Chair From Lawn of Harvey Dale, Once King of Gamblers.

"Chicago Ed" Ryan, once "king of bunko men" is in jail, facing a charge of petty larceny. He is accused of stealing a chair from the residence of Harvey Dale, once king of gamblers.

Ryan, according to the police, was at one time one of the shrewdest and most successful bunko men who ever operated in Portland. In his best days there was not a "trick" too difficult for him to plan and execute. He has been arrested times innumerable, but rarely was he convicted for the crimes of which the police were positively convinced he was guilty.

Opium was the cause of "Chicago Ed" Ryan's downfall. He thrived amazingly until he began the use of the drug. From that time his decline was rapid. He was captured invariably when involved in a bunko trick. His cunning left him and he bungled every job he undertook.

In recent months "Chicago Ed" became a confirmed opium eater. In the filthy resorts where slaves to the drug congregated he was a regular patron. He would leave only when forced by lack of funds to go out and commit a crime to procure more.

On the lawn of Mr. Dale's residence at 2687 tenth street there are several wooden chairs and benches. Ryan was out of funds last night and consequently out of opium. The chair was the only thing he could find. He carried it down the street and was trying to sell it when arrested.

In the jail last night the deposed king of swindlers cried and pleaded for the drug.

QUEER COMPLAINT PATCHED UP

Latest Petition of Isakson to Oust Bruin Worthless From Legal Standpoint.

AN AMENDMENT IS AT ONCE TACKLED ON

Unchanged, the Document Merely Stated That Plaintiff Was Policeman and That Bruin Was Captain on the Force.

An amended complaint in the case of the state of Oregon on the relation of Oscar P. Isakson, relator, against Patrick Bruin has been filed with the clerk of the circuit court. The new complaint, which is much briefer than the original one, does not ask that Bruin be removed from the office of captain of police, but simply states that Bruin held the office and that Isakson was a local policeman.

The queer appearance of the complaint was called to the attention of Newton McCoy, who with H. B. Nichols is Isakson's counsel, this morning and he at once added a clause asking the court to oust Bruin from the position.

The amended complaint sets forth that Isakson has been a resident of Portland during the past 15 years and that he is now a registered voter and a taxpayer and a member of the police force. It is stated that on November 17 Bruin usurped the office of captain of police and that he is still clinging to that position.

In the original complaint it was stated that Isakson had been a member of the police force for more than 13 years and that during several months of this period he had acted as captain of police; it was also set forth that he had passed the civil service examination for police sergeant and police captain and that during a recent examination before the civil service commission for the last named office he had correctly answered a question which had been submitted and that he was entitled to a higher marking and grade than any of his competitors.

The court was asked to remove Bruin and appoint Isakson to the position of captain of police.

During the legal attempt to oust Bruin from the captainship Thomas G. Greene and Richard W. Montague are acting as his attorneys.

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ASKS THAT WRIT BE QUASHED

Deputy City Attorney Kavanaugh Takes Hand in Rankin Case.

WOULD LEARN WHO HAS RIGHT TO CHANGE RANK

Kavanaugh Wants to Have Circuit Court Decide Whether Civil Service Commission Can Change Rank or Salary of Man It Has Appointed.

In order to have a ruling from a circuit court judge on the question as to whether or not the civil service commission has the right to change an employe's rank or salary after he has been appointed to a municipal position by the commission, Deputy City Attorney J. P. Kavanaugh has filed a motion in the court asking that the writ of mandamus be quashed.

John Rankin was formerly a sidewalk inspector in the city engineer's office at a salary of \$75 a month. There were six sidewalk inspectors. An ordinance was passed reducing the number of regular inspectors to four, but providing for the appointing of others as needed, to receive a salary of \$25 a day for the time actually employed. At the time the ordinance was passed John Rankin and Amos E. Groce were sidewalk inspectors. Groce was one of two transferred to the irregular shifts. March 1 Charles Wanser was appointed city engineer and at once attempted to promote Groce and reduce Rankin. Rankin objected, and Presiding Judge Frazer recently decided that the head of a municipal department had no right to reduce an employe in rank or salary, and issued a writ of mandamus ordering City Auditor Devlin to pay Rankin his salary from March 1.

In the motion filed this morning it is set forth that prior to March 1 Rankin was employed as an inspector in the engineer's department, being rated in class 10, grade C, of that department, at a salary of \$75 a month, and that an irregular inspector is in the same class as a regular inspector and that the kind of service is identical.

The city attorney also holds that Rankin was not removed or discharged from his registered class in the civil service, but merely transferred from

Marquam Grand Theatre... "BUSTER BROWN"...

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one position to another in the same class and grade. It is contended that a head of a department has the right to do this without the consent of the civil service commission. It is also contended that ever since March 1 last the city engineer has presented his monthly payroll to the commission for approval, and that Rankin has been offered \$25 a day for all the time he has worked for the department.

John F. Logan, attorney for Rankin, says that the matter will be taken up as soon as possible. He says that if Rankin loses his case, it will mean that the city council has the power to reduce the rank and pay of any civil service employe working for the city as it was an ordinance of the council that reduced the number of regular sidewalk inspectors and fixed the salary of the irregular inspectors.

Money Talks

The following appeared in the evening papers of December 14th: "We have at all times got our eyes open for such people as Lieber, who need ready cash, and had to sell his stock as to get back to Denver. The terms of this sale was spot cash, and as we had the ready money, London's Clothing Company purchased the entire Lieber Stock for \$16,378. OTHER NEGOTIATIONS WERE FRIGHTENED TO BED. WHY? Because there are only FIVE DAYS left to get rid of this immense stock. The landlord was at the sale and notified the purchaser that he must get out by JANUARY THE 5TH. There will be no extension of this sale, absolutely none."

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BARGAIN NO. 2. \$7.50 Overcoats, consisting of Long Sack Overcoats, worsteds, chevrons, homespun, fancy long belted Overcoats, Karsays and Meltons, all the latest style. Any Overcoat in the house. Come and take your pick. They regularly sold for \$20.00, \$25.00, \$30.00, \$35.00, \$40.00, \$45.00, \$50.00, \$55.00, \$60.00, \$65.00, \$70.00, \$75.00, \$80.00, \$85.00, \$90.00, \$95.00, \$100.00. Your pick is here for \$7.50.

BARGAIN NO. 3. Boys' Overcoats—500 Boys' Overcoats. Come, take your pick for \$1.51.

BARGAIN NO. 4. \$7.50—748 Genuine Cravettes, Priestley's, Roxbury's are included in this lot. Come take your pick of any one \$7.50.

BARGAIN NO. 5. 750 Hats—Take your pick of any Hat in the house, consisting of Derbys, black felt, tan and light colors; regularly sold for \$2.50, \$3.00 and \$3.50. \$7.50.

BARGAIN NO. 6. Men's Pants—Divided into two parts. All the Pants regularly sold for \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00. \$7.50. All the Pants regularly sold for \$5.00, \$4.50 and \$4.00 for \$1.50.

BARGAIN NO. 7. Shoes—Any pair of Shoes in the house, worth \$5.00, \$3.50, \$2.50, for \$1.50.

BARGAIN NO. 8. Boys' Suits—Divided into two sections, consisting of double and single breasted, reefer, Buster Browns, three pieces, Sailor Suits. They go for \$1.40.

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