

RULING THAT AFFECTS CIVIL SERVICE MADE BY THE CITY ATTORNEY

Subordinates in Service Prior
to July 1 Can Remain Sans
Passing Test.

By a new ruling made by City Attorney La Roche in which he decided that N. D. Beutgen, clerk of the municipal court and E. T. Mische, superintendent of parks, are both under civil service, all employees holding subordinate positions in the city service prior to July 1 are now under civil service. They will not be required to take examinations to hold their jobs.

This ruling means that the employees of the incinerator will not have to take civil service examinations, but become automatically placed under the regulations pertaining to civil service. The same ruling applies to the other employees holding subordinate positions. The opinion was sent to the municipal civil service board.

The board this morning announced that the first examination to be held for senior playground instructor would take place next Tuesday. A large number of points in the grading is to be given for personality and experience, based on playground and gymnasium work. The practical part of the examination is to be held at the Peninsula Park.

WOULD WIDEN UNION AVENUE

City Engineer Dater Working on
the Project.

Union avenue from Bryant street to Columbia boulevard will be widened and put into shape for traffic, if plans now being made by City Engineer Dater are put into effect. A strip of 25 feet on each side of the street tracks has already been donated, and attempts are to be made to secure more property for street purposes.

NEW CITY POSITION PLANNED

Emergency Ordinance Provides for
Junior Accountant.

Commissioner Dieck will have five new positions created in the department of public works, should the emergency ordinance which comes before the council tomorrow be adopted. The measure provides for the appointment of one junior accountant at \$105 a month; two assistant foremen at \$35 per day; one topographical draughtsman at \$105 a month, and an office boy at \$25 a month.

NEEDY MEN WILL GET EMPLOYMENT SOON

A committee appointed by the Married Men's State Industrial league called on the county commissioners Monday seeking employment for needy married men of the city. Reporting the result of the meeting, W. H. Black, chairman of the committee, said today: "John B. Yeon, county commissioner, was called into council and he told the committee that the work at Latourelle on the Columbia river highway would begin in a few days, and that married men would be given preference. The wages, he said, would be \$2.25 per day. The men will be charged 75 cents per day for board. They must furnish their own blankets. The bunkhouses are being put up by the county. Pay day will be between the first and fifth of the month. The fare to the camp is 75 cents.

"Mr. Yeon stated that none but able bodied men need apply, as the work is heavy. Those wishing to work on the road are requested to send their names and address to me, and I will hand in the list to Mr. Yeon.

"Applicants will be notified when to report for work. My address is 1913 Union avenue, phone East 2658.

STOCKHOLDERS OF S., P. & S. WILL MEET

Stockholders of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway, composed entirely of Northern Pacific and Great Northern interests, will meet in annual session at Vancouver, Wash., Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

Reports of the year's business will be submitted and the stockholders will elect the trustees who, in turn, will choose officers. It is unlikely that any changes in the present trustees will be made.

Damage Suit on Trial.

Jury trial of the suit of Douglas McKay, master of the river steamer against the S., P. & S. railway, was started this morning before United States District Judge Wolverton. McKay was run down by a backing freight train at Linton August 8, and one arm was cut off at the shoulder. Damages of \$22,500 are asked.

"PEOPLE MUST NOT HARASS RAILROADS"

So, in Effect, Declares Pres-
ident Gilman of Spokane,
Portland & Seattle.

Declaring that every transportation man should exercise his influence against the common habit of harassing the railroads, President L. C. Gilman of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railway told the Portland Transportation club at luncheon today that if wrongs against the railroads are to be righted it must be by a reversal of public sentiment.

"In no other business does the government undertake to change the normal supply-and-demand system of price regulation," said President Gilman. "I would not complain of this, but I think it should be the business of all of us to see that the government that has the power to do this should be the best it is possible to produce. It is high time the government recognized the transportation business as a laudable and business-like enterprise, to be dealt with according to business methods.

"The last decade has been a period of false sentiment crystallizing into hostile government. But even this has not resulted in our disfranchisement. We must have a government that is fair and business-like."

Mr. Gilman declared the public should not be censured for believing the sectional prejudices which so often bear the aspect of truth until they are analyzed by one who knows their falsity, but he said we ought to have done with senseless political agitation and retire to private life those office holders who retain their power because of their attacks upon those who have.

William Woodhead, editor of Sun-Set Magazine and president of the Associated Ad Clubs of America, commended the remarks of Mr. Gilman, adding, however, that a more cordial spirit on the part of the railroad men toward the public, a dropping of the veil of mystery from transportation matters, would make the people understand and assume the more friendly attitude for which he contended. W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the North Bank, introducing Mr. Gilman and Mr. Woodhead.

STATISTICS SHOW COST OF THE OREGON TRUNK

Statistics as to the cost of the Oregon Trunk railway submitted yesterday to the railroad commissioner show that the cost of the Oregon portion of the Cello bridge and the system in Oregon was approximately \$18,000,000, and that the remainder of the bridge in Washington and the connection with the S., P. & S. tracks in Washington added about \$1,000,000 to the total. Nine months was spent by an expert accountant from the S., P. & S. offices in making the inventory and appraisal. The items will be checked by expert accountants.

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LEWIS IS CANDIDATE FOR THE LEGISLATURE

D. C. Lewis of St. Johns yesterday announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination as representative in the state legislature from Multnomah county.

Mr. Lewis is a lawyer. He will make the race on a platform which has for its slogan, "More law and fewer laws." Mr. Lewis advocates state aid for the unemployed, equitable laws of relation between employer and employee, good roads, an open river and a 40-foot bar, application of the Mann white slave act to counteract the traffic in women, prosecuting appeals, amendment of the tax laws and less political experimenting.

Mr. Lewis was a candidate for nomination as representative two years ago, but due to illness in his family took no active part in the campaign.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT EUGENE IS ASSURED

Indications pointed this morning to a representation much in excess of 125 on the Commercial club's special train to Eugene next Thursday. About 100 already have made reservations for the trip, and others are known to be intending to go. Tom Richardson said that the prospect of a big booster meeting here, Eugene being brighter than ever, his assurance coming from letters received from all over the Willamette valley.

The special train will leave over the Oregon Electric at 7:40 Thursday morning, returning at night after the gathering and the smoker and luncheon at the Eugene Commercial club.

Poor Rockefeller Dies.

Reading, Cal., Feb. 17.—Hiram H. Rockefeller, John D.'s cousin, died yesterday, aged 80, very poor.

JAPANESE GIRL TELLS OF TRIPLE MURDER

Colony at Walville Reputed
to Be Populated by
Riff Raff.

(Special to The Journal.) South Bend, Wash., Feb. 17.—Okane, Japanese girl of Tacoma's underworld, who has been suspected of being at least partly responsible for the murder of three Japanese at Walville, has admitted that she saw the killing of one of the three. She said she saw Koyami shot to death by Nishikami on the night of October 18 in the cabin of Section Foreman Matsui. Okane said Koyami was killed for speaking crossly to her.

Okane said she had also learned from another girl that Nishikami was himself killed by Mitogawa, who has confessed this crime.

Desquichi, the third man, was killed, Okane said, by Yamamoto, reputed outlaw, who has disappeared in the woods, and Matsui, foreman, is believed to be in the state insane asylum at Salem, Or.

Secretary Okamoto of the Japanese association at Tacoma says that the colony at Walville is populated by the worst people of his race, and that most of the trouble in which the Japanese of the port have been involved has originated in that colony.

Sheriff Word has received a telegram from Sheriff Bell of South Bend, Wash., stating that the Tony Matsui wanted in connection with the murder of three Japanese several months ago at a logging camp near Walville, Wash., is in Japan. Sheriff Word has notified Bell that Tony Matsui is held in the asylum at Salem pending deportation. No further effort will be made locally to investigate his whereabouts unless a request comes from Bell.

PACIFIC COAST AT MERCY OF CRUISER

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Banks File Applications. Washington, Feb. 17.—The following banks have filed application to join the new banking system in Oregon. First National, Hermiston; Paisley National, Paisley; Capital National, Salem.

Pensions for Oregonians.

Washington, Feb. 17.—Pensions were granted today to the following Oregonians: Minor of James Hall, Turner, \$12; Louisa McDowell, Summit, \$12.

SI CHRISTOFFERSON COMPLETES FLIGHT

San Diego, Cal., Feb. 17.—Silas Christofferson, the aviator, landed at the Panama-California exposition grounds here at 1:35 o'clock this afternoon, completing his flight from San Francisco.

He ascended from Ascot Park, Los Angeles, at 11:30 this morning, making the 120 miles in 10 hours, 20 minutes and two hours, and five minutes, making two stops. This is five minutes less than a mile a minute.

Leaving San Francisco a week ago, Christofferson was buffeted by the cold winds and treacherous air currents of Tehachapi pass. A number of times he set his airplane in the teeth of the gale and attempted to cross the pass, only to be driven back. Undaunted, he went back to San Francisco and obtained a more powerful motor.

The attempt to get across the pass yesterday was successful. Christofferson flew from Bakersfield to Los Angeles, a distance of 125 miles, in three hours and 40 minutes.

MINIATURE AMERICAN FLAGS BRING PREMIUMS

Miniature American flags are being sold throughout the city today for the purpose of raising funds to be devoted to the support of the Oregon Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations in connection with child welfare work.

Booths have been established in the large stores, hotels and other public places. The first flag purchased today was by the Portland Union Stockyards and the purchase price was \$5.

W. L. Campbell paid \$2 for a flag, saying: "If such women as those who constitute the Oregon Congress of Mothers can give their time to such a cause I consider my time well spent."

C. N. McArthur also paid a premium for a flag. Reports to the central bureau are to the effect that the flags are meeting with a ready sale.

GO-TO-CHURCH-SUNDAY COMMITTEE SELECTED

A committee including Dr. Luther J. Dwyer, Dr. C. L. Hamilton and Dr. T. F. Bowen, was selected today at a meeting of representatives from the various religious denominations of the city which met here this morning at 10 o'clock to select a "Go-to-Church-Sunday," which will select a committee of 15 to have charge of the movement. This committee of 15 will select the date of the Sunday and have full power to act for the ministerial federation.

Boy Killed Boxing.

Daingerling, Texas, Feb. 17.—Boxing with Jesse Lassater, a friend of his own age, Patrick Scroggins, 17, was killed over the heart and died immediately.

DESPONDENCY CAUSES ATTEMPT AT SUICIDE

Young Tacoma Man Takes
Poison but Will Recover;
Leaves Letter.

James Watson LeCron, 32-year-old son of Dr. S. M. LeCron of Tacoma, attempted suicide this morning at 3:30 o'clock in Washington park by taking either morphine or opium. He recovered consciousness at 9 o'clock this morning at St. Vincent's hospital.

Before attempting the act, the young man wrote two notes, one to his mother and the other to the public. Inquiry at the Dr. M. C. LeCron shows he has been cured for three since December 23, various members giving him financial aid and assisting him to a position.

Dr. Ziegler had a talk with him, in which he denied attempting suicide, declaring he did not know how or why he was taken to the hospital.

At the Y. M. C. A. LeCron was known as J. H. Lewis. He was given free board and room for several weeks, finally a position was secured for him in a furniture store, where he worked a couple of weeks, then quit, returning to the charity of the association. Later, LeCron would not seek work, and was believed to be in a state of despondency. Yesterday he complained that he felt sick and threatened suicide.

This morning Mrs. Mische, wife of the park superintendent, heard the man groaning. Motorcycle Officer Wash, stating that the man was found unconscious, called a letter to the public giving the names of his parents and recites at length an inability to work. The letter was signed "M. C. LeCron" and ordered him to vacate his room.

"Mr. Clark and Mr. Baker of the employment office know my condition and that I have been going to bed hungry. I told them both Thursday last that I had been living on two cups of coffee and six doughnuts a day and some says not that. It makes no allusion to the job secured for him in the furniture store.

The letter to his mother expresses regret at the trouble he has caused his parents. Confessions of this kind and worry over "my other trouble that you know of" drove him to attempt self destruction, he wrote. The rest of the letter relates to his requests of various personal belongings and requests that persons alluded to by initials only be notified of his death.

At noon LeCron's condition was greatly improved and he will soon be able to leave the hospital. He says he is a drug addict and worked at this for some time, the last regular employment being that of a railway conductor.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 17.—Dr. and Mrs. S. M. LeCron were greatly shocked today at the news of the attempted suicide of their son James, who was first given them in a United Press dispatch. They had not heard from the boy for several months and had received an appeal for aid from him. Dr. LeCron said the last he heard from James was some time ago when he was in Aberdeen, Just before he was shot.

LeCron visited him at Aberdeen, and he was at that time in funds and held a good position. His mother will go to Portland at once.

WHITE SLAVE FILM PICTURE CONDEMNED BY LOCAL CENSORS

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E. B. Colwell, made known its decision to Ralph Pincus of the Columbia theatre, San Francisco, who designed to show the film in this city.

At the instance of Mr. Pincus a private presentation was given at the Helig yesterday afternoon, to which some 50 judges, motion picture men, clergymen, school and child welfare workers were invited.

Following the presentation of the five reels, opinions on the advisability of presenting the film in Portland were voiced by a number of those present. About two-thirds who spoke saw nothing objectionable in pictures if closed to children under 16.

Judge Gatens, Municipal Judge John Stevenson, Superintendent of Schools Alderman all commended the film as an educational value, if not shown to too young girls and boys. The pictures were scored as being exaggerated, however.

Several in audience including the Rev. E. V. O'Hara, of the Industrial Welfare commission, expressed disapproval of their presentation. Father O'Hara stated that such pictures were the wrong way to teach morals. Judge Gatens expressed the opinion that the parents rather than the girls needed instruction and warning.

The committee consists of Mrs. E. B. Colwell, Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, Mrs. Sol Hart, Mrs. A. C. Newell and W. H. Warren, secretary to Mayor Alden.

"The Inside of the White Slave Trade" purports to be an educational presentation of dangers to girls through procurers, and claims to expose some of the methods commonly used by "white slavers" in trapping their victims.

The final decision as to whether the film shall be produced rests with the city officials.

Notwithstanding the adverse criticisms of the board of censorship, a statement made at noon today, Mr. Pincus announced that the pictures would be shown. The place for exhibition has not been decided upon as yet.

SUIT FILED AGAINST CASHIER COMPANY

To secure payment of \$334.29 alleged due from the Cashier Sales Cashier company, now involved in a receiver ship, for electric current furnished, J. H. Smith of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company this morning filed suit in the circuit court, claiming against the company is to be paid by Tax Collector Lewis for \$1404 in personal taxes on property owned by J. M. C. A. to select a "Go-to-Church-Sunday," which will select a committee of 15 to have charge of the movement. This committee of 15 will select the date of the Sunday and have full power to act for the ministerial federation.

PROGRAM O. K. SAYS HILL

Washington, Feb. 17.—James J. Hill today issued a statement that business men are not afraid of the Wilson administration's anti-trust program. Hill conferred with Chairman Adamson of the Interstate Commerce commission.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT OF PUPILS INCREASES

Number 4357 More Than the
Opening Day; 762 More
Than Last Week.

Pupils now enrolled in the public schools number 4357 more than were enrolled on the opening day in September, 1913, and 762 more than were enrolled last Monday. The total enrollment by schools, including yesterday, is as follows:

Allen 24, Florence Crittenton home 15, Franklin High 118, Jefferson High 120, Kennedy 46, Lincoln High 1377, Multnomah 41, Trades (boys) 240, girls 262, 512, Sylvan 49, Washington High 240, Alinsworth school 170, Albina High school 729, Astoria school 724, Boys' and Girls' Aid society 22, Broadview school 490, Buckman school 674, Capitol Hill school 52, Chapman school 488, Clinton Kelly school 655, Couch school 544, Creston school 457, Davis school 323, Elliott school 629, Falling school 742, Fernwood school 385, Foster school 120, Fulton Park school 46, Glencoe school 391, Gregory Heights school 50, Hawthorne school 574, Holman school 340, Hudson school 143, Irvington school 555, Jones school 124, Kanton school 53, Kerns school 584, Ladd school 872, Lents school 700, Lewisville school 385, Lincoln school 120, Lincoln school 616, Mount Tabor school 395, Oakley Green school 666, Peninsula school 465, Portsmouth school 425, Richmond school 590, Rose City Park school 383, school for deaf children 35, Wellwood school 73, Shaw school 716, Shaver school 527, Hoffman school 255, Stephens school 522, Sunnyside school 101, Terwilliger school 191, Thompson school 690, Vernon school 766, Eastmoreland school 45, Woodlawn school 540, Woodman school 420, Woodstock school 405. Total, 28,021.

ROTARY CLUB INSTALLS ITS NEW OFFICERS

The Rotary club at luncheon this afternoon in the Multnomah hotel divided time between extending good wishes by the members of the club, welcoming the incoming president, J. C. English, and being entertained in enthusiastic if amateur vaudeville by the members of the club whose names begin with "C." Mr. Cooper was first presented with a handsome Rotary watch box, then received from Mrs. Cooper, an engraved silver tray. Mr. English, who served last as vice president, was inducted into the office with cheers. Harry Cooper served as chairman of the day. J. A. Curry, in the flashy costume of a three card monte man, cracked jokes at the expense of club members. Frank, a Chinese, who had made a strange appearing catch, W. F. Cochrane rendered a piano solo. W. R. Cummins came on as black face comedian. A lottery was another feature of the retiring president, V. Cooper.

The final was a new Rotary song.

CHARGE OF MALICIOUS CONDUCT DISMISSED

District Judge Dayton yesterday afternoon dismissed a charge of malicious and wilful defacing of a building brought against Patrolman Wise by Attorney H. S. Pague for Jung Lung, a Chinese. Judge Dayton remarked that there was a civil remedy in a suit for damages but that he found no evidence of malice or willfulness.

Chief Clark testified he ordered his men to arrest all law breakers without specifying the means and Mayor Alden made the same statement.

Wise and six other officers were alleged to have cut holes to gain entrance to the building at 824 North Fourth street. The Chinese testified that no gambling was going on.

Objects to Lower Ceiling.

To stop the Multnomah Security company from lowering the ceiling in the basement of the Broadway building, suit was filed asking for an injunction by F. W. Lambert and Fred Ward, proprietors of a cafeteria in the basement. They allege that the change violated their lease. The complaint said that at 8 o'clock last night workmen attempted to start the changes and that constant guard is necessary to keep the laborers from starting to make the alterations.

Every Day Someone

finds out that coffee drinking is the unsuspected cause of various aches and ills—that

Steady nerves and a clear brain are often impossible to the regular coffee drinker.

Our work is to tell the facts about coffee—then

It's Up to You

to decide from your own condition and feelings whether to stick to coffee, with such handicaps as biliousness, headache, nervousness, indigestion, heart trouble and sleeplessness—or make

A Fair Test

Quit coffee absolutely for 10 days, and use the pure food-drink—Postum. Then take count of yourself.

If you find, as thousands of others have, that the coffee troubles are disappearing, you'll know

"There's a Reason"

for

POSTUM

—sold by Grocers everywhere

LETTERS EXPRESSED INTENT TO DEFRAUD

Government Introduces Ef-
fective Evidence in Con-
ners-Connelly Case.

Just before the noon recess today, Assistant United States Attorney Johnson read to the jury hearing the Conners-Connelly mail fraud case in Judge Bean's court two letters which the government claims passed between the two defendants in which Conners asserted his intention of defrauding Mrs. Jennie Riemann, the government's principal witness, out of several considerable sums of money, and in which Connelly was told to be "wise" if Mrs. Riemann asked any questions.

Henry A. Conners and John F. Connelly are charged with bilking Mrs. Riemann of \$115, secured by sending Mrs. Riemann, who lives at 302 1/2 Sixteenth street north, a letter stating that Conners' brother in New York was in trouble and needed \$150 to "square" himself. Evidence was introduced today to show that Henry Conners, himself in New York, had written the telegrams and letters to Mrs. Riemann and it was he who advised Connelly to be "wise."

Conners' brother Dan, to whom Mrs. Riemann thought she was sending the money, government showed, was in California.

Fred B. Lewis, clerk in a bonding house in Wall street, was a government witness and testified to rooming with Conners and writing some of the telegrams for Conners which were sent to Portland and which were instrumental in causing the alleged fraud to be perpetrated. One of the telegrams he testified to sending to John Connelly at his office in the Hotel child building in this city.

Mrs. Riemann was the government's chief witness of the morning. She told of sending the money late in September to New York in response to the appeal from the supposed Dan Conners. Later she went to see Connelly and he admitted, she said, that the scheme was a "frame-up" to get her money. She testified he showed her the two letters that were read to the jury in which Henry Conners is charged with fixing up the scheme with Connelly, but she said he refused to give them to her. Then she caught City Detectives Craddock and Royle to arrest Connelly, and on the way to the court house he gave Craddock the letters, she said.

WANT "PACIFIC HIGHWAY" TO BE OFFICIAL NAME

In pursuance of a plan to have the main trunk highway from British Columbia to Mexico officially designated as "The Pacific Highway," the commercial bodies of Portland and Oregon as the Pacific highway, but in California it has other designations, being known through a portion of the state as "El Camino Real."

The name Pacific highway it is felt is a very expressive one and it is desired it be preserved throughout the entire length of the highway. Those behind the movement are Samuel Hill, president, and Frank Branch Riley, vice president of the Pacific highway, and Julius L. Meier, president of the Columbia River Highway association.

LANDLADY TESTIFIES IN HER OWN DEFENSE

"I've got 57 rooms and don't put all my guests to bed," earnestly and with much emphasis testified Mrs. Lillian Davis this morning in the municipal court when she was charged with conducting the Bradford hotel in a disorderly manner. "I can't watch all my roomers," continued the woman, "but know I'm running as clean a place as there is in Portland."

The Bradford hotel was raided last week by the moral squad. Four women and two men were arrested. Mrs. Davis testified she thought the raid a few days after arriving from Spokane.

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