

CHARGES IMPERIL APPLICANTS' JOBS

Fire Commissioner Causes Consternation by Complaint of Irregularities

LIST MAY BE SET ASIDE

Board Member Declares Papers Were Corrected After Examination Closed

"Perhaps the board was too lenient, but it certainly had no idea of doing anything crooked," was the answer made by A. W. Spalding, secretary of the civil service commission, to serious charges intimated by the fire commissioner at its session yesterday.

The commission has asked the council to investigate the method of holding examinations pursued by the civil service commission and to throw out the eligible list for battalion chief that the civil service commission has certified to the fire board.

Charges of irregularities that amount almost to the appearance of favoritism were made by Fire Commissioner C. O. Hawley against the civil service commission yesterday and were admitted by Secretary Spalding.

Mr. Hawley told the fire commission that he had positive knowledge that two candidates for the position of battalion chief had been permitted to amend their examination papers a week after the examination had been held. These candidates were Fire Captains Alton Moore and Solomon Sepulveda.

These two men were allowed to answer a question asked at the examination for battalion chief a week after the examination had been held and after they had had plenty of time to study up the required answer.

"This question was not one of mathematics or any other subject that the men could have studied from books," said Secretary Spalding in answer to Mr. Hawley's charges. "It was one that appealed to the intelligence of the men. The question was: 'Write a letter addressed to the fire commission suggesting any improvements that would bring the department up to a higher grade of efficiency.'"

"The men came before the commission and pleaded guilty to the charge, but they were allowed to answer the question, claiming they had overlooked it during the examination. As the two men had passed high in other subjects the council concluded to permit them to amend and the amended papers were filed with the board May 10. Commissioners D. H. Laubersheimer, W. O. Morton, G. I. Cochrane and Gen. G. M. Burton were present at that meeting and all voted in the affirmative. Dr. J. R. Hughes was in Europe. They merely wanted to give these men a chance to improve their score on the position."

This "chance" placed Moore second on the eligible list and Sepulveda fourth. As there is one vacancy for battalion chief, Moore would be certified to the fire commission with one other for the position.

It is probable that the entire eligible list will be set aside and a new examination called for the promotion in the library. The commission has asked the council to order the list set aside, but the council has no power to do so. This must be done by the civil service commission itself.

Eligible lists have been set aside in the past when there was a strong demand for such action, notably in the case of candidates for promotion in the library. The first list secured from the examination of such candidates was set aside because of a big protest made by the candidates themselves.

AMERICAN COMPANY WILL GET NEW EXPRESS TIME

Car Direct from New York to Arrive Here September 2

The first train hauling a car of express direct from New York city to Los Angeles for the American Express company will arrive in Los Angeles September 2, according to advices received yesterday by C. H. Mann, general agent. It will arrive over the Salt Lake route from Salt Lake City and, according to officials of both the express company and the railroad, will establish a new record for transporting commodities across the continent.

The local office of the new company is practically completed and ready for business. Next Monday the entire working force of the company here will participate in a parade through the principal streets of Los Angeles. The thirty-three wagons which the company will commence business with, gayly decorated, will form the principal part of the parade.

JURY HOLDS RAILWAY FOR ELEVEN DEATHS

Declares Northwestern Pacific Negligent Through Employes

SAN RAFAEL, Aug. 25.—That the eleven persons who were killed in the wreck of a passenger train on the Northwestern Pacific at Ignacio several weeks ago met death because of "the negligence of the said company through its employes, the crew of train No. 18" was the verdict returned by the coroner's jury tonight after deliberating twenty-five minutes on the evidence placed before them.

Conductor Flaherty of train No. 18 was the main witness and assumed all the blame for the disaster, repeating his previous statements that he had forgotten that he was to meet No. 6, the wrecked train, and proceeded toward Sausalito, although he knew the train was coming.

DEMOCRATS TO PURCHASE CLEVELAND'S BIRTHPLACE

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 25.—The birthplace of Grover Cleveland at Caldwell, N. J., is to be purchased by Democratic leaders of Caldwell and the neighboring towns for use as a club house. The property is now the Presbyterian parsonage, but was recently placed upon the market by the church trustees. A committee has been named to arrange terms of the purchase and raise the funds.

Couple Well Known in Theatrical Circles Who Were Wed Yesterday



MR. AND MRS. WALTER SPENCER, UNTIL YESTERDAY AFTERNOON THE BRIDE WAS MISS BESSIE DUNLAP

AUTO FAILS TO HALT WEDDING OF ACTRESS

Bessie Dunlap, Leading Woman at Princess Theater, Weds Walter Spencer

An automobile, new and radiantly red, its seats upholstered in leather and looking luxurious and inviting, failed to swerve pretty Bessie Dunlap, leading woman at the Princess theater, from her determination to marry the man of her choice, Walter Spencer, who has been appearing behind the footlights at the Olympic theater.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Dunlap wanted their daughter to remain single. They thought an automobile might help her to resist the wiles of Dan Cupid, and gave her one with the understanding she would not marry. But she did, and thirty members of the theatrical profession saw the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Spencer will go to Fresno, having signed contracts for an extended appearance there.

The marriage was solemnized at the new home of the bride and bridegroom, 618 East Twelfth street, after yesterday's matinee performance, the Rev. Reynold Blight officiating. Charles H. Alphin played the wedding music, and an elaborate supper was served after the ceremony. After the marriage vows were spoken Mrs. Spencer announced the automobile would still be hers, although she would not take it north with her.

"Father did want me to remain single and devote all my time to my art," she said, "and he gave me the automobile with that understanding, but Mr. Spencer and I have been engaged for more than a year, and when we had this chance to work together I thought probably father wouldn't mind, and he surely will not take the automobile away from me now," and she threw a coaxing glance toward her parents, who were officiating as hosts for the occasion.

Mildred Duarte, a chorus girl at the Princess theater, suffered a severe injury to her back shortly after midnight last night while on her way to her dressing room. Miss Duarte, who also goes under the name of Mary Smith, participated in a banquet held on the Princess stage in honor of Bessie Hill of the Princess, who was married last night to Walter Spencer of the Olympic theater. Some mildred Duarte claims that a person pushed her down a short flight of steps, while her companions of the chorus claim she fell down. She was removed to the receiving hospital.

STRANGE LETTER CAUSES WAITRESS TO DISAPPEAR

Friends Fear Gertrude Noonan Received Threat

Employees of the St. Elmo cafe, 343 North Main street, made a lot more fuss made of Miss A's singing than Miss K's, and I am sure Miss K has by far the most voice. Jack—Ah, yes; but Miss A has by far the richer throat.—Boston Courier.

LET ME JOIN FOR MYSTERY SHROUDS NUMBER OF DEAD

Organization Is Perfected to Protect Industry Against Unjust Legislation

SAN FRANCISCO OBDURATE

Northern City, Jealous of Los Angeles' Energy, Opposes Endeavor to Get Together

At a somewhat stormy meeting of oil men at the chamber of commerce last night an organization was perfected to be known as the Western Oil Producers' association, the chief object being, as outlined, to protect the oil interests of California against unjust legislation and to advance the market and general condition of the industry.

The meeting was made up generally of local oil men, or at least those having their headquarters in the city of Los Angeles, and received opposition from San Francisco, which through several operators sent telegrams urging that such an organization would be a local affair and not representative of the entire state. But these arguments were offset by local oil men, who said that everybody interested in the oil industry would be invited to join the association, and that its sole object would be to promote the oil interests of the entire state.

Conservation is a subject upon which the oil men cannot agree, it was side-tracked for the time being. At a former meeting this subject came up and almost caused a split in the body assembled, as those operating upon patented lands were for conservation and those upon government land (and many of the big gushers of the state are on government land) were against the issue.

OPPOSITION FROM NORTH S. C. Graham was chairman of the meeting and read telegrams from J. M. Dutton, W. H. Whittier, John Barnson, John Baker, Jr., and W. W. Orcutt, all dated at San Francisco, although several of the men are residents of Los Angeles. All these telegrams were in opposition to the meeting as outlined. Orcutt said he was opposed to paying a royalty to the government, which is the keynote of conservation as advanced by the Pinchot. But Orcutt did say that he was in favor of organization which would offer relief to oil men in legislation and the extension of the oil market.

Barnson protested flat-footed against the Pinchot policy, and Danziger opposed taking any action at this time. Whittier wished the oil men at the north could be here. Other telegrams from the north were along similar lines. There was probably a selfish spirit as it was obvious that they did not wish any such organization to be perfected here, preferring that anything of interest to the oil men of California should be handled from San Francisco. Sidney Norman explained that fully 75 per cent of the oil men operating in California lived in the San Francisco area, and inasmuch as this city was more vigorous in getting together the first two meetings for the purpose of organizing the oil men of the northern territory.

STATE WIDE ORGANIZATION Both Norman and L. P. St. Clair, president of the Producers' Transportation company, stuck for a state wide organization. St. Clair, however, argued that the northern operators be given an opportunity to come here and express their views.

There were several factions at the meeting, but it is believed that after the next meeting, to be held Thursday of the coming week, the oil men will arrive at some definite conclusion. However, as the thing stands now, the Oil Producers' association is a factor in the oil producing world and will probably remain, bringing in from time to time new members from among the operators in the San Joaquin valley and San Francisco. The roll of organization, indorsing the bylaws, was signed by fifty-four oil operators present at the meeting. The second article of the bylaws, designated as "Purpose," reads:

"Its purpose shall be to unite the oil operators of California and the west in an association for the protection and advancement of the industry; to secure legislation which shall govern the disposition of public lands containing oil in a manner just and equitable alike to the operator and to the government, and devise ways and means for effecting such legislation; to collect data to show oil property valuations in Los Angeles county are fair."

OFFICIALS WILL PROTEST INCREASE IN ASSESSMENT

When the question of raising the assessment valuations of Los Angeles county comes before the state board of equalization next Thursday, County Assessor James Perkins and Supervisors Pridham, Manning and McCabe will protest against any raise.

These officials have been subpoenaed to appear before the board to show why the valuations should not be raised, though this does not necessarily mean that a raise will be made. The county officials are collecting data to show that property valuations in Los Angeles county are fair.

Plans are now being made by several prominent business men representing commercial bodies to accompany the county officials to Sacramento.

WOMAN, AGED 70, WALKS UP PIKE'S PEAK AND BACK

ASSEMBLY SPRINGS, Colo., Aug. 25.—Mrs. Mary Powell, Philadelphia, aged 70, yesterday walked to the summit of Pike's Peak and back, a trip consisting of eighteen miles and a climb of more than 10,000 feet, reaching a total altitude of 14,147 feet above sea level.

Mrs. Powell, who is visiting friends in Manitou, at the front of the peak, a pedestrian of note in her native city.

At the finish of her trip, which many men have failed to complete, she remarked she was a "little tired."

HIBERNIANS HONOR PASTOR S. J. JOSE, Cal., Aug. 25.—Following the adjournment of the Ancient Order of Hibernians' convention, which occurred last evening, the state board of equalization by a unanimous vote elected Rev. T. Garaher, pastor of St. Francis church, San Francisco, chaplain of the order for the fourth consecutive term.

Fire Destroys Bodies of Victims of Terrible Train Wreck at Durand, Mich.

SEEKING TO PLACE BLAME

Farmers See Persons Cremated, but Are Unable to Lend Any Aid

(Continued from Page One) years old, fractured right leg and left hip, at Flint hospital; Albert B. Watts, Edmonton, Alberta, not serious, at Flint; Mrs. F. H. McBean, Chicago, mother of James McBean, fractured right leg; Mrs. S. A. Shettes, Chicago, fractured right arm and internal injuries; Clinton A. Davis, Montreal, seriously injured.

Passengers who escaped injury: Jeffrys, Racine; Dodd, Minneapolis; Parley, Minneapolis; man in lower 6, probably was injured; unidentified man boarded train at South Bend and left at Flint; unidentified woman in lower 7; two unidentified men in upper 7.

George Nelson, fireman second train, probably was scalded; and Bert Mitchell, engineer of the forward train, had his head so terribly crushed that he may die.

TWO AND A HALF MILLIONS INVESTED IN AEROPLANES

More Than 800 Machines Have Been Built During Year

PARIS, France, Aug. 18.—The aeroplane industry has developed in France with as much rapidity as did the manufacture of automobiles in the infancy of the land machine, and now there are in France a number of well equipped aeroplane factories turning out machines to their full capacity.

A little over a year ago there were fewer than 100 aeroplanes in all Europe, principally in France, but statistics of constructors show that since the first cross-channel flight Bleriot has built 200 duplicates of his monoplane, with which he crossed from Calais to Dover, and Farman has manufactured at his works more than 100 biplanes.

Other types bring the French production up to about 800, which have sold for something over \$2,500,000. The small Bleriot sold at first for \$2000, but after its success in crossing the channel the price was raised, and the latest types now cost from \$3100 to \$5100. The catalogue prices of other important makes are:

For the Farman, \$5000; for the Vespene, \$4600; for the Antoinette, \$5500; for the Wright, which is manufactured here under an arrangement with the inventors, \$5000, and for the Sommer machine, \$5000.

AVIATORS TO EXPERIMENT WITH WIRELESS MESSAGES

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Experiments in sending wireless messages from an aeroplane are to be made on an extended scale at the Sheepshead Bay race track by the Aero club and its corps. The biplane of J. C. Mars has been equipped with wireless apparatus, and the experiments will begin as soon as the weather conditions are favorable.

Both receiving and sending apparatus to be used are specially designed to overcome the difficulties of work while in flight. For the earlier experiments messages will be exchanged between Mars' passenger and a receiving station on the roof of the grand stand near by.

Major Samuel C. Reber, chief signal officer of the department of the east, in charge of the work at Sheepshead Bay, hopes to meet with sufficient success in the experiments to grant a large appropriation for the development of an aeroplane especially adapted for army purposes.

CURTIS AND TWO OTHERS TO DEFEND SPEED TRIP

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—The board of governors of the Aero club decided yesterday to invite Glenn H. Curtiss and two other American aviators to defend the Gordon Bennett international speed trophy, which Curtiss won last year at Rheims.

His two associates will be selected in elimination trials to be held during the early days of the coming international race. Curtiss design, he equipped with a 110-horsepower motor, which is more than twice the power of the motor used by Curtiss when he won the trophy.

What the Wright brothers will do will be known only when the machines take to air. They have promised five entries.

DRUG CLERKS' MISTAKES CAUSE DEATH OF TWO

Gives Baby Carbohic Acid Instead of Laxative

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Two persons lost their lives during the past twenty-four hours as a result of mistakes made by drug clerks in filling prescriptions, according to the reports handed to the police by the coroner's office.

In one case, a teaspoonful of carbohic acid was administered to a two-year-old baby because the drug clerk had put the acid into a laxative prescription by mistake. The baby was seized with convulsions and died in a few moments.

Star Clothing Co.

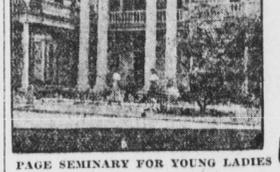
102-104 South Main Street

The Store That Saves You Money

Clearance Sale

All Our \$12.50, \$15.00, \$16.50, \$18.00 And \$20.00 Suits

\$7.75



PAGE SEMINARY FOR YOUNG LADIES

ANNETTE KELLERMANN TO LECTURE TO "WOMEN ONLY" Address Will Be Given in Orpheum Beginning at 11 o'Clock

So much interest attaches to the lecture by Annette Kellermann at the Orpheum, to "women only," that it is already assured that a packed house will greet her and many will be turned away. The lecture will be given next Tuesday morning, beginning at 11 o'clock, and no tickets of admission are required, the sole requisites being the presence of those who wish to hear.

The doors will open at 10:30 o'clock, and ushers will seat those who arrive, and later pass cards to them, whereon they may write such questions as they desire Miss Kellermann to answer personally, which she will do at the conclusion of her talk.

Miss Kellermann is known as "the perfect woman," as called by Prof. Dudley Sargeant of Harvard, who took her measurements, as she is seen in her diving clothes, ready for the plunge. She will devote her talk to telling how, a puny and half-crippled child, was enabled to become a modern Venus by means of exercise, and especially through swimming, which she is the world's foremost champion.

A scientific discourse on the effects on various persons of different exercises will be part of her entertainment.

SANTA FE TEST TRAIN CREW GOES TO AVALON

Results of Trip from Chicago Not Yet Reported

NO MORE NO LESS

With Our Famous Concave Shoulders Close-Fitting Collars and Non-Break Fronts We Cut Out the Middle Profits

Unclaimed Suits for Half Price This Week

Stores in Principal Cities

English Woollen Mills Ltd. Los Angeles Store 137-139 S. Spring St. OPEN EVENINGS

"PAY LESS" Dress Better



Suit to Order

NO MORE NO LESS

With Our Famous Concave Shoulders Close-Fitting Collars and Non-Break Fronts We Cut Out the Middle Profits

Unclaimed Suits for Half Price This Week

Stores in Principal Cities

English Woollen Mills Ltd. Los Angeles Store 137-139 S. Spring St. OPEN EVENINGS

3 DAY DRINK HABIT LEGAL GUARANTEE WITH NEAL CURE

NO HYPODERMICS HARMLESS 945 So. OLIVE ST. A 4072 BWAY 4-602

Use "Liners"