

HIRES ITS EMPLOYEES

Executive Board Makes Re-appointments.

ALSO RAISES A FEW SALARIES

Captain of Detectives Gets \$100, Superintendent of Street-Cleaning \$125—Maximum Number of Men in Departments Fixed.

At an extended meeting of the Executive Board yesterday afternoon, all the employees of the several departments—police, fire, street repair, bridges and found—were re-appointed. The police force was limited to a number not to exceed 60, and the bridge and repair men who are under the direction of the City Engineer to 20, and an eight-hour day. Two officers who shall attend to the collection of licenses will be provided for in an ordinance to be drawn up by the City Auditor, and they will be under the supervision of the City Auditor. Instead of the Chief of Police, as formerly, the salary of the Captain of Detectives was raised from \$90 to \$100; of the Superintendent of the Street-Cleaning and Sprinkling Department, from \$100 to \$125, and there were several other minor increases. The meeting was the first regular one held by the board, and it was attended by every member except A. L. Mills, who was unable to be present. The principal business to be considered was the naming of salaries for the year and of the maximum number of men to be employed in the several departments, so that a full list might be presented to the Council for final action at its meeting next Wednesday. Mayor Williams explained that it was the duty of the board to make such recommendations to the Council, and the Fire Department estimates were presented. The department asks for an appropriation of \$120,000, but the tax levy will produce only \$90,000, a deficiency of \$30,000. Last year the department spent \$105,000, including the cost of the two new first-class engines and hose. Mr. Fildner suggested an increase of the salary of Chief Campbell from \$165 to \$200 a month.

No Increase for Campbell.
"The Chief of Police," he said, "receives \$300, and the Chief of the Fire Department, who holds just as responsible a position, should be paid the same sum. There should be no distinction." "Chief Campbell," said the Mayor, "has not applied for any increase of salary, and I am not inclined to grant any increase until we know just where we stand. The comparison as to responsibility which Mr. Fildner made will hardly hold good. The Chief of the Fire Department must certainly be an experienced fireman, but the Chief of Police must be a man of more ability and more judgment. The officers and members of the Fire Department were reappointed, and the salaries were placed at the same figure as last year.

Police Department Affairs.
The estimates of the Police Department were \$85,000, and the Chief of Police said that the receipts from the tax would be \$75,000. The expenditures last year were \$75,000, and there was a balance of \$10,000 in the fund. The clerk and jailer, who had received a salary of \$100 a month, had been removed and his position abolished. Two captains had formerly been employed, and one, J. T. Moore, received \$100 a month, and the other, Robert Holman, at \$85.

"Why the distinction?" asked Mr. Siebel.
"Night and day men," said Chief of Police Hunt.
Asked to explain the workings of the Police Department, Chief Hunt said that under the old system there were only two captains at the salaries named and with watches of 12 hours. There are now three captains with eight-hour watches. Below the rank of captain every man is a patrolman, and he may be assigned to duty on a beat or at the jail, or as driver of the patrol wagon. All receive the same salary of \$75 a month.

"The advantage of this," continued the Chief, "is that a man knows that he is subject to every duty under the police system. If he should be assigned as jailer or driver he would think that he had nothing else to do except to attend to those duties. As a patrolman he knows that he may be called upon to perform any duty, whether as policeman, jailer or driver."

The Chief also explained that there would be four detectives instead of six, and that one of the four (Simmons) would serve as captain. As the captain will be on duty day and night, his salary was placed at \$100 per month and the salaries of the three others at \$80. Officer Hawley, of the Boys' and Girls' Aid Society, was retained as a patrolman, as was also the stenographer of the Chief of Police at \$65 per month. The stenographer will also act as clerk to the chief and will set the day captain in his clerical duties. The compensation of Mrs. Simmons, the matron at the police station, was placed at \$50.

No Action on License Collectors.
The salaries of the former license officers were stated to be \$125 for the collector and \$75 for the deputy. There is no provision made for these offices by the charter, and Mr. Boise moved that the board appoint such officers at a salary of not to exceed \$100 per month for both, "and let them divide it up."

"The suggestion has been made to me," said the Mayor, "that these officers be deputized by the City Auditor. The Auditor should certainly supervise their accounts."

"I have talked with a number of business people," rejoined Boise, "and they have said that we really have not enough license collectors. Councilman Sharkey, I believe, told me that if we had another collector we would secure an additional revenue of from \$3000 to \$4000 a month from licensees."

"I believe myself," said the Mayor, "that sufficient energy has not been infused into the office. The office is a very important one, and it should be placed in the hands of good men."

As the office of license collector will have to be created by the Council, no action could be taken. City Auditor Devlin will draft an ordinance on the subject. The compensation of City Electrician Walker was placed at \$120, the salary he now receives, and he was assigned to duty in the Fire Department. His assistant, Mr. Brill, at a salary of \$80, was assigned to the Police Department.

recommended that all the specials be reappointed excepting J. H. Roberts, who had not applied for reappointment, and the recommendation was adopted.
Sidewalk Inspectors Lillis and Carr and all the janitors of the public schools and one of the City Hall were invested with the authority of special policemen, without compensation, as provided by the charter.

The request of the Humane Society for a special officer was granted, and a patrolman will be detailed from the regular force. The society wanted Officer Reising, who had served it before, but Reising was considered too valuable a man to take from the regular force entirely, and he will probably be assigned to humane duty only occasionally.

Donaldson's Salary Increased.
Of the street-cleaning and sprinkling department Mr. Howell and Mr. Goddard said they had visited the barn and found everything in good shape. Mr. Howell said the salary of Superintendent Donaldson was entirely too low, considering the work and the responsibility of the position. He has at times from 60 to 85 men under his charge, and his compensation is \$100 a month. Mr. Howell moved that it be increased to \$125, and the salary of the foreman be increased from \$75 to \$80, and that the rest remain at the old figure. The motion was carried. After the vote was announced it was discovered that the night and day hostlers, each receiving \$55 a month, had a 12-hour working day.

"How can we fix that?" asked Mr. Boise. "The charter prescribes eight hours," said Mr. Fildner.

"If the men do not complain, and sign receipts for their pay, there will be no trouble about the matter," said the Mayor. "In that department eight hours is an impracticable day, because men, horses and carts are coming and going all the time. Still, if the men should insist upon the eight-hour day, they have their rights."

Mr. Howell stated that Mr. Donaldson would comply with the provisions of the new charter in this respect, as it was the evident intention of the framers of the charter to place the department on an eight-hour basis.

The motion was allowed to stand as passed, and the maximum force was fixed at 85 men. The estimates of the City Engineer showed that there were 20 employees in the street repair department, including the bridge men. Six more will have to be added to the bridge gang. The City Engineer placed his maximum at 30 men, and asked that the pay of the bridge foreman be increased from \$2 to \$3 a day, and his request was granted. The pay of the other employees was left at the same figure, excepting those directly under the Engineer, who will have to go before the Council.

Boise Against Tearing Up Streets.
While the City Engineer's office was under consideration, Mr. Boise said some action should be taken to prevent the tearing up of streets in order to lay gas, sewer and water pipes. It was nothing, he said, to see a finely laid street torn up and then relaid in a manner which was a disgrace to the city. As a single instance he cited East Taylor street, which was torn up and relaid in the same manner two years ago and was one of the finest drives in the city. Now, he said, a bump or a hole could be found every few steps. He suggested that no one be allowed to tear up a street for any purpose without the permission of the City Engineer, and where such permission should be granted the work be done by a force of expert repairers under the direction of the Engineer, the parties to be paid the cost.

Red J. Olsen was reappointed clerk of the Municipal Court at the request of both Judge Hogue and Chief Hunt. Under the charter Mr. Olsen will also serve as clerk of the Chief of Police.

C. S. Simmons, R. T. Chamberlain and J. T. Rasmussen were reappointed janitors; R. Smock, engineer; F. Moore, night watchman, and James Backintosh elevator conductor in the City Hall.

Deputy Poundmasters J. H. Rees and J. H. Keefe were reappointed at a compensation of \$2 a day.

Bids for Improvements.
Bids for street and sewer improvements were opened as follows:

Street—Third street, cement sidewalks—Miller & Bauer, \$4465; Avery & O'Brien, —; U. G. Hayne, \$2486; Marshall Bros., \$5617; Smith & Howard, \$5321.

Second street, cement sidewalks—Avery & O'Brien, \$4253; A. Stensden, \$4006; U. G. Hayne, \$5023; Marshall Bros., \$5188; Smith & Howard, \$5092.

Umatilla avenue—J. R. O'Neill, \$3008; Bechel Bros., \$3234.

Peninsula avenue—R. J. Debur, \$3198; Bauer & Wismer, \$4506; Fendall & Osborn, \$3417.

Umatilla avenue—J. A. McMullen, one block, \$365; A. M. Wills, \$2673; F. J. Stevens, \$2417.

of Messrs. Howell, Boise and Beebe. The opinion of the board was that the old lumber was worth more than \$50, and that a better offer might be obtained.

FIGHT ON OIL TANKS.

Committee Will Meet Saturday and Hear Arguments.

The select committee of the Council, to whom the four oil ordinances that had been "pigeonholed" for months were referred last week, will have a meeting Saturday afternoon, and everybody who favors or opposes the measures will be granted a hearing. The committee consists of Messrs. Flegel, Sigler and Zimmerman, and at least two of its members have said that they are favorable to the fuel oil ordinances, because fuel oil would be a benefit to the mills and the factories of the city. Councilman Sharkey, who has opposed the ordinances from the time of their introduction, is in Grant's Pass, and he has written from that city to the effect that while he will not be able to attend the meeting, he will continue his struggle in the Council next Wednesday. The principal ordinance will probably be introduced by Mr. Bentley, granting the Standard Oil Company the right to erect a tank for the storage of fuel oil at East First and East Madison streets. This ordinance is opposed by a great many East Side houses and mill men, and a large delegation will attend the session of the committee. That the fight will be a determined one is evidenced by the fact that an organization has been formed of representatives of the big warehouses and other business houses in the district between East Third street and the Willamette River to resist the location of any more oil tanks by the Standard or any other company in that neighborhood. By invitation of Edward M. Brandt, the meeting was held in Studebaker Bros. building, on East Morrison and East Second streets. The houses represented were Studebaker Bros., John Deere Company, Buffalo-Riggs Company, Advance Thrasher Company, J. L. Case Thrasher Company, Joseph Supple, shipbuilder, the Troy Laundry and some others, who are opposed to oil tanks in the district. A committee was appointed by the warehousemen to meet with the Council committee.

Joseph Supple, the boatbuilder, in speaking of the matter, said: "We came together to form a permanent organization to fight the oil proposition in any form. It has come up again in the shape of a permit to permit the Standard Oil Company to erect an oil tank larger than any it now has. We don't want them here among us. None of the big warehouse owners wants more oil tanks, and I should think that now that this is understood by the City Council, that efforts to erect more oil tanks should not be countenanced by that body. Councilman Flegel was active to prevent oil tanks in his ward, but seems willing enough they should be located in East Portland. The matter will come up next Saturday, when we shall be there in a body and make our protest, as we did before."

SCHOOLGIRL IS MISSING.
Portsmouth Search Party Finds No Trace of Sadie Sharp.

Sadie Sharp, a schoolgirl 14 years of age, living with her parents in Portsmouth, disappeared yesterday morning and up to a late hour last night had not been heard from. The girl left her schoolroom soon after 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and though her home was only two blocks distant, she had not been seen by any one who left the building. She had passed the examinations the day before, and was not required to attend school yesterday, but accompanied some of her friends to school and remained there a few minutes after school was called. Then she left the schoolhouse without telling her friends her destination. Naturally they thought that she was going home, while her parents believe that she had remained with some of her friends who had also passed the examination the day before. It was not until late last evening that the girl's continued absence caused an investigation, and, as no one had seen her after leaving the schoolroom, a search party headed by her father, P. J. Sharp, was organized and hunted the woods surrounding the suburb without finding a trace of the missing girl. Her parents can give no motive for her action in leaving home, and say that she appeared in good health.

Sadie Sharp is described as having a fair complexion, with light brown hair. She wore spectacles, a red Tam O' Shanter, and a black cape with a blue skirt. Her parents may be notified, should she be seen, by telephoning Russ 729.

PANTS SALE.

Brownsville Woolen Mills Having a Sale on Pants and Suits.

To most men an extra pair of good, serviceable pants just now is a handy thing to have. The Woolen Mills are now making up a very fine line, and the prices are fully one-third less than what they regularly sell at.

The heavy-weight suits made up too late for the holiday trade are also being sold at clearance sale prices.

When in need of pure wool goods, remember the Woolen Mill Store, on Washington street, between First and Second streets.

Stamps for Meyer's Boy.
ROME, Jan. 28.—Hearing that Ambassador Meyer's son was collecting postage stamps, Queen Helen has sent him two handsome albums and also a complete set of Montenegrin stamps.

FRESHET AT ITS CREST

DANGER POINT OF THE WILLAMETTE FLOOD IS PASSED.

Force of Men Kept at Work Clearing Away Debris From the Bridges.

The crest of the freshet of the Willamette passed down the river yesterday about noon, and from now on the river will recede. It is generally thought that all danger from continued high water is past, and people occupying lower docks along the river front will breathe a sigh of relief and prepare to move their goods and chattels to their accustomed places again.

All yesterday morning the angry and turgid water awirled past Portland, carrying along in a kaleidoscopic whirl logs and floating debris of all variety. Some of this material collected along on docks, and especially on the bridge piers, but by the energetic work of the men in charge, no serious damages resulted.

Probably the largest section was of the up-stream end of the steel bridge draw-what, where Foreman Hall kept a force of men with ropes and pike poles busy and succeeded in keeping things clear all day yesterday.

All the dockowners were warned by the Weather Bureau, and there was no damage from water reported yesterday, although in some cases the flood was very near the danger point. As the water marked 19.3, and then the river began to recede slowly, so that last night it was many inches below the high point. It will be higher than usual for several days to come, but will not reach the mark set yesterday unless weather conditions complicate matters again.

The most serious inconvenience resulting from the high water was the fact that the Albina free ferry had not been running since Saturday. As the streets and bridges leading to that part of the city are in very bad shape, there were a number of imprecations called down on the authorities in charge of the boat. Most of the people of Albina say that during the freshets of the past the boat has never been put out of commission, and that there is no reason why it should be now. The boat is run on a cable, and heretofore when the cable became too low in the water it was slipped off and the boat operated without its use. This has not been done this time, and the people who have occasion to use this method of transportation want to know why. As the matter stands, Lower Albina will have to be inconvenienced for a while longer until the captain decides that he can commence trips again.

Supple's boatyard is covered by water. The steam schooner Sequoia, which was high and dry on the ways, is again under to a depth of several feet, so repairs can only go forward on the bow and stern. The Government boat Major Guy Howard under a shed in this yard would float off if the props were removed. The water covers the hull for several feet, but the water touches the bottom of the propeller Arrow, built on the Haseltine dock at the foot of East Pine street.

NEEDED A LEADING MAN.

An Accident Served to Keep Mr. Clarke on the Coast.

Harry Corson Clarke, the well-known character actor, who was killed by his physicians to die in Portland a few years ago, came to town yesterday as strong and genial and happy a young man as one would care to meet. It was the climate of Portland which cured him after all his doctors had given him up, but he is giving the credit of his cure to the fact that he has been living for the past three years on milk and molasses. The weird tale finds no believers beyond Mr. Clarke's press agent.

"I am here on the Pacific Coast as the result of an accident," said Mr. Clarke yesterday, "but I don't regret it, for I am among friends. I was playing in 'Hello Bill' in San Francisco when the Theater Republic people had a row with J. Harrington Reynolds, their leading man, and they offered me his place. I took it for eight weeks, and when my season closed we had pulled the theater out of a very deep hole. They want me to come back now for a ten-week season, but my new engagements will not permit it."

TO LEVY LIBRARY TAX.

Directors Ask Judge Webster to Put New Law Into Effect.

William M. Ladd, Rev. T. L. Elliot, Milton W. Smith and W. B. Ayer, directors of the Portland Library Association, called upon County Judge Webster yesterday to arrange for the 1-5 of a mill county levy for library purposes. This was authorized by an act passed by the Legislature, and in connection with the 1-5 of a mill city tax, will realize about \$15,000 for the support of the library.

The idea of taxing all property in the county for the benefit of the library is to broaden the influence and to allow residents outside of the city limits to take out books. The money raised by taxation, added to revenues the library already has from fixed sources, will be sufficient to carry it on during the year. The new law provides that a contract shall be entered into with the county to the effect that persons shall be entitled to the free use of books.

Mr. Ayer stated that formerly the library had about 400 subscribers, and since it was made free it has 800, and has circulated 132,000 volumes since March, 1902. He said the people in Seattle will expend \$55,000 on their library this year. This statement was made to illustrate the fact that the Portland Library management is not extravagant. Mr. Ladd intimated the statement that the Seattle people have arranged to expend \$65,000 for their library in 1903, and remarked further:

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MIDYEAR EXAMINATIONS.

City and County Scholars Under Test for Promotion.

The pupils in both the city and the county schools began the midyear examination yesterday, and will be busy employed in answering the all-important questions until Monday. The teachers will make out the returns on Tuesday, and the next day the children will receive the cards which tell them whether or not they are entitled to pass to a higher grade.

The programme is the same in all the schools of the city. Composition and spelling were the subjects yesterday, and language work will occupy the children's attention today. Tomorrow history and geography must be answered, and Monday the stumbling-block of the examination to many of the pupils, arithmetic, will be the subject. After the cards are given out Wednesday, there will be a two

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Gloves, Ribbons, Handkerchiefs, all reduced. China, Cut Glass, Lamps, Cutlery and Silverware, also Kitchen Goods and Stoves at January prices.

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days' vacation, and the new term will begin the following Monday, February 9.

The number of scholars who will enter the High School at the opening of the new term will be much smaller than the June class, but will nevertheless be a respectable number, and the big building will be more crowded than ever.

In the country schools the examinations have afforded only the eighth grade, the test deciding whether or not those in the highest grade of the rural schools may pass to a High School. In the county also the number of pupils taking the examination is not very large, for the plan of the country schools is so arranged that the scholars shall finish the course at the end of the year, which comes in either May or June. Examinations were in progress yesterday in Woodstock, Montavilla, Mount Tabor, Troutdale, St. Johns, Terry, Glencoe and Phillips. The county examination will end Friday, and the papers will then be forwarded to County Superintendent R. F. Robinson, who will grade them, with the assistance of several selected teachers.

Church Holds Annual Meeting.
The annual meeting of the First Universalist Parish was held at the church parlor Tuesday evening. Owing to the absence of the president, William Corbett, Jasper Crane was chosen as president pro tem. Several members were received into the parish, and the officers' reports showed the society's affairs to be in good condition, all bills paid, and a

balance in the treasury. New officers were elected, with Mr. Levi W. Myers as president, and plans were made for the coming year.

MARKETS TO BE REFORMED

Fruit and Vegetables Will Be Protected From Contamination.
Marketmen and grocers generally have taken in good part the article in last Sunday's Oregonian in regard to the necessity for a change in the manner of displaying fruits, vegetables, etc., in front of their places of business, and nearly all of them have promptly inaugurated a sweeping change by placing all such articles on benches or other supports, at such a height above the sidewalks as to prevent any danger of their being defiled. One of the markets is to be enlarged and improved principally on account of the article mentioned.

The proprietor says he knew all along that the change was needed, but hardly felt able to incur the expense; but now that he has secured a long lease of the building, he will put it in such condition that there can be no cause for complaint in future, and it will be a model for others to pattern after. Grocers will do well to follow the same course, for their patrons are fully alive to the necessity for improvement in this matter of displaying edibles in the open air, where they are exposed to dust, dirt, disease germs and pollutions of various kinds.



WILLAMETTE RIVER REACHES NINETEEN-FOOT MARK

LOWER DOCK AT ALDER STREET UNDER WATER.