

NEW ACT DRAFTED TO RULE TAXICABS

Commissioner Daly Submits Measure Reducing Rates and Controlling Drivers.

LUGGAGE INSIDE FREE

Clause of Proposed Ordinance Forbids Smoking by Chauffeur Without Passenger's Permission. Action Due Wednesday.

Reduction in the maximum rates which operators of taxicabs, sight-seeing cars and automobiles may charge for their service is provided in a measure which has been sent to the City Council by Commissioner Daly. The measure, in addition to fixing rates, prescribes a long list of rules and regulations for the protection of patrons and governing the behavior of the drivers.

At present there is a city ordinance fixing a maximum rate of 50 cents for the first half mile for a taxicab carrying one or two passengers. The proposed ordinance provides a 50-cent rate for three-fifths of a mile. The old ordinance permitted a charge of 50 cents for the first one-third of a mile for taxicabs carrying three or more passengers. Mr. Daly's measure allows not more than 50 cents for the first two-fifths of a mile. For taxicabs carrying one or two passengers the old ordinance fixed a charge of 10 cents for every quarter of a mile after the first half mile. The Daly measure sets the charge at 10 cents for every one-fifth mile after the first three-fifths mile.

Baggage Inside Free. No charge is permitted in the new measure for children under 5 years of age when accompanied by a parent and no charge is permitted for baggage carried inside. The driver is required to unload baggage without charge and charge for waiting because of premature arrival of a taxicab is prohibited. For taxicabs carrying one or two passengers a charge of \$3.50 is allowed for the first hour or fraction thereof and 25 cents for every additional quarter of an hour. For taxicabs carrying an additional charge of 25 cents an hour may be made.

Taxicab companies maintaining zone rates are required to file a copy of the same and rates with the Commissioner of Public Utilities (Daly). The zone rates must not be in excess of the rates as prescribed for taxicabs not having zone rates.

Sight-seeing automobiles accommodating 10 or more passengers are limited to 50 cents for every passenger by the Daly measure, and are prohibited from giving a trip of less than an hour. The route must be as advertised. For trips longer than one hour an additional charge of 25 cents may be made for every passenger for every additional hour or fraction thereof.

Accurate Registers Required. The measure prohibits charging for the return trip of taxicab after performing a service or for responding to a call provided the distance is not over one mile. For a distance over one mile a charge of 5 cents may be made for every one-fifth mile over the first mile. Taxicabs are described in the measure as "any motor vehicle with two or more seats, propelled by power other than muscular, which are commonly offered or rented for hire with a driver and commonly used in carrying passengers or passengers and baggage, for hire."

The measure provides that every taxicab shall be equipped with an accurate timepiece and an accurate odometer or other device for registering time and distance. These shall be placed so that the driver can read them without difficulty at the time of starting and at the end of the trip. The driver is required to carry a flashlight to describe the location of the meter at night. No registering device may be used until it has been tested and approved by the city Sealer of Weights and Measures.

Disputes Up to Police. In case of a dispute between a driver and a passenger as to the proper legal fare the taxicab driver is required by the ordinance to drive to the nearest police station and put the question up to the officer in charge, who shall have authority to decide the question. The dispute is at the depot the policeman on duty shall decide. The trip to the police station shall be at the expense of the person winning the decision of the policeman.

Drivers of taxicabs are required to have cases inside the cars containing cards upon which the name, address of the driver and the number of the automobile and the rates provided by the city. No taxicab, the measure provides, may carry more passengers than the ordinary seating capacity. Drivers are prohibited from swearing or smoking unless they get the permission of their passengers. Commissioner Daly says such an ordinance "is necessary for the preservation of the health, peace and safety of the city in that there is no adequate ordinance now in force for the regulation of taxicabs, and great public inconvenience is now suffered on account thereof."

Immediate Enforcement Asked. He asks that the measure be passed with an emergency clause attached so that it will become effective at once. It will be considered by the City Council Wednesday.

VARIED REPERTOIRE ON TODAY'S PROGRAMME

Evan Williams to Sing Aria From "Elijah" That Depicts Fierce Denunciation of Worshipers of Baal—Welsh Airs Also to Be Heard.



EVAN WILLIAMS, WHO SINGS AT HEILIG THEATER TODAY.

MANY beautiful and noteworthy numbers will grace Evan Williams' programme at the Heilig at 3 o'clock today. Among these is an aria from Mendelssohn's wonderfully dramatic oratorio, "Elijah." In imagination we see this mightiest of all the prophets, stern, inspired with terrible power from heaven, as the curse of drought falls on the land because of Queen Jezebel and the worship of Baal she has introduced. Following the lamentations of the people and the somber, despairing mood of the music, comes three passionate appeals of most touching beauty, leading up to the lovely tenor aria, "If With All Your Hearts," full of tenderness and consolation. This aria is sung with exaltation and melting beauty by Evan Williams, whose genius calls up before our eyes vivid pictures of the scenes that follow: The grand and lonely figure of Elijah in the desert, ministered to by angels; his renewal of strength and return to the world, his fierce challenge to the priests of Baal; his call to heaven and the descent of fire from above; the rush and swirl of the storm that ends the long drought in answer to Elijah's prayer; the tragic destruction of the false priests, and the final sublime picture of the grand old prophet caught up to heaven in a chariot and whirlwind of fire.

JOHN J. BRIGGS PASSES

OREGON PIONEER OF 1889 ESCAPED INDIAN MASSACRE BY CHANCE.

Man Who Helped Build Up Town of East Milford, Neb., Survived by Five Children.

John J. Briggs, who died at Bay View, Or., October 25, was born near Bowling Green, Ky., August 20, 1844. As a boy he worked in the lumber camps conducted by his father on the Mississippi River. About 1860 he left his father's home and engaged in milling near Camden, Neb., where he located on a homestead. For 14 months he mined in Colorado, journeying to Fort Kearney, Neb., by ox team. Led by chance by the party with which he intended traveling to the Black Hills, he escaped massacre by the Indians. He married Mahattie Collins in 1879 and moved to East Milford, Neb. Here he was engaged, with offices in Lincoln, by the Burlington Railroad as real estate agent, in building the town of Grover and in operations covering the entire territory of the Platte River section. He journeyed to Newport, Or., in 1889 as a means of improving the health of his wife and one of his sons. After a stay of a year here the family took up their residence on the place near Bayview. John J. Briggs was the son of Benjamin and Mary Briggs. He is survived by two sisters and four children, Miss Adura and James, at Bayview; Frank, of Toledo, Or., and Edward, a miner at Juneau, Alaska. Mr. Briggs was a lover of nature and his greatest delight was in planting and caring for his orchard.

PERSONAL MENTION.

- G. W. Farman, of Condon, is at the Seward. H. G. Campbell, of Dallas, is at the Perkins. J. F. Yates, of Corvallis, is at the Imperial. W. R. Knight, of Corbett, is at the Nortonia. Mrs. John Kopp, of Corvallis, is at the Seward. Mrs. L. Wells, of Salem, is at the Multnomah. A. E. Minnahan, of Falls City, is at the Perkins. H. E. Wadsworth, of Chemawa, is at the Imperial. J. A. Kutil, of Racine, Wis., is at the Cornwell. H. A. Sprague, of Warrenton, is at the Nortonia. Emilie Marx, a Seattle merchant, is at the Oregon. E. H. Johnson, of Canby, is registered at the Carlton. L. M. Wittehoff, of Grants Pass, is at the Multnomah. Mrs. Robert E. Smith, of Roseburg, is at the Seward. Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Joase, of Salem, are at the Carlton. Mr. and Mrs. J. Branch, of Seattle, are at the Nortonia. C. L. MacKenzie, of Dallas, is registered at the Oregon. Mrs. Grace Benefield Cotterill, of Seattle, will be in Portland a short time

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