

MAYOR'S DAYS BUSY

New Executive Finds Job Is One of Man's Size.

PROBLEMS ADD TO DETAIL

Food, Fuel and Ice Investigations Have Been Complicated With Tong Wars and I. W. W. Troubles in City.

With big things apparently "breaking" all at one time, these are busy days for Mayor Baker.

Since he took office July 1 he estimates he has spent all but four or five hours in each 24, hard at work, solving many big problems arising in addition to the intricacies of a routine and administrative nature, which in themselves make up a life-sized man's job in normal times.

The first big problem was to get the city government all worked out, the Commissioners assigned to their departments and his own department organized. An incidental feature of this was the receiving of thousands of people, who either wanted jobs or wanted to shake hands, or wanted both.

While that was going on he was mixed up in the rush to get the Public Auditorium ready for the opening, July 4. No sooner had this been accomplished than out broke the long war. For days Mayor Baker probed this situation, assisted by the police, the state and governmental agencies, and it looks now as though the war are out of fashion. A lot of Chinese are in jail and others have been indicted. However the problem of the wily Chinese is settled, the Mayor is spending a lot of time on work that nobody has heard about.

Then came the food and fuel and ice investigations to determine what could be done to relieve the public of speculation. This involved a mass of detail work, a lot of thinking and a lot of hard work pounding through the surface to the bottom of the trouble.

The ice question, which was gone into, brought about a decrease in prices principally to the small purchaser. This was accomplished after days of hard work, negotiations, conferences, investigations and threats. The Mayor first got what he considered were facts sufficient for prosecution and then insisted on dealers coming through with reasonable prices or face the music. An investigation of bread conditions now is on.

The fuel investigation required many days and uncovered many things, responsibility for high prices. This is still on, the Mayor directing the investigation, which has traced responsibility down as far as the fuel conference has been asked for with these producers of fuel to see if the responsibility goes any farther.

On top of all these problems came the I. W. W. trouble. Mayor Baker went to the bat against the I. W. W. in such a manner that but little local trouble has been experienced and apparently no troubles are in store unless there is an unexpected turn of events.

The I. W. W. problem has been a big one and has required a lot of time and property directed action. The first move was to warn the I. W. W. in no uncertain manner. The second was to open Kelly Butte rock quarry and sub-jail the next was to hit hard when the first I. W. W. troubles started. And the next will be to continue hitting hard as fast as troubles come up.

On top of all these special things, any one of which has been a man's job, the Mayor has attended to all the matters of a legislative, administrative and executive nature falling to his lot and to the lot of the City Council, has listened patiently for hours every day to the troubles of every sort that are taken to the Mayor by people from every part of the city. Also, he has directed the administrative affairs of the police, parks, Auditorium, Municipal Court and legal bureau, which make up the department over which he presides as executive head.

Traction Engine, Discarded 40 Years Ago, Operates.

Junk Dealers Find Historic Articles Near Carlton, to Be Used in Munitions Manufacture.

CARLTON, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—After lying discarded for more than 40 years, an early-day traction engine was steamed up near here last week, and proved as equal to its task as it was when new. Junk dealers have been busy for several weeks buying up old iron, and many articles of historic value were picked up.

Among the collection was that of two traction engines and gang plows and cultivators from the farm of L. C. Thompson, west of Carlton. These engines, which were rated at 14 horsepower, and the other farming machinery were manufactured in Leeds, England, and shipped to this country in

1872 by Mr. Thompson's father, the late R. R. Thompson.

Mr. Thompson, Sr., was making a trip to England in 1873, and on the trip over the Atlantic met the salesman for the company manufacturing what at that time was the latest in farming machinery, and became interested. On arriving in England he visited the factory and purchased the two engines and other farming machinery, some of the latter being constructed to till the ground to a depth of three feet. This was shipped "around the Horn" and arrived in Portland in the Spring of 1874, and as there were no bridges built strong enough the engines had to be dismantled and hauled by wagon to the farm. Here they were set up and used for three years, but on account of their great weight they could not be used successfully when the ground was wet, and the Oregon farmer at that time did not believe in dry farming, as he does now.

After trying to use them for three years they were discarded and neglected until last week, when they were sold for junk, and possibly will within a short time return to England in the form of shells or other war munitions.

The iron in this old machinery is far superior to the iron manufactured at this time, and all the brass work as well as the iron apparently was wrought by hand. All the machinery was clumsy in appearance.

After lying idle more than 40 years one of the engines was steamed up and pulled the other, with one of the large

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gang plows, to the railroad from the farm with only 40 pounds of steam.

The purchase made by Mr. Thompson in 1873 cost \$12,000, and went into junk in 1917 for a little more than \$400.

"Wanderlust" Overcomes Peter Innocenti, Aged 2 1/2.

Big Policeman Demands Clearance Papers and Journey Ends On Second Day.

"INNOCENTS ABROAD" might have been outdone yesterday. At least little Peter Innocenti started out with all the ambition that ever groomed a case of "wanderlust." Day after day he looked over the fence of his father's yard out on East Grant street. The call beyond beckoned stronger as he added days to life.

Friday night, having summed the total of his days to about 2 1/2 years of age, he decided to start forth on the path of life. The first block beyond was most interesting, but he no sooner reached that, than he saw at once that the block beyond was still more fascinating. And so he went the way of the world.

Night had no terrors, and when the Sand Man came Peter willingly went his way. Bright and early yesterday morning he was again aboard under full sail.

But about that time the youthful adventurer ran afoul of the course of a big policeman named Simpson. The little traveler couldn't show the proper clearance papers and so was conveyed to the home port.

ROAD GRADING COMPLETED

Concrete Work Is Begun on Highway Near Forest, Wash.

CENTRALIA, Wash., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Jarvis & Burkholder, Portland contractors recently awarded a contract for paving 1 1/2 miles of the Pacific Highway, between Forest and the foot of the Jackson Prairie hill, have completed the grading and started laying concrete.

A delegation of Mossyrock and Ethel citizens will appear before the County Commissioners Monday and ask for the improvement of the plank road from Jackson Prairie through Ethel.

Y. M. C. A. Secretary Named.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—James McPherson, a graduate of Denison University, has been employed as general secretary of the University of Oregon Y. M. C. A., to succeed J. D. Foster, now at the reserve officers' training camp at Presidio, Cal. Mr. McPherson is in Army Y. M. C. A. work at Fort D. A. Russell, Wyoming. He will arrive in Eugene about September 1.

CAR BRINGS GOSPEL

Evangelist Nels Thompson Arrives in Portland.

FAMILY TRAVELS WITH HIM

Tabernacle on Wheels, Self-Propelled, Furnishes at Once Home, Transportation and Pulpit to Former Gambler.

Six years ago Nels Thompson could be seen standing about any of the Pacific Coast racetracks, his fingers clutching nervously at a ticket on sometimes a favorite, and sometimes a "long shot." It was an exciting life, that of the racetrack gambler, and Nels Thompson was steeped in it. To satisfy

his craving for gambling he would sit for hours at night over the roulette wheel or faro table, or perhaps at a large table, where they "rolled the bones" for high stakes.



From Coast to Coast and Thence to Europe This Gospel Car Will Transport Nels Thompson in His Missionary Work. Inset, Evangelist Thompson.

Then one day he came to his senses; he looked himself square in the face, and turned away with a blush of shame. He became converted, and his conversion was real. He determined to go out among the people and tell of his own experiences in order that others might profit thereby.

Car Fitted for Evangelism.

This inveterate gambler of six years ago arrived in Portland Friday night in a large gospel car, which he has fitted up for his evangelistic work throughout the country. He arrived from San Francisco, and is now en route to New York. He wants to go later to Europe, taking with him his tabernacle on wheels.

Although his arrangements have not been completed, Mr. Thompson said yesterday he expects to remain in Portland for a month. He will arrange for a series of evangelistic meetings throughout the city. He wants the men and women of Portland to learn of his experiences, and he wants to tell them that gambling never did and never will pay.

Gambling Forsaken Six Years Ago.

Nels Thompson is 34 years old, but looks younger. He admits himself that the lines which creased his face a few years ago have disappeared. He was 28 years old when he forsook gambling and decided to live "straight." He married and settled down. He has two small children, and his family is with him.

He has been preaching the gospel for the past four years. During the Panama-Pacific Exposition at San Diego last year he preached there for a month. In his big car, which attracts attention wherever it goes, he wants to travel throughout the land, endeavoring to assist all people.

Non-Support Case Heard.

On condition that he pay his wife \$20 a month for the support of their child,



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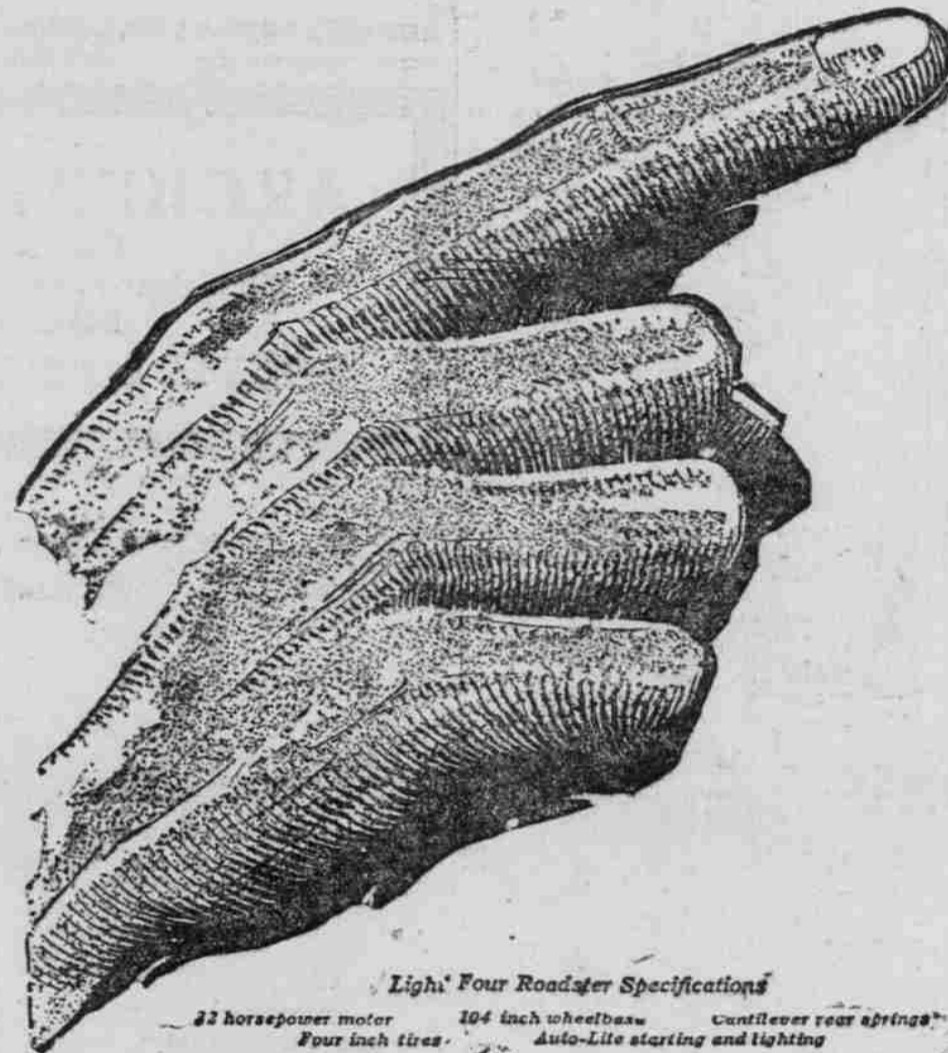
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Herbert De Bouille, under indictment for non-support, was released yesterday after entering a plea of guilty before Presiding Judge Tucker. He will be given his liberty pending his good behavior and promptness in paying the support money for his child.

Two Arrested for Non-Support.

E. C. King, indicted recently for non-support, was arrested yesterday at

Moro, Or., according to word received by Sheriff Hurlbut. A deputy will leave for Moro to return him to Portland. Charles Babcock was also arrested yesterday on a complaint charging him with non-support.

Estate Valued at \$100,000.

An estate valued at \$100,000 was left by the late Edward Z. Ferguson, according to the petition for the probate

of the will which has been filed in the County Court. The deceased left all his property to his widow and three children. The widow is made executrix of the estate, to serve without bonds.

Shedd Teachers Appointed.

SHEDD, Or., Aug. 4.—(Special.)—Herbert H. Blatchford, who was assistant principal of the school at Waldport, Or., last year, has been appointed

principal of the Shedd School. Miss Clara Hartzog has been chosen assistant principal; Mrs. Pearl Shedd, teacher in the intermediate department, and Mrs. Lora Moore, teacher in the primary department. Mrs. Shedd and Mrs. Moore held the same positions last year. Miss Hartzog was principal of the school at Peoria last year.

Shoes, furniture and rice are in demand at Tunis, Africa.

Y. M. C. A. OFFICIALS AND FAMILIES ENJOY DAY BY THE SEA

Men Are Training at Seabeck, Wash., for Active Service in Army Cantonments in America and Abroad.



GROUP PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN DURING OUTING.

A COMPANY of more than 50 Y. M. C. A. secretaries and minor officials, now in training at Seabeck, Wash., soon will be ready for

active work in the various Army camps both in this country and abroad. The men are receiving a thorough course in physical training to fit them for the strenuous outdoor life that they

will, of necessity, have to lead. They also receive instructions in the conduct of the Y. M. C. A. tents, which will serve as recreational centers, reading rooms, writing rooms and rest

rooms at each big camp. The work has been sanctioned by the Government, and the Y. M. C. A. activities at each place will be under Governmental control. Among those in training at Seabeck

are: H. W. Stone, general secretary of the Portland Y. M. C. A.; Dr. Norman F. Coleman, of Reed College, who has been appointed by the War Department to take charge of all religious

activities at American Lake, and several other Portland men. A series of "huts" is being erected at the American Lake cantonment to accommodate the Y. M. C. activities.