

TAXPAYERS FOOTING BILLS OF UPKEEP OF CITY'S AUTOMOBILES

Big Sums of Money Spent Annually and Depreciation Is a Factor.

EXPENSES ARE DETAILED

Question of Real Service of Machines Looms; Joyriding Feature Another Sidelight Which Exists.

In addition to paying the heavy expenses connected with the maintenance of the city's \$177,000 worth of gasoline-driven vehicles, taxpayers of Portland are footing a loss of \$35,000 annually for depreciation of the equipment.

Included in the long list of machines owned by the city are 25 automobiles, passenger automobiles used by department heads and employees, outside the police and fire departments.

Although these 25 machines have been in service for an average period of a little more than two years, their value has depreciated from \$28,930 to \$13,445 and on top of this depreciation of 20 per cent yearly, is the cost of operating and maintaining them which during the last year cost \$10,900 in round figures.

Not only is the city footing the bill for its own machines but it is paying approximately \$200 yearly toward the upkeep of cars privately owned by five employees of the health department, who are each allowed a sum not to exceed \$35 monthly for operation and repairs on their respective cars.

Big Sum for Drivers. Moreover, in the engineering department, a salary of \$1200 per year is paid a chauffeur who drives a four passenger automobile. Another chauffeur draws down a similar sum for operating a five passenger Cadillac attached to the water bureau.

Until recently \$100 went each month out of the city treasury to pay for the driver of Mayor Albee's big White. This last expense was topped off by the mayor himself a short time after he decided not to put in a bill against the city for \$1200 for depreciation on his machine.

The cars in question are used in the engineering department, the health bureau, park bureau, street cleaning department, water bureau and municipal garage. They do not include the patrol wagons, the cars used by the fire chief, the butler and the fire department equipment.

Until quite recently most of the machines were kept at the homes of those who operated them. Then the frequent appearance of city owned automobiles out in the country, stationed before clubs and ranging the streets at night after working hours, was food for comment.

Joy Riding Admitted. That joy riding existed then and does now is admitted and there is no doubt that numbers of men who use them in city service also employ them in the transaction of private business. One man who drives a small car was such a consistent driver for pleasure and on the city's gasoline that he was, after frequent warnings, threatened with discharge.

Although joyriding is not so much in evidence now since a majority of the machines are stored in the city garage, it is a fact that officials and employees use them to "take the air" and much unnecessary running around is indulged in, for which the city pays. There is, however, no way of arriving at the cost in this respect. One thing is apparent, nevertheless, and that is that Portland taxpayers are paying a stiff price for transportation of the officials and employees who use the 25 automobiles.

A glance upon the records for supplies and operation of the several machines shows items for repairs running as high as \$500 and \$700 on single cars. The usual maintenance charge, however, ranges from \$100 to \$400 per car per year. This does not include operating charges, which average from \$100 to \$400 per year per car, dependent on the work it performs, and the man in whose keeping it is.

Six in One Department. In one department, for example, where there are six machines used daily by officials and employees, the cost of operation, maintenance and a chauffeur for the last 10 months was

\$4000. At this rate automobile upkeep for a year would almost equal the salary of the commissioner himself and including \$1200 depreciation on machines would be \$5200.

The department referred to is the engineering department. Two two passenger Fords, one four passenger Ford, a four passenger Apperson and four passenger Voile, and two passenger Buick are used by officials of this department. The machines cost Portland \$6585, and their present value is placed at \$2360.

For the last 10 months, exclusive of the chauffeur's hire, the cost of operating them was \$1237, and the maintenance cost \$1130.

A five passenger Cadillac, and two two passenger Fords owned by the city are attached to the health department. In addition to these are five privately owned machines which are allowed \$35 per month by the city. The city's machines in this department cost an average of \$1232 yearly for operation and maintenance and at a rate of \$35 monthly. Drs. Marcellus, Wolfe, Ziegler and Stickney and Milk Inspector Davis can draw down \$1380 yearly for upkeep of their own cars. The city owned cars cost \$3300. Today they are valued at \$1100.

A five passenger Marlin and two passenger Ford, costing originally \$2175, and now valued at \$1375, comprise the passenger car equipment of the Park bureau. The average cost of operation is \$38 yearly and figures for maintenance were not available. The cars are kept at the homes of Superintendent of Parks Conville, and Playground Supervisor Thompson.

Cost of Operation. Two two passenger Fords which cost \$1050 and are now valued at \$925 are used by the street cleaning department. Operating cost for them is placed at \$400.

Approximately \$5100 represents the cost of a five passenger Locomobile, a Cadillac of the same capacity, a two passenger Hudson and a Ford used by the water bureau. They are now on the city's books at a valuation of \$2709. The average cost of operation for these machines is \$600 yearly and during the last 10 months maintenance and repairs totaled \$1519. Tires alone cost \$448 and expenses for repairs totaled \$827 during this period.

Attached to the municipal garage is an Auburn, five passenger, that cost the city \$2000. This car has seen hard service during its four years of life and is now virtually worthless. On the city books it is down as worth \$200.

The average cost of operating and maintaining it is \$52 monthly. **Value Is a Question.** Whether these cars are necessary is debatable. It is a fact, however, that the city's auto-transportation expenses could be cut 50 per cent if necessary and dispensing with municipally owned machines. Those who use the cars insist vehemently that they could not perform their duties without them.

It is a noticeable fact, however, that a number of the city's officials get along well without using cars owned by the city and operated at taxpayers' expense. City Purchasing Agent Woods operates his own car and his own expenses. He is a busy man, he does not find it necessary to use his car as frequently as do minor employees with smaller responsibilities. Commissioner Blount owns his own machine, also and does not use city gasoline and Commissioner Will Daly sees little necessity for an automobile and has none.

One city employe for whom it was thought a machine was necessary is still using street cars and is accomplishing his work without trouble. It was proposed to buy him a small priced car, but for reasons unknown, he took a strong dislike to the make and declared he wanted a higher priced machine. It was not forthcoming, and the street cars continue to carry him from place to place.

Labor Leader Wants Chamberlain Elected. President Samuel Gompers, of A. F. of L., Says Senator Arden Friend of Humanitarian Legislation. What Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, thinks of Senator George E. Chamberlain, is told in the following tribute recently received by the Central Labor Council of Portland:

Washington, D. C., Oct. 5, 1914. Secretary Central Labor Council, 162 1/2 Second Street, Portland, Ore. Dear Sir and Brother—Several requests have reached me from your state asking for the legislative record of Honorable George E. Chamberlain, United States senator from Oregon, on measures in which the interests of labor have been involved, and I write in case you should have inquiries upon the subject to say that Senator Chamberlain has been one of the most faithful, most ardent and most helpful friends in behalf of humanitarian legislation that we have in the sixty-third congress. I hope that the people of Oregon will keep Mr. Chamberlain in the United States senate so that he can continue to render faithful and efficient service to the people of the whole country. Fraternally yours, SAMUEL GOMPERS, President American Federation of Labor.

Arson Case Against Sax & Son Dismissed. Action is Taken by Court on Motion of District Attorney, Who Refuses to Discuss Case.

The indictment charging L. Sax and his son, Sam Sax, with arson, was dismissed yesterday by Circuit Judge McGinn on motion of Deputy District Attorney J. A. Collier. District Attorney Evans declined to discuss the matter. The Saxes were charged with complicity in the setting of a fire which damaged their store at 207 First street. Max Albert, who was acquitted of a charge involving the same fire, will be tried before Judge McGinn Thursday. His trial was set for tomorrow but Attorney Dan J. Malarky, who represented the Saxes, was understood that the Saxes were to be tried instead and secured the postponement that he might prepare the defense in the Albert case. Albert is charged in this indictment with having set fire to a rented home in Alberta at 848 Sumner street, November 18, 1912. It is said evidences of incendiarism were found in the house when firemen entered, and that when insurance adjusters visited the house later the furniture bore marks of further attempts to destroy it.

Meeting at Rose City Park. The Rose City Park Parent-Teacher association will hold its first meeting of the year at the Rose City Park school house, East Fifth-seventh and Sacramento streets, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. There will be refreshments and music.

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