

ASSERTS CHAUFFEURS ARE NOT GIVING CITY AN EFFICIENT SERVICE

Drivers Do Not Want to Assist in Changing Loads, Asserts Commissioner.

SUGGESTIONS ARE MADE

Laborers When Taught, Make Best Auto Truck Drivers Is the Opinion of Commissioner Daily.

That laborers, when taught, make better auto truck drivers than regular chauffeurs was the statement of Will H. Daily, commissioner of public utilities, before the city council yesterday.

Commissioner Daily had prepared some suggestions for reclassification of employees as asked by the municipal civil service board to eliminate the necessity of numerous examinations.

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MOTOR APPARATUS IS SAVING

Street Superintendent Makes Annual Report on Cleaning.

That an ordinance should be adopted prohibiting residents from dumping debris collected from yards and sidewalks into the streets is the statement of Alex Donaldson, superintendent of the street cleaning bureau, in his annual report filed with Commissioner Daily.

According to his report the motor street cleaning apparatus has saved much money for the city as compared to the expense of horse drawn apparatus.

Donaldson says that by having the city do its own street cleaning work instead of contracting for it, the city during the past year saved a total of \$4400.

MUCH GARBAGE IS CONSUMED

Report Shows Over 45,000 Tons Disposed of During Year.

A total of 45,528 1/2 tons of refuse were disposed of at the municipal incinerator during the year ending November 30, according to the annual report filed by William Helber, superintendent of the plant.

CITY WILL SEEK NEW BIDS

Proposals for Sewer Construction Have Been Twice Rejected.

New bids are to be received for the construction of the Willow and East Eighty-second street extension of the East Stark street sewer of the same specifications used in the bids which have been twice rejected. Such was

Two Young Women Injured by Autos

Accidents Happening on the Streets Are Almost Identical in Several Features of Misdeeds.

In almost identically the same manner two young women were injured during the New Year's celebration in the downtown streets last night. Miss Daisy Hanson of the Chestnutbury hotel, aged 19, was struck by an automobile at Park and Washington streets, sustaining a badly bruised and dislocated knee.

Sawed Way Out of Marshfield Jail

Marshfield, Or., Jan. 1.—Thomas H. Grindrod of North Bend may have committed suicide. He was in the city jail on a charge of having stolen some furniture belonging to a house where he had lived.

Grindrod asked that his clothing be sent to his mother, so his brother could have them to wear, and said that insurance money had been arranged to be paid a friend who had helped him.

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Seeks Opinion of Attorney

To Stop the Practice of Having City Departments Make Purchases

Amounts more than \$250 by "splitting requisitions," thus getting around the charter provision prohibiting purchases of more than \$250 unless advertised.

Market Building Planned

Frye & Co. is to build a one story market building at Third and Yamhill streets, provided suitable arrangements can be made with the city council.

Liquor License Renewed

With Commissioners Brewster and Daly dissenting, the city council yesterday allowed a liquor license renewal to the Charles Wakkala estate for a saloon at 75 North Third street.

City Will Pay Judgment

W. B. Stram, patrolman, who had to pay a judgment of \$200 because of an alleged assault on Jack Orchard, a barber, is to be reimbursed that amount.

DRAFTS A MEASURE AFFECTING INITIATIVE AND THE REFERENDUM

Dr. George Parrish Urges Plan Reducing Number of Signers for Petitions.

Dr. George Parrish has drafted a proposed constitutional amendment, affecting the initiative and referendum, and a measure relating to the nomination of candidates, which he announces he will have introduced at the next legislature.

OTHER CHANGES DESIRED

Bill Provides That There Shall Be No General Circulation of These Papers in State.

The proposed constitutional amendment reduces the number of signatures required on initiative petitions from eight per cent of the legal voters to six per cent, and reduces the number of signatures required on referendum petitions from five per cent to three per cent of the legal voters.

It provides further that there shall be no general circulation of initiative or referendum petitions. A person wishing to initiate or refer a measure must deposit with the secretary of state a sum sufficient to pay all costs of printing and circulating the petitions.

Local measures would be handled in similar manner through the offices of the county clerk or city clerk, as the case might be.

The proposed measure regarding candidates provides that candidates get their names on the ballot by the payment of a fee, instead of circulating a petition. The fees range from \$100 for all statewide offices, except national committee members, delegates to national party conventions and presidential electors, down to \$1 for precinct committees.

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Four Generations Celebrating Today

Mrs. Elizabeth Buckner, Her Children, Granddaughter and Great Grandson Gather for New Year and Birthday.

Four generations are celebrating at the home of Mrs. Jack Abrams, 222 1/2 North Eighteenth street, today.

Deputy Massey Finishes Work Half Hour After Close of Business Yesterday

Thirty minutes after the office of County Clerk Coffey closed for business yesterday Deputy County Clerk C. M. Massey had completed the annual report of the office, showing all business done during the year and giving the 1913 figures for comparison.

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Lents Degree Team To Install Officers

Evening Star, Russellville and Woodlawn to Hold Joint Ceremony Tomorrow; Others to Participate.

County Deputy T. J. Kreuder and the Lents grange degree team will install the newly elected officers of Evening Star, Russellville and Woodlawn granges at the public session of Evening Star grange, commencing at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

VICTORIES OVER BOTH FRENCH AND BRITISH CLAIMED BY BERLIN

German Infantry Takes Main English Trench East of Bethune; French Camp Fired.

East of Bethune, it was stated the Kaiser's infantry took the main English trench, making prisoners of its occupants and capturing a number of machine guns.

In the Argonne it was reported the French were being driven back slowly and the Germans had captured 400 prisoners, six machine guns and four mine throwers.

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