

CITY COUNCIL OBJECTS TO ACTION OF PARK BOARD

Unanimous support of T. L. Hargrove as caretaker of the city park was avowed by the city council last night in the face of a cut in Mr. Hargrove's salary of \$50 a month by the park board, which, Mr. Hargrove states in a letter to the council, read last night, was made without his knowledge until payment for the month was due.

"I believe the park board is trying to get rid of Mr. Hargrove," was stated by both Alderman Nancy and Alderman Patton.

"I live across the street from one park on which Mr. Hargrove works and morning after morning I awaken to see him industriously at work," said Mr. Patton.

Alderman Nancy made a dissertation on the obligation of a city to an employe who has served the municipality as long and as faithfully as Mr. Hargrove has served Salem.

That the park board has power to hire and fire the employes at the parks, members of the council agreed, but some of them took exception to the method used in Mr. Hargrove's case, in that without justification his salary was reduced \$50 on pay day, retroactive for the month.

Reconsidering a motion to go on record as backing Mr. Hargrove and recommending that he be paid the \$50 held back and that his salary revert to its former figure, the council put through a resolution to ask the chairman of the park board to appear at the next meeting of the council and explain his side of the situation.

ONLY ONE SPOTLIGHT PERMITTED ON AUTOS

Only one spotlight would be permitted on an automobile under house bill 54 introduced today by Shrock, Clackamas county. The measure would provide that such light would be fastened on the left hand side of the machine and directed diagonally across to throw its beam on the right hand side of the machine.

Inspect Private Schools
Inspection of all private and parochial schools and their supervision by county superintendents of schools in connection with state courses of study is provided in a bill introduced by Shrock of Clackamas county.

1924 BUSINESS SLIGHTLY UNDER THAT OF 1923

Statistics of the Marion county recorder indicate that as regards business activity the year 1924 ranked slightly under the previous year and considerably ahead of the year 1923. The month of October, 1924, showed the greatest activity of any month since October, 1920.

The number of instruments filed with the county recorder, considered a thermometer of business conditions, reached a total of 7916 during the past year, as against 7977 during 1923, 7730 in 1922 and 7071 in 1921. Of the total for 1924, 2801 were deeds, indicating that number of property transfers in Marion county during that year; 1699 of the instruments were mortgages.

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struments were filed, as against 7985 filed in March, 1923. March was the highest month in 1923. August saw the greatest slump in 1924, only 556 instruments being filed during that period. To find a month more active than October, 1924, the recorder is forced to go back as far as the same month in the year 1920. During that month the number of instruments filed reached a total of 925.

School Book Changes Costly.
School book changes in Kentucky have hit large families in some sections severely, according to Professor L. C. Bosley, superintendent of the Danville city schools. One rather has protested the cost which amounted to \$9 for one child in the eighth grade. In one instance, the county had to pay \$200 where children could not afford the price of the changes

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