

AID TO THE CHIEF.

Hoseman Joseph A. Webber is Appointed.

New Position Carries With It the Rank of Lieutenant.

Hoseman Joseph A. Webber of engine 6, Leverett st, son of the late Ex-Chief Lewis P. Webber, was yesterday selected to fill the new position of aid to Chief Cheswell created by Fire Commissioner Wells.

This position carries with it the rank of lieutenant, and yesterday, with the approval of the mayor, Commissioner Wells forwarded to the civil service commissioners the promotion papers of Webber, who will take a non-competitive examination and assume his new duties at roll call this morning.



HOSEMAN JOSEPH A. WEBBER.

Appointed Aid to Chief of the Fire Department

Commissioner Wells and the other fire department officials have long felt that the chief should have the assistance of an officer in the discharge of his official duties.

Webber joined the department Aug 23, 1895, when he was appointed to drive Asst Chief Regan. April 28, 1899, he succeeded his brother Walter as driver for their father, and continued as driver for the chief of the department when Cheswell assumed the office. Jan 12, 1900, he was made a member of the permanent force. In May, 1903, he resigned, but the longing to get back in the service came over him and he was reinstated the following November and assigned to engine 6.

Since Webber left the chief's wagon in May, 1903, hoseman Charles S. Cosgrove of engines 28-35, Mason st, has been messenger to Chief Cheswell. This morning Cosgrove will return to chemical 2, Church st, where he was formerly located.

Ladderman Edward S. Humphreys is transferred from combination ladder 6, North Grove st, to engine 6, Leverett st.

Commissioner Wells announced yesterday that the following probation men had qualified for appointment to the permanent force, having passed the drill school: Hoseman James E. Tracey of engine 40, Sumner and Orleans st, East Boston; hoseman Francis J. Martin of engine 43, Andrew sq, South Boston; hoseman Herbert E. Smith of the fireboat and ladderman Henry E. Woodmanancy of combination ladder 3, Andrew sq.

Asst Engineer Edward J. Twomey of engine 2, South Boston, hoseman Cornelius J. Hickey of engine 15, South Boston, and Hugh J. Goodfellow of en-

gines 28-39, have been commended for stopping runaways and have been granted an additional day off.

FIREMEN'S FUNERALS.

Ordered for Capt Wall and Capt Conway by Commissioner Wells.

George J. Wall, formerly captain of engine 45, Roslindale, and Thomas W. Conway, recently in charge of ladder 9, Main st, Charlestown, both pensioners who died Wednesday, will have firemen's funerals.

The announcement of the new commissioner was something of a surprise, as in the old days a pensioner did not receive a firemen's funeral unless he died within a short time after his retirement. Wall had been out of the fire service more than two years, while Conway was pensioned seven months ago.

Asst Chief John A. Mullen will have charge of the funeral of Capt Wall, and District Chief Williston L. Gaylord of Dorchester will be in command at the funeral of Capt Conway.

Both funerals will take place at 1 o'clock tomorrow morning, the services for Capt Wall at St Margaret's church, Columbia road, and those for Capt Conway at St Leo's, Esmond st.