

FIRE CAPTAINS ARE EXAMINED

One May Go to Hyde Park District.

Chief Wetherbee Likely to Be Head of a Company.

Daly Prepares a Ward 26 Running Card.

Fifteen fire captains were examined for promotion to the rank of district chief yesterday afternoon at the offices of the Civil Service Commission. Today 20 captains will be given the same examination.

Some firemen say that the man securing the highest mark will be made district chief of the new Hyde Park district which will be created the first of the year, owing to the fact that the rating held by John H. Wetherbee, the present chief of the Hyde Park department, does not entitle him to a district chief's berth. It is known that Wetherbee is protected to a certain extent by the civil service.

A few weeks ago about 50 lieutenants were examined for promotion to the grade of captain, and early in November 370 ordinary firemen were examined for advancement to the rank of lieutenant. The privates were asked questions that many of their superiors could not answer and, as a result, there was a delay in the marking of the papers, it being understood that several of the questions put to the men were stricken out when the papers were given to the examiners.

Inside of a few days Fire Commissioner Daly will have the percentage of the firemen, while in about a week the marking of the papers of the men examined for promotion to the grade of captain will be completed.

There are several vacancies in the department. The pensioning of Capt John J. Flanagan of Engine 16, Temple st, Dorchester Lower Mills; the retirement of Lieut Thomas B. Flanagan of Ladder 10, Center st, Jamaica Plain, and the transfer of Lieut Ernest O. Haines from Engine 42 to Chemical 13, to fill the vacancy caused by the shift of Lieut Martin A. Kenedy, the automobile instructor, to headquarters, where he is acting as commissioner's aid, make three vacancies, while several officers will have to be named for the Hyde Park companies.

The work of arranging for Hyde Park is being carried on rapidly. A running card is being prepared. In the redistricting the new Hyde Park fire district will include a part of Mattapan and the Mt Hope section. Engine 19, on Norfolk st, Mattapan, now in District Chief Maurice Heffernan's district, it is expected, will be placed in the new district, and Engine 20 and Ladder 27, on Walnut st, Neponset, now under District Chief John H. Murphy, will be placed under Dist Chief Heffernan.

At present there is no engine company in Hyde Park. The water pressure has been so good there that a steamer has never been utilized. When Hyde Park becomes a part of Boston the hose companies in that town will be numbered 48 and 49, while the truck will be known as ladder 28, and the chemical will be numbered 14.

There will be 62 fire alarm boxes in Hyde Park, and they will be numbered from 1411 on. Chemical 13, at Walk Hill and Wenham sts, a motor-propelled vehicle, will answer many of the Hyde Park boxes on the first alarm.

It is generally figured that Chief John H. Wetherbee of Hyde Park will become a company captain.

Three new firemen will report for duty this morning. Commissioner Daly has assigned the men as follows: John F. Hardy, Engines 38-39, Congress st; Laurence F. Moran, Ladder 2, Paris st, East Boston, and Michael P. Dempsey, Chemical 7, Saratoga st, East Boston.

These firemen have been shifted: Thomas F. Callahan, of Engine 4, Bulfinch st, driver for District Chief Henry A. Fox, to Engine 12, Dudley st, Roxbury; James E. Toland, Engine 8, Salem st, to Ladder 22, Monument st, Charlestown; William J. McCarthy, Engines 38-39 to Engine 46, Peabody sq, Ashmont; Michael H. Powers, Engine 46, to Ladder 20, Andrew sq, South Boston; John J. McNamara, Ladder 22 to Engine 4; James F. O'Haire, Ladder 4 to Engine 8, and Julius H. Brandt, Chemical 7 to Ladder 8.