

CIGARETTE DAYS NUMBERED

Council Almost Ready to Limit the Use of Coflin Nails to Adults.

REGULATING ORDINANCE IS READ TWICE

Mount's Measure, Well Supported by Sentiment, Is Put Along the Road to Enactment Without Delay.

An ordinance was read before the council last night putting youthful cigarette smokers without the pale of the law. It was prepared by the city attorney at the instance of Councilman Mount. The ordinance met no opposition and was referred to a committee. It reads as follows: "It is hereby declared unlawful for any person, company or corporation to sell, give away or furnish to any minor within the corporate limits of the city of Omaha any cigarette, cigarette or cigarette paper in any form or tobacco in any form commonly used for the purpose of making cigarettes."

"Any person, company or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than \$5 nor exceeding \$100."

"This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage."

"If the ordinance is passed by the council, there is every reason to believe it will go through, the legal department will do everything in its power to keep it from becoming a dead letter. I believe it will be enforced. The sale of cigarettes to minors is now prohibited by state law, but it has been impossible to enforce its provisions owing to the high penalty fixed. The state law prescribes a minimum fine of \$100 for each cigarette sold or given away and this is considered too large a sum for the offense involved."

Cigar Dealers Favor It.

The cigar dealers, from whom opposition might be expected, are universally in favor of the measure. Robertson, Bros. said: "We have never sold cigarettes to minors and are heartily in favor of the measure. All the local dealers of standing will undoubtedly approve of the ordinance for it is already just as difficult for a minor to get cigarettes at a cheap cigar store as for him to get whiskey at a reputable bar. The only class affected will be the minority who cater to such trade."

O. D. Kiplinger and W. F. Stoeker said: "Our clerks have positive instructions not to sell cigarettes to minors and we will do all we can to secure the enforcement of the ordinance."

City Attorney Connell proposed a scheme for the repair of asphalt pavements and submitted an ordinance embodying the initial phase of his ideas. The plan practically amounts to an ultimatum to local asphalt contractors, threatening, in case they refuse to enter reasonable bids, that the city will acquire its own plant for asphalt repair. While the city attorney does not believe it practicable for the city to attempt to lay its own pavements, he considers it possible to secure enough material for repairs in spite of the precautions of the trust. There are unused streets and other city property along the bottoms which could be used as a large quarry, he says, would be effected to the city.

Pavement in Bad Shape.

The problem of asphalt repairs was referred to the city attorney several weeks ago when the council was confronted with a serious condition on Sixteenth street from Douglas to Guming. The pavement, which had been in place for fifteen years, has outlived its usefulness and the thoroughfare is in a dangerous condition, some of the pitfalls being twelve inches deep. Between Gurt and Guming streets there is no sewer main and the pavement has rotted in long strips from the saturated soil underneath. The city had no money in the repair fund, however, and no contractor could be found to bid on the work unless the cash was in sight. The contractors held that payment through special tax levies was too uncertain and long deferred. There are miles of pavement almost as badly decayed as Sixteenth street and the council is in a quandary.

The city attorney advised that repair districts be outlined, co-extensive with the original pavement districts, and that for the last time bids be invited from contractors.

If the contractors still refuse to accept warrants drawn on general funds the city is advised to secure its own plant. The ordinance was referred to a committee and City Attorney Connell believes his plan will find favor with the council, as no other adequate solution has been proposed and the need of immediate action is imperative. A saving of considerable importance, he holds, would be brought about in clerical labor in preparing the repair districts and preparing the special levy assessments.

Mr. Connell does not consider the asphalt companies justified in their refusal to enter bids. He emphasizes the fact that no creditor of the city from any cause whatever has ever gone away unsatisfied. "If any one is left holding the sack," concluded Mr. Connell, "it has invariably been the city and not the contractor."

Barley Moves a Remedy.

Burkley secured approval for a series of resolutions governing the levying of special taxes for grading and paving. He believed that the council's methods in such levies have not been sufficiently business-like, allowing property owners in many cases an opportunity to evade the tax. The resolution provided that the city engineer should make a note in all petitions for paving or change of grade of those freeholders who are already in arrears for special taxes. Another resolution provided that the controller to secure for the information of the council a statement of all special tax litigation, outlining the assessments proved to be valid and invalid. A third resolution provided that all paving or grading petitions submitted to the council be inspected and approved as to their legality by the legal department.

An ordinance was introduced and referred providing for the storage and transportation of explosives and creating an official to carry out its provisions. The proposed ordinance was drawn up by the city attorney and is identical in all important respects to that considered at length by the city council.

On resolution by Trostler the Board of Public Works was instructed to fill the holes in the West Farnam street pavement with gravel and broken stone at a cost of \$150.

The board was also instructed to put Sixteenth street in a passable condition, upon some permanent basis. It is understood that the board will also request the quartermaster's department, Department of the Missouri, to construct a sidewalk along the east exposure of the old Fort Omaha premises. The mayor retained the contract and allowed to Naomi Ferguson for \$1,250 owing to lack of funds. The veto was sustained, the action being no reflection on the justice of the claim or its eventual settlement. City Engineer Rosewater urged that

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The middle-of-the-road contingent devoted a few hours to discussing the proposed sub-renting the hall to proposed organization of young republicans. No less than a dozen speeches were made. Some favored the proposition on account of the revenue, that would result from the rental, while others vigorously opposed on the ground that a hall dedicated to populism should not be given over to republicans, under any consideration. During the discussion one member accused another of being a few hours in discussing the proposed sub-renting the hall to proposed organization of young republicans. No less than a dozen speeches were made. Some favored the proposition on account of the revenue, that would result from the rental, while others vigorously opposed on the ground that a hall dedicated to populism should not be given over to republicans, under any consideration. During the discussion one member accused another of being a few hours in discussing the proposed sub-renting the hall to proposed organization of young republicans.

Mr. Brill's Unique Clock.

An elegant and unique addition to the Illinois Central city office. Acting upon the suggestion of District Passenger Agent Brill a novel electrical attachment goes with the clock. It is so arranged that with each revolution of the minute hand an electric light illuminates a red-colored globe. The flashing of the light never fails to attract attention.

Railroad Notes and Personals.

W. R. Bascom of Chicago, first assistant general freight agent Illinois Central, paid Omaha a brief visit. Guy H. Kramer of the Burlington and Louis Stock of the Southern Pacific-Union St. Louis to attend a meeting of rate clerks. J. E. Preston, general agent of the Milwaukee at Denver, is in the city, accompanied by his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Preston are here attending the convention of Agent F. A. Nash, which takes place tomorrow. L. Lorillard, the millionaire tobacco manufacturer of New York, and his family, occupy two special cars, which left San Francisco via the Southern Pacific-Union Pacific enroute for New York. The party will arrive in Omaha tomorrow and pass through Omaha Friday. Arrangements are being perfected by the Omaha Chamber of Commerce for the accommodation of the local Peter Cooperites who will attend the convention. The banquet will be spread in the Coliseum. It was also announced that the railroads have made a cheap rate for the round trip between Sioux Falls and Omaha.

Precious Souvenirs Lost

They Were Enclosed in a Newspaper Bundle Which Will Not Be Delivered.

What a woman will put in a bundle of newspapers for transmission through the United States mail will never be known. Anything that is so small that it may be covered up or so dead that it will not kick seems to be the mailing matter for the average woman. Miss Viola Coffin presides over that room in the local postoffice to which comes all matter which for one reason or another cannot be delivered to the person addressed. When a package brought to this room because the wrapper is broken open in handling Miss Coffin rewraps it and forwards it to its destination. Yesterday morning one bursted bundle, addressed in a female hand, was brought in. To rewrap it it became necessary to open the package, and this is what it contained: One copy of The Sunday Bee, one copy of the Omaha Excelsior, a sample of the wedding dress of "Mary," a specimen of "Arthur's" writing, a photograph of "Emma's" future husband, a sample of the lace which is on "Mary's" skirt, a letter for the eyes of none but "Maggy," and on this bundle was placed a 2-cent stamp. No address was given of the sender, the waste paper pile will contain the souvenirs of a wedding and its record.

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